Gold Corporation
Annual Report 2016–2017

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Statement of Compliance

In accordance with Section 63 of the *Financial Management Act 2006*, we hereby submit for your information and presentation to Parliament, the Annual Report of Gold Corporation for the year ended 30 June 2017.

The Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the *Financial Management Act 2006*.

D MACKAY-COGHILL
Chairman

R G HAYES
Executive Director

2017

The Year in Brief

$8.10B

ANNUAL TURNOVER

$24.45M

ANNUAL PROFIT BEFORE TAX

$31.02M

DIVIDEND AND TAX EQUIVALENT PAID TO THE GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

$14.57M

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE SPEND

$2.92B

OF CLIENT METAL ON DEPOSIT

68,000

VISITORS TO THE PERTH MINT EXHIBITION

5TH

LARGEST EXPORTER OUT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

50%

OF STAFF REPORTING DIRECTLY TO THE CEO ARE WOMEN

42%

OF OUR EMPLOYEES HAVE CULTURALLY DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS

81%

OF GOLD REFINED WAS SUPPLIED AS VALUE-ADDED BARS, WITH A GROSS VALUE OF $14.53 BILLION

91%

6.74 MILLION OUNCES OF GOLD PRODUCED IN AUSTRALIA AS DORÉ WAS REFINED. TOTAL REFINING THROUGHPUT WAS 29.19 MILLION OUNCES OF GOLD AND SILVER DORÉ

9.08M

COINS, MEDALLIONS AND MINTED BARS WERE SOLD, VALUED AT $1.12 BILLION

Our Strategic Intent

Our intent is to be a global leader in the precious metals business, achieved by:

- Leading growth initiatives within key markets in precious metals trading and distribution.
- Playing a key role in the development of key customer relationships both domestically and internationally.
- Operating always within agreed envelopes of appropriate risk and risk management.

Our Vision

To create and deliver outstanding value to all our stakeholders in a safe, environmentally sound and commercially fair manner.

Our Values

Our values form the basis of how we act towards each other and how we do business with our customers and suppliers.

Value	Theme	Behaviour
Excellence	Safety	We place the safety of our people and our environment at the heart of everything we do. No job is so important that it cannot be done safely.
	Customer Focus	Our customers and their needs are our priority.
	Productive and Cost Conscious	We are productive in our working practices and cost effective in our choices.
	Accountable	We define and accept responsibility for our own actions and outcomes. We are accountable for the delivery of our own objectives and hold others accountable for theirs.
Ethics	Integrity	We are honest in our words and actions. We do what we say we will do. We are fair in our dealings with others.
Equity	Respect	We respect each other and work as a team. We are fair in our dealings with people from inside and outside the organisation at all times.

Our Charter

Gold Corporation is a unique global enterprise operating across the precious metals value chain, including precious metals refining, manufacturing, investing and storage. Based in our original and expanded premises built in 1899 in Perth, Western Australia, we are also one of the State's premier tourist destinations.

Our Charter is contained within the *Gold Corporation Act 1987*. With our intent to be a global leader in the precious metals business, our Charter is our licence to operate across the precious metals value chain and to function as follows:

Promote

- To participate and engage in the precious metals industry in Australia and worldwide.
- To establish and promote Perth as an international bullion centre.
- To promote and develop markets for precious metals in Australia and worldwide.

Refine

- To crush, mill, recover, extract, process, smelt, sample, refine, assay and work precious metals.
- To maintain the Corporation's reputation, qualifications, skills and international accreditations.

Distribute

- To maximise value added and export income from precious metals.

Mint

- To mint and otherwise deal in coins, medallions and other precious metal products.

Store

- To provide storage and safekeeping facilities for precious metals.

Services

- To provide technical and consulting services.

Tourism

- To promote Perth as a destination.

Renewal Pays Dividends

As I noted in my inaugural Chairman's review last year, the primary focus in the 2015/16 year was a dismantling of the divisional structure which had existed previously, and a restructuring of the Corporation into a leaner and more focussed entity, ready to take on the challenges that lay ahead. The appointment of the three new Directors, carefully chosen for their skillsets to support the requirements of the Corporation, has brought new levels of expertise, professionalism and drive to the Board.

As foreshadowed in last year's report, precious metals markets tightened over the 2016/17 financial year. Some of the factors responsible for this are:

- An improvement in global GDP growth from the decade lows of calendar 2015.
- The continuing effects of unprecedented fiscal stimulus in the US, Europe and Japan, the effects of which have led to improving stock market indices.
- An improvement in key commodity prices.
- Improving bond yields as interest rates have started to trend upwards.

The result is that precious metals markets, especially those for bullion coins, have tightened significantly.

Although the 2016/17 year witnessed a 40% fall in pre-tax profit to $24.45 million and fell 21% short of budget, it was nevertheless a creditable performance given that all of the deficit was accounted for in only one area of the business: bullion coin sales.

The other profit centres performed at or better than expectation; a remarkable achievement in the face of increasingly difficult precious metal markets in the second half of the year.

The refinery completed another successful year of operations, maintaining its accreditation with the five major global precious metals market associations and exchanges, a benchmark achieved by only a handful of global refiners. Australia retained its status as the world's second largest gold producer after China and is expected to remain so for the foreseeable future. Gold refining volumes throughout remained steady in the face of stiff competition, mainly from overseas refineries, and it is pleasing to note that no material contracted volumes were lost.

As noted above, demand for bullion coins dropped dramatically in the second half of the year. Sales fell $19 million short of budget in a market that collapsed after the first quarter. It should be pointed out that this is typical of the cyclical nature of the bullion coin market which has always been characterised by feast or famine.

Demand for bullion coins turned negative in the United States, and one major mint noted that April 2017 was the worst month it had seen in more than a decade. The Perth Mint's 1oz 99.99% Silver Kangaroo coin, launched in September 2015, still managed to achieve sales volumes in excess of 5 million over the year, resulting in a global market share of third place. Numismatic or collector coins continued to sell well despite the downturn elsewhere.

The new state-of-the-art silver coin blanking facility, commissioned in September 2015, has been fine-tuned and is now performing beyond its original specifications. The Corporation is in an excellent position to take full advantage of the next upturn in both coin blank and finished coin demand.

The value of precious metals held in The Perth Mint Depository decreased slightly over the past 12 months from $3.11 billion to $2.92 billion. This was due to reductions in the AUD price of precious metals because volumes of precious metal held actually increased. This world class facility provides multiple storage options to more than 30,000 clients worldwide looking for an exposure to precious metals without the need to take physical delivery. Backed by the Government of Western Australia, The Perth Mint Depository has become a strategically important location for those investors wishing to protect themselves from the vagaries of traditional asset investment classes.

Gold Corporation is Western Australia's fifth largest exporter and is in the top 10 nationally. With global sales in excess of $8.10 billion and customer and client relationships in over 130 countries, the Corporation has gained acceptance as a global leader in precious metals. Its client base now exceeds 100,000. The many successes it has achieved over the years would not have been possible without the dedication and loyalty of its many agents, dealers, banks and other counterparties which distribute and promote its products, and thus I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all of them for their continuing efforts on our behalf.

$2.92B

TOTAL VALUE OF PRECIOUS METALS HELD IN DEPOSITORY IN 2016/17

$24.45M

TOTAL PRE TAX PROFIT FOR 2016/17

Australia retained its status as the world's second largest gold producer after China and is expected to remain so for the foreseeable future.

The Corporation's business and profits have grown significantly since its inception with the introduction of the *Gold Corporation Act* in 1987. The vertically integrated nature of its present day operations has facilitated the development of an ever increasing line of innovative products and services to meet the needs of a modern, diverse and sophisticated client base. Substantial investments have been made and will continue to be undertaken to increase capacity, productivity and quality whilst maintaining a strong focus on occupational health and safety and environmental compliance. These investments, all funded from internal resources, will ensure the Corporation's success into the future.

The case for precious metals remains compelling, notwithstanding current trading conditions. Unresolved sovereign debt issues, continuing enormous global fiscal stimulus and geopolitical uncertainty remain positive factors for gold and silver as an alternate, safe haven investment asset class. The outlook for 2017/18 is similar to that seen in this past year and is thus expected to produce another positive result.

Much work has been done over the past two years to rebuild the Corporation's internal capabilities. The current culture of flexible thinking and agility, combined with a strong sense of working together, have combined to ensure the Corporation is well placed to identify and seize upon opportunities to meet the challenges of the future. In 2017/18 we will see the introduction of a number of new products and services which have the capability of significantly expanding the size and reach of the business.

I would like to thank the Minister responsible for Gold Corporation, the Honourable Mark McGowan, Premier; Minister for Public Sector Management; State Development, Jobs and Trade; Federal-State Relations, and his predecessor for their strong support and interest. I would also like to thank my fellow Board members for their dedication and enthusiasm and in so doing acknowledge the extra effort of those serving on the various Board Committees.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the efforts and achievements of management and staff over the past 12 months. It has taken a supreme effort on their part to have accomplished what they have achieved in a challenging trading environment. Their enthusiasm is infectious and the creditable result achieved in 2016-17 is testament to their endeavours.

Donald Mackay-Coghill
Chairman

Solid Results Strengthen Foundations for Further Growth

Following significant restructuring in my first year as Chief Executive Officer, this past year has been one of consolidation for Gold Corporation, which operates in many of its markets as The Perth Mint. A solid result has been posted, and whilst not the record profitability achieved the previous year, it was still strong by historical standards, being the seventh largest on record. Achieved against the backdrop of a significant reduction in the demand for bullion coins globally, especially in the January to June 2017 period, the Corporation more than held its own and actually grew its presence in a number of sectors, outperforming stiff competition from overseas entities.

The restructuring that took place over the initial 12 months of my tenure was designed to capitalise on the vertically integrated nature of the Corporation's operations, true advantage of which had not been harnessed previously. The Corporation's place in the precious metals value chain has now been, and continues to be, leveraged to support further the needs of our diverse and geographically disparate customer and client base. By reaching both back up and further down into the value chain in a targeted effort to further support the needs of the industry, more value added activities have been introduced into our already wide range of products and services. Everything we offer is designed to both create demand for precious metals in Australia and overseas and support the activities of the Australasian gold mining industry.

For some years, the Corporation had assumed a lower and more subdued profile in many of the markets in which it operates. Following the adoption in 2015 of a new corporate strategic intent, resources were dedicated to rebuild and strengthen our profile in the wider industry. The establishment of a dedicated group-wide marketing function has led to the revitalisation of our brand and brand identity, along with a more disciplined and focussed approach to marketing campaigns around specific products and target market sectors. This initiative remains heavily dependent on the upgrade and improvement of the various software platforms we operate, and I am pleased to report continued solid progress in this regard. Much of the groundwork and system design is complete, allowing the implementation team to gear up for the rollout in about 12 months' time. The focus of this project has been heavily client-centric, with the aim of offering a better integrated and cohesive suite of services. This major project will thereby transform the way we conduct our business and allow further value adding activities.

The leadership role we assumed in the newly formed Gold Industry Group (GIG) has continued. The aim of this independent body is to promote the industry's valuable contribution to modern Australia through education, community initiatives and issue representation. From its beginnings with only a handful of member organisations, the GIG now has more than 40 members from across the gold industry including miners, mining service organisations and associated professional bodies.

The GIG's community initiatives will serve to strengthen our brand, reputation and global presence.

A renewed focus on the contribution made by each and every one of our employees has continued. The new set of values, introduced in early 2016, is now well embedded in the wider psyche of the Corporation. A culture of accountability, achievement, teamwork and pride in the organisation has taken root with demonstrable results. A focus on training and development has continued and I am delighted in the way our employees, at all levels, have embraced these changes. Productivity has risen markedly and the results achieved over the past two years would not have been possible without the dedication, buy-in, creativity and professionalism of our team members.

The International Environment

It is now 10 years since the advent of the global financial crisis, sparked by overinflated asset values on the back of the availability of cheap and easy credit. The resultant collapse in asset values across the more traditional asset classes of stocks, bonds and property resulted in a surge of interest in precious metals as a hedge against declining values elsewhere.

Precious metals provided this safe haven and substantial capital flows were diverted away from stock markets, property, bonds and other traditional investment asset classes. Following closely behind investors were the speculators who invested heavily in precious metals, mostly via the various global Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs).

Another highlight of the year was the production and sale of the Kimberley Treasure coin – a one kilogram gold coin featuring a large and unique Argyle pink diamond.

This resulted in sustained precious metals demand, pushing prices rapidly upwards, with gold peaking at USD 1,921.41 on 9 September 2011.

Initial green shoots of recovery began to emerge, albeit somewhat falteringly, during 2012 and 2013, indicating that a sense of normality might be returning to world markets. No clear direction was established, and markets stuttered along for a number of years. By early 2016 global markets had begun to firm, with modest increases in global GDP growth becoming apparent. The election of Donald Trump in November 2016 on the back of his "Make America Great Again" campaign brought further optimism to the markets, at least in the US. Stock, bond and property markets there rallied, pulling other western markets in their wake. Money has steadily flowed back into these more traditional asset classes, dampening demand significantly for physical gold, especially in the January to June 2017 period. Most notably, global demand for bullion coins suffered significant reductions over this period, with some major competitor mints reporting the worst trading conditions for this product in a decade. Market intelligence suggests the Corporation has fared somewhat better than others.

Despite continuing global instability – namely in the Middle East, North Korea, Russia and China – the markets for the yellow metal have remained subdued. The world has seemingly become very used to bad news and geopolitical instability. Sovereign and personal debt issues also remain largely unresolved, and the anticipated inflationary effects of substantial quantitative easing (read money printing) in the US and Europe have yet to eventuate.

Gold and silver both had mixed fortunes in 2016/17. Gold prices peaked early in the year at USD 1,375, falling steadily thereafter to the year's low of USD 1,134 in mid-December. The recovery from thereon was modest, with the metal range trading in a narrow USD 150 band. Silver prices tracked gold reasonably closely and the metal lost about 25% of its USD value in the first six months and range trading in narrow bands from thereon. The world's largest gold backed ETF lost 10% of its holdings during the period, though there was modest growth in some of the smaller funds. Through all of this, the Australian dollar has remained stronger than would have been expected, especially in the second half of the year, finishing slightly stronger that it had begun.

All in all it was a rather lacklustre year for precious metals and the Corporation did very well to achieve the results posted.

Results Achieved

The Corporation's profit before tax, at $24.45 million, was less than the record achieved the previous year, but was still healthy by historical standards. The collapse in the worldwide demand for bullion coins, most notably in the January to June 2017 period, was the primary reason for the profit reduction. Other parts of the business, including sales of numismatic or collector coins, achieved or exceeded their contribution targets.

Turnover was $8.10 billion compared with the previous year's $9.01 billion, reflecting the tighter market conditions.

Payments to the Government of Western Australia during the financial year included income tax equivalent payments totalling $8.87 million and a dividend of $22.15 million, totalling $31.02 million. Significantly, the Corporation has paid $225 million to the State Government over the past 10 years. Seignorage royalty payments to the Australian Federal Treasury, relating to the terms of the agreement under which Gold Corporation mints and issues Australian legal tender coins, was $4.99 million for the year.

Gold and Silver Refining

In 2016/17 Australia was again the world's second largest producer of gold after China and mining analysts expect this situation to continue.

During the year, the Perth facility refined almost all of Australia's gold doré production as well as gold from the surrounding Oceania region. Recycled gold, mainly from Asia, was also refined. The facility is also a substantial refiner of silver doré, with the majority of refined silver being sold as bullion coins.

The refinery maintained its status in the top echelon of global refiners by volume and the facility enjoys an international reputation for excellence, quality, safety and efficiency. Accreditation was maintained on the world's five major precious metals exchanges, an achievement few other refiners can match.

Competition, primarily from overseas refiners remained high, with additional capacity locally and offshore adding to what is already a global excess. Rounds of industry price-cutting to retain volume continued throughout the year.

Alleged fraudulent activity by refiners based on the east coast of Australia was identified by the Australian Taxation Office some years ago. The Corporation has not been, and is not involved in any of these transactions, and has continued to uphold the highest standards of governance and probity in this regard.

Cast Bar Production

The refinery was again a major supplier of value-added gold cast bars to both China and the wider Asian region. Demand for small gold bars weakened over the reporting period and excess gold was shipped to London in the form of 400oz Good Delivery bars when necessary.

Silver was also supplied into local and overseas markets in the form of value-added cast bars of various sizes, as well as 1,000oz silver Good Delivery bars.

Minted Products

The demand for bullion coins decreased dramatically over the year as investor interest returned to equities and other traditional forms of asset allocation.

However in excess of nine million coins, minted bars and medallions were sold during 2016/17 – the second highest volume on record. The sale of these products resulted in us adding value to 15 tonnes of gold, 321 tonnes of silver and 79 kilograms of platinum. Approximately 90% of the revenue earned from the sale of these products was derived from exports.

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The fall in demand for bullion coins was felt the most keenly in the US where the second half of the year was particularly soft. Sales of the silver 1oz Kangaroo coin were most affected with sales reducing to 5 million coins – a 50% reduction on the previous year.

Notable bullion coin accomplishments during the year included the sell-out of the 2016 1oz Year of the Rooster gold bullion coin (30,000 mintage) and the 2016 1oz Year of the Rooster silver bullion coin (300,000 mintage). Offsetting these great results, sales of the silver Kookaburra 1oz silver coin did not reach its mintage of 500,000 units due to the weakened demand for bullion – the first time such a mintage has not sold out in eight years.

In somewhat stark contrast to the weak markets for bullion coins, tremendous success was achieved with our numismatic coin releases. Particular highlights included the Wedge-tailed Eagle, the Kangaroo gold and silver numismatic coin range and the Australian Lunar Rooster series. The ongoing Anzac series has proven to be a significant and continuing success during the five year commemoration of the 100th anniversary of World War I.

Another highlight of the year was the production and sale of the Kimberley Treasure coin – a one kilogram gold coin featuring a large and unique Argyle pink diamond. This one-off acclaimed release captured significant media and collector attention and was sold within 48 hours of its release to a collector in the Middle East.

As has been the case in previous years, licensed products continued to be an important product category for the Mint, both as a revenue stream as well as in capturing new collectors. The *Star Trek* series was again very popular, and a range of *Ghostbusters* coins, struck to celebrate the screening of the new movie, also proved very popular. A *Spider-Man* coin, struck as a special project for a customer, was also a sell-out.

The trend continued for coins showcasing popular themes, innovative features, new finishes, stylish packaging and limited mintages. Within the past 12 months we issued 160 Australian legal tender proprietary collector coins, either as individual pieces or in sets. A further 51 commemorative coins were released on behalf of the Governments of Tuvalu or the Cook Islands. In total, 23 collector coin programs sold out their full mintages.

The equipment modernisation program, begun a number of years ago, continued with a focus on manufacturing quality and efficiency. Coupled with this, the continuous up-skilling and development of our people remained an area of emphasis throughout the year.

As expected, the ISO 9001.2001 quality certification and AS/NZS 4801.2001 accreditation for health and safety were both maintained at our minting facility.

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Precious Metal Coin Blanks

We manufacture precious metal coin blanks for our own needs and we supply other mints around the world. Approximately 9.1 million coin blanks were produced during the year, in line with market demand.

Perth Mint Shop and Exhibition

As one of Perth's most treasured tourist destinations we are committed to sharing the story of Western Australian gold and our own rich history with both the local and the global community. We welcomed 67,537 international, interstate and local visitors to our iconic exhibition during the year, compared with 66,899 in the previous year. In addition, we hosted a large number of visitors and customers in our retail store, where we offer the opportunity to browse and purchase a beautiful array of natural precious metal treasures.

Retail sales of jewellery and numismatic products exceeded expectations during the year. This was an excellent achievement given the tight retail environment in Western Australia at the moment. A number of successful promotional initiatives were undertaken aimed at drawing in new and previous visitors to the exhibition. Our improved visitor numbers resulting from these initiatives defied the trend identified in the latest National Visitor Survey, released in June 2017, which showed a severe downturn in domestic tourism in our State.

The Corporation participated in the Australian Tourism Exchange in Sydney and we were represented at tourism trade shows in China, Malaysia and Singapore, all with the aim of attracting more overseas visitors.

Perth Mint Depository

The Perth Mint Depository was created in 1994 to enable clients to invest in precious metals without the need to take physical delivery. Today the Depository services clients from 130 countries and stores just under $3 billion worth of client metal. Clients benefit from participating in the world's safest suite of precious metals depository programs, all of which are guaranteed by the Government of Western Australia.

In an environment of lacklustre precious metals prices and significant gains across global stock markets, transactional volumes and account opening activity remained steady for most of the year – a remarkable achievement. Targeted marketing campaigns for Depository Online in the US and Australia were successful, increasing both interest in and awareness of the online product. The targeting of individual investors and retirement funds will be enhanced in the coming year with additional marketing strategies in new regions.

Capital Works and Capacity Enhancement Programs

The ongoing capital expenditure program continued over the period. Replacement of assets beyond their useful life, investments in new technology, productivity and increased capacity, as well as carefully targeted spending on enhanced safety and environmental management, all formed part of this program.

Significant expenditure over the year included the construction of a new state of the art assay laboratory at the refinery, and the ongoing replacement and upgrading of the Corporation's information systems infrastructure and capabilities.

Capital expenditure over the year amounted to $14.57 million, with all financing coming from internal resources. Gold Corporation is entirely self-supporting and does not receive any funding from the State Government nor does it have any cash borrowings.

Closing Comments

Despite the collapse in the demand for bullion coins, especially in the latter half of the year, precious metals remain the ultimate refuge for portfolio diversification in an increasingly turbulent and uncertain world. Whilst trading conditions were less favourable in the year than those experienced in 2015/16, the outlook is still biased towards the upside.

For all parts of the business other than bullion coins 2016/17 was a very successful year. Changes made to the organisational structure coupled with the ongoing renewal of the organisation's culture and values continued to pay dividends. We have an especially dedicated team of employees who are a mix of long serving members and new appointments. The businesses are specialised and many skills required are rare or unique. I would like to thank all members of the team for their tremendous efforts during the year, especially when faced with difficult trading conditions.

They met the many changes and challenges with dedication, resilience, determination and adaptability. I would especially like to thank those who challenged conventional thinking and not only came up with innovative solutions, but made them work. Of particular importance to the Corporation's Board are the issues of Workplace Safety and Environmental Protection. Our excellent record in both comes as a result of training, dedication and continuous attention to detail. My thanks go to the Executive team for their dedication and leadership.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank our Chairman, Don Mackay-Coghill, for his unstinting support and guidance over the past 12 months and the Directors who generously gave of their time in a year of continuing change and renewal.

The Corporation's future remains a bright one, and I look forward to the future with anticipation and enthusiasm. I remain more than confident that we will continue to consolidate and build on our successes.

Richard G Hayes
Chief Executive Officer

Precious metals remain the ultimate refuge for portfolio diversification in an increasingly turbulent and uncertain world.

Our Directors

Don Mackay-Coghill

Don Mackay-Coghill emigrated from South Africa in 1986 to take up the dual positions of Chief Executive Officer of GoldCorp Australia and Managing Director of the Western Australian Mint. Previously, Don had a 15-year career with International Gold Corporation (Intergold), being appointed Chief Executive, Worldwide, in 1979. Whilst at Intergold, Don was responsible for the introduction of the highly successful Krugerrand to world markets, which created the first global market for bullion coins.

Don retired as the inaugural Chief Executive Officer of Gold Corporation on 30 June 2003 after leading the Corporation for 17 years. He held the position of Non-Executive Director of Gold Corporation from 1 July 2003 until 30 June 2009. During this period he was Chairman of AGR Matthey, a joint venture between Western Australian Mint, Johnson Matthey Australia and Newmont. Don was also a Director of the World Gold Council, based in London.

As CEO of Gold Corporation and Joint Chief Executive Officer of the Sydney 2000 Olympic Coin Program, Don planned and managed the Sydney program, which has become the benchmark for all subsequent Olympic coin programs.

In recognition of his achievements, Don received: the South African Marketing Award of the Year in 1978; the Vreneli-Preis Award for his contribution to Numismatics in 2001; the Australian Institute of Export's Australian Export Hero Award in 2007; the Juan Antonio Samaranch Medal for his contribution to Olympic coin collecting in 2012; and the inaugural Gold Industry Hall of Fame Award at the Precious Metals Investment Symposium in 2016.

On 1 July 2015, Don was appointed Chairman of Gold Corporation.

Peter Unsworth

B Comm, FAICD

Peter Unsworth was appointed to the Board of Gold Corporation on 7 September 2015. He is a former Chartered Accountant and corporate finance specialist with extensive experience as a public and private Company Director. Peter has served on the Board of Gold Corporation, initially as a Director and then as Chairman, from 1996 to 2008. Peter has been a Director of several companies involved in venture capital, property development, office products distribution, mining, granite and marble processing, mineral exploration, and oil and gas exploration.

Peter's career has included senior management positions with an international accounting firm in both Perth and Sydney, and he was Chief Executive for several years with The Stock Exchange of Perth Limited, and Director of Corporate Finance with a large stockbroking company. He was also appointed one of four Commissioners heading the 'Commission to Review Public Sector Finances' in 1993, reviewing and reporting on the finances and activities of the Western Australian Public Sector.

Michael Barnes

BBus (Hons)

Michael Barnes was appointed to the position of Under Treasurer in April 2015, following an acting role in this position from February 2014. Michael previously spent more than five years as the Deputy Under Treasurer after holding a number of senior positions across the Department. These were mainly in the areas of revenue policy, fiscal strategy, and whole-of-government financial management and reporting.

Michael is the Chair of the Western Australian Treasury Corporation and chairs both Treasury's Budget Management and Finance, and Risk and Audit Committees.

Michael joined WA Treasury in 1997 after commencing his career in the Commonwealth Treasury in 1992.

Michael resigned from the Board effective 31 August 2017.

Gaye McMath

BCom (Melb) MBA (MBS) FCPA, FAICD

Gaye McMath is a Non-Executive Director and Corporate Advisor. She previously held senior executive roles over 15 years in the higher education sector, including the Executive Director Perth Education City at the University of Western Australia (UWA), Chief Operating Officer, Executive Director Finance and Resources and Chief Financial Officer (UWA), and Pro Vice-Chancellor (Resource Management) and Chief Financial Officer at Murdoch University.

Prior to joining the higher education sector, Gaye had a 23-year career with BHP where she held a range of senior executive roles in finance, strategy, planning, commercial and treasury operations across the mining, steel and corporate divisions. Gaye was a BHP nominated Director on a number of domestic and international mining infrastructure subsidiary and joint venture Boards. She has extensive Board experience gained over 20 years in the areas of mining, resources, infrastructure, energy, financial services, treasury, property, education, healthcare, aged care, culture and arts. Gaye is currently on the Board of the Perth Convention Bureau and the Committee for Perth.

Our Directors

Chris Wharton
AM

Chris Wharton is the former Chief Executive Officer of Seven West Media WA, having retired from full time work in April this year.

Chris was responsible for all Seven West Media assets in Western Australia, which include The West Australian, The Sunday Times, West Regional Publications (21 mastheads), its on-line properties, WA Publishers, Redwave Media (nine regional licence areas) and Channel Seven Perth.

Chris was previously Chief Executive Officer of West Australian Newspapers, a position he held from December 2008. His appointment prior to this was as Managing Director of Channel Seven Perth Pty Limited, a position he held for nine years. During this period, Channel Seven Perth dominated its opposition.

He began his career as a journalist and worked in all areas of newspaper management in Sydney before being appointed Chief Executive Officer of Perth's Community Newspaper Group in 1995. In 2013, he became Chairman of Community Newspaper Group. His community and business involvement includes Board membership of the Telethon Trust, Gold Corporation and the West Coast Eagles Football Club.

Chris is also Chairman of Stealth Global Industries, a global supply and logistics company, and Buzd, a data analytics company.

Chris has been a member of the WA Olympic Team Appeal Committee since 2000, is a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, the Australian Institute of Management and is a former Councillor, Board member and Vice President of the WA Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He is also a former member of the Committee for Perth.

He was awarded an AM in the 2016 Queen's Birthday honours for services to the print and broadcast industries and for services to the community.

Liam Twigger
BEc Grad Dip Fin CPA

Liam Twigger was appointed to the Board of Gold Corporation in January 2016 and brings more than 30 years' experience in the fields of investment banking and corporate finance. He is currently the Managing Director of the corporate advisory and investment banking firm PCF Capital Group, providing strategic advice to the Australian mining sector regarding project divestments, finance and partnering.

For the past seven years, Liam has held the position of Chairman and Managing Director of the web-based mine broking business, MinesOnline.com. He is also Chairman of Football West Limited, the governing body for soccer in Western Australia, and is a member of the Board of Governors for St Mary's Anglican Girls' School.

John O'Connor

BSc (Hons) FICA, FICAEW, FAICD

John O'Connor was appointed to the Board of Gold Corporation in January 2016. He is a former partner of PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) where his career spanned 34 years, including 24 years as an audit partner.

John held the role of Managing Partner of PwC Perth, where he also led the assurance practice. He has extensive audit experience in the resources sector, both within Australia and globally.

In March 2013, John retired from PwC. He now holds a number of Non-Executive Director roles. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia and New Zealand, a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, and a Fellow of the Institute of Company Directors.

Richard Hayes

BComm, CPA, MBA, ACIS, MAICD

Richard Hayes was appointed as Chief Executive Officer of Gold Corporation on 1 July 2015. He had been Chief Financial Officer and Deputy CEO since joining the Corporation in March 2003. Richard was previously the Chief Operating Officer and an Executive Director of AGR Matthey from October 2002 to March 2003. Prior to that he was Director, Finance and Deputy Managing Director of AGR Joint Venture, from December 1998 to October 2002. Before that he was Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary of Golden West Refining Corporation Ltd, an ASX-listed company controlled by N M Rothschild & Sons Ltd. In December 1998 Golden West merged with Gold Corporation's refining and jewellery manufacturing business to become the AGR Joint Venture. Richard emigrated to Australia from Zimbabwe in 1987 and held a number of management roles with Boral Ltd prior to joining Golden West.

Richard was appointed Chairman of the Gold Industry Group in 2015, a body established to give the gold industry a unified and stronger voice in promoting its significance to the Australian economy and community. He also actively contributes to the Western Australian community as a Director of disability service organisation Interchange Inc and is a member of the Board of Governors of Wesley College.

Kaylene Gulich

BCom, BSocSc (Hons), MLM, MBA

Kaylene Gulich was appointed to the Board of Gold Corporation in September 2017. Kaylene is the Executive Director of Infrastructure and Finance in the Department of Treasury, a position she has held since April 2013. She is responsible for the management and governance of Government Trading Enterprises, supporting the State's financial management and infrastructure development, legislative and accounting standards advice, and supporting efficient and effective delivery of services.

Kaylene joined Treasury in 2002 and has previously held a position on the Western Australian Treasury Corporation Board. She participates in several cross-agency steering committees and is a member of the Infrastructure Coordinating Committee and a member of CPA Australia.

Our Business Activities and Capabilities

Our History

The Perth Mint was established in 1899 by Britain's Royal Mint. At that time, gold sovereigns and half sovereigns were used throughout the British Empire as everyday circulating coins and it was The Royal Mint's responsibility to supply them. Rather than shipping gold to London, minting sovereigns there and then distributing them back to Britain's colonies, The Royal Mint built a number of branch mints throughout the Empire in places where gold was found. The Perth Mint was one of these – built to refine gold mined in Western Australia and turn it into sovereigns.

When sovereigns were withdrawn from circulation in 1931, The Perth Mint turned its skills to the production of base metal coins, although it still continued to refine gold. It remained under British ownership until 1970, when control passed to the Government of Western Australia.

Gold Corporation was created by the *Gold Corporation Act 1987* to take over the operations of The Perth Mint and launch Australia's Bullion Coin Program. The Australian Nugget bullion coin was launched in 1987 and was followed by many other successful bullion, numismatic and commemorative coin programs.

The Perth Mint's refining activities eventually outgrew the old premises in the city of Perth and a new refinery was built near Perth's international airport. This facility commenced operation in 1990. A number of factory extensions have been added since the millennium, expanding the minting and refining capacities to what they are today.

A world class exhibition and retail outlet, showcasing the story of gold and featuring a theatrical gold pour as its centrepiece, occupies the ground floor of the original mint building.

A Global Leader in Precious Metals

The Perth Mint is now an internationally competitive precious metals refining, manufacturing, minting, marketing and storage business, structured as a vertically integrated business operating across the precious metals value chain. Management responsibility is based on functional lines designed to provide a comprehensive and cohesive service to our many clients and customers around the world.

Credentials

Our reputation in the precious metals industry is built on a 118-year history of striving towards excellence. We are recognised worldwide for our innovation, superior technical abilities and craftsmanship as well as the quality of our precious metals products. We are Western Australia's fifth largest exporter, with clients in more than 130 countries.

Refining

The Perth Mint is one of a select group of gold refiners that has accreditation from five of the world's major gold exchanges and is Australia's only LBMA (London Bullion Market Association) accredited gold and silver refiner.

Our refinery is also accredited by the following international exchanges:

- London Bullion Market Association (LBMA)
- Tokyo Commodity Exchange (TOCOM)
- New York Commodity Exchange (COMEX)
- Dubai Multi-Commodity Centre (DMCC)
- Shanghai Gold Exchange (SGE)

Refining almost all of Australia's newly mined gold as well as gold from New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Solomon Islands, Thailand, Malaysia, Laos and the Philippines, we are one of the largest and most highly respected refiners worldwide. We are committed to producing ethically responsible gold and were one of the first refiners in the world to receive 'conflict free' accreditation under the Conflict-Free Smelter Program.

The refinery holds ISO accreditation for safety and environmental management practices as follows:

- ISO AS4801:2001 OH&S Systems
- OHSAS 18001:2007 OH&S Systems
- ASNZS 14001:2004 Environmental Management Systems

During 2016/2017, we continued our commitment to ensuring that we only refine material sourced in compliance with the Organisation for Economic Development (OECD) guidelines for conflict-free minerals. An annual independent audit is conducted to ensure compliance with applicable legal requirements, as well as with broader societal obligations.

Cast Bullion Bars

The refinery produces 400oz 99.5% gold and 1,000oz 99.99% silver London Good Delivery Bars, and has the capacity to convert all its gold and silver feed into value-added Good Delivery products. Also produced are one kilogram, 100 gram, 50oz, 20oz, 2.5oz and 1oz 99.99% gold bars, one kilogram 99.5% gold bars, and one kilogram, 100oz, and 10oz 99.99% silver bars.

These bars are marketed into a variety of target markets globally, either directly or via a network of intermediary organisations.

Bullion Coins

The Perth Mint is the inaugural producer of the Australian Bullion Coin Program, issued as legal tender under the Australian *Currency Act 1965*. The annual program comprises four series portraying iconic native fauna, and a fifth series celebrating the animals of the Chinese lunar calendar:

- Australian Kangaroo 99.99% pure gold coin series
- Australian Kangaroo 99.99% pure silver coin series
- Australian Kookaburra 99.9% pure silver coin series
- Australian Koala 99.9% pure silver coin series
- Australian Platypus 99.95% pure platinum coin series
- Australian Lunar 99.99% pure gold and 99.99% pure silver coin series

Together with a range of minted gold and silver minted bars, our bullion coins are distributed through an international network of authorised distributors including financial institutions and coin dealers. Investors in Australia and most of Asia can also purchase bullion direct from us at www.perthmintbullion.com.

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Numismatic Coins

The Perth Mint manufactures and internationally markets gold, silver, platinum and base metal non-circulating legal tender coins for collectors. Distinguished from investment coins by their extremely limited mintages and a variety of high-quality numismatic treatments and finishes, the coins are issued as Australian legal tender, or released as legal tender of Tuvalu or the Cook Islands.

Designed in-house, the programs are heavily biased towards Australian themes such as native wildlife with a focus on the kangaroo, kookaburra, koala and wedge-tailed eagle. The programs also include imagery of iconic locations, historical events with a focus on the centenary of the Anzacs' involvement in WWI, important anniversaries and the lunar calendar. Our *Star Trek* themed series has continued to attract new collectors this year.

Commemorative coins are issued in a variety of weights and sizes, as individual pieces and in sets. To add to their appeal, these coins are presented in unique packaging and accompanied by a Certificate of Authenticity, which provides information about the design theme, the official maximum mintage, the purity and the weight of the release.

Since the inception of Gold Corporation in 1987, almost 61 million bullion and numismatic coins have been minted and sold worldwide, adding value to 282 tonnes (9.065 million ounces) of gold and 3,388 tonnes (108.9 million ounces) of silver.

Coin Blanks

In addition to producing precious metal coin blanks for our own consumption, we are also a supplier of precious metal coin blanks to other leading mints around the world, both private and government owned. With our world-class facilities and technology, gold, silver and platinum coin blanks are produced in a variety of shapes, weights and sizes, both to our own specifications and to the individual specifications set by other mints.

Our elegantly appointed shop offers a unique experience showcasing a wide variety of Australian gold, silver and platinum coins, natural gold nuggets, opals, pink diamonds, South Sea pearls, an exquisite range of jewellery and an exclusive range of gifts and souvenirs.

Depository

For almost a quarter of a century, The Perth Mint Depository has offered the only government guaranteed storage and investment program in the world. Located in the safe geopolitical environment of Western Australia and operating the most extensive network of central bank grade vaults in the southern hemisphere, clients (currently numbering about 35,000 from 130 countries) are able to purchase and store precious metals directly (online or by phone) or via one of our authorised distributors.

Perth Mint Depository provides unallocated, pool allocated and allocated storage options within a convenient account-based structure:

- Depository On-Line (PMDO) provides web-based access to precious metals with a low cost, live-priced 24/7 service. It is marketed directly by The Perth Mint and is also available through select distributors.
- Perth Mint Depository Program (PMDP) is available only through our website on a direct basis. PMDP is tailored towards larger investors, including self-managed superannuation funds, pension funds and other institutional funds.
- Perth Mint Certificate Program (PMCP) offers similar services to PMDP and is marketed through an international network of distributors. PMCP investors receive confirmation of their holdings via a certificate issued by The Perth Mint.
- Perth Mint Gold (ASX code PMGOLD) is listed on the AQUA platform of the Australian Securities Exchange and offers unallocated storage to investors who prefer to deal through their stockbroker.

Tourism

Housed in our beautiful late 19th century heritage building, the shop and exhibition demonstrates our commitment to sharing the fascinating story of Western Australian gold and the Mint's own rich history with the global community. Hosting approximately 68,000 international, interstate and local visitors each year, we are one of the State's most treasured tourist destinations.

Our exhibition showcases a range of unique attractions including the Australian Kangaroo One Tonne Gold Coin which is the largest coin ever made and worth approximately $60 million, Australia's most spectacular display of natural gold nuggets and the chance to witness the amazing spectacle of a traditional gold pour.

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Our Group Structure

Government of Western Australia

Holding Company — **Gold Corporation**

Subsidiaries — **GoldCorp Australia** | **Western Australian Mint**

Trading Name — **The Perth Mint**

Activities

- Retail Tourism Exhibition
- Precious metal blank manufacture
- Manufacturing and marketing of investment and numismatic coins, other minted items and related products
- Gold and silver refining, manufacture and marketing of value-added bullion bars, treasury services
- Precious metal linked investment products

Executive Management

The Executive Management Team has responsibility for the day-to-day operations of the business. Specialists in their areas of responsibility, several have joined in recent years bringing fresh insights and approaches to what is a mature set of business operations.

David Koch, Caroline Preuss, Richard Hayes, Jane King, David Woodford and Joe Metcalfe

Gold Corporation

Chief Executive Officer
R G Hayes

Treasurer and Chief Commercial Officer
G J Metcalfe

Chief Operating Officer
D E Woodford

Chief Financial Officer
C J Preuss

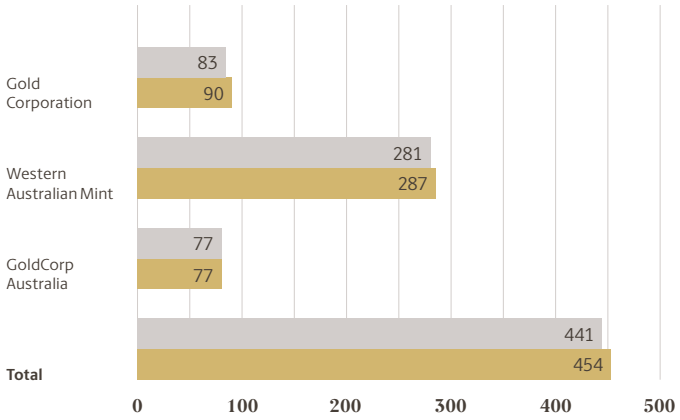
General Manager, Corporate Governance and Risk
D J Koch

General Manager, Human Resources
J E King

Company Secretary
D J Koch

Our People

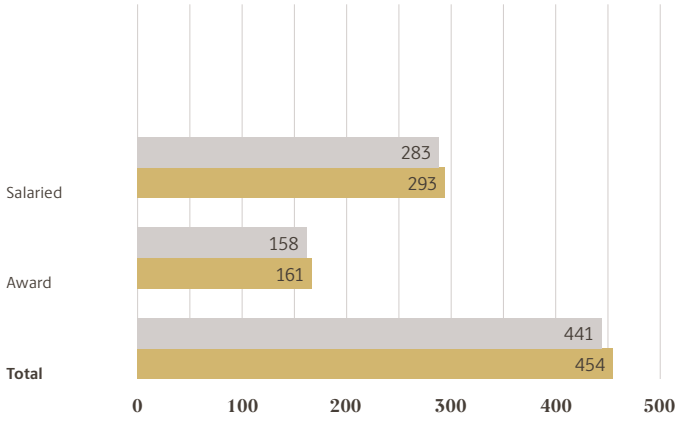
Our permanent staff numbers increased from 441 to 454 over the year. The increase was due primarily to a significant number of people transferring from contractor to employee status. Overall numbers, including contractors, actually reduced over the period.



Employees per entity

Employee numbers were assigned to the business entities as shown above

30 June 2016
30 June 2017



Salary vs Award

Gold Corporation employs both salaried and Enterprise Agreement employees as shown above

30 June 2016
30 June 2017

Women	44%	42%
Female Tier 2 Managers reporting to CEO	40%	40%
Female Tier 3 Managers reporting to Tier 2	29%	24%
Average Age	45	44
Employees <25 years old	1%	3%
Employees >45 years old	49%	48%
Employee initiated turnover	5%	7%

Employees demographics

An employee demographic snapshot is shown above

- 30 June 2016
- 30 June 2017

Our staff hail from a wide range of national, cultural and ethnic backgrounds. Employees from culturally diverse backgrounds are defined as those born in countries other than Australia, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, the United Kingdom and the United States. Of our 454 employees, 42% are classified as having culturally diverse backgrounds. This brings a wide variety of spoken languages to The Mint from areas including Asia, Europe and the Americas. Our diversity reflects the many and varied markets in which we operate.

Staff from culturally diverse backgrounds

- 76 East and South Asia
- 12 Africa
- 13 Europe
- 3 South America
- 90 South East Asia

Occupational Health and Safety

Commitment and Compliance

Our occupational health and safety (OHS) systems aim to minimise health and safety risks to employees, customers, contractors, the public and the environment. These systems ensure that policies, procedures and work instructions are in place not only to comply with legislation and codes of practice, but to embrace best practice. Objectives and targets are set and performance against targets is monitored and reviewed on a regular basis.

We are firmly committed to providing a safe place of work for all our employees and contractors, and to ensuring they return home safely at the end of each day.

Injury Management

We ensure compliance with the *Workers Compensation and Injury Management Act 1981*. We are committed to ensuring all injured employees, regardless of whether the injuries are work-related or non-work-related, return to work as soon as is practicable and medically appropriate. Return to work programs are developed and implemented, and injury management consultants are engaged when required.

Consultation

At both our refinery and the Perth city site regular consultation with employees takes place, facilitated through regular toolbox meetings and monthly OHS (occupational health and safety) Committee meetings. Both OHS Committees met 12 times during the 2016/17 year. Employee OHS representatives contributed significantly at these meetings and were fully engaged in safety inspections and accident and injury investigations. Employees are encouraged to contribute to the annual OHS Strategy and Plan. Their suggestions are actively solicited and they continued to participate in the site safety observation program.

Third Party Certification – Perth Site

The Perth Mint site achieved accreditation for its Safety Management System in 2009. The annual surveillance audit for our Safety Management System, namely AS/NZS 4801:2001, was undertaken by SAI Global in March 2017.

Third Party Certification – Refinery Site

The refinery is regarded as a mine site and is regulated by the *Mines Safety and Inspection Act 1994*. Three site inspections were undertaken by the Department of Mines and Petroleum and no improvement notices were issued.

The refinery achieved international accreditation for its Safety Management System and Environmental Management System in 2010. The annual ISO surveillance audits for The Perth Mint Refinery's Safety Management System and Environmental Management System, namely AS/NZS 4801:2001, OHSAS 18001:2007 and AS/NZS ISO 14001:2004, were undertaken by Bureau Veritas in August 2016. No non-conformances were raised.

Performance against Targets

OHS ITEM	EAST PERTH OPERATIONS		REFINERY		TARGET
Number of fatalities	0	0	0	0	0
Lost time injury / Disease incident rate (Note 2)	0.26 26% decrease	0 100% decrease	0.9 30.8% decrease (Note 1)	1.59 0.6% decrease	0 or 10% decrease
Lost Time Injury Severity Rate	0	0	0	0	0
Percentage of workers returned to work within: (i) 13 weeks (ii) 26 weeks	100% 100%	100% 100%	100% 100%	100% 100%	>80%
Percentage of managers and supervisors trained in occupational safety, health and injury management responsibilities	85%	94%	100%	100%	>80%

Note 1: The 2016 refinery data has been amended to reflect the backdating of an injury to the 2014/15 year, the date of the initial injury.
Note 2: The reduction is calculated over a three-year average.

30 June 2016
30 June 2017

Disability Access and Inclusion Plan 2014-2019

The Perth Mint is committed to the needs of people with disabilities and the Mint's Disability and Access Inclusion Plan includes the following provisions:

1	People with disability have the same opportunities as other people to access the services of, and any events organised by, a public authority.
2	People with disability have the same opportunities as other people to access the buildings and other facilities of a public authority.
3	People with disability receive information from a public authority in a format that will enable them to access the information as readily as other people are able to access it.
4	People with disability have the same opportunities as other people to obtain and maintain employment with a public authority.

Our Customers and Community

Customer Service and Customer Complaints

We recognise the importance of delighting our customers. As a public statement of our commitment to service and complaints handling, our Complaints Policy and Customer Service practices embody the following elements:

- A documented and whole-of-organisation commitment to the efficient and fair resolution of complaints.
- Fairness to the complainant.
- Adequate resources with a high level of employee delegated authority.
- Speedy and courteous responses.
- No charges for the handling of complaints.
- A formal system to determine causes and implement remedies.
- Systematic recording of complaints and their outcomes.
- Regular reviews of the quality management and complaints review process.

The increasing use of blogs, discussion forums and social media platforms is providing unprecedented customer feedback. Whilst much feedback during the year was positive, negative comment and complaints provided opportunities to address issues which may otherwise have not been raised.

The majority of coin complaints received related to damaged packaging whilst in transit, with a small number of complaints regarding minor quality issues. These issues have been dealt with and we have minimised the likelihood of recurrence.

	Orders Processed	Complaints Received
Coins	27,378	14
Depository	36,933	0
Shop & Exhibition	36,512	7
Refinery	14,600	1

Industry and Community Participation

As part of our functions under the *Gold Corporation Act 1987*, we are mandated to encourage interest in precious metals and to support the Australian gold industry.

The Perth Mint is involved in the local tourism industry and business community through its memberships in the following organisations:

- Tourism Australia
- Tourism Western Australia
- Tourism Council of Western Australia
- Association of Perth Attractions
- Perth Regional Tourism Association (Experience Perth)
- Committee for Perth

As an active participant in the coin, banknote and stamp trade shows of the Australasian Numismatic Dealers' Association, we attended events held in Perth and Melbourne as well as the International Stamp and Coin show in Melbourne organized by Australia Post. In October 2016 The Perth Mint sponsored and attended the Gold Symposium in Sydney. The Perth Mint also attended International events in Berlin, Beijing and Los Angeles.

Through our sponsorships and donations, we assisted a number of specific organisations and entities.

State Batteries

A number of state batteries (Government owned mineral processing facilities) were vested in the Western Australian Mint in the late 1980s. They are mostly in remote and unpopulated areas. 22 of these sites have been classified as, 'Possibly Contaminated – Investigation required', in terms of the *Contaminated Sites Act 2003*.

Consultation with other agencies in government continues to take place so that responsibility for the sites can be transferred to another government agency or agencies better equipped to deal with these sites.

Gold Corporation

Gold Corporation was established by the *Gold Corporation Act 1987* and the Minister responsible for the Corporation is the Honourable Mark McGowan MLA BA, LLB, GradDipLegPrac; Premier; Minister for Public Sector Management; State Development, Jobs and Trade; Federal-State Relations.

Gold Corporation has no policy role in government, makes no laws or regulations except in relation to the conduct of its own affairs, and administers no schemes that confer benefits upon or place imposts on the public.

Section 6 of the Act empowers Gold Corporation's Board of Directors "*...to determine the policy of Gold Corporation, the Mint and GoldCorp in relation to any matter and to control the affairs of Gold Corporation and each of its subsidiaries...*".

Strong corporate governance is at the heart of the culture, business practices and ethics of Gold Corporation. Its governance practices form a framework to ensure that high standards of corporate behaviour are not only adhered to but engrained in the culture of the organisation.

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is the governing body of Gold Corporation. The *Gold Corporation Act 1987* empowers the Board to determine policies for Gold Corporation and its subsidiaries and requires the Board to:

- Promote and develop markets for gold and gold products in Australia and elsewhere.
- Develop and expand Gold Corporation's business for the benefit and to the greatest advantage of the people of Australia.
- Operate in accordance with prudent commercial principles.
- Strive to earn a commercial rate of return on its capital.

The Board's authority is limited by the provisions in the Act and by Ministerial direction. The Board acknowledges its accountability to its only shareholder, the Government of Western Australia.

The Board is committed to sound corporate governance principles and high standards of legislative compliance, supported by commensurate financial, environmental, occupational safety and health, and ethical behaviour. The Board has serious regard to directorial and managerial conduct and reputation as an integral part of sound governance practices. In accordance with this, the Board has committed itself and Gold Corporation to comply, wherever applicable, with the spirit and letter of the Australian Institute of Company Directors Code of Conduct and Guidelines. Directors can seek independent professional advice on Board matters at Gold Corporation's expense, with the approval of the Chairman.

Key Activities

Supported by management, the Board approves the strategic direction of Gold Corporation. A Statement of Corporate Intent (SCI) covering the forthcoming 12-month period and a Strategic Development Plan (SDP) with a five-year timeframe are prepared on an annual basis. These documents together outline Gold Corporation's objectives, performance targets and strategic intent.

At its regular meetings, the Board has regard to the following areas by way of standing agenda items:

- Strategic issues and key operational matters.
- Operational performance and financial matters.
- Safety and environmental performance.
- Risk management and risk issues.

Membership

Directors are appointed by the Governor of Western Australia on the nomination of the Minister and approval by Cabinet. At year-end the Gold Corporation Board consisted of seven Non-Executive Directors and one Executive Director.

Director	Status	Expiry of Term
D Mackay-Coghill (Chairman)	Non-Executive	30 June 2018
M A Barnes	Non-Executive	Ex-Officio
G M McMath	Non-Executive	30 June 2016
J O'Connor	Non-Executive	31 December 2018
L A Twigger	Non-Executive	31 December 2018
P J Unsworth	Non-Executive	6 September 2018
C S Wharton	Non-Executive	30 June 2016
R G Hayes	Executive	30 June 2016

Those Directors whose terms have expired continue as Directors pursuant to Schedule 1 clause 1(3) of the *Gold Corporation Act 1987*.

Meeting Attendance

There were seven formal meetings of the Directors of Gold Corporation during the year ended 30 June 2017, and a number of informal meetings. The number of formal meetings attended by each Director is indicated in the table below.

DIRECTORS' MEETING ATTENDANCE

	Attended	Eligible
D Mackay-Coghill	7	7
M A Barnes	5	7
G M McMath	7	7
J O'Connor	7	7
L A Twigger	5	7
C S Wharton	7	7
P J Unsworth	7	7
R G Hayes	7	7

Board Committees

The Board has established four Committees, chaired by Independent Non-Executive Directors, to assist in the execution of its duties and responsibilities. These are the Audit and Risk Management Committee, the Remuneration and Allowances Committee, the Environment, Occupational Health and Safety Committee and the Treasury Committee.

Each Committee member has only one vote and each resolution must be passed by unanimous agreement. In the event that agreement cannot be reached, the matter is referred to the Board for resolution.

Audit and Risk Management Committee

The Committee reviews the quality, integrity, reliability and adequacy of the Corporation's information, finance, accounting and control systems and the risk management function, and advises the Board accordingly. The Committee also acts as a communications interface between the Board and the Corporation's internal and external auditors.

Membership of the Committee at year-end comprised Gaye McMath (Chair), Don Mackay-Coghill and John O'Connor.

Attendees at meetings of the Committee were Caroline Preuss (Chief Financial Officer), David Koch (General Manager, Corporate Governance and Risk), James Sawyer (Group Financial Controller) and Guy Moore (Finance & Corporate Services Manager). Richard Hayes (CEO) was an invitee. Attendees and invitees do not have voting rights.

The Committee met six times during the financial year. Attendance at the meetings is indicated in the table below:

AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING ATTENDANCE

	Attended	Eligible
G M McMath (Chair)	6	6
D Mackay-Coghill	6	6
J O'Connor	6	6

Remuneration and Allowances Committee

The Board of Directors delegates authority for determining conditions of employment to the Remuneration and Allowances Committee. The Committee's responsibilities include determining senior employee salary levels, alterations to core conditions of employment and incentive bonus schemes. In order to ensure that the Corporation is able to attract and retain suitably qualified and experienced personnel in competition with private sector organisations, benchmarking is conducted against a backdrop of employment conditions in the wider economy.

Membership of the Committee at year-end comprised Don Mackay-Coghill (Chairman), Peter Unsworth and Richard Hayes. The General Manager, Human Resources, also attends the meetings by invitation.

The Committee met twice during the financial year. Attendance at the meetings is indicated in the table below.

REMUNERATION AND ALLOWANCES COMMITTEE MEETING ATTENDANCE

	Attended	Eligible
D Mackay-Coghill (Chairman)	2	2
P J Unsworth	2	2
R G Hayes	2	2

Environment, Occupational Health and Safety Committee

The Environment, Occupational Health and Safety Committee was established in September 2015. The key objectives of the Committee are to:

- Ensure leading edge safety and environmental strategies are in place.
- Review health and safety and environmental performance.
- Ensure systems and procedures for ensuring compliance with The Perth Mint policy, legislative requirements and Australian Standards are in place.
- Review activities as carrying potentially inappropriate levels of risk.
- Ensure management plans are in place to mitigate these risks.

The Board elected Chris Wharton to Chair the new Committee, and Richard Hayes (CEO) and David Woodford (Chief Operating Officer) were appointed as Committee members.

Additional Executive Committee members are Nathan Edwards (Operations Manager, Refinery), Vijay Kumar (Operations Manager, Hay Street), Aletha Cruse (Group Manager, OHS/E and Training), Mwita Chacha and Louie Naumoski (OHS Committee Chairpersons – Refinery and Hay Street Operations).

The Committee met four times during the financial year. Attendance at the meetings is indicated in the table below.

	Attended	Eligible
C S Wharton (Chair)	4	4
R G Hayes	3	4
D E Woodford	3	4
N Edwards	3	4
V Kumar	2	4
A Cruse	4	4
M Chacha	4	4
L Naumoski	3	4

Treasury Committee

The Treasury Committee was formed in May 2016 to provide visibility to the Board on the activities of the Corporation's Treasury activities. The Committee consists of Liam Twigger (Chairman), Richard Hayes (CEO) and Joe Metcalfe (Treasurer and Chief Commercial Officer).

The Committee met four times during the financial year.

	Attended	Eligible
L A Twigger (Chair)	4	4
R G Hayes	4	4
G J Metcalfe	4	4

Management Committees

Executive Management Committee

The Executive Management Committee consists of the Senior Managers of Gold Corporation. The Committee meets weekly and is chaired by the CEO. Committee meetings provide a forum for senior managers to ensure the management team is abreast of key issues in their area and to discuss strategic business issues.

Other Committees

Executive management have previously formed two sub-committees – the Tax Risk Management Committee and the Information Technology Audit and Risk Committee. These Committees are populated by various management personnel and are designed to ensure adequate oversight is occurring in these two critical areas of the business.

Risk Management

The Board actively monitors Gold Corporation's risk management systems to ensure they are robust, fully integrated and aligned to its strategies, business undertakings and business processes. Regular monthly and quarterly reports are submitted to the Board on group financial risk, credit risk, internal control matters, occupational safety and health, and environmental issues.

Corruption Prevention

Fraud and corruption controls are an integral component of Gold Corporation's Risk Management program.

The organisation's policies and practices are reviewed regularly and are subject to internal and external audit programs. Employee awareness sessions, including new employee inductions, are conducted. Gold Corporation is obliged to report any suspected or actual breaches to the Public Sector Commission or to the Corruption and Crime Commission for serious misconduct matters.

Public Interest Disclosure

Gold Corporation is committed to the aims and objectives of the *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2003* (Whistleblower Protection). It recognises the value and importance of employee contributions to enhance administrative and management practices, and strongly supports disclosures being made by staff as to corrupt or other improper conduct.

All employees are made aware of the public interest disclosure process and information on the process. The appropriate forms are available on our intranet.

The Public Interest Disclosure Officers are David Koch and Graham Segall.

No claims were submitted during the 2016/17 period.

Public Sector Standards and Ethical Codes

Gold Corporation is required to comply with Section 31(1) of the *Public Sector Management Act 1994*.

We are committed to promoting high ethical standards which are incorporated into the organisation's policies and practices.

Employee awareness sessions of the organisation's Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest policies are conducted.

During the current financial year, no issues relating to non-compliance with the public sector standards or the WA Code of Ethics were raised.

Records Management

Gold Corporation is obliged to report on its conduct, in compliance with the requirements of the *State Records Act 2000* and communicate this in the Annual Report.

We are committed to improving the effectiveness of our Records Management capabilities. To meet this goal, we engage all areas of the business in the requirements of a Record Keeping Plan, which has been affirmed by the State Records Office, and periodically reviewed. The plan identifies the strategy, processes and tools that ensure business critical information is identified, secured and retained, in compliance with legislation.

In accordance with the Record Keeping Plan, all employees participate in training programs specific to their roles and work, which ensures compliance with records management requirements. Employees are trained in the use of records management policies, procedures and systems, and are provided with ongoing guidance and support in the management of business records.

Gold Corporation's Records Management processes are continuously monitored and developed to meet the needs of the business. In this past year, the electronic records management system software has been upgraded, with the number of participating employees increasing 40%. The increased uptake of record systems across the business has enabled the implementation of new processes and efficiencies such as paperless workflow processes, the automated registration of customer records, and interdepartmental collaboration in the use of shared filing systems. These initiatives have reduced time, resources and record keeping costs, while increasing effectiveness, compliance and the security of our records keeping systems.

The Records Management program is regularly assessed for compliance with both legislation and Gold Corporation's Quality Management system. The current Record Keeping Plan has been reviewed and submitted for approval by the State Records Commission.

Freedom of Information (FOI) Statement

The following Information Statement has been prepared by Gold Corporation pursuant to Part 5 of the *Freedom of Information Act 1992 (WA)* and guidelines issued by the Office of the Information Commissioner on 13 May 1994.

Gold Corporation keeps documents and files relating to its administration and business activities. A number of these documents can be inspected only under the *Freedom of Information Act 1992 (WA)* (FOI).

The following were published by The Perth Mint:

- *90 Golden Years* (published in 1989)
- *The Perth Mint Numismatic Issues 1986 – 1996* (published in 1996)
- *Striking Gold: 100 Years of The Perth Mint* (published in 1999)
- *A Century of Minting Excellence – The History of Australian Coin Production at The Perth Mint* (published in 1999)

Documents which can be obtained free of charge include Perth Mint brochures and catalogues, media statements and annual reports.

FOI Exemption

A document is exempt if its disclosure would reveal information about:

- Gold or other precious metal received by Gold Corporation from a person, or held by Gold Corporation on behalf of a person, on current account, certificate of deposit or fixed deposit, or
- A transaction relating to gold or other precious metal received or held by Gold Corporation.

FOI Procedures and Access

It is the aim of Gold Corporation to make information available promptly and at the least possible cost. Whenever possible, documents will be provided outside the FOI process.

If information is not routinely available, the *Freedom of Information Act 1992 (WA)* provides the rights enabling the public to apply for documents held by Gold Corporation.

Access applications have to (i) be in writing; (ii) provide sufficient information to enable identification of the requested documents; (iii) provide an Australian address to which notices can be sent; and (iv) be lodged at Gold Corporation, together with any application fee payable.

Applications will be acknowledged in writing and the applicant will be notified of the decision within 45 days.

Applicants who are dissatisfied with a decision of Gold Corporation may request an internal review.

Applications should be made in writing within 30 days of receiving the notice of decision. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of the review within 15 days.

One application was lodged to Gold Corporation under FOI legislation in 2016/17.

FOI enquiries or applications should be made to the FOI Coordinator, Marcus Strohmeier, General Counsel, Gold Corporation, 310 Hay Street, East Perth, WA 6004, telephone (08) 9421 7632, facsimile (08) 9221 7031, email marcus.strohmeier@perthmint.com.au.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The Honourable Mark McGowan MLA
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Statute

Gold Corporation was established under the *Gold Corporation Act 1987*.

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M A Barnes	(Non-executive)
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J O'Connor	(Non-executive)
L A Twigger	(Non-executive)
P J Unsworth	(Non-executive)
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Financial Estimates

The following financial estimates for 2017/2018 are based on Gold Corporation's budget and are included to satisfy the requirements of the Treasurer's Instruction 953.

	$000
Total Revenue	7,361,622
Total Expenditure	7,335,831
Operating profit before income tax	25,791
Income tax expense	7,737
Operating profit after income tax	18,054
Dividend	14,450
Retained earnings	90,281

Section 175ZE of the *Electoral Act 1907* (WA)

Section 175ZE of the *Electoral Act 1907 (WA)* requires a public agency to include a statement in its annual report detailing all expenditure incurred by or on behalf of the agency during the financial year in relation to advertising, market research, polling, direct mail and media advertising:

1. Total expenditure for 2016/2017 was $1,736,318.

2. Expenditure was incurred in the following areas:

	$		$
Advertising agencies	1,335,624	Block Branding	69,326
		Marketforce	53,785
		Optimum Media Decisions	1,094,576
		Style Creative	42,343
		Unique Integrated Marketing	75,594
Market research organisations	–		–
Polling organisations	–		–
Direct mail organisations	229,525	Marketforce	3,859
		Quickmail	14,990
		Quickmail	84,674
		Salesforce.Com	32,892
		Style Creative	93,110

	$		$
Media advertising organisations	171,169	Airport Publications	3,900
		Boylen Media	3,000
		Citrus Media	24,500
		Countrywide Publications	7,759
		Executive Media	5,536
		Eye Magazine	2,469
		Flying Visit	9,000
		Hardie Grant Media	12,200
		Hello Perth	3,636
		Indigo Arch	1,500
		Ink Publishing	6,000
		Institutional Real Estate	4,644
		Jetmax Media	1,500
		Jorben Luxury Hotel Guides	23,091
		Katrin Oswald	3,016
		K.K.Kojimachi Direction	20,191
		Lets Go Kids	3,390
		Octomedia	1,800
		The Perth Express	6,000
		Publicity Press	2,500
		Reader's Digest Australia	5,500
		Renniks Publication	1,636
		Tourism Brochure Exchange	5,445
		Tug	6,451
		What's On Publishing	6,505

Auditor General

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Parliament of Western Australia

GOLD CORPORATION

Report on the Financial Statements

Opinion
I have audited the financial statements of the Gold Corporation which comprise the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2017, the Statement of Profit or Loss and other Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Equity, Statement of Cash Flows of the Corporation and the consolidated entity for the year then ended, and Notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In my opinion, the financial statements are based on proper accounts and present fairly, in all material respects, the operating results and cash flows of the Gold Corporation and the consolidated entity for the year ended 30 June 2017 and the financial position at the end of that period. They are in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, the *Financial Management Act 2006* and the Treasurer's Instructions.

Basis for Opinion
I conducted my audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of my report. I am independent of the Corporation in accordance with the *Auditor General Act 2006* and the relevant ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements. I have also fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Responsibility of the Board for the Financial Statements
The Board is responsible for keeping proper accounts, and the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, the *Financial Management Act 2006* and the Treasurer's Instructions, and for such internal control as the Board determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Board is responsible for assessing the agency's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Western Australian Government has made policy or funding decisions affecting the continued existence of the Corporation.

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements
As required by the *Auditor General Act 2006*, my responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements. The objectives of my audit are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the agency's internal control.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Board.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Board's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the agency's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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

Report on Controls

Opinion
I have undertaken a reasonable assurance engagement on the design and implementation of controls exercised by the Gold Corporation. The controls exercised by the Corporation are those policies and procedures established by the Board to ensure that the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, the acquisition and disposal of property, and the incurring of liabilities have been in accordance with legislative provisions (the overall control objectives).

My opinion has been formed on the basis of the matters outlined in this report.

In my opinion, in all material respects, the controls exercised by the Gold Corporation are sufficiently adequate to provide reasonable assurance that the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, the acquisition and disposal of property and the incurring of liabilities have been in accordance with legislative provisions during the year ended 30 June 2017.

The Board's Responsibilities
The Board is responsible for designing, implementing and maintaining controls to ensure that the receipt, expenditure and investment of money, the acquisition and disposal of property, and the incurring of liabilities are in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 2006*, the Treasurer's Instructions and other relevant written law.

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Auditor General's Responsibilities
As required by the *Auditor General Act 2006*, my responsibility as an assurance practitioner is to express an opinion on the suitability of the design of the controls to achieve the overall control objectives and the implementation of the controls as designed. I conducted my engagement in accordance with Standard on Assurance Engagements ASAE 3150 *Assurance Engagements on Controls* issued by the Australian Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. That standard requires that I comply with relevant ethical requirements and plan and perform my procedures to obtain reasonable assurance about whether, in all material respects, the controls are suitably designed to achieve the overall control objectives and the controls, necessary to achieve the overall control objectives, were implemented as designed.

An assurance engagement to report on the design and implementation of controls involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about the suitability of the design of controls to achieve the overall control objectives and the implementation of those controls. The procedures selected depend on my judgement, including the assessment of the risks that controls are not suitably designed or implemented as designed. My procedures included testing the implementation of those controls that I consider necessary to achieve the overall control objectives.

I believe that the evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Limitations of Controls
Because of the inherent limitations of any internal control structure it is possible that, even if the controls are suitably designed and implemented as designed, once the controls are in operation, the overall control objectives may not be achieved so that fraud, error, or noncompliance with laws and regulations may occur and not be detected. Any projection of the outcome of the evaluation of the suitability of the design of controls to future periods is subject to the risk that the controls may become unsuitable because of changes in conditions.

Report on the Key Performance Indicators

Opinion
I have undertaken a reasonable assurance engagement on the key performance indicators of the Gold Corporation for the year ended 30 June 2017. The key performance indicators are the key effectiveness indicators and the key efficiency indicators that provide performance information about achieving outcomes and delivering services.

In my opinion, in all material respects, the key performance indicators of the Gold Corporation are relevant and appropriate to assist users to assess the Corporation's performance and fairly represent indicated performance for the year ended 30 June 2017.

The Board's Responsibility for the Key Performance Indicators
The Board is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the key performance indicators in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 2006* and the Treasurer's Instructions and for such internal control as the Board determines necessary to enable the preparation of key performance indicators that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the key performance indicators, the Board is responsible for identifying key performance indicators that are relevant and appropriate having regard to their purpose in accordance with Treasurer's Instruction 904 *Key Performance Indicators*.

Auditor General's Responsibility
As required by the *Auditor General Act 2006*, my responsibility as an assurance practitioner is to express an opinion on the key performance indicators. The objectives of my engagement are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the key performance indicators are relevant and appropriate to assist users to assess the agency's performance and whether the key performance indicators are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion.

I conducted my engagement in accordance with Standard on Assurance Engagements ASAE 3000 *Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information* issued by the Australian Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. That standard requires that I comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to assurance engagements.

An assurance engagement involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the key performance indicators. It also involves evaluating the relevance and appropriateness of the key performance indicators against the criteria and guidance in Treasurer's Instruction 904 for measuring the extent of outcome achievement and the efficiency of service delivery. The procedures selected depend on my judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the key performance indicators. In making these risk assessments I obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the engagement in order to design procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances.

I believe that the evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

My Independence and Quality Control Relating to the Reports on Controls and Key Performance Indicators

I have complied with the independence requirements of the *Auditor General Act 2006* and the relevant ethical requirements relating to assurance engagements. In accordance with ASQC 1 *Quality Control for Firms that Perform Audits and Reviews of Financial Reports and Other Financial Information, and Other Assurance Engagements*, the Office of the Auditor General maintains a comprehensive system of quality control including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

Matters Relating to the Electronic Publication of the Audited Financial Statements and Key Performance Indicators

This auditor's report relates to the financial statements and key performance indicators of the Gold Corporation for the year ended 30 June 2017 included on the Corporation's website. The Corporation's management is responsible for the integrity of the Corporation's website. This audit does not provide assurance on the integrity of the Corporation's website. The auditor's report refers only to the financial statements and key performance indicators described above. It does not provide an opinion on any other information which may have been hyperlinked to/from these financial statements or key performance indicators. If users of the financial statements and key performance indicators are concerned with the inherent risks arising from publication on a website, they are advised to refer to the hard copy of the audited financial statements and key performance indicators to confirm the information contained in this website version of the financial statements and key performance indicators.

COLIN MURPHY
AUDITOR GENERAL
FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA
Perth, Western Australia
15 September 2017

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Key Performance Indicators

Gold Corporation is a body corporate incorporated in terms of the *Gold Corporation Act 1987*.

The purpose of Gold Corporation is to:

- Develop, manufacture and market Australian legal tender investment coins and other products that promote the ownership of physical precious metal for investment purposes.
- Design, manufacture and market proof, commemorative and numismatic coins and related products.
- Make available investment products that enable investors to have exposure to the value of precious metals without having to deal with the security and other issues associated with the keeping of the physical metal.
- Provide storage and safekeeping facilities for precious metals.
- Be a major supplier of precious metal blanks to the mints of the world.
- Operate a tourist attraction, based on the themes of gold and minting, that is important to Perth and Western Australia.
- Supply refining and other services to the gold industry of Australia.
- Preserve the historical Mint building and artefacts that are part of the heritage of Perth and Australia.

Gold Corporation is required to operate in accordance with prudent commercial principles, to generate revenue sufficient to meet its expenditure and to derive a profit that represents a commercial rate of return on its capital.

Under the Treasurer's Instructions 904 and 905, a statutory authority is required to provide appropriate key performance indicators in its Annual Report, namely:

- Relevant agency level government desired outcome(s).
- Key effectiveness indicators which provide information on the extent of achievement of an agency level government desired outcome.
- Key efficiency indicators relating an outcome to the level of resource input required to deliver it.

Given the Treasurer's Instructions and taking into account Gold Corporation's functions under the *Gold Corporation Act 1987*, its outcomes are:

1. **Maximisation of the value-added to, and income derived from, precious metal coins and other products and services.**
   The Australian Kangaroo and Lunar bullion gold coins and Kookaburra, Koala and Lunar silver coins have a noted world market share. The Perth Mint's various proof, numismatic and commemorative coins made of gold, silver and platinum are added-value precious metal products which are also distributed worldwide.
2. **Preservation and promotion of The Perth Mint's heritage assets and history.**
   The Perth Mint exhibition includes gold pouring demonstrations, guided tours, historical information on the gold industry in Western Australia, gold displays and a comprehensive range of investor and numismatic coins. It is an integral part of the state's heritage and is a premier tourist destination.

The Relationship Between Government Goals and Gold Corporation's Performance

The Goal most aligned to Gold Corporation's business operations is:

Financial and economic responsibility

Responsibly managing the state's finances through the efficient and effective delivery of services, encouraging economic activity and reducing regulatory burdens on the private sector.

Key Effectiveness Indicators

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	Target
The key effectiveness indicators for outcome No. 1 are:						
1. Global market share of Australian gold bullion coins (Note 1)	11%	12%	12%	7%	7%	12%
2. Coins and bars – value-added to gold, silver and platinum (Note 2)						
(a) Total premium income	$58.4m	$59.4m	$55.7m	$80.7m	$59.5m	$77.2m
(b) Total premium income expressed as a percentage of (Note 2) precious metal value	4.00%	5.50%	6.80%	6.45%	5.62%	6.19%
3. Estimated proportion of Australian gold doré production refined by The Perth Mint (Note 3)	99.00%	99.00%	99.00%	94.00%	91.00%	94.00%
4. Return on equity (Note 4)	30.5%	24.2%	16.4%	29.7%	18.4%	22.2%
5. Dividends/income tax equivalent payable to the Western Australian Government (Note 5)	$29.9m	$31.8m	$23.3m	$15.6m	$31.0m	$29.3m
The key effectiveness indicators for outcome No. 2 are:						
6. a) Visitors to Perth Mint Exhibition (Note 6)	80,000	67,000	66,000	67,000	68,000	78,000
b) Visitors' satisfaction level	99.9%	99.9%	99.9%	99.4%	99.4%	99.9%

Notes:

General: The Corporation has fallen short on a number of KPI measures due to the collapse of global bullion coin markets in the second half of the financial year.

1. The figures are based on Gold Fields Mineral Services data for the previous calendar year. Market share remained unchanged from the previous year.
2. The calculation is the total premium income (amount of income received above metal cost) for all legal tender coins and bar sales, which is expressed as a percentage of the value of the precious metal value of the coins and bars. The key effectiveness indicator includes all Australian legal tender coins and bars, as well as coins produced for other countries.
3. This calculation is based on the refinery's records and an estimate of the total Australian gold doré production. While the total gold volume refined by the Corporation increased, a small proportion of Australian production volume was refined by other refiners.
4. The percentages show Gold Corporation's return on equity for each respective financial year, based on ordinary activities before income tax. This performance measure is referred to in the *Gold Corporation Act 1987*. Return on equity is below target due to lower profitability largely driven by lower than expected demand for investment coins.
5. Income tax equivalent, calculated as if Gold Corporation were a public company, is payable to the WA Government on profit from ordinary activities. Dividends are payable annually as a percentage of after-tax profit. These payments are forecast annually in Gold Corporation's business plan, and included in the Financial Estimates in the Annual Report.
6. a) Total number of visitors (to nearest thousand) to the Exhibition annually, based on recorded daily visitor traffic. The exhibition suffered storm damage early in the period, the repairs of which caused numerous disruptions. This is primarily responsible for the below target visitor numbers experienced.
   b) Satisfaction levels are derived from surveys completed by visitors to The Perth Mint.

Services

1. **Precious Metal Products and Services.**
   Gold Corporation provides refining, assaying and other services to the gold industry and markets the gold in ways which maximise value-added and which encourage demand for gold.

   Demand for gold is encouraged by making it convenient to acquire and own gold – by means of bullion coins, gold bars and various Depository products. Depository products make it possible for gold to be owned without having to deal with the security and other issues associated with the keeping of the physical metal – the metal is held in safe storage on behalf of its owners.

   Proof, numismatic and commemorative coins add significant value to precious metal as does the manufacture of precious metal coin blanks for other mints in the world.

2. **Cultural Heritage Conservation.**
   Gold Corporation continually upgrades The Perth Mint heritage building situated at 310 Hay Street. It also preserves historical artefacts and documents related to minting and the gold industry in Western Australia.

Key Efficiency Indicators

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	Target
The key efficiency indicators for service No. 1 are:						
1. Trading profit as a proportion of sales revenue (Note 1)	1.40%	1.74%	1.15%	1.16%	1.05%	1.13%
2. Staff costs as a proportion of trading profit (Note 2)	38.10%	37.30%	44.87%	36.32%	43.91%	41.04%
The key efficiency indicator for service No. 2 is:						
3. Average cost per Exhibition visitor expressed as an index (Note 3)	174	197	244	263	208	188

Notes:

1. The percentages show the proportion of Gold Corporation's sales revenue represented by the trading profit for the respective financial year. Trading profit as a proportion of sales revenue is below target due to a differing product mix throughout 2016/17.
2. Staff costs include employee benefits, on-costs and contract staff costs, expressed as a percentage of trading profit (gross margin). Staff costs are Gold Corporation's major expenditure after the cost of precious metals. Staff costs as a proportion of trading profit is above target due to lower trading profit for the period as a result of the cyclical deterioration of the global bullion coin market during the period.
3. Average cost per Exhibition visitor is derived by calculation of total costs of Exhibition divided by annual number of visitors expressed as an index, with the 2002/03 year indexed as 100. The number of visitors increased slightly in 2016/17, accompanied by a reduction in cost achieved as a result of ongoing cost control and a number of large assets becoming fully depreciated.

Certification of Key Performance Indicators

In our opinion, the Key Performance Indicators for Gold Corporation and its subsidiaries contained in this report are based on proper records, are relevant and appropriate for assisting users to assess the performance of Gold Corporation and its subsidiaries, and fairly represent the performance of Gold Corporation and its subsidiaries for the year ended 30 June 2017.

D MACKAY-COGHILL
Chairman

R G HAYES
Executive Director

14 September 2017

Certification of Financial Statements

The accompanying financial statements of Gold Corporation and its subsidiaries have been prepared in compliance with the provisions of the *Financial Management Act 2006* from proper accounts and records to present fairly the financial transactions for the year ended 30 June 2017, and the financial position as at 30 June 2017.

At the date of signing, we are not aware of any circumstances which would render the particulars included in these financial statements misleading or inaccurate.

D MACKAY-COGHILL
Chairman

R G HAYES
Executive Director

C J PREUSS
Chief Financial Officer

14 September 2017

Gold Corporation

Trading as The Perth Mint

ABN 98 838 298 431

Financial Report - 30 June 2017

Gold Corporation
Consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income
For the year ended 30 June 2017

	Notes	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
Revenue	4	**8,103,905**	**9,007,746**
Revaluation increase in buildings	5	27	11
Fees and rents		17,007	15,806
Finance income		3,180	1,163
Expenses			
Cost of goods sold	6	(8,019,161)	(8,903,081)
Employee benefits expense	7	(37,215)	(38,015)
Materials and services		(30,090)	(30,443)
Depreciation and amortisation expense	6	(8,489)	(7,955)
Loss on disposal of assets		(40)	(43)
Computer rental		(261)	(155)
Fair value decrease in investment property	5	-	(198)
Finance costs		(3,518)	(2,833)
Revaluation decrease in buildings	5	(246)	(490)
Net foreign exchange losses		(648)	(476)
Profit before income tax expense		**24,451**	**41,037**
Income tax expense	8	(7,448)	(11,497)
Profit after income tax expense for the period attributable to the owner of Gold Corporation	**26**	**17,003**	**29,540**
Other Comprehensive Income			
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss			
Loss on revaluation of buildings	13	(146)	(3,321)
Changes in the fair value of cash flow hedges		(39)	-
Income tax on items of other comprehensive income	8	56	996
Total other comprehensive loss for the year		**(129)**	**(2,325)**
Total comprehensive income for the period attributable to the owners of Gold Corporation		**16,874**	**27,215**

The above consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Gold Corporation
Consolidated statement of financial position
As at 30 June 2017

	Notes	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	9	47,953	67,283
Trade and other receivables	10	29,147	32,811
Inventories	11	3,646,022	4,080,014
Other	12	3,037	3,349
Total current assets		**3,726,159**	**4,183,457**
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	13	97,427	99,478
Intangibles	14	10,696	4,216
Total non-current assets		**108,123**	**103,694**
Total assets		**3,834,282**	**4,287,151**
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	15	102,693	114,693
Borrowings - interest bearing	16	689,469	986,117
Income tax payable	17	249	1,641
Employee benefits	18	4,866	4,882
Provisions	19	718	3,196
Precious metal borrowings	20	2,894,317	3,029,045
Total current liabilities		**3,692,312**	**4,139,574**
Non-current liabilities			
Deferred tax liabilities	21	193	273
Provisions	22	7,104	8,208
Other non-current liabilities		1,265	545
Employee benefits	23	453	316
Total non-current liabilities		**9,015**	**9,342**
Total liabilities		**3,701,327**	**4,148,916**
Net assets		**132,955**	**138,235**
EQUITY			
Issued capital	24	31,603	31,603
Reserves	25	16,939	17,068
Retained profits	26	84,413	89,564
Total equity		**132,955**	**138,235**

The above consolidated statement of financial position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Gold Corporation
Consolidated statement of changes in equity
For the year ended 30 June 2017

	Notes	Share capital $'000	Other reserves $'000	Retained earnings $'000	Total equity $'000
Opening balance at 1 July 2015		**31,603**	**19,393**	**70,568**	**121,564**
Profit after income tax expense for the year		-	-	29,540	29,540
Other comprehensive loss for the year, net of tax		-	(2,325)	-	(2,325)
Total comprehensive income for the period		**-**	**(2,325)**	**29,540**	**27,215**
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:					
Dividends paid	27	-	-	(10,544)	(10,544)
Total transactions with owners		**-**	**-**	**(10,544)**	**(10,544)**
Closing balance at 30 June 2016		**31,603**	**17,068**	**89,564**	**138,235**
Opening balance at 1 July 2016		**31,603**	**17,068**	**89,564**	**138,235**
Profit after income tax expense for the year		-	-	17,003	17,003
Other comprehensive loss for the year, net of tax		-	(129)	-	(129)
Total comprehensive income for the period		**-**	**(129)**	**17,003**	**16,874**
Transactions with owners in their capacity as owners:					
Dividends paid	27	-	-	(22,154)	(22,154)
Total transactions with owners		**-**	**-**	**(22,154)**	**(22,154)**
Closing balance at 30 June 2017		**31,603**	**16,939**	**84,413**	**132,955**

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

Gold Corporation
Consolidated statement of cash flows
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	Notes	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from customers (inclusive of goods and services tax)		8,129,620	8,986,848
Payments to suppliers and employees (inclusive of goods and services tax)		(8,106,735)	(8,965,681)
		22,885	21,167
Interest and other finance income received		3,180	1,228
Interest and other finance costs paid		(3,355)	(2,674)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	**36**	**22,710**	**19,721**
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments for investment property		-	(97)
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(12,843)	(5,134)
Proceeds from sale of investment property		1,787	78
Deposits made		-	(31,000)
Deposits repaid		-	41,000
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		35	1
Net cash (used in) / from investing activities		**(11,021)**	**4,848**
Cash flows to State Government			
Income tax equivalent paid		(8,865)	(5,072)
Dividend paid		(22,154)	(10,544)
Net cash to State Government		**(31,019)**	**(15,616)**
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents		**(19,330)**	**8,953**
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		67,283	58,330
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	**9**	**47,953**	**67,283**

The above consolidated statement of cash flows should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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1 General information

The financial report covers both Gold Corporation as an individual entity and the consolidated entity consisting of Gold Corporation and the entities it controlled during the year. The financial report is presented in Australian dollars, which is Gold Corporation's and its subsidiaries' functional and presentation currency.

The financial report consists of the financial statements, notes to the financial statements and the directors' declaration.

Gold Corporation and subsidiaries are corporations incorporated by the *Gold Corporation Act 1987* (WA) and domiciled in Australia. Its registered office and principal place of business is:

310 Hay Street
East Perth
Western Australia
Australia

The nature of the consolidated entity's operations is the supply of precious metal related products and services. Its principal activities are the refining of gold and silver, the production of value added cast bars, minted bars and Australian legal tender bullion coins, the supply of precious metal depository storage products, the supply of proof, numismatic and commemorative coins and the operation of a tourist attraction. Gold Corporation is classified as a "for-profit entity" by the Government of Western Australia.

The financial report was authorised for issue, in accordance with a resolution of directors, on 14 September 2017. The directors have the power to amend and reissue the financial report.

The *Financial Management Act 2006* and the Treasurer's Instructions are legislative provisions governing the preparation of financial statements and take precedence over the Accounting Standards, the Framework, Statements of Accounting Concepts and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.

The Treasurer's Instructions may modify or clarify their application, disclosure, format and wording to provide certainty and to ensure consistency and appropriate reporting across the public sector. If any such modification has a material or significant financial effect upon the reported results, details of that modification and, where practicable, the resulting financial effects are disclosed in individual notes to the financial report.

2 Significant accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

(a) New, revised or amending Accounting Standards and Interpretations adopted

The consolidated entity has adopted all of the new, revised or amending Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board ('AASB') that are mandatory for the current reporting period.

2 Significant accounting policies (continued)

(a) New, revised or amending Accounting Standards and Interpretations adopted (continued)

Any new, revised or amending Australian Accounting Standards or Interpretations that are not yet mandatory have not been early adopted.

The adoption of these Accounting Standards and Interpretations did not have any significant impact on the financial performance or position of the consolidated entity unless otherwise noted below.

(b) New Accounting Standards and Interpretations not yet mandatory or early adopted

The following Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations have recently been issued or amended but are not yet mandatory, and have not been early adopted by the consolidated entity for the annual reporting period ended 30 June 2017. The consolidated entity's assessment of the impact of these new or amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations, most relevant to the consolidated entity, is set out below.

(i) AASB 9 Financial Instruments

AASB 9 is effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018. However, the Standard is available for early adoption. The main changes of the standard are as follows:

Financial assets
Financial assets that are debt instruments will be classified based on the following:
• The objective of the entity's business model for managing the financial assets
• The characteristics of the contractual cash flows

Financial assets can be designated and measured at fair value through profit or loss at initial recognition if doing so eliminates or significantly reduces a measurement or recognition inconsistency that would arise from measuring assets or liabilities, or recognising the gains and losses on them, on different bases.

Financial liabilities
Changes introduced by AASB 9 in respect of financial liabilities are limited to the measurement of liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss (FVPL) using the fair value option.

Where the fair value option is used for financial liabilities, the change in fair value is to be accounted for as follows:
• The change attributable to changes in credit risk are presented in other comprehensive income (OCI)
• The remaining change is presented in profit or loss

AASB 9 also removes the volatility in profit or loss that was caused by changes in the credit risk of liabilities elected to be measured at fair value. This change in accounting means that gains or losses attributable to changes in the entity’s own credit risk would be recognised in OCI. These amounts recognised in OCI are not recycled to profit or loss if the liability is ever repurchased at a discount.

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2 Significant accounting policies (continued)

(b) New Accounting Standards and Interpretations not yet mandatory or early adopted (continued)

(i) AASB 9 Financial Instruments (continued)

Impairment
The final version of AASB 9 introduces a new expected-loss impairment model that will require more timely recognition of expected credit losses. Specifically, the new Standard requires entities to account for expected credit losses from when financial instruments are first recognised and to recognise full lifetime expected losses on a more timely basis.

The consolidated entity will adopt this standard from 1 July 2018. The consolidated entity has performed a preliminary assessment of the impact of this standard, and it is not expected to be material.

(ii) AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers

AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers replaces the existing revenue recognition standards AASB 111 Construction Contracts, AASB 118 Revenue and related Interpretations (Interpretation 13 Customer Loyalty Programmes, Interpretation 15 Agreements for the Construction of Real Estate, Interpretation 18 Transfers of Assets from Customers, Interpretation 131 Revenue-Barter Transactions Involving Advertising Services and Interpretation 1042 Subscriber Acquisition Costs in the Telecommunications Industry). AASB 15 incorporates the requirements of IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers issued by the International Accounting Standards Board and developed jointly with the US Financial Accounting Standards Board.

AASB 15 specifies the accounting treatment for revenue arising from contracts with customers (except for contracts within the scope of other accounting standards such as leases or financial instruments).The core principle of AASB 15 is that an entity recognises revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. An entity recognises revenue in accordance with that core principle by applying the following steps:

(a) Step 1: Identify the contract(s) with a customer
(b) Step 2: Identify the performance obligations in the contract
(c) Step 3: Determine the transaction price
(d) Step 4: Allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations in the contract
(e) Step 5: Recognise revenue when (or as) the entity satisfies a performance obligation

Currently, AASB 15 is effective for annual reporting periods commencing on or after 1 January 2018. Consequently, the mandatory adoption date of the standard by the consolidated entity is 1 July 2018. The consolidated entity's assessment of the full impact of AASB 15's adoption is yet to be finalised. However, for certain transactions with third parties, our preliminary assessment is that adoption of the new standard may lead to a material increase in the value of revenue reported, with an equivalent increase in cost of goods sold. This would have no impact on reported profits.

2 Significant accounting policies (continued)

(b) New Accounting Standards and Interpretations not yet mandatory or early adopted (continued)

(iii) AASB 16 Leases

AASB 116 requires lessees to account for all leases under a single on-balance sheet model in a similar way to finance leases under AASB 117 Leases. The standard includes two recognition exemptions for lessees - leases of "low-value" assets (for example: personal computers) and short-term leases (i.e. leases with a term of 12 months or less). At the commencement date of a lease, a lessee will recognise a liability to make lease payments (i.e. the lease liability) and an asset representing the right to use the underlying asset during the lease term (i.e. the right-of-use asset).

Lessees will be required to separately recognise the interest expense on the lease liability and the depreciation expense on the right-of-use asset.

Lessees will be required to remeasure the lease liability upon the occurrence of certain events (e.g. a change in the lease term, a change in future lease payments resulting from a change in an index or rate used to determine those payments). The lessee will generally recognise the amount of the remeasurement of the lease liability as an adjustment to the right-of-use asset.

Lessor accounting is substantially unchanged from today's accounting treatment and is not expected to have a material effect on the consolidated entity's financial statements.

A lessee has to choose either a full or modified retrospective approach on transition to the new standard. The selected approach has to be applied to the entire lease portfolio. Under the full retrospective approach, comparatives for each period presented are restated. Under the modified retrospective approach, comparatives are not restated. Rather, the cumulative effect of initial application of the standard is recognised as an adjustment to the opening balance of equity.

The consolidated entity has performed an assessment as to the implications of initial application of AASB 16 on its financial statements. The consolidated entity has not currently concluded on which of the transition options available in the standard to adopt on initial application. The consolidated entity has also not assessed the impact on its consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the year-ended 30 June 2017 had AASB 16 applied. However, the consolidated entity has determined the value that would be recognised as a lease liability on its closing consolidated statement of financial position had AASB 16 be applied. While the consolidated entity has not concluded on which transition option will be adopted on initial application of AASB 16, the value of the lease liability would be $22.8m if its value was calculated as at 30 June 2017 using the consolidated entity's incremental borrowing rate at reporting date.

(c) Basis of preparation

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board, *Financial Management Act 2006* (WA) and the Treasurer's Instructions as appropriate for for-profit oriented entities.

(i) Compliance with IFRS

These financial statements also comply with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

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2 Significant accounting policies (continued)

(c) Basis of preparation (continued)

(ii) Historical cost convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention except for, where applicable, precious metal holdings & inventories, the revaluation of available-for-sale financial assets, financial assets and liabilities at fair value through the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, investment properties, certain classes of property, plant and equipment and derivative financial instruments.

(iii) Critical estimates & judgements

The preparation of financial statements requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the group's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements, are disclosed in note 3.

(iv) Comparatives

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

(v) Rounding

Figures have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars in accordance with *Treasurer's Instruction 948*.

(d) Parent entity financial information

In accordance with the *Treasurer's Instruction 1105, Consolidated Financial Statements*, these financial statements present the results of the consolidated entity only.

(e) Principles of consolidation

(i) Subsidiaries

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the assets and liabilities of Gold Corporation ('company' or 'parent entity') as at 30 June 2017. Gold Corporation and its subsidiaries together are referred to in these financial statements as the 'consolidated entity'.

Subsidiaries are all those entities over which the consolidated entity has the power to govern the financial and operating policies, generally accompanying a shareholding of more than one-half of the voting rights. The effects of potential exercisable voting rights are considered when assessing whether control exists. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the consolidated entity. They are de-consolidated from the date that control ceases.

Special purpose entities ('SPEs') are those entities where the consolidated entity, in substance, controls the SPE so as to obtain the majority of benefits without having any ownership interest.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared by combining the financial statements of Gold Corporation and all controlled entities in accordance with *AASB 10 Consolidated Financial Statements* and modified by the *Treasurer's Instruction 1105*.

2 Significant accounting policies (continued)

(e) Principles of consolidation (continued)

Intercompany transactions, balances and unrealised gains on transactions between entities in the consolidated entity are eliminated. Accounting policies of subsidiaries and special purpose entities have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the consolidated entity.

(f) Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognised when it is probable that the economic benefit will flow to the consolidated entity and the revenue can be reliably measured. Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable.

(i) Sale of goods

Sales revenue represents revenue earned from the sale of precious metals, precious metal products and other products, fees and services. It also includes margins on transactions known as metal location swaps, where a quantity of metal is sold in one location, and simultaneously an equivalent quantity is purchased in another location. Where physical metal products are sold and settlement via swap, as opposed to cash, revenue is only recognised for premium values. Bullion sales are recognised on value date.

(ii) Funds received from the Government

Government grants are recognised in the consolidated statement of financial position initially as deferred income when there is reasonable assurance that they will be received and that the consolidated entity will comply with the conditions associated with the grant. A grant that compensates the consolidated entity for expenses incurred is recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income on a systematic basis in the same periods in which the expenses are incurred. Grants that compensate the consolidated entity for the cost of an asset are recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income on a systematic basis over the useful life of an asset.

(iii) Interest income

Interest revenue is recognised as interest accrues using the effective interest method. This is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset and allocating the interest income over the relevant period using the effective interest rate, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to the net carrying amount of the financial asset.

(iv) Dividends

Dividend revenue is recognised when the right to receive a dividend has been established. Dividends received from associates and joint venture entities are accounted for in accordance with the equity method of accounting.

2 Significant accounting policies (continued)

(g) Foreign currency translation

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the foreign exchange rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the reporting date are translated to Australian dollars at the foreign exchange rate ruling at that date. Foreign exchange differences arising on translation are recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income. The foreign currency gain or loss on monetary items is the difference between amortised cost in the functional currency at the start of the period, adjusted for effective interest and payments during the period, and the amortised cost in foreign currency translated at the exchange rate at the end of the period. Non-monetary assets and liabilities that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction. Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies that are stated at fair value are translated to Australian dollars at foreign exchange rates ruling at the dates the fair value was determined.

Foreign currency gains and losses are reported on a net basis.

(h) Financial instruments

(i) Derivative financial instruments

The consolidated entity may use derivative financial instruments to hedge its exposure to foreign exchange risks arising from operating, financing and investing activities. In accordance with its treasury policy, the consolidated entity does not hold or issue derivative financial instruments for trading purposes. However, derivatives that do not qualify for hedge accounting are accounted for as trading instruments.

Derivatives are recognised initially at fair value; attributable transaction costs are recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and comprehensive income when incurred. Subsequent to initial recognition, derivatives are measured at fair value, and changes therein are accounted for as described below.

(ii) Cash flow hedge

Changes in the fair value of the derivative hedging instrument designated as a cash flow hedge are recognised directly in equity to the extent that the hedge is effective. To the extent that the hedge is ineffective, changes in fair value are recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

If the hedging instrument no longer meets the criteria for hedge accounting, expires or is sold, terminated or exercised, then hedge accounting is discontinued prospectively. The cumulative gain or loss previously recognised in equity remains there until the forecast transaction occurs. When the hedged item is a non-financial asset, the amount recognised in equity is transferred to the carrying amount of the asset when it is recognised. In other cases the amount recognised in equity is transferred to the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income in the same period that the hedged item affects the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

(iii) Non-derivative financial instruments

Non-derivative financial instruments comprise investments in equity and debt securities, trade and other receivables, cash and cash equivalents, loans and borrowings, and trade and other payables.

2 Significant accounting policies (continued)

(h) Financial instruments (continued)

(iii) Non-derivative financial instruments (continued)

Non-derivative financial instruments are recognised initially at fair value plus, for instruments not at fair value through the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, any directly attributable transaction costs, except as described below. Subsequent to initial recognition non-derivative financial instruments are measured as described below.

A financial instrument is recognised if the consolidated entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial assets are derecognised if the consolidated entity's contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial assets expire or if the consolidated entity transfers the financial asset to another party without retaining control or substantially all risks and rewards of the asset. Regular purchases and sales of financial assets are accounted for at trade date, i.e. the date that the consolidated entity commits itself to purchase or sell the asset. Financial liabilities are derecognised if the consolidated entity's obligations specified in the contract expire or are discharged or cancelled.

Other non-derivative financial instruments are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses.

(i) Income tax

Gold Corporation is subject to the National Tax Equivalent Regime (NTER), under the *State Enterprises (Commonwealth Tax Equivalents) Act 1996* (WA). The NTER is administered by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) on behalf of the States. Under the NTER, the income tax equivalent revenue is remitted to the Treasurer of Western Australia, for credit of the Consolidated Fund. The calculation of the liability in respect of income tax is governed by NTER guidelines and directions approved by Government. As a consequence of participation in the NTER, Gold Corporation is required to comply with *AASB 112 Income Taxes.* Income tax on the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Income tax is recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income except to the extent that it relates to items recognised directly in equity, in which case it is recognised in equity.

Current tax is the expected tax payable on the taxable income for the year adjusted by changes in deferred tax assets and liabilities, using tax rates enacted at reporting date, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

Deferred tax is provided using the statement of financial position method, providing for temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for taxation purposes. Deferred tax is not recognised for the following temporary differences: the initial recognition of goodwill, the initial recognition of assets or liabilities in a transaction that is not a business combination and that affects neither accounting nor taxable profit, and differences relating to investments in subsidiaries and jointly controlled entities to the extent that they probably will not reverse in the foreseeable future. Deferred tax is measured at the tax rates that are expected to be applied to the temporary differences when they reverse, based on the laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset if there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax liabilities and assets, and they relate to income taxes levied by the same tax authority on the same taxable entity, or on different tax entities but they intend to settle current tax liabilities and assets on a net basis or that tax asset and liabilities will be realised simultaneously.

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2 Significant accounting policies (continued)

(i) Income tax (continued)

A deferred tax asset is recognised only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the temporary difference can be utilised. Deferred tax assets are reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realised. Gold Corporation has formed a tax consolidated group with effect from 1 July 2002, and the consolidated entity is taxed as a single entity.

(j) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with financial institutions and other short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

(k) Trade receivables

Trade receivables are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any provision for impairment. Trade receivables are generally due for settlement within 30 days.

Collectability of trade receivables is reviewed on an on-going basis. Debts which are known to be uncollectable are written off by reducing the carrying amount directly. A provision for impairment of trade receivables is raised when there is objective evidence that the consolidated entity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables. Significant financial difficulties of the debtor, probability that the debtor will enter bankruptcy or financial reorganisation and default or delinquency in payments (more than 60 days overdue) are considered indicators that the trade receivable may be impaired. The amount of the impairment allowance is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the original effective interest rate. Cash flows relating to short-term receivables are not discounted if the effect of discounting is immaterial.

Other receivables are recognised at amortised cost, less any provision for impairment.

(l) Inventories

Precious metal inventories are valued at fair value, being market prices ruling at reporting date. Other inventories are stated at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less the estimated costs of completion and selling expenses. Cost is assigned on a first in first out basis except for retail inventories where a weighted average method is used. In the case of manufactured inventories and work in progress, cost includes an appropriate share of overheads based on normal operating capacity.

Precious metal borrowings and unallocated precious metal owned by the consolidated entity's customers is shown as inventory due to the fungible nature of precious metal.

2 Significant accounting policies (continued)

(m) Investment properties

Investment properties principally comprises freehold land and buildings held for long-term rental and capital appreciation that are not occupied by the consolidated entity. Investment properties are initially recognised at cost, including transaction costs, and are subsequently remeasured annually at fair value, based on similar assets, location and market conditions. Movements in fair value are recognised directly to the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

Investment properties are derecognised when disposed of or when there is no future economic benefit expected.

Transfers to and from investment properties to property, plant and equipment are determined by a change in use of owner-occupation. The fair value on the date of change of use from investment properties to property, plant and equipment are used as deemed cost for the subsequent accounting. The fair value of property, plant and equipment is used for the subsequent accounting cost of investment properties on date of change of use.

Investment properties also include properties under construction for future use as investment properties. These are carried at fair value, or at cost where fair value cannot be reliably determined and the construction is incomplete.

(n) Property, plant and equipment

Land and buildings are shown at fair value, based on annual valuations by external independent valuers, plus post valuation additions and less subsequent depreciation and impairment for buildings. Any accumulated depreciation at the date of revaluation is eliminated against the gross carrying amount of the asset and the net amount is restated to the revalued amount of the asset. Increases in the carrying amounts arising on revaluation of land and buildings are credited to the revaluation surplus reserve in equity. Any revaluation decrements are initially taken to the revaluation surplus reserve to the extent of any previous revaluation surplus of the same asset. Thereafter the decrements are taken to consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

Plant and equipment is stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

Depreciation is calculated on a straight-line basis to write off the net cost of each item of property, plant and equipment (excluding land) over their expected useful lives as follows:

Building	40 years
Plant & equipment	3-16 years
Office equipment	5 years
Software	3 years
Motor vehicles	6 years
Leasehold buildings	20 years

The residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each reporting date.

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2 Significant accounting policies (continued)

(n) Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Leasehold improvements and plant and equipment under lease are depreciated over the unexpired period of the lease or the estimated useful life of the assets, whichever is shorter.

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when there is no future economic benefit to the consolidated entity. Gains and losses between the carrying amount and the disposal proceeds are taken to profit or loss. Any revaluation surplus reserve relating to the item disposed of is transferred directly to retained profits.

(i) Gains and losses

Gains and losses on disposal of an item of property plant and equipment are determined by comparing the proceeds from disposal with the carrying amount of property, plant and equipment and are recognised net within "other income" in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income. When revalued assets are sold, the amounts included in the revaluation reserve are transferred to retained earnings.

(ii) Capitalisation and expensing of assets

Items of property, plant and equipment costing $2,000 or more are recognised as assets and the cost of utilising assets is expensed (depreciated) over their useful lives. Items of property, plant and equipment costing less than $2,000 are expensed direct to the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income (other than where they form part of a group of similar items which are significant in total).

(o) Impairment of assets

(i) Financial assets

A financial asset is assessed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any objective evidence that it is impaired. A financial asset is considered to be impaired if objective evidence indicates that one or more events have had a negative effect on the estimated future cash flows from that asset.

An impairment loss in respect of a financial asset measured at amortised cost is calculated as the difference between its carrying amount, and the present value of the estimated future cash flows discounted at the original effective interest rate.

Individually significant financial assets are tested for impairment on an individual basis. The remaining financial assets are assessed collectively in groups that share similar credit risk characteristics.

All impairment losses are recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

An impairment loss is reversed if the reversal can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognised. For financial assets measured at amortised cost, the reversal is recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

2 Significant accounting policies (continued)

(o) Impairment of assets (continued)

(ii) Non-financial assets

Intangible assets that have an indefinite useful life are not subject to amortisation and are tested annually for impairment, or more frequently if events or changes in circumstances indicate that they might be impaired. Other non-financial assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount.

The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs of disposal and value-in-use. The value-in-use is the present value of the estimated future cash flows relating to the asset using a pre-tax discount rate specific to the asset or cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. Assets that do not have independent cash flows are grouped together to form a cash-generating unit.

(p) Intangible assets

Intangible assets acquired as part of a business combination, other than goodwill, are initially measured at their fair value at the date of the acquisition. Intangible assets acquired separately are initially recognised at cost. Intangible assets are subsequently measured at cost less amortisation and any impairment. The gains or losses recognised in profit or loss arising from the derecognition of intangible assets are measured as the difference between net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the intangible asset. The method and useful lives of finite life intangible assets are reviewed annually. Changes in the expected pattern of consumption or useful life are accounted for prospectively by changing the amortisation method or period.

(i) Software

Significant costs associated with software are deferred and amortised on a straight-line basis over the period of their expected benefit, being their finite life of 3 years.

(q) Trade and other payables

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the consolidated entity prior to the end of the financial year and which are unpaid, and customer deposits lodged in advance of allocation to future purchases. Due to their short-term nature they are measured at amortised cost and are not discounted. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

(r) Borrowings

Loans and borrowings are initially recognised at the fair value of the consideration received, net of transaction costs. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Where there is an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting date, the loans or borrowings are classified as non-current.

Interest-bearing borrowings are recognised initially at fair value less attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, interest-bearing borrowings are stated at amortised cost with any difference between cost and redemption value being recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income over the period of the borrowings on an effective interest basis.

2 Significant accounting policies (continued)

(s) Provisions

(i) General

Provisions are recognised when the consolidated entity has a present (legal or constructive) obligation as a result of a past event, it is probable the consolidated entity will be required to settle the obligation, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation. The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the reporting date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. If the time value of money is material, provisions are discounted using a current pre-tax rate specific to the liability. The increase in the provision resulting from the passage of time is recognised as a finance cost.

(ii) Decommissioning liability

The consolidated entity records a provision for decommissioning costs of its facility for the refining of precious metals. Decommissioning costs are provided for at the present value of expected costs to settle the obligation using estimated cash flows and are recognised as part of the cost of the relevant asset. The cash flows are discounted at a current pre-tax rate that reflects the risks specific to the decommissioning liability. The unwinding of the discount is expensed as incurred and recognised in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income as a finance cost. The estimated future costs of decommissioning are reviewed annually and adjusted as appropriate. Changes in the estimated future costs, or in the discount rate applied, are added to or deducted from the cost of the asset.

(t) Employee benefits

(i) Wages and salaries and annual leave

Annual leave that is not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months after the end of the reporting period is considered to be 'other long-term employee benefits'. The annual leave liability is recognised and measured at the present value of amounts expected to be paid when the liabilities are settled using the remuneration rate expected to apply at the time of settlement.

When assessing expected future payments consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels including non-salary components such as employer superannuation contributions, as well as the experience of employee departures and periods of service. The expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the end of the reporting period on national government bonds with terms to maturity that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

The provision for annual leave is classified as current liability as the consolidated entity does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the end of the reporting period.

2 Significant accounting policies (continued)

(t) Employee benefits (continued)

(ii) Long service leave

The liability for long service leave is recognised in current and non-current liabilities, depending on the unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting date. The liability is measured as the present value of expected future payments to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date. Consideration is given to expected future wage and salary levels, experience of employee departures and periods of service. Expected future payments are discounted using market yields at the reporting date on corporate bonds with terms to maturity and currency that match, as closely as possible, the estimated future cash outflows.

(iii) Defined contribution plans

A defined contribution plan is a post-employment benefit plan under which an entity pays fixed contributions into a separate entity and will have no legal or constructive obligation to pay further amounts. Obligations for contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as a personnel expense in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income when they are due. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that a cash refund or reduction in future payments is available.

(u) Issued capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares or options are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds.

(v) Dividends

Dividends are recognised when declared during the financial year.

(w) Precious metal borrowings

Precious metal borrowings, including unallocated precious metal owned by the consolidated entity's customers are brought to account at market prices ruling at reporting date.

(x) Operating Leases

Leases under which all risks and benefits of ownership are effectively retained by the lessor are classified as operating leases. Operating lease payments are charged to the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income in the periods in which they are incurred over the term of the lease, as this represents the pattern of benefits derived from the leased assets.

(y) Fair value measurement

The consolidated entity measures financial instruments, such as derivatives and non-financial assets (for example investment properties), at fair value at each reporting date. Fair values of financial instruments measured at amortised cost are also disclosed in note 29.

2 Significant accounting policies (continued)

(y) Fair value measurement (continued)

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value measurement is based on the presumption that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability takes place either:

- In the principal market for the asset or liability, or
- In the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market for the asset or liability

The principal or the most advantageous market must be accessible to the consolidated entity. The fair value of an asset or a liability is measured using assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming that market participants act in their economic best interest.

The consolidated entity uses valuation techniques that are appropriate in the circumstances and for which sufficient data are available to measure fair value, maximising the use of relevant observable inputs and minimising the use of unobservable inputs. For further details of the consolidated entity's valuation techniques refer to note 29.

(z) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of associated GST, unless the GST incurred is not recoverable from the tax authority. In this case it is recognised as part of the cost of the acquisition of the asset or as part of the expense.

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the tax authority is included in other receivables or other payables in the Statement of financial position.

In 2017, the Corporation implemented the Reverse Charge regime. For applicable transactions involving precious metal, the GST was not paid to the supplier and was instead paid directly to the Australian Taxation Office.

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

Commitments and contingencies are disclosed net of the amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the tax authority.

3 Critical estimates, judgements and errors

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the financial statements. Management continually evaluates its judgements and estimates in relation to assets, liabilities, contingent liabilities, revenue and expenses. Management bases its judgements, estimates and assumptions on historical experience and on other various factors, including expectations of future events that management believes to be reasonable under the circumstances. The resulting accounting judgements and estimates may differ to the related actual results. The judgements, estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities (refer to the respective notes) within the next financial year are discussed below.

(a) Provision for impairment of inventories

The provision for impairment of inventories assessment requires a degree of estimation and judgement. The level of the provision is assessed by taking into account the recent sales experience, the ageing of inventories and other factors that affect inventory obsolescence.

(b) Revaluation of property, plant and equipment

The consolidated entity measures land and buildings at revalued amounts with changes in fair value being recognised in other comprehensive income. Land and buildings are valued by reference to market-based evidence, using comparable prices adjusted for specific market factors such as nature, location and condition of the property. The key assumptions used to determine the fair value of the properties are provided in note 29.

(c) Estimation of useful lives of assets

The consolidated entity determines the estimated useful lives and related depreciation and amortisation charges for its property, plant and equipment and finite life intangible assets. The useful lives could change significantly as a result of technical innovations or some other event. The depreciation and amortisation charge will increase where the useful lives are less than previously estimated lives, and technically obsolete or non-strategic assets that have been abandoned or sold will be written off or written down.

(d) Impairment of non-financial assets other than goodwill and other indefinite life intangible assets

The consolidated entity assesses impairment of non-financial assets at each reporting date by evaluating conditions specific to the consolidated entity and to the particular asset that may lead to impairment. If an impairment trigger exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined. This involves fair value less costs of disposal or value-in-use calculations, which incorporate a number of key estimates and assumptions.

(e) Long service leave provision

As discussed in note 2, the liability for long service leave is recognised and measured at the present value of the estimated future cash flows to be made in respect of all employees at the reporting date. In determining the present value of the liability, estimates of attrition rates and pay increases through promotion and inflation have been taken into account.

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3 Critical estimates, judgements and errors (continued)

(f) Provision for decommissioning

The consolidated entity has recognised a provision for decommissioning obligations associated with a refining facility. In determining the carrying amount of the provision, assumptions and estimates are made in relation to discount rates, the expected cost to dismantle and remove the facility from the site and the expected timing of those costs.

4 Revenue

	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
Sales Revenue		
Sale of goods	8,072,670	8,973,917
Sale of services	31,235	33,829
Total Revenue	**8,103,905**	**9,007,746**

5 Revaluation decrease

	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
Revaluation decrease in buildings (note 13(a))	(246)	(490)
Revaluation increase in buildings (note 13(a))	27	11
Fair value decrease in investment property	-	(198)
Revaluation decrease	**(219)**	**(677)**

6 Expenses

	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
Profit before income tax includes the following specific expenses:		
Depreciation		
Leasehold buildings	1,167	789
Freehold buildings	765	777
Plant, property and equipment	5,894	5,816
Total depreciation	**7,826**	**7,382**
Amortisation		
Software	663	573
Total amortisation	**663**	**573**
Total depreciation and amortisation	**8,489**	**7,955**
Trading profit		
Sales	8,103,905	9,007,746
Total sales	**8,103,905**	**9,007,746**
Opening trading inventories	4,080,014	3,036,850
Purchases	7,585,170	9,946,245
Less closing trading inventories	(3,646,023)	(4,080,014)
Cost of goods sold	**8,019,161**	**8,903,081**
Trading profit	**84,744**	**104,665**

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7 Employee benefits expense

	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
Wages and salaries (a)	31,278	33,082
Superannuation	3,137	2,891
Annual leave (b)	2,438	1,919
Long service leave (b)	362	123
Total employee benefits	**37,215**	**38,015**

(a) Includes the value of the fringe benefit to the employee plus the fringe benefits tax component.
(b) Includes a superannuation contribution component.

8 Income tax expense

	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
Income tax expense		
Current tax on profits for the year	8,017	13,518
Deferred tax - origination and reversal of temporary differences	(566)	(1,198)
Adjustments for current tax of prior periods	(545)	(1,785)
Adjustments for deferred tax of prior periods	542	962
Aggregate income tax expense	**7,448**	**11,497**
Decrease in deferred tax liabilities (note 21)	(24)	(236)

8 Income tax expense (continued)

	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
Numerical reconciliation of income tax expense and tax at statutory rate		
Profit before income tax expense	24,453	41,037
Tax at the Australian tax rate of 30.0% (2016 - 30.0%)	7,336	12,311
Tax effect of amounts which are not deductible (taxable) in calculating taxable income:		
Other non-deductible items	96	9
Derecognition of deferred tax assets	19	-
	7,451	12,320
Adjustments recognised for current tax of prior periods	(545)	(1,785)
Adjustments recognised for deferred tax of prior periods	542	962
Income tax expense	**7,448**	**11,497**
Amounts charged/(credited) directly to equity		
Deferred tax liabilities (note 21)	(56)	(996)

9 Current assets - cash and cash equivalents

	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
Cash on hand	39	29
Cash at bank	47,914	67,254
Total cash and cash equivalents	**47,953**	**67,283**

(a) Classification of cash and cash equivalents

The consolidated entity's exposure to interest rate risk and sensitivity analysis for financial assets and liabilities is disclosed in note 28.

For the purposes of the consolidated statement of cash flows, cash includes cash on hand and at bank, short term deposits at call and commercial bills.

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10 Current assets - trade and other receivables

	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
Trade receivables	26,008	28,188
Provision for impairment	(25)	(97)
	25,983	28,091
Other receivables	3,164	4,720
Total trade and other receivables	**29,147**	**32,811**

(i) Impairment and risk exposure

The consolidated entity's exposure to credit and currency risks and impairment losses related to trade and other receivables is disclosed in note 28.

The consolidated entity trades only with recognised, creditworthy counterparties. The consolidated entity has policies in place to ensure that credit sales of products and services are made to customers with an appropriate credit history. In addition, receivable balances are monitored on an on-going basis with the result that the consolidated entity's exposure to bad debts is minimal. There are no significant concentrations of credit risk. The consolidated entity does not have any significant exposure to any individual customer or counterparty.

(ii) Impairment of trade receivables

The ageing of the impaired trade receivables are as follows:

	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
3 to 6 months overdue	-	97
Over 6 months overdue	25	-
	25	**97**

10 Current assets - trade and other receivables (continued)

(ii) Impairment of trade receivables (continued)

Movements in the provision for impairment of trade receivables are as follows:

	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
Opening balance	97	72
Additional provisions recognised	-	25
Receivables written off during the year as uncollectible	(72)	-
Closing balance	**25**	**97**

Based on historical default rates, the consolidated entity believes that no impairment allowance is necessary in respect of trade receivables not past due or past due by up to 30 days.

In 2017 no impairment was recognised in respect of trade receivables (2016: $25,000).

The allowance in respect of trade receivables is used to record impairment losses unless the consolidated entity is satisfied that no recovery of the amount owing is possible; at that point the amount is considered irrecoverable and is written off against the financial asset directly.

(iii) Past due but not impaired

Customers with balances past due but without provision for impairment of trade receivables amount to $628,000 as at 30 June 2017 (30 June 2016: $1,642,000).

The consolidated entity does not consider there to be a credit risk on the aggregate balances after reviewing credit terms of customers based on recent collection practices.

The ageing of the past due but not impaired trade receivables are as follows:

	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
0 to 3 months overdue	583	1,589
3 to 6 months overdue	45	53
Total past due but not impaired	628	1,642

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11 Current assets - inventories

	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
Precious metal - at fair value	3,633,494	4,065,387
Finished goods - at lower of cost and net realisable value	9,828	12,000
Work in progress - at cost	1,352	1,202
Consumables - at cost	1,348	1,425
Total inventories	**3,646,022**	**4,080,014**

The fair value of precious metal inventories is determined with reference to actively traded market prices and does not involve the use of estimation techniques.

An expense of $400,000 was recognised in 2017 for inventories carried at net realisable value (2016: $1,284,000). This amount is recognised in cost of sales.

12 Current assets - other current assets

	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
Prepayments	3,037	3,349
Total other current assets	**3,037**	**3,349**

13 Non-current assets - property, plant and equipment

	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
Land - at independent valuation	14,500	14,500
Buildings - at independent valuation	44,997	46,003
Decommissioning asset	6,012	7,664
Plant and equipment - at cost	75,952	70,646
Less: accumulated depreciation	(44,034)	(39,335)
Total property, plant and equipment	**97,427**	**99,478**

13 Non-current assets - property, plant and equipment (continued)

(a) Valuations of land and buildings

The Board resolved to adopt Landgate's valuation of the Western Australian Mint's properties at 292, 300 and 310 Hay Street, East Perth and Horrie Miller Drive, Perth Airport. The land and buildings were revalued as at 1 July 2016 in accordance with Landgate's valuation as at that date. The fair value of all land and buildings was determined by reference to current use value for the land and depreciated replacement value for the buildings. The total revaluation which includes post valuation additions at cost, resulted in a decrease of $365,000 (land $nil and buildings $365,000).

Included in the total revaluation decrement in 2017 were building revaluation decrements amounting to $219,000 (2016: decrements amounting to $479,000) that were debited (2016: debited) to the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income to the extent that there were not amounts available in the corresponding revaluation reserve. The deferred tax of $44,000 (2016: $996,000) was recognised against the decrement of $146,000 (2016: decrement of $3,321,000). Net transfer to revaluation reserve thus amounts to $102,000 (2016: $2,325,000).

Information on fair value measurements is provided at note 29.

(b) Reconciliation

Reconciliations of the written down values at the beginning and end of the current and previous financial year are set out below:

	Leasehold buildings $'000	Freehold Land $'000	Freehold buildings $'000	Plant and equipment $'000	Assets under construction $'000	Total $'000
Year ended 30 June 2016						
Opening net book amount	15,781	17,000	31,496	23,951	11,272	99,500
Additions	8,049	-	-	-	3,154	11,203
Disposals	-	-	-	(43)	-	(43)
Revaluation surplus	14	-	11	-	-	25
Revaluation decrement	(104)	(2,500)	(1,221)	-	-	(3,825)
Transfers	107	-	1,100	10,729	(11,936)	-
Depreciation charge	(789)	-	(777)	(5,816)	-	(7,382)
Balance at 30 June 2016	**23,058**	**14,500**	**30,609**	**28,821**	**2,490**	**99,478**

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13 Non-current assets - property, plant and equipment (continued)

(b) Reconciliation (continued)

	Leasehold buildings $'000	Freehold land $'000	Freehold buildings $'000	Plant and equipment $'000	Assets under construction $'000	Total $'000
Year ended 30 June 2017						
Opening net book amount	23,058	14,500	30,609	28,821	2,490	99,478
Additions	-	-	-	-	7,430	7,430
Disposals	-	-	-	(23)	-	(23)
Revaluation surplus	277	-	24	-	-	301
Revaluation decrement	-	-	(666)	-	-	(666)
Remeasurement of decommissioning provision	(1,267)	-	-	-	-	(1,267)
Transfers	377	-	529	3,488	(4,394)	-
Depreciation charge	(1,167)	-	(765)	(5,894)	-	(7,826)
Balance at 30 June 2017	**21,278**	**14,500**	**29,731**	**26,392**	**5,526**	**97,427**

During the year ended 30 June 2016, the addition to leasehold buildings of $8,049,000 represented the recognition of a decommissioning asset. This is a non-cash addition which has been recognised as part of the Corporation's provision for decommissioning of the refining facility (see note 22).

14 Non-current assets - intangible assets

	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
Software - at cost	15,419	8,200
Less: accumulated amortisation	(4,723)	(3,984)
Total intangible assets	**10,696**	**4,216**

The consolidated entity held no goodwill or intangible assets with an indefinite useful life during the reporting period.

(i) Reconciliation

Reconciliations of the written down values at the beginning and end of the current and previous financial year are set out below:

	Assets under construction $'000	Computer software $'000	Total $'000
Year ended 30 June 2016			
Opening net book amount	1,417	1,392	2,809
Additions	1,980	-	1,980
Transfers	(295)	295	-
Amortisation expense	-	(573)	(573)
Balance as at 30 June 2016	**3,102**	**1,114**	**4,216**
Year ended 30 June 2017			
Opening net book amount	3,102	1,114	4,216
Additions	7,143	-	7,143
Transfers	(765)	765	-
Amortisation expense	-	(663)	(663)
Balance as at 30 June 2017	**9,480**	**1,216**	**10,696**

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15 Current liabilities - trade and other payables

	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
Trade payables	93,105	104,939
Other payables and accrued expenses	9,588	9,754
Total trade and other payables	**102,693**	**114,693**

Refer to note 28 for further information on financial instruments.

16 Current liabilities - borrowings - interest bearing

	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
Precious metal borrowings - interest bearing	689,469	986,117

(a) Security for borrowings

Precious metal borrowings and customer owned precious metal are guaranteed by Government of Western Australia under subsection 22(1) of the *Gold Corporation Act 1987* (WA), with annual limits for gold, silver, platinum and palladium approved by the Treasurer.

17 Current liabilities - income tax payable

	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
Opening balance	1,641	(5,019)
Provision for the current year	8,017	13,518
(Overprovision) / underprovision previous years	(544)	(1,786)
Refunds received during the year	993	8,081
Amount paid during the year	(9,858)	(13,153)
Total income tax payable / (refund due)	**249**	**1,641**

18 Current liabilities - employee benefits

	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
Annual leave	2,170	2,055
Long service leave	2,380	2,522
Purchased leave	12	-
Employment on-costs	304	305
Total employee benefits	**4,866**	**4,882**

Annual leave liabilities and long service leave have been classified as current where there is no unconditional right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the end of the reporting period.

19 Current liabilities - provisions

	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
Current provisions	718	3,196

(a) Incentive plan

Current provisions is primarily comprised of the consolidated entity's provisions in regards to employee incentive schemes.

The consolidated entity's incentive plan was originally approved by the Board in 2003 and is designed to motivate all staff to strive towards the consolidated entity achieving an acceptable return on assets. If the target for any year is exceeded, then a certain proportion of the amount by which the profit exceeds target is available for distribution to employees. All employees are eligible for payments under the terms of the scheme.

There are upper limits on payments to employees and an upper limit to the total amount which can be paid out. The total amount to be paid out in any year must be approved by the Board at its discretion and then all individual payments must be approved by the Remuneration and Allowances Committee.

In the 2017 financial year the consolidated entity did not exceed its profit target, so employees will not be eligible for incentive payments (2016: incentive payments of $3,195,928).

A separate scheme was approved by the Board in 2014 that is limited to Treasury staff. The purpose of this plan is to assist in attracting, retaining and motivating employees involved in the Treasury Business by providing a variable incentive (in addition to a fixed remuneration component) based solely on net profit generated by the business above an agreed performance hurdle with no upper limit. To assist in retention, 50% of any variable incentive awarded under the plan is to be deferred one year.

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19 Current liabilities - provisions (continued)

(b) Movement in provisions

Movements in each class of provision during the current financial year, other than employee benefits, are set out below:

	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
Incentive provisions		
Carrying amount at the start of the year	3,196	429
Reclassification from other payables	404	-
Additional provisions recognised	808	3,196
Payments	(3,450)	(429)
Derecognition of provisions	(16)	-
Carrying amount at the end of the year	**942**	**3,196**
Current portion	718	3,196
Non-current portion*	224	-
Total incentive provisions	**942**	**3,196**

*The non-current portion of the incentive liability is accounted for within other non-current liabilities.

20 Current liabilities - precious metal borrowings

	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
Precious metal borrowings - non-interest bearing	2,894,317	3,029,045

(a) Security for borrowings

Precious metal borrowings and customer owned precious metal are guaranteed by Government of Western Australia under subsection 22(1) of the *Gold Corporation Act 1987* (WA), with annual limits for gold, silver, platinum and palladium approved by the Treasurer. These do not attract interest and are utilised in the consolidated entity's operations.

21 Non-current liabilities - deferred tax liabilities

	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
Deferred tax liability comprises temporary differences attributable to:		
Deferred tax assets		
Impairment of receivables	8	29
Employee benefits	1,592	1,560
Inventories	1,290	1,103
Other payables	581	1,275
Decommissioning liability	2,131	2,462
Investment properties	12	57
Total deferred tax assets	5,614	6,486
Deferred tax liabilities		
Property, plant and equipment	3,985	4,386
Prepayments	18	74
Decommissioning asset	1,804	2,299
Total deferred tax liabilities	5,807	6,759
Net deferred tax liabilities	**193**	**273**
Deferred tax liabilities expected to be settled after more than 12 months	193	273
Movements:		
Opening balance	273	1,505
Charged/(credited) to profit or loss (note 8)	(24)	(236)
Charged/(credited) to equity (note 8)	(56)	(996)
Closing balance	**193**	**273**

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22 Non-current liabilities - provisions

	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
Decommissioning provision	7,104	8,208

(a) Movements in provisions

Movements in each class of provision during the financial year, other than employee benefits, are set out below:

Year ended 30 June 2016	Decommissioning provision $'000	Total $'000
Additional provisions recognised	8,049	8,049
Unwinding of discount	159	159
Balance as at 30 June 2016	**8,208**	**8,208**

	Decommissioning provision $'000	Total $'000
Year ended 30 June 2017		
Opening balance	8,208	8,208
Unwinding of discount	163	163
Remeasurement	(1,267)	(1,267)
Balance as at 30 June 2017	**7,104**	**7,104**

During the year ended 30 June 2016 a provision was recognised for the first time for the decommissioning costs associated with a refining facility owned by the Western Australian Mint. The consolidated entity has an obligation to decommission the site upon the expiry of the lease on the land on which the facility is built if requested by the lessor.

23 Non-current liabilities - employee benefits

	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
Long service leave	427	296
Employment on-costs	26	20
Total employee benefits	**453**	**316**

(a) Superannuation commitments

The consolidated entity contributes to a superannuation fund, the IOOF Employer Super, which is operated and administrated by IOOF Investment Management Limited.

All permanent employees of the consolidated entity are entitled to join the fund. Trustee, funds management and administration services are provided by IOOF Investment Management Ltd. The IOOF Employer Superannuation Fund provides benefits on retirement, total and permanent disability or death. The consolidated entity contributes to the fund at rates based on the salary of each member employee.

All the consolidated entity's employees can request that contributions be made to a fund of their own choice, rather than the IOOF Employee Superannuation Fund, in accordance with legislation.

Employees of the Western Australian Mint who made the election prior to December 1996 are entitled to contributory membership of the Western Australian Government Employees Superannuation Fund (Gold State Super). Such employees contribute to that Fund at specified percentages of their wages. The Western Australian Mint contributes to the Fund at rates set by Government Employee's Superannuation Board.

Western Australian Mint award employees who do not wish to, or who are ineligible to join Gold State Super are entitled to non-contributory membership of West State Super or Government Employee Superannuation Board (GESB), to which the Western Australian Mint contributes at the current rate required by superannuation legislation. Members also have the option of choice of fund and to make personal contributions.

24 Equity - issued capital

	2017 Shares	2016 Shares	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
Fully paid	31,602,582	31,602,582	31,603	31,603

(a) Ordinary shares

Ordinary shares entitle the holder to participate in dividends.

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24 Equity - issued capital (continued)

(b) Capital risk management

The consolidated entity's objectives when managing capital are to safeguard its ability to continue as a going concern, so that it can provide returns for shareholders and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain an optimum capital structure to reduce the cost of capital.

The Board's policy is to maintain an adequate capital base so as to sustain the future development of the business. The Board of Directors monitors the return on capital, which the consolidated entity defines as net operating income divided by total shareholders' equity. The level of dividends payable is defined in accordance with government policy.

The consolidated entity's target is to achieve a return on equity of 22.2% before Income Tax equivalent. During the year ended 30 June 2017 the return was 18.4% (2016: 29.7%).

Neither the consolidated entity nor any of its subsidiaries are subject to externally imposed capital requirements. The capital risk management policy remains materially unchanged from the 30 June 2016 Annual Report.

25 Equity - reserves

	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
Reserve - asset revaluation	16,966	17,068
Cash flow hedges	(27)	-
	16,939	17,068

(a) Revaluation surplus reserve

The reserve is used to recognise increments and decrements in the fair value of land and buildings.

26 Equity - retained profits

	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
Retained profits at the beginning of the financial year	89,564	70,568
Profit after income tax expense for the year	17,003	29,540
Dividends paid (note 27)	(22,154)	(10,544)
Retained profits at the end of the financial year	**84,413**	**89,564**

27 Equity - dividend

	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
Government of Western Australia	22,154	10,544

In accordance with subsection 21(4) of the *Gold Corporation Act 1987* (WA), the Board recommended to the Treasurer that an amount of $12,754,000 (2016: $22,154,000) be payable as dividend for the financial year ended 30 June 2017. The dividend was declared and approved after the end of the financial year and therefore has not been provided for in the financial statements.

28 Financial risk management

(a) Financial risk management objectives

The consolidated entity has exposure to the following risks:

- market risk
- credit risk
- liquidity risk

This note presents information about the consolidated entity's exposure to each of the above risks, its objectives, policies and processes for measuring and managing risk, and the management of capital. Further quantitative disclosures are included throughout the financial report.

The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the risk management framework. The Board has established the Audit & Risk Management Committee, which is responsible for reviewing and monitoring risk management policies and making recommendations to the Board of Directors in relation to changes that may be considered necessary from time to time. The committee reports regularly to the Board of Directors on its activities.

Risk management policies are established to identify and analyse the risks faced by the consolidated entity, to set appropriate risk limits and controls, and to monitor risks and adherence to limits. Risk management policies and systems are reviewed regularly to reflect changes in market conditions.

The consolidated entity, through its training and risk management standards and procedures, aims to develop a disciplined and constructive control environment in which all employees understand their roles and obligations. The primary risk management document is the Prudential Management Policy which describes the risks the consolidated entity is exposed to, how those risks are to be managed and within what parameters exposure to risks can be taken.

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28 Financial risk management (continued)

(a) Financial risk management objectives (continued)

The consolidated entity's Audit & Risk Management Committee oversees how management monitors compliance with the consolidated entity's risk management policies and procedures, and reviews the adequacy and effectiveness of the risk management framework in relation to the risks faced by the consolidated entity. The consolidated entity's Audit & Risk Management Committee is assisted in its oversight role by Internal Audit. Internal Audit undertakes both regular and ad hoc reviews of risk management controls and procedures, the results of which are reported to the consolidated entity's Audit & Risk Management Committee.

(b) Market risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as foreign exchange rates, interest rates and equity prices, will affect the consolidated entity's income or the value of its holding of financial instruments. The objective of market risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable parameters, while optimising the return.

The Prudential Management Policy determines what instruments can be used to manage market risk. These include spot deferred and forward transactions, options and currency swaps, all within pre-determined limits. The consolidated entity currently does not use hedging or derivatives to manage this risk other than for purchases of capital equipment.

(i) Currency risk

The consolidated entity is exposed to currency risk on sales and purchases that are denominated in a currency other than the respective functional currency of the entities within the consolidated group, the Australian dollar.

In respect of other monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies, the consolidated entity ensures that its net exposure is kept to an acceptable level by buying or selling foreign currencies at spot rates when necessary to address short-term imbalances. The average exchange rates and reporting date exchange rates applied were as follows:

	Average exchange rates		Reporting date exchange rates	
	2017	**2016**	**2017**	**2016**
Australian dollars				
USD	0.7545	0.7283	0.7682	0.7439
EUR	0.6919	0.6561	0.6714	0.6707
JPY	82.2537	84.9850	86.0067	76.7519
GBP	0.5951	0.4914	0.5906	0.5547
CNH	5.1383	4.6913	5.2161	4.9523

The carrying amount of the consolidated entity's foreign currency denominated financial assets and financial liabilities at the reporting date was as follows:

28 Financial risk management (continued)

(b) Market risk (continued)

(i) Currency risk (continued)

	Assets		Liabilities	
	2017 $'000	**2016 $'000**	**2017 $'000**	**2016 $'000**
USD	65,217	60,998	(67,843)	(75,212)
EUR	5	-	(6)	-
JPY	5	-	-	-
CNH	4	-	-	-
GBP	9	-	-	(5)
	65,240	**60,998**	**(67,849)**	**(75,217)**

The consolidated entity is exposed to foreign currency risk on sales and purchases in currencies other than Australian dollars. The currency giving rise to this risk is primarily the US dollar. Foreign currency risk on future sales and purchases are generally not hedged, except for purchases of certain capital items. The consolidated entity may use forward exchange contracts to hedge such purchases, and contracts have maturity of less than one year after reporting date.

A (strengthening)/weakening of the Australian dollar against other currencies at 30 June would have (increased)/decreased equity and profit or loss by the amounts shown below. This analysis assumes that all other variables, in particular interest rates, remain constant. This analysis is performed on the same basis for 2016.

	AUD strengthened			AUD weakened		
Year ended 30 June 2017	**% change**	**Effect on profit before tax $'000**	**Effect on other equity $'000**	**% change**	**Effect on profit before tax $'000**	**Effect on other equity $'000**
USD	10%	239	-	10%	(292)	-
		239	**-**		**(292)**	**-**

28 Financial risk management (continued)

(b) Market risk (continued)

(i) Currency risk (continued)

	AUD strengthened			AUD weakened		
Year ended 30 June 2016	**% change**	**Effect on profit before tax $'000**	**Effect on other equity $'000**	**% change**	**Effect on profit before tax $'000**	**Effect on other equity $'000**
USD	10%	1,292	-	10%	(1,579)	-
		1,292	**-**		**(1,579)**	**-**

(ii) Price risk

The consolidated entity is not exposed to any significant non-metal price risk. The risk of exposure to metal prices is discussed in part (b)(iii) of this note.

(iii) Metal price risk

The consolidated entity does not enter into commodity (precious metals) contracts other than to meet the consolidated entity's expected sale requirements, and then only on a back to back basis so as to eliminate the risk of movements in precious metal prices. The consolidated entity has a policy of minimising its long or short precious metal positions by utilising leased precious metal and unallocated precious metal owned by the consolidated entity's customers in its working inventories. The net long or short position held at any time, and therefore exposed to metal price risk, is required to be within Board approved limits that minimises the exposure to potential adverse market movement and therefore loss.

(iv) Interest and lease rate risk

The consolidated entity adopts a policy of not hedging its exposure to change in interest rates and lease rates on borrowings and precious metal borrowings. At the reporting date the interest rate profile of the consolidated entity interest-bearing financial instruments was:

	2017		2016	
	Weighted average interest rate %	**Balance $'000**	**Weighted average interest rate %**	**Balance $'000**
Variable rate - financial assets interest	0.4%	47,860	1.0%	67,227
Fixed rate - metal leases	0.4%	(689,469)	0.3%	(986,117)
Net exposure to cash flow interest/lease rate risk		**(641,609)**		**(918,890)**

28 Financial risk management (continued)

(b) Market risk (continued)

(iv) Interest and lease rate risk (continued)

The consolidated entity's exposure to interest and lease rate risk and the effective weighted average interest and lease rate for each class of financial assets and interest and lease rate bearing liabilities are set out below. No interest rate hedging has been entered into during the period.

Cash flow sensitivity analysis for variable rate instruments

A change of 50 basis points in interest rates at the reporting date would have increased/(decreased) equity and profit or loss by the amount shown below. This analysis assumes that all other variables, in particular foreign currency rates, remain constant. This analysis is performed on the same basis for 2016.

	Impact on post-tax profit		Impact on other components of equity	
	2017 $'000	**2016 $'000**	**2017 $'000**	**2016 $'000**
Interest rates - increase by 50 basis points (50 bps)	239	336	-	-
Interest rates - decrease by 50 basis points (50 bps)	(239)	(336)	-	-

(c) Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the consolidated entity if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations, and arises principally from the consolidated entity's receivables from customers, and investment securities. The consolidated entity's exposure to credit risk can occur through the provision of trade credit (both within Australia and internationally), the provision of consignment stock facilities and the provision of bullion trading and settlement facilities. The Prudential Management Policy determines the levels of credit exposure the consolidated entity can take to various categories of customers and counterparties.

(i) Guarantees

The consolidated entity does not provide financial guarantees.

28 Financial risk management (continued)

(c) Credit risk (continued)

(ii) Trade and other receivables

The consolidated entity's exposure to credit risk is influenced mainly by the individual financial characteristics of each customer. The demographics of the consolidated entity's customer base, including the default risk of the industry and country in which customers operate, has less of an influence on credit risk. No significant percentage of the consolidated entity's revenue is attributable to sales transactions with a single customer. Key geographical exposures to trade and other receivables are discussed further later in this note.

The Board of Directors has approved a credit policy under which each new customer is analysed individually for creditworthiness before the consolidated entity's standard payment and delivery terms and conditions are offered. The review includes external ratings, when available, and in some cases bank references. Credit and settlement limits are established for each customer, which represents the maximum open amount without requiring approval from the Board of Directors; these limits are reviewed annually. Customers that fail to meet the consolidated entity's benchmark creditworthiness may transact with the consolidated entity only on a prepayment basis or against the provision of acceptable security such as letters of credit, bank guarantees and other forms of payment guarantees.

The majority of the trade and other receivables customers have been transacting with the consolidated entity for over four years, and losses have occurred infrequently. The consolidated entity's trade and other receivables relate mainly to wholesale customers. Customers that are graded as "high risk" are placed on a restricted customer list, and future sales are made on a prepayment basis.

The consolidated entity has established an allowance for impairment that represents its estimate of incurred losses in respect of trade and other receivables and investments. The main components of this allowance are a specific loss component that relates to individually significant exposures, and a collective loss component established for the group of similar assets in respect of losses that have been incurred but not yet identified.

Goods are sold subject to retention of title clauses, so that in the event of non-payment the consolidated entity may have a secured claim. The consolidated entity may require collateral in respect of trade and other receivables.

The maximum exposure to credit risk for trade receivables at the reporting date by type of customer was:

	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
Wholesale customers	26,008	28,188

28 Financial risk management (continued)

(c) Credit risk (continued)

(ii) Trade and other receivables (continued)

The carrying amount of financial assets represents the maximum credit exposure. The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date was:

	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
Trade and other receivables	29,147	32,811
Cash and cash equivalents	47,953	67,283
	77,100	**100,094**

(d) Liquidity risk

Prudent liquidity risk management requires the consolidated entity to maintain sufficient liquid assets (mainly cash and cash equivalents) and available borrowing facilities to be able to pay debts as and when they become due and payable.

The consolidated entity manages liquidity risk by maintaining adequate cash reserves and available borrowing facilities by continuously monitoring actual and forecast cash flows and matching the maturity profiles of financial assets and liabilities.

(i) Remaining contractual maturities

The following tables detail the consolidated entity's remaining contractual maturity for its financial instrument liabilities. The tables have been drawn up based on the undiscounted cash flows of financial liabilities based on the earliest date on which the financial liabilities are required to be paid. The tables include both interest and principal cash flows disclosed as remaining contractual maturities and therefore these totals may differ from their carrying amount in the consolidated statement of financial position.

28 Financial risk management (continued)

(d) Liquidity risk (continued)

(i) Remaining contractual maturities (continued)

	1 year or less $'000	Between 1 and 2 years $'000	Between 2 and 5 years $'000	Over 5 years $'000	Remaining contractual maturities $'000
At 30 June 2017					
Non-derivatives					
Trade payables	(93,105)	-	-	-	(93,105)
Borrowings - interest bearing	(689,469)	-	-	-	(689,469)
Precious metal borrowings - non interest bearing	(2,894,317)	-	-	-	(2,894,317)
Total non-derivatives	**(3,676,891)**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**(3,676,891)**
At 30 June 2016					
Non-derivatives					
Trade payables	(104,939)	-	-	-	(104,939)
Borrowings - interest bearing	(986,117)	-	-	-	(986,117)
Precious metal borrowings - non interest bearing	(3,029,045)	-	-	-	(3,029,045)
Total non-derivatives	**(4,120,101)**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**(4,120,101)**

The cash flows in the maturity analysis above are not expected to occur significantly earlier than contractually disclosed above.

In the case of Precious metal borrowings - interest bearing the consolidated entity's contractual obligation is to return precious metal ounces (which are fungible) to the counterparty. The "lease rate" for borrowing those ounces is payable at maturity in cash.

Precious metal borrowings - non interest bearing are also, similarly to Borrowings - interest bearing, denominated in precious metal ounces and primarily relate to Perth Mint Depository customer ounces. Those ounces could be called on at demand and are therefore classified as current liabilities and "repayable" in the earliest time band disclosed. It is not expected that all of these ounces will be called in less than twelve months and depository holders may retain ounces in an account for many years.

29 Fair value measurement

Assets and liabilities for the consolidated entity all have carrying amounts that are reasonable approximations of fair values.

The following tables detail the consolidated entity's fair values of assets and liabilities measured and recognised at their fair value categorised by the following levels:

Level 1: Quoted market prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (as prices) or indirectly (derived from prices)

Level 3: Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs)

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29 Fair value measurement (continued)

At 30 June 2017	Level 1 $'000	Level 2 $'000	Level 3 $'000	Total $'000
Assets				
Land	-	-	14,500	14,500
Buildings	-	-	51,009	51,009
Precious metal inventory	3,633,494	-	-	3,633,494
Total assets	**3,633,494**	**-**	**65,509**	**3,699,003**
Liabilities				
Borrowings - interest bearing	689,469	-	-	689,469
Precious metal borrowings - non interest bearing	2,894,317	-	-	2,894,317
Total liabilities	**3,583,786**	**-**	**-**	**3,583,786**

At 30 June 2016	Level 1 $'000	Level 2 $'000	Level 3 $'000	Total $'000
Assets				
Land	-	-	14,500	14,500
Buildings	-	-	53,667	53,667
Precious metal inventory	4,065,387	-	-	4,065,387
Total assets	**4,065,387**	**-**	**68,167**	**4,133,554**
Liabilities				
Borrowings - interest bearing	986,117	-	-	986,117
Precious metal borrowings - non interest bearing	3,029,045	-	-	3,029,045
Total liabilities	**4,015,162**	**-**	**-**	**4,015,162**

The $2,894,317,000 (2016: $3,029,045,000) of precious metal deposited by Perth Mint Depository clients (note 20) was used in operations by the consolidated entity as working inventory.

There were no transfers between levels during the financial year.

29 Fair value measurement (continued)

(i) Fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs (level 3)

The following table presents the changes in level 3 items for the periods ended 30 June 2017 and 30 June 2016:

	Investment properties $'000	Land $'000	Buildings $'000	Total $'000
Opening balance 1 July 2015	**1,831**	**17,000**	**47,277**	**66,108**
Additions	97	-	8,049	8,146
Transfers	-	-	1,207	1,207
Losses recognised in other comprehensive income	-	(2,500)	(821)	(3,321)
Depreciation expense	-	-	(1,566)	(1,566)
Losses recognised in other income	(198)	-	(479)	(677)
Reclassification to receivables	(1,730)	-	-	(1,730)
Closing balance 30 June 2016	**-**	**14,500**	**53,667**	**68,167**
Opening balance 1 July 2016	**-**	**14,500**	**53,667**	**68,167**
Remeasurement of decommissioning provision	-	-	(1,267)	(1,267)
Transfers	-	-	906	906
Losses recognised in other comprehensive income	-	-	(146)	(146)
Depreciation expense	-	-	(1,932)	(1,932)
Losses recognised in other income	-	-	(219)	(219)
Closing balance 30 June 2017	**-**	**14,500**	**51,009**	**65,509**

29 Fair value measurement (continued)

(b) Significant level 3 inputs

Significant Level 3 inputs used by the consolidated entity are derived and evaluated as follows:

Historical cost per square metre floor area (m2)
The costs of constructing specialised buildings with similar utility are extracted from financial records of the consolidated entity, then indexed by movements in CPI.

Consumed economic benefit/obsolescence of asset
These are estimated by the Western Australian Land Information Authority (Valuation Services).

Selection of land with restricted utility
Fair value for restricted use land is determined by comparison with market evidence for land with low level utility. Relevant comparators of land with low level utility are selected by the Western Australian Land Information Authority (Valuation Services).

Historical cost per cubic metre (m3)
The costs of construction of infrastructure are extracted from financial records of the consolidated entity and indexed by movements in construction costs by quantity surveyors.

Description	Fair value at 30 June 2017 $'000	Unobservable inputs	Range of inputs (probability - weighted average)	Relationship of unobservable inputs to fair value
Land	$14,500	Restricted use	$1,213/sqm	Higher value of similar land increases the estimated fair value.
Buildings	$44,997	Depreciated replacement cost	2.5% per annum	Greater consumption of economic benefit or increased obsolescence lowers fair value.

(c) Basis of valuation

In the absence of market-based evidence, due to the specialised nature of some assets, these assets are valued at level 3 of the fair value hierarchy on an existing use basis. The existing use basis recognises that restrictions or limitations have been placed on their use and disposal when they are not determined to be surplus to requirements.

30 Key management personnel disclosures

Compensation

The aggregate compensation paid to directors and other members of key management personnel of the consolidated entity is set out below:

	2017 $	2016 $
Short-term employment benefits	2,875,816	2,305,825
Post-employment benefits	170,928	192,135
Total employment benefits	**3,046,744**	**2,497,960**

Total fees received by non-executive directors was $416,372 (2016: $342,171).

Number of directors whose total of fees, salaries, superannuation and other benefits, received or due and receivable for the financial year, falls within the following bands:

	2017	2016
$0 - $10,000	1	2
$20,001 - $30,000	-	2
$30,001 - $40,000	-	1
$40,001 - $50,000	-	1
$50,001 - $60,000	-	2
$60,001 - $70,000	5	-
$90,001 - $100,000	-	1
$100,001 - $110,000	1	-
$520,001 - $530,000	-	1
$630,001 - $640,000	1	-
	8	**10**

30 Key management personnel disclosures (continued)

Compensation (continued)

Number of senior officers other than directors whose total of fees, salaries, superannuation and other benefits, received or due and receivable for the financial year, falls within the following bands:

	2017	2016
$70,001 - $80,000	-	1
$80,001 - $90,000	1	-
$200,001 - $210,000	-	1
$230,001 - $240,000	1	-
$240,001 - $250,000	-	1
$260,000 - $270,000	-	1
$310,001 - $320,000	2	-
$380,001 - $390,000	-	1
$440,001 - $450,000	-	1
$480,001 - $490,000	1	-
$550,001 - $560,000	1	-
	6	**6**

31 Related party transactions

The consolidated entity is a wholly owned and controlled entity of the State of Western Australia. In conducting its activities, the consolidated entity is required to pay various taxes and levies based on the standard terms and conditions that apply to all tax and levy payers to the State and entities related to State.

Related parties of the consolidated entity include:

- all Ministers and their close family members, and their controlled or jointly controlled entities;
- all senior officers and their close family members, and their controlled or jointly controlled entities;
- other departments and public sector entities, including related bodies included in the whole of government consolidated financial statements;
- associates and joint ventures, that are included in the whole of government consolidated financial statements; and
- the Government Employees Superannuation Board (GESB).

31 Related party transactions (continued)

(a) Significant transactions with government related entities

Significant transactions include:

- superannuation payments to GESB (Note 23); and
- remuneration for services provided by the Auditor General (Note 32).

(b) Material transactions with related parties

In the prior year the son of Mr D Mackay-Coghill, the Chairman of the Board, is a director and majority shareholder of Yappy Group Pty Ltd. Gold Corporation has entered into a social media advertising agreement with Yappy Group Pty Ltd. A request for proposal and an evaluation process was undertaken to determine the preferred vendor. Upon completion of this process, Yappy Pty Ltd were selected as the preferred vendor. Mr Mackay-Coghill was not involved in the process. The agreement is based on normal commercial terms and conditions. For the year ended 30 June 2017 expenses totalling $nil (2016: $100,000) were incurred under this agreement.

All other transactions (including general citizen type transactions) between the consolidated entity and Ministers/senior officers or their close family members or their controlled (or jointly controlled) entities are not material for disclosure.

32 Remuneration of auditors

During the financial year the following fees were paid or payable for services provided by the Office of the Auditor General, the auditor of the company:

	2017 $	2016 $
Office of the Auditor General		
Audit of financial statements and key performance indicators	198,000	208,000

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33 Contingent liabilities

In prior years, ground water contamination occurred at the Newburn site of the AGR Matthey refinery. The AGR Joint Venture partners (Western Australian Mint and Australian Gold Alliance Pty Ltd) were responsible for any remediation and restoration of the site. Pursuant to the dissolution of the AGR Matthey Partnership on 29 March 2010, Western Australian Mint has assumed full responsibility for any future liabilities. Expenses incurred to date have been expensed in the financial statements. The Corporation is still assessing the estimated potential financial effects, if any, of remediation. Hence it is not possible to quantify these as at 30 June 2017.

Gold Corporation has a number of State Battery sites vested within its subsidiary the Western Australian Mint. The sites have been classified as “Possibly Contaminated Investigation Required” in accordance with the Contaminated Sites Act 2003. The ongoing maintenance of these sites has been undertaken by Gold Corporation with the expenditure being funded by other government agencies. Consultation with other agencies in Government is taking place so that the sites can be taken over by an agency or agencies in government better equipped to deal with these sites. It is not practicable to estimate the potential financial effects, if any, of the maintenance of these sites.

34 Commitments

(a) Capital commitments

Significant capital expenditure contracted for at the end of the reporting period but not recognised as liabilities is as follows:

	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
Capital commitments - property, plant and equipment		
Within one year	8,320	591
Later than one year but not later than five years	1,500	-
Total capital commitments	**9,820**	**591**

34 Commitments (continued)

(b) Non-cancellable operating leases

Significant lease commitments at the end of the reporting period but not recognised as liabilities is as follows:

	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
Commitments for minimum lease payments in relation to non-cancellable operating leases are payable as follows:		
Within one year	1,473	1,312
Later than one year but not later than five years	5,630	6,492
Later than five years	23,919	23,811
Total commitments	**31,022**	**31,615**

The operating lease commitments are for leases of land, storage facilities, and equipment. The terms of these are various, with the maximum term being until May 2036. During 2017 $1,570,000 was recognised as an expense in the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income in respect of operating leases (2016: $1,402,000).

35 Subsidiaries

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the assets, liabilities and results of the following subsidiaries in accordance with the accounting policy described in note 2:

Name of entity	Country of incorporation	Equity holding		Contribution to consolidated result	
		2017 %	2016 %	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
Gold Corporation	Australia			17,348	25,213
Subsidiaries of Gold Corporation:					
GoldCorp Australia	Australia	100	100	622	2,879
Western Australian Mint	Australia	100	100	(967)	1,448
AGR Management Service Pty Ltd	Australia	100	100	-	-
				17,003	**29,540**

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36 Cash flow information

	2017 $'000	2016 $'000
Profit after income tax expense for the year	17,003	29,540
Depreciation and amortisation	8,489	7,955
Provision for doubtful debts	-	25
Revaluation of land and buildings	219	677
Net (gain)/loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment (excluding cash costs)	(12)	43
Amounts credited to provisions for income tax equivalents	7,448	11,497
Unwinding of discount on provisions	163	159
Change in operating assets and liabilities:		
Increase/(decrease) in employee benefits	121	(259)
Decrease/(increase) in precious metal holdings	517	(40,432)
Decrease in inventories	2,098	1,630
Decrease/(increase) in prepayments	312	(466)
Decrease/(increase) in receivables	1,838	(1,740)
(Decrease)/increase in payables	(13,728)	7,780
(Decrease)/increase in provisions	(2,254)	2,767
Increase in other non current liabilities	496	545
Net cash inflow from operating activities	**22,710**	**19,721**

37 Explanatory statement

Section 40 of the *Financial Management Act* requires statutory authorities to prepare annual budget estimates. *Treasurer's Instruction 945* requires an explanation of significant variations between these estimates and actual results. Gold Corporation prepares a Strategic Development Plan and Statement of Corporate Intent for submission to the Minister in accordance with section 9B of the *Gold Corporation Act 1987*.

The consolidated entity's business plans for 2016/2017 projected an operating result before income tax equivalent of $31.00 million against an actual profit before income tax equivalent of $24.45 million. The primary driver of this variation was the significantly lower than anticipated sales of investment coins.

37 Explanatory statement (continued)

Variations from previous year

Treasurer's Instruction 945 requires an explanatory statement providing reasons for and the detailing of any significant variations between actual revenue and expenditure for the financial year and the corresponding item in the financial statements of the immediately preceding year. The most significant variations over; (i) 10% of the balance and $5,000,000; or (ii) $10,000,000 were:

(i) Sales revenue

Sales revenue of $8.10 billion in 2017 was 10.0% lower than the $9.01 billion revenue in 2016 due primarily to decreased average precious metal prices, partially offset by increased precious metal volumes throughout the period.

(ii) Cost of sales

Cost of sales in 2017 of $8.02 billion was 9.9% decreased from the $8.90 billion cost of sales in 2016, in line with the decrease in revenue.

(iii) Trading profit

Trading profit decreased to $84.74 million in 2017, 19.0% below the trading profit of $104.67 million in 2016. This is primarily due to cyclical deterioration of the bullion coin market.