Electricity Ashburton Limited *trading as*

EA Networks

Annual Report

For the year ended 31 March 2025

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Financial performance (Unaudited)

Our financial performance is crucial to sustaining our ongoing investment programs of maintaining and strengthening our network. This is essential to drive and enable growth across the regional economy that relies on reliable and available electricity supply.

We have achieved a net profit after tax of $5.5 million for the financial year ended 31 March 2025. This is a strong result after several years of cost pressure brought about by rising operating costs that eroded profits. Alongside this, we are pleased to have increased our annual posted discount to $5.0 million for the 2025/26 financial year, a 67% increase from the $3.0 million returned to customers this year. Our capital works programme remains significant with $20.2 million invested during the year to ensure our network continues to perform for customers.

PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

21,500 customer connections	↑	**up 282 from last year**
600.5 GWh energy delivered to customers	↓	**down 73.5GWh from last year**
144.5 GWh energy met through local generation	↑	**up 20.4GWh from last year**
182.9 MW network maximum demand	↑	**up 10.4MW from last year**
256 total number of faults	↓	**down 50 from last year**
SAIDI unplanned (normalised): 57.28	↑	**up 6.71 from last year**
SAIDI planned: 139.10	↑	**up 27.09 from last year**
SAIFI unplanned (normalised): 0.7536	↓	**down 0.1394 from last year**
SAIFI planned: 0.5041	↑	**up 0.0989 from last year**

[1] SAIDI = Average minutes a customer is without power during the year.
[2] SAIFI = Average supply interruptions per customer during the year.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

$5.5M Profit after Tax	↑	**up $3.9M from last year**
$3M Consumer Discount	=	**no changes from last year**
$20.20M Capital Investments	↑	**up $2.5M from last year**
$334.3M Assets	↑	**up $8.6M from last year**
$230.6M Equity and Members' Interests	↑	**up $5.6M from last year**
$51.5M Borrowings	↓	**down $0.9M from last year**

Performance Reporting compared to 2024-25 SCI Targets (Unaudited)

<table>
<tr><th>Item</th><th colspan="4">Measurement of success</th><th>Comment</th></tr>
<tr><td>Shareholder's Funds</td><td colspan="4">• The ratio is equity and members interest divided by total assets is above 42%.</td><td>Achieved</td></tr>
<tr><td>Public Safety</td><td colspan="4">• Positive assurance resulting from the NZS7901 external auditor.</td><td>Achieved</td></tr>
<tr><td>Worker Safety</td><td colspan="4">• The Board maintains a Health and Safety Charter and operates a Health and Safety sub-committee.
• Directors will set targets that provide clear direction, focus and clarity of expectation. The targets will be measurable, challenging and realistic including lead and lag indicators, with a greater weighting on lead indicators that focus on prevention.
• Developed a Health and Safety Strategy & Initiatives covering a 3-year period.
• Developing proactive safety culture.
• Commission external safety reviews to identify key areas of improvement and focus. These initiatives have been reflected in the Health and Safety Strategy document.</td><td>Achieved</td></tr>
<tr><td>Compliance and Legalisation</td><td colspan="4">• No material compliance and legislation issues have occurred in the year.</td><td>Achieved</td></tr>
<tr><td>External financial reporting</td><td colspan="4">• EA Networks' AGM shareholders approve the Financial Report.</td><td>Achieved</td></tr>
<tr><td>Financial performance measures</td><td colspan="4">• The long-term targeted return approximates the expected average long term allowable regulatory returns. In FY25 the return reflects the reduced revenue in the final year of this regulatory period (DPP3) which has been recognised in the DDP4 settings which will be effective from 1 April 2025 onwards.
• Return on total assets, before interest payments, rebates, customer discounts and taxation for FY25 are 4.2% (FY24: 3.2%).</td><td>Achieved</td></tr>
<tr><td>Electricity tariff to domestic consumer</td><td colspan="4">• To have electricity Residential Prices Line Charges below the industry median, at a level that is sustainable for EA Networks.</td><td>Achieved</td></tr>
<tr><td>Consumer Discount</td><td colspan="4">• The payment of a consumer discount, which allows the business to be sustainable in the long run.
• We produce an internal 10-year-cashflow incorporating the consumer discount which demonstrates that EA Networks will continue to be financially viable after the consumer discount is paid out at the current level.</td><td>Achieved</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="3">The number of power interruptions that a customer has had (SAIFI)</td><td></td><td>Actual</td><td>SCI</td><td>Regulatory</td><td rowspan="5">Achieved against regulatory compliance, however we were above some SCI targets</td></tr>
<tr><td>Customer was not notified (unplanned)</td><td>0.7536</td><td>1.25</td><td>1.28</td></tr>
<tr><td>Customer was notified (planned) [normalised]</td><td>0.5041</td><td>0.40</td><td>0.98</td></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="2">The number of minutes that a customer was without power (SAIDI)</td><td>Customer was not notified (unplanned) [normalised]</td><td>57.28</td><td>90</td><td>92</td></tr>
<tr><td>Customer was notified (planned)</td><td>139.10</td><td>120</td><td>275</td></tr>
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Statement of Changes in Equity and Members' Interests

EA Networks

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Retained earnings	Deferred shares	Rebate shares	Total
		$000	$000	$000	$000
EQUITY AND MEMBERS' INTERESTS					
Balance as at 31 March 2023		**190,363**	**31,484**	**1,489**	**223,336**
Comprehensive income					
Total comprehensive income for the year		1,643			1,643
Transactions with owners					
Shares issued	7			107	107
Shares repaid	7			(50)	(50)
Balance as at 31 March 2024		**192,006**	**31,484**	**1,546**	**225,036**
Comprehensive income					
Total comprehensive income for the year		5,549			5,549
Transactions with owners					
Shares issued	7			19	19
Shares repaid	7			(40)	(40)
Balance as at 31 March 2025		**197,555**	**31,484**	**1,525**	**230,564**

Statement of Comprehensive Income

EA Networks

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025	2024
		$000	$000
INCOME			
Operating revenue		57,657	51,553
Consumer discount		(3,001)	(3,006)
Total operating income after consumer discounts	2	**54,656**	**48,547**
EXPENSES			
Operating expenses	3	31,794	29,232
Depreciation and amortisation		11,212	11,284
Total expenses		**43,006**	**40,516**
FINANCE INCOME AND EXPENSES			
Finance costs	4	3,891	3,618
Net finance income (costs)		**(3,891)**	**(3,618)**
Surplus for the year before taxation		**7,759**	**4,413**
Income tax expense	5	2,210	2,770
Surplus for the year after taxation		5,549	1,643
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the year		**5,549**	**1,643**

Statement of Financial Position

EA Networks

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025	2024
		$000	$000
EQUITY AND MEMBERS' INTERESTS		**230,564**	**225,036**
Represented by:			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents		257	-
Inventories	8	9,550	8,980
Trade and other receivables	10	7,208	6,442
Naming rights	11	67	67
Derivative financial instruments	14	50	34
Total current assets		**17,132**	**15,523**
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Intangible assets	9	227	326
Naming rights	11	265	333
Property, plant and equipment	12	309,135	301,133
Right of use assets	13	7,565	7,895
Derivative financial instruments	14	4	456
Total non-current assets		**317,196**	**310,143**
TOTAL ASSETS		**334,328**	**325,666**
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Cash and cash equivalents		-	80
Trade and other payables	15	3,778	4,024
Contract liability	17	426	738
Lease liabilities	13	90	88
Employee entitlements	16	2,158	1,953
Total current liabilities		**6,452**	**6,883**
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Deferred tax liabilities	6	40,022	37,812
Lease liabilities	13	509	596
Borrowings	20	51,500	52,350
Derivative financial instruments	14	205	-
Contract liability	17	5,076	2,989
Total non-current liabilities		**97,312**	**93,747**
TOTAL LIABILITIES		**103,764**	**100,630**
NET ASSETS		**230,564**	**225,036**

For and on behalf of the board

27 June 2025

Director Director

Statement of Cash Flows

EA Networks

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025	2024
		$000	$000
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from customers		57,820	51,555
Consumer discount paid		(2,982)	(2,900)
GST net movement		(724)	273
Payments to suppliers and employees		(30,957)	(30,013)
Interest paid		(3,410)	(2,630)
Taxation refund/(paid)		-	1,142
Total cash flows from operating activities	18	**19,747**	**17,427**
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from sale of property, plant and equipment		414	240
Investment in property, plant and equipment		(18,819)	(14,321)
Payments to acquire intangibles		-	(6)
Total cash flows from investing activities		**(18,405)**	**(14,087)**
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Repayments from borrowings		(850)	(3,500)
Principal elements of lease payments		(114)	(112)
Payments for shares bought back from owners		(41)	(50)
Total cash flows from financing activities		**(1,005)**	**(3,662)**
NET INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN CASH HELD		**337**	**(322)**
Cash and cash equivalents at start of year		(80)	242
Net cash and cash equivalents at end of year		**257**	**(80)**

Notes to the Financial Statements

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PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

EA Networks principal activities are:

- Development, operation and maintenance of an electricity distribution and fibre network
- Contracting, electrical construction and maintenance services for distribution networks and end users
- Investment in other infrastructural assets such as:
  - Energy utilisation enhancement projects
  - Fibre network

All operations are conducted in New Zealand.

1 Significant changes in the current reporting periiod

There have been no changes in accounting policies during the year ended 31 March 2025. All policies have been applied on a basis consistent with those used in prior years.

2 Operating revenue

	2025	2024
	$000	$000
Revenue from contracts with custmers		
Distribution line charge revenue	50,758	47,150
less consumer discount	(3,001)	(3,006)
Net distribution line charge revenue	**47,757**	**44,144**
Capital contributions	2,055	660
Fibre network revenue	941	1,282
Lease rental income	621	388
Other income including contracting revenue	3,282	2,073
Total operating revenue	**54,656**	**48,547**

Distribution line charge revenue

We generate revenue from consumers, via electricity retailers, who pay a mixture of a daily fee and a variable charge. The fixed charge is based on the consumer load groups and the variable charge is based on the amount of electricity entering their installation control point (ICP).

Revenue is recognised on a daily basis for fixed charges and when electricity enters an ICP for variable charges. This approach best reflects the transfer of value to the customer. Measurement is based on fair value.

Consumer discount

Each year we set and pay a consumer discount to all consumers connected to the electricity distribution network at a point of time. The allocation of an individual consumer share of the consumer discount pool is based on their charges over a measurement period.

Capital contributions

We may require a contribution towards our capital cost associated with work requested from the consumer. The customer's supply of electricity is contracted separately, interposed through a retailer, and is therefore not considered to impact the assessment of the customer or performance obligations of the connection contracts. The revenue from capital contributions is recognised when we have completed the capital work associated with the requested work, and the asset is commissioned. A liability for unearned revenue is recognised when cash is received in advance.

2 Operating revenue (continued)

In applying NZ IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers to directly contracted customers, we have determined that the individual construction contracts and individual delivery service agreements were negotiated as a package with a single commercial objective, to provide the required delivery capacity to the customer. The performance obligation has been assessed as being satisfied over time based on the duration of the contractual arrangement. The contract term is the period during which the parties have present and enforceable rights and obligations. The transaction price includes customer contributions and delivery charges based on an estimate of quantities delivered. Revenue is recognised over time based on an output method, as the performance obligation is satisfied on a straight-line basis over the term of the distribution supply contract on commencement of the service delivery.

Fibre network revenue
We generate revenue by charging a daily fee to use the fibre network.

Contracting revenue
Contracting revenue is recognised at the fair value of the works completed or goods provided by reference to recoverable costs incurred during the financial year plus the percentage of forecast profit earned. For contracts with multiple performance obligations, revenue is recognised at a point in time when the performance obligation is satisfied. No revenue is recognised if there are significant uncertainties regarding recovery of the consideration due, associated costs or the possible return of goods, or where there is continuing management involvement with the goods.

All other revenue
All other revenue is recognised in the accounting period in which the service is provided.

3 Operating expenses

	2025	**2024**
	$000	$000
Pass-through and recoverable costs^	10,562	10,772
Employee benefit costs (see note 3a)	8,766	7,575
Distribution system maintenance & fault costs	6,107	4,583
Directors fees and shareholders' committee fees	468	452
Rental expenses	10	22
Fees for services provided by the audit firm (see note 3b)	124	142
Net loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	1,015	864
Insurance	609	600
Software	1,605	1,355
Consultants	916	808
Other operating expenses	1,612	2,059
	31,794	**29,232**

^Pass-through and recoverable costs include transmission costs (excluding new investment contracts), system rates, Commerce Commission levies and other regulatory levies which are recovered through transmission prices.

3 Operating expenses (continued)

	2025	2024
	$000	$000
a) Employee benefit costs		
Expensed during the year	8,766	7,575
Included as part of distribution system maintenance & fault cost or capitalised as part of property, plant and equipment	7,058	7,211
Total employee benefit costs for the year	**15,824**	**14,786**
b) Fees for services provided by the audit firm		
Audit fees - financial statements	124	119
Underaccrual of prior year fees	-	23
Other assurance services relating to regulatory compliance	148	107
Total expenses incurred for services acquired from PwC	**272**	**249**

* Other assurance services relate to information disclosures, default price-quality path compliance, s53ZD notices, and annual price setting compliance.

4 Finance costs

	2025	2024
	$000	$000
Interest expense on lease liabilities	41	43
Interest expense on loans	2,854	2,783
Bank fees associated with financing	354	296
Movements in derivatives associated with financing	642	496
Total finance costs	**3,891**	**3,618**

5 Taxation

	2025	2024
	$000	$000
Income tax expense		
Current tax on profit for the year	-	(1)
Increase in deferred tax expenses for the year	2,210	2,771
Total income tax expense	**2,210**	**2,770**
Reconciliation of income tax		
Net profit before taxation	7,759	4,413
Prima facie taxation at 28%	2,173	1,235
Tax effect of:		
Impact of removal of depreciation on commercial buildings	-	1,438
Non-deductible expenses	16	19
Prior year tax adjustments	21	78
Income tax expense for the year	**2,210**	**2,770**

	2025	2024
	$000	$000
Imputation credit account		
Opening Balance 1 April 2024	31,329	32,471
Tax paid	-	-
Tax refunded	-	(1,142)
Prior year movement/adjustment	(1,728)	-
Closing Balance 31 March 2025	**29,601**	**31,329**

6 Deferred tax liabilities

	Tax Losses	PPE	Lease Liability	Right to Use Asset	Other	Total
	$000	$000	$000	$000	$000	$000
Balance 1 April 2023	(1,024)	36,601	(2,624)	2,381	(292)	35,042
Prior period adjustment	-	76	-	-	-	76
Early repayment of new investment contracts	-	-	(40)	-	-	(40)
Tax Losses to Carry Forward	(372)	-	-	-	-	(372)
Tax expense	791	2,227	385	(170)	(127)	3,106
Balance 31 March 2024	**(605)**	**38,904**	**(2,279)**	**2,211**	**(419)**	**37,812**
Prior period adjustment	-	-	-	-	-	-
Early repayment of new investment contracts	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tax Losses to Carry Forward	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tax expense	346	1,907	375	(260)	(158)	2,210
Balance 31 March 2025	**(259)**	**40,811**	**(1,904)**	**1,951**	**(577)**	**40,022**

The income tax charged to the statement of comprehensive income includes both the current year's provision on the taxable income, based on the income tax rate and the deferred tax effect attributed to temporary differences between the tax base of assets and liabilities, and their carrying amounts in the financial statements and to unused tax losses.

Current tax is calculated by reference to the amount of income taxes payable or recoverable in respect of the probable profit or tax loss for the period. It is calculated using the rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by reporting date. Current tax for current and prior periods is recognised as a liability or asset to the extent that it is unpaid or refundable.

Temporary differences arising from transactions, other than business combinations, affecting neither accounting profit nor taxable profit are ignored. Current and deferred tax is recognised as an expense, or income, in the statement of comprehensive income except when it relates to items credited or debited directly to equity, in which case the deferred tax or current tax is also recognised directly in equity.

Tax accounting is applied on a comprehensive basis to all timing differences using the liability method. A deferred tax asset is only recognised to the extent that it is probable there will be future taxable profits to utilise the temporary differences.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the periods when the asset and liability giving rise to them are realised or settled, based on the rates and tax laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by reporting date. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when they relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority and the Company intends to settle its current tax asset and liabilities on a net basis.

On 28 March 2024, the New Zealand Government enacted the Taxation (Annual Rates for 2023-24, Multinational Tax, and Remedial Matters) Act. As a result, from the 2024-25 income tax year onwards, we can no longer claim any tax depreciation on our commercial buildings with estimated useful lives of 50 years or more in New Zealand. We have assessed the impact and this has resulted in an increase to deferred tax expense and deferred tax liability of $1.4 million in 2024.

7 Share capital

	Deferred shares	Rebated shares issued and fully paid	Un-allocated rebate shares	**Total shares**
2024				
Shares (thousands)	28,750	1,546	291	30,587
Value of shares ($000)	$31,484	$1,546	$0	$33,030
2025				
Shares (thousands)	28,750	1,525	245	30,520
Value of shares ($000)	$31,484	$1,525	$0	$33,009

Total number of rebate shares authorised as at 31 March 2025 is $1,768,908 (2024: 1,836,994)

7 Share capital (continued)

Deferred shares

There are 28,750,000 deferred shares held by the Ashburton District Council, which have the following conditions or rights attached to them:

(a) There is no right to distributions, dividends or rebates
(b) There is a right to vote if the rights attached to the deferred share are to be altered, or there is a proposal that would change the control of the Company, or the rights of the council are not carried forward on an amalgamation
(c) The shares are not transferable, except to another local authority, or if 25 per cent of the voting equity securities are controlled by one person
(d) The right to an equal distribution with the holders of the rebate shares on a winding up of the Company

Rebate shares issued

The Company offers those connected to the Network $100 of non-tradable rebate shares with the following provisions:

(a) No user shall be required to hold any more rebate shares than any other user
(b) The user must be connected to the Network

When the user ceases to be connected to the Network the $100 will be refunded less any monies owing on purchase of the rebate shares.

8 Inventories

	2025	**2024**
	$000	$000
Distribution system	9,165	8,547
Fibre network	385	433
	9,550	**8,980**

Assets are subject to a negative pledge arrangements. (refer Note 20)

Inventories are recognised at the lower of cost, determined on a weighted average cost basis, and net realisable value.

9 Intangible assets

	2025	**2024**
	$000	$000
Software		
Opening purchase cost	4,560	4,554
Additions during the year	-	6
Disposals during the year	(8)	-
Closing purchase cost	**4,552**	**4,560**
Opening accumulated amortisation	4,234	4,046
Amortisation for the year	100	187
Depreciation on Assets Scrapped/Sold	(9)	1
Closing accumulated amortisation	**4,325**	**4,234**
Net book value	227	326
Add work in progress	-	-
Total intangibles	**227**	**326**

Intangible assets mainly consist of software which is shown at cost less amortisation. Amortisation of software is charged on a diminishing value basis using rates from 40% to 60% per annum, or on a straight line basis using rates from 10% to 25% per annum.

10 Trade and other receivables

	2025	2024
	$000	$000
Trade receivables	5,492	5,680
GST receivables	763	173
Prepayments	989	706
Expected credit loss provision	(36)	(117)
Total trade and other receivables	**7,208**	**6,442**

Individually impaired accounts receivable relates to customers for whom there is objective evidence of inability to pay. Generally, no collateral is held for account receivables.

Changes in expected credit loss		
Opening balance	117	38
Additions / (releases)	(81)	79
Closing balance	**36**	**117**

Trade receivables are amounts due from customers for goods sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business. They are generally due for settlement within 30 days and therefore are all classified as current. Trade receivables are recognised initially at the amount of consideration that is unconditional unless they contain significant financing components, when they are recognised at fair value. EA Networks holds the trade receivables with the objective to collect the contractual cashflows and therefore measures them subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method. EA Networks applies the simplified approach to providing for the expected credit losses prescribed by NZ IFRS 9, which permits the use of the lifetime expected credit loss provision for all trade receivables.

11 Naming rights

	2025	2024
	$000	$000
Naming rights to EA Networks Centre		
Purchase cost	1,000	1,000
Opening accumulated amortisation	601	534
Amortisation for the year	67	67
Closing accumulated amortisation	**668**	**601**
Carrying value of naming right	**332**	**399**
Made up from		
Current asset naming right	67	67
Non-current asset naming right	265	333
Carrying value of naming right	**332**	**399**

EA Networks has purchased the naming rights to the Ashburton Stadium Complex from the Ashburton Stadium Complex Trust for a period of 15 years from May 2015 when the council officially opened the complex. The naming rights are amortised over 15 years, which is the life of the naming right. Naming rights are stated at cost less accumulated amortisation.

12 Property, plant and equipment

2025	Electricity network	Broadband fibre	Buildings & other PPE	Vehicles & contracting equipment	Total
Cost					
Balance 1 April 2024	412,275	26,838	19,308	16,016	474,437
Additions	20,951	586	257	2,160	23,954
Disposals	(3,991)	(244)	(25)	(1,192)	(5,452)
Balance 31 March 2025	**429,235**	**27,180**	**19,540**	**16,984**	**492,939**
Accumulated depreciation					
Balance 1 April 2024	146,408	14,657	7,889	12,776	181,730
Depreciation	8,420	1,001	481	824	10,726
Disposals	(2,697)	(244)	(20)	(1,047)	(4,008)
Balance 31 March 2025	**152,131**	**15,414**	**8,350**	**12,553**	**188,448**
Net book value					
as at 31 March 2025	277,104	11,766	11,190	4,431	304,491
Work in progress	4,173	149	66	256	4,644
Total net book value	**281,277**	**11,915**	**11,256**	**4,687**	**309,135**

2024	Electricity network	Broadband fibre	Buildings & other PPE	Vehicles & contracting equipment	Total
Cost					
Balance 1 April 2023	399,925	26,445	18,908	16,374	461,652
Additions	17,403	414	402	72	18,291
Disposals	(5,053)	(21)	(2)	(430)	(5,506)
Balance 31 March 2024	**412,275**	**26,838**	**19,308**	**16,016**	**474,437**
Accumulated depreciation					
Balance 1 April 2023	142,287	13,388	7,465	12,345	175,485
Depreciation	8,112	1,272	425	835	10,644
Disposals	(3,991)	(3)	(1)	(404)	(4,399)
Balance 31 March 2024	**146,408**	**14,657**	**7,889**	**12,776**	**181,730**
Net book value					
as at 31 March 2024	265,867	12,181	11,419	3,240	292,707
Work in progress	7,963	223	240	-	8,426
Total net book value	**273,830**	**12,404**	**11,659**	**3,240**	**301,133**

Property, plant and equipment purchased prior to 1 April 2006 are shown at 'deemed cost' less subsequent depreciation, and impairment write-downs. Property, plant and equipment purchased after 1 April 2006 is recorded at the value of the consideration given to acquire and/or construct the assets, plus the value of other directly attributable costs which have been incurred in bringing the assets to the location and condition necessary for their intended service, less subsequent depreciation and impairment write-down.

Fibre network assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

Land is stated at cost and is not depreciated.

Buildings and plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

12 Property, plant and equipment (continued)

Depreciation has been provided on all property, plant and equipment other than freehold land on the following basis and at the following rates, which depreciates the cost of the assets over their useful lives:

Item	Rate	Method
Electricity network	1.36% to 40.00%	Straight line
Fibre network	2.00% to 20.00%	Straight line
Other - Buildings	1.00% to 2.50%	Straight line
Other - All other items	4.80% to 67.00%	Diminishing value
Vehicles & contracting equipment	4.80% to 67.00%	Diminishing value

The assets residual values and useful lives are reviewed and adjusted if appropriate at each balance date. The standard physical assets lives reflect the useful life defined in the Electricity Distribution Input Methodologies Determination 2012, downloadable from:
https://comcom.govt.nz/regulated-industries/input-methodologies/electricity-distribution-ims

Easements are recorded at cost and expensed in the period they are paid.

Impairment - if the recoverable amount of an item of property, plant and equipment is less than the carrying amount, the item is written down to its recoverable amount. The write-down of an item recorded at historical cost is recognised as an expense in the statement of comprehensive income. When a revalued item is written down to recoverable amount, the write-down is recognised as a downward revaluation to the extent of the corresponding revaluation reserve, and any balance is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

The carrying amount of an item of property, plant and equipment that has previously been written down to recoverable amount, is increased to its current recoverable amount if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the amount of the write-down. The increased carrying amount of the item will not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined if the write-down to recoverable amount had not occurred.

Reversals of impairment write-downs are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

Other assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that because of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the asset, the future cash flows of the asset have been impacted. The carrying amount of the asset is reduced by the impairment loss and this loss is recognised as an expense in the statement of comprehensive income.

Capital Work in Progress is stated at cost and is not depreciated.

13 Right of use assets and lease liabilities

	New investment contracts	Land	Other	**Total**
	$000	$000	$000	$000
Right-of-use assets				
Balance 1 April 2023	8,025	149	102	8,276
Lease re-measurements	1	-	-	1
Lease addition	-	-	-	-
Amortisation	(335)	(14)	(33)	(382)
Balance 31 March 2024	**7,691**	**135**	**69**	**7,895**
Balance 1 April 2024	7,691	135	69	7,895
Lease re-measurements	(11)	-	-	(11)
Lease addition	-	-		-
Amortisation	(272)	(14)	(33)	(319)
Balance 31 March 2025	**7,408**	**121**	**36**	**7,565**
Lease liabilities				
Balance 1 April 2023	477	169	105	751
Lease re-measurements	3	-	-	3
Lease addition	-	-	-	-
Payments made	(56)	(20)	(37)	(113)
Interest charged	30	8	5	43
Balance 31 March 2024	**454**	**157**	**73**	**684**
Balance 1 April 2024	454	157	73	684
New lease entered during the year				-
Lease re-measurements	(11)	-		(11)
Lease addition	-	-	-	-
Payments made	(58)	(20)	(37)	(115)
Interest charged	31	7	3	41
Balance 31 March 2025	**416**	**144**	**39**	**598**
Disclosed as follows:				
Current	58	0	32	90
Non-current	358	144	7	509
Balance 31 March 2025	**416**	**144**	**39**	**599**

(a) Length of lease term

EA Networks leases various network assets from Transpower (new investment contracts). Other items leased include land on which network assets are situated and office equipment (photocopiers and printers). Lease contracts are typically made for fixed periods of 1 to 40 years but may have extension options as described in (g) below. Contracts may contain both lease and non-lease components. We allocate the consideration in the contract to the lease and non-lease components based on their relative stand-alone prices.

(b) Securities

Lease terms are negotiated on an individual basis and contain a wide range of terms and conditions. The lease agreements do not impose any covenants other than the security interests in the leased assets that are held by the lessor. Leased assets may not be used as security for borrowing purposes.

(c) Measurement of financial leases

Assets and liabilities arising from a lease are initially measured on a present value basis. Lease liabilities include the net present value of the following lease payments:

i) fixed payments (including in-substance fixed payments), less any lease incentives receivable
ii) variable lease payments that are based on an index or a rate, initially measured using the index or rate as at the commencement date
iii) amounts expected to be payable by the group under residual value guarantees
iv) the exercise price of a purchase option if the group is reasonably certain to exercise that option
v) payments of penalties for terminating the lease if the lease term reflects the group exercising that option

Lease payments to be made under reasonably certain extension options are also included in the measurement of the liability.

(d) Discount rate

Lease payments are discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease. If that rate cannot be readily determined, which is generally the case for land and office equipment leases, our incremental borrowing rate is used, being the rate that the individual lessee would have to pay to borrow the funds necessary to obtain an asset of similar value to the right-of-use asset in a similar economic environment with similar terms, security and conditions.

Under the terms of our new investment leases we are exposed to potential future increases/decreases in lease payments as the Transpower allowable cost of capital increases/decreases. When adjustments to lease payments based on an index or rate take effect, the lease liability is reassessed and adjusted against the right-of-use asset as a lease modification.

(e) Allocation of lease payments

Lease payments are allocated between principal and finance cost. The finance cost is charged to statement of comprehensive income over the lease period so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability for each period.

Right-of-use assets are measured at cost comprising the following:

- the amount of the initial measurement of lease liability
- any lease payments made at or before the commencement date less any lease incentives received
- any initial direct costs
- restoration costs

(f) Right-of-use assets depreciation

Right-of-use assets are generally depreciated over the shorter of the assets' useful life and the lease term on a straight-line basis. Right of-use assets associated with new investment contracts are depreciated over the underlying assets' useful life.

(g) Extension and termination options

EA Networks have extension and termination options associated with property and equipment leases. These are used to maximise operational flexibility in terms of managing the assets used in EA Networks operations. The majority of extension and termination options held are exercisable only by EA Networks and not by the respective lessor.

(h) Payments associated with short-term and low-value leases

Payments associated with short-term leases and all leases of low-value assets are recognised on a straight-line basis as an expense in the statement of comprehensive income. Short-term leases are leases with a lease term of 12 months or less. Low-value assets comprise electricity networks equipment.

13 Right of use assets and lease liabilities (continued)

(i) Critical judgements in determining the lease term
In determining the lease term, management considers all facts and circumstances that create an economic incentive to exercise an extension option, or not exercise a termination option. Extension options (or periods after termination options) are only included in the lease term if the lease is reasonably certain to be extended (or not terminated).

For leases associated with the electricity network, the life of EA Networks' assets associated with the lease is the predominant factor used to determine the expected term associated with extension of a lease.

When the ability for EA Networks to use its own property, plant and equipment is contingent on the right to use assets associated with the lease, extension options have been included in assessment of lease liability.

The lease term is reassessed if an option is actually exercised (or not exercised) or EA Networks becomes obliged to exercise (or not exercise) it. The assessment of reasonable certainty is only revised if a significant event or a significant change in circumstances occurs, which affects this assessment, and that is within the control of the lessee. During the current financial year no lease terms were reassessed.

14 Derivative financial instruments

	2025	**2024**
	$000	$000
Current assets		
Interest rate caps	-	26
Interest rate swaps	50	8
	50	**34**
Non-current assets		
Interest rate caps	-	-
Interest rate swaps	4	456
	4	**456**
Current liabilities		
Interest rate swaps	-	-
Non-current liabilities		
Interest rate swaps	(205)	-
Net value of derivative financial instruments	**(151)**	**490**

The Company enters into interest rate swaps and caps to manage the financial risk associated with any potential movement in the cost of debt funding.

Financial instruments are recorded at fair value in the statement of financial position, with any movement in the associated value being recorded in the statement of comprehensive income. The valuation of the financial instruments' present value has been undertaken by the registered banks who are parties to the swap and caps contract.

No adjustment has been made to the present value of the financial instruments to reflect the risk of default. This is due to the other contracting parties to the financial instrument being the BNZ and Westpac who are registered banks, therefore any adjustment to the present value would be immaterial.

Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value on the date the contract becomes binding and subsequently re-measured to their fair value at the end of each quarter. The resulting gain or loss is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income immediately. EA Networks has not adopted hedge accounting.

15 Trade and other payables

	2025	2024
	$000	$000
Trade creditors	3,288	3,332
Interest accruals	490	692
Total trade and other payables	**3,778**	**4,024**

Trade and other payables are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

16 Employee entitlements

	Leave entitlement	Retirement gratuity	Total entitlement
	$000	$000	$000
Balance as at 31 March 2023	**1,583**	**481**	**2,064**
Payouts during the year	(1,487)	(41)	(1,528)
Increase in provision	1,389	28	1,417
Balance as at 31 March 2024	**1,485**	**468**	**1,953**
Payouts during the year	(1,817)	-	(1,817)
Increase in provision	1,957	65	2,022
Balance as at 31 March 2025	**1,625**	**533**	**2,158**

Employee benefits are allocated as:
Leave entitlement
This represents entitlement earned for annual, alternative and long service leave. A provision is also made towards long service leave entitlement.

Retirement gratuity
Gratuities are payable when a qualifying employee elects to retire. The Company recognises the liability when an employee reaches the minimum length of service and apportions the entitlement in the reporting year based on length of service, age and the current age eligibility.

17 Contract liability

	2025	2024
	$000	$000
Opening Balance	3,727	167
Revenue recognised	(730)	(167)
Revenue received in advance and not recognised	2,505	3,727
Closing Balance	**5,502**	**3,727**
Disclosed as follows:		
Current	426	738
Non-current	5,076	2,989
Closing Balance	**5,502**	**3,727**

The contract liability balance represents where payment has been received but the corresponding performance has not been carried out within the financial year. This is usually associated with upfront capital contributions which will be released in line with the Revenue Policy on Capital Contributions from directly contracted customers over the term of the contract.

18 Reconciliation of net cash flows from operating activities to operating surplus after taxation

	2025	2024
	$000	$000
Net profit after taxation	**5,549**	**1,643**
Add (subtract) non-cash items		
Depreciation and amortisation	11,212	11,283
Movement in financial derivatives	641	496
Movement in deferred taxation	2,210	2,770
Loss (gain) on sale of property, plant and equipment	1,015	864
Discount used by shareholders to purchase shares	19	106
Finance Lease Interest	41	43
Total non-cash items	**15,138**	**15,562**
Movement in net current assets and liabilities		
Decrease (increase) in inventory	(570)	(500)
Decrease (increase) in trade and other receivables	(766)	224
Increase (decrease) in trade and other payables	(558)	(131)
Increase (decrease) in employee entitlements	205	(110)
Increase/(Decrease) in taxation payable	-	1,142
Total net current assets/liabilities movement	**(1,689)**	**625**
Other movement		
Trade and other payables relating to property, plant and equipment	749	(402)
Total other	**749**	**(402)**
Net cash flows from operating activities	**19,747**	**17,427**

19 Related party transactions

	Transaction total YE 2025	Balance as at 31 March 2025	Transaction total YE 2024	Balance as at 31 March 2024
	$000	$000	$000	$000
Ashburton District Council (significant shareholder of EA Networks, holding 28,750,000 deferred shares)				
EA paid for - rates	364	-	336	-
EA paid for - other services	31	-	30	-
EA charged for - contracting services	640	62	781	5
EA charged for - other services	47	3	37	6
Ashburton Contracting Limited (100% owed by Ashburton District Council. Andrew Barlass is a director Ashburton Contracting Limited and the chair of EA Networks. Alister Lilley is the chair of Ashburton Contracting Limited and a shareholders' committee member of EA Networks)				
EA paid for - contracting services	827	8	1,001	159
EA charged for - contracting services	95	0	17	-
Barhill Chertsey Irrigation Limited (Richard Fizgerald is a director of Barhill Chertsey Irrigation Limited and is a director of EA Networks)				
EA paid for - contracting services	-	-	1	-
Orion (Paul Munro is a director of EA Networks and Chair of Orion)				
EA paid for - contracting services	17	1	16	1
Cullimore Engineering Limited (Ian Cullimore is a director and shareholder of Cullimore Engineering Limited and was chair of the shareholders' committee of EA Networks)				
EA paid for - contracting services	-	-	1	-
Electraserve Limited (Alister Lilley is a director and shareholder of Electraserve Limited and a shareholders' committee member of EA Networks)				
EA paid for - contracting services	4	0	124	33
EA charged for - contracting services	48	2	36	7
EA charged for - other services	2	-		
Redcliffs Station Limited (Ross Keith Bowmar is a director of both Redcliffs Station Limited and EA Networks)				
EA charged for - contracting services	4	-	-	-
Rosehill Farming Co Limited (Jeanette Maxwell is a director and shareholder of Rosehill Farming Co Limited and a				
EA charged for - contracting services	-	-	2	-
Lynn River Limited (Paul Munro is a director of both Lynn River Limited and EA Networks)				
EA paid for - contracting services	11	0	4	1
Enviro-Mark Solutions Limited (Paul Munro is a director EA Networks and was a director of Enviro-Mark Solutions)				
EA paid for - contracting services	15	-	12	-
Newlands Group Limited (Robert Newlands is a director and shareholder of Newlands Group Limited and a shareholders' committee member of EA Networks)				
EA paid for - other services	45	9	10	2
Smith & Church Appliances Limited (Alister Lilley is a director and Shareholder of Smith & Church Appliances Limited and a shareholders' committee member of EA Networks)				
EA paid for - other services	1	-	2	-
MHV Water Limited (Cole Groves & Paul Munro are directors of both MHV Water Limited and EA Networks)				
EA charged for - contracting services	1	0	-	-
EA charged for - other services	3	-		
Senior Leadership Team (EA Networks Senior Leadership Team)				
EA charged for - the sale of vehicle	13	-	-	-

The amounts receivable or payable included in the disclosure above are inclusive of GST (if any)
All products and services rendered and received were completed on normal arms-length commercial terms
Key management compensation is disclosed under note 24.

20 Financial instruments

The Company is exposed to several financial risks: foreign exchange risk, interest rate risk, credit risk and liquidity risk. The Company focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on its financial performance. The major area of financial risks faced by the Company and the information on the management of the related exposures are detailed below.

	Financial assets at amortised cost	Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	Financial liabilities at amortised cost	Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss
	$000	$000	$000	$000
Per Statement of Financial Position as at 31 March 2024				
Assets				
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	-	-	-	-
Trade and other receivables	6,269	-	-	-
Derivative financial instruments	-	34	-	-
Non-current assets				
Derivative financial instruments	-	456	-	-
Total assets	**6,269**	**490**	**-**	**-**
Liabilities				
Current liabilities				
Cash and cash equivalents	-	-	143	-
Trade and other payables	-	-	4,024	-
Contract liability			738	
Lease liabilities	-	-	88	-
Borrowings	-	-	-	
Derivative financial instruments	-	-	-	-
Non-current liabilities				
Lease liabilities	-	-	596	-
Contract liability	-	-	2,989	-
Borrowings	-	-	52,350	-
Derivative financial instruments	-	-	-	
Total liabilities	**-**	**-**	**60,928**	**-**
Per Statement of Financial Position as at 31 March 2025				
Assets				
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	257	-	-	-
Trade and other receivables	6,445	-	-	-
Derivative financial instruments	-	50	-	-
Non-current assets				
Derivative financial instruments	-	4	-	-
Total assets	**6,702**	**54**	**-**	**-**
Liabilities				
Current liabilities				
Cash and cash equivalents	-	-	-	-
Trade and other payables	-	-	3,778	-
Contract liability			426	
Lease liabilities	-	-	90	-
Borrowings	-	-	-	-
Derivative financial instruments	-	-		-
Non-current liabilities				
Lease liabilities	-	-	509	-
Contract liability			5,076	
Borrowings	-	-	51,500	-
Derivative financial instruments	-	-	-	205
Total liabilities	**-**	**-**	**61,379**	**205**

Cash and cash equivalents
Cash equivalents (assets) are short-term, highly liquid investments, with maturities of less than 3 months, that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash, and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

Foreign exchange risk

The Company has no foreign exchange contracts in place or exposure to foreign exchange risk at 31 March 2025 (2024: Nil).

Interest rate risk
The Company has external long-term funding arrangements that exposes it to interest rate risk. To manage interest rate risk, the Company uses swaps and caps and a treasury policy (note 14).

Credit risk

The Company has exposure to credit risk with eighteen electricity retailers who have more than 80% of the total trade receivables balance. Credit risk with each of these customers is managed by the prudential requirements in the use-of-system agreement.

The Company's historical records associated with the collection of trade receivables gives Directors the belief that no additional credit risk beyond the amounts provided for doubtful debts is required in the Company's trade receivables.

The Company has a policy of holding cash in minimal quantities and spreading investments between registered trading banks, where the possibility of these institutions failing is considered remote.

The maximum exposure to credit risk is the disclosed carrying values of cash, cash equivalents and accounts receivable. No security is held on any of these items. Further disclosures on accounts receivable are outlined in note 10.

Liquidity risk
This represents the Company's ability to meet its financial obligations on time. The Company generates sufficient cash flows from its operating activities to make timely payments. It does however maintain committed credit lines to cover any shortfalls.

	2025	**2024**
	$000	$000
External short-term funding arrangements		
BNZ overdraft facility	500	500
BNZ VISA	100	40
External long-term funding arrangements		
Maturing less than 12 months		
BNZ revolving credit facility	-	-
Maturing greater than 12 months		
Westpac multi option credit line facility	57,000	57,000
BNZ revolving credit facility	13,000	13,000
Total long term funding available	**70,000**	**70,000**
Contractual performance bonds		
Dollar value of bonds in place with Westpac	40	40
Number of bonds in place with Westpac	one	one

Short and long-term funding is secured by a negative pledge over assets.

20 Financial instruments (continued)

The following table identifies the periods in which the financial instruments will mature, that are subject to interest rate risk, re-pricing, and the effective rate at balance date.

Interest rate spread associated with swaps and caps in place

	Less than 6 months	6-12 months	1-2 years	2-5 years
	$000	$000	$000	$000
2024				
Maturity of swaps and caps in place	7,000	-	10,500	10,000
Interest rates	4.17% - 3.60%	-	2.03% - 4.00%	3.95%
2025				
Maturity of swaps and caps in place	-	4,000	-	50,000
Interest rates	-	3.78% - 5.7%	-	4.49% - 5.7%

By managing interest rate risk, the Company aims to moderate the impact of short-term fluctuations in interest rates. Over the longer term, changes in rates will have an impact on profit.

Liquidity forecast

The Company's policy is to regularly monitor its liquidity requirements and its compliance with lending covenants, to ensure that it maintains sufficient reserves of cash, readily realisable marketable securities and adequate committed lines of funding from major financial institutions to meet its liquidity requirements in the short and longer term.

The table below analyses the financial liabilities into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period at balance date to the contractual maturity date.

Maturity of long-term external funding and associated interest costs

	Less than 6 months	6-12 months	1-2 years	2-5 years
	$000	$000	$000	$000
2024				
Locked-in interest cost on principal to maturity	739	515	563	1,541
Principal				52,350
Effective total	739	515	563	53,891
Interest rates on principal due	3.85% - 6.75%	3.85% - 5.77%	3.85% - 5.77%	3.85% - 5.77%
2025				
Locked-in interest cost on principal to maturity	1,295	929	929	5,501
Principal				51,500
Effective total	1,295	929	929	57,001
Interest rates on principal due	3.78% - 5.7%	3.78% - 5.7%	4.49% - 5.7%	4.49% - 5.7%

Long-term funding maturity dates

Westpac multi option credit line facility	01 April 2026	28,500
BNZ revolving credit facility	01 April 2027	13,000
Westpac multi option credit line facility	01 April 2028	28,500

The BNZ and Westpac facilities are unsecured and subject to a negative pledge arrangements.

There are no current indications that these loan facilities will not be renewable as and when they mature in the future.

Interest rate risk

EA Networks considers that a reasonably possible movement in New Zealand interest is a 100 basis point movement in either direction. The impacts of a 100 basis point movement is summarised below.

	2025	2024
	$000	$000
Increase of 1% interest rates as at reporting date		
Profit before income tax	(25)	249
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Decrease of 1% interest rates as at reporting date		
Profit before income tax	25	(249)
Other comprehensive income	-	-

Capital risk management

The Company's objective when managing capital is to safeguard the ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns to shareholders, consumers, and benefits for other stakeholders and to maintain an optimal capital structure to reduce the cost of capital. Total capital is calculated as total equity including members' interests plus total borrowings as shown in the balance sheet. The Company is subject to the following externally imposed capital requirements, which are measured at balance date, which the Company fully complies with.

Interest coverage:

(i) Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation, rebate and amortisation are greater than or equal to 3.5 times interest, and

(ii) Earnings before interest, tax & depreciation are not less than 3 times funding costs

Shareholder funds ratio: Total shareholder funds to be maintained in excess of 45% of total tangible assets.

Net debt reconciliation

This section sets out an analysis of net debt and the movements in net debt for each of the periods presented.

	2025	2024
	$000	$000
Net debt		
Cash and cash equivalents	257	-
Liquid investments	-	-
Borrowings repayable within one year	-	-
Borrowings repayable after one year (including overdraft)	(51,500)	(52,350)
	(51,243)	**(52,350)**
Cash and liquid investments	-	-
Gross debt - fixed interest rates	-	-
Gross debt - variable interest rates	-	-
Total net debt	**(51,243)**	**(52,350)**

	Cash/bank overdraft	Borrowings due within 1 year	Borrowings due after 1 year	Total
	$000	$000	$000	$000
Balance as at 31 March 2023	**242**	**-**	**(55,850)**	**(55,608)**
Cash flows	(322)	-	3,500	**3,178**
Balance as at 31 March 2024	**(80)**	**-**	**(52,350)**	**(52,430)**
Cash flows	337	-	850	**1,187**
Balance as at 31 March 2025	**257**	**-**	**(51,500)**	**(51,243)**

21 Fair value hierarchy for derivatives

Fair value hierarchy for derivatives, reported at fair value through the statement of comprehensive income.

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	**Total**
	$000	$000	$000	$000
As at 31 March 2024				
<u>Financial assets</u>				
Interest rate swaps and caps	-	490	-	490
Total assets	**-**	**490**	**-**	**490**
<u>Financial liabilities</u>				
Interest rate swaps and caps	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
As at 31 March 2025				
<u>Financial assets</u>				
Interest rate swaps and caps	-	54	-	54
Total assets	**-**	**54**	**-**	**54**
<u>Financial liabilities</u>				
Interest rate swaps and caps	-	205	-	205
Total liabilities	**-**	**205**	**-**	**205**

The Company relies on the fair valuation of derivatives from the trading banks that the derivatives have been placed with. The fair valuation represents the value which the derivative could be sold for at balance date.
Fair values are categorised into different levels in a fair value hierarchy based on the inputs used in the valuation techniques as follows:
Level 1 **:** quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date
Level 2 **:** inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices)
Level 3 **:** inputs from assets or liabilities that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs)
The Company recognises transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy at the end of the reporting period during which the change has occurred.

Classification
The Company has financial instruments which are classified in the following categories: financial assets at amortised cost, financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss, loans and receivables and financial liabilities at amortised cost.

Recognition
Financial instruments are recognised in the statement of financial position when the Company becomes party to a financial contract. They include cash and cash equivalents, bank overdrafts, receivables, derivatives and payables, and term borrowings.

Other financial assets or liabilities
The Company is also party to financial instruments to meet financing needs and to reduce exposure to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates. These financial instruments include bank overdraft facilities, derivatives and contractors' bonds.

Interest rate swaps and caps
Interest rate swaps and caps are included as derivative financial instruments on the statement of financial position and classified as movements in derivatives associated with financing through the statement of comprehensive income.

21 Fair value hierarchy for derivatives (continued)

Borrowings

Borrowings are initially recognised at fair value plus transaction costs incurred and are subsequently recorded at amortised cost.

Borrowings are recognised as current liabilities unless the Company has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability at least 12 months after balance date (financial liabilities at amortised cost).

The Company has borrowings with Westpac Banking Corporation and the Bank of New Zealand, all of which are secured by a negative pledge over assets.

22 Capital commitments

Capital commitments contracted but not provided for in the financial statements are as follows:

	2025	2024
	$000	$000
EA Networks		
Electricity distribution network	30	1,617
Solar Farm	-	1,863
Other - including Vehicles and contracting eqiupment	435	443
Fibre network	1	34
Total capital commitments	**466**	**3,957**

23 Contingent liabilities

EA Networks has no contingent liabilities.

24 Key management personnel compensation

Key management personnel are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the entity, directly or indirectly, including any director of that entity. The compensation of executives being the key management personnel of the Company is set out below:

	2025	2024
	$000	$000
Short term employment benefits	2,376	2,174
Post-employment benefits	-	-
Long term benefits	-	-
Termination and other benefits	-	70

There were no outstanding benefits at balance date.

25 Subsequent events

There are no events after the balance date that would materially affect these financial statements.

26 Other information

For-profit

EA Networks is the trading name for Electricity Ashburton Limited, a for-profit Co-operative Company registered under the Co-operative Companies Act 1996 and domiciled and incorporated in New Zealand.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements of EA Networks have been prepared in accordance with New Zealand Generally Accepted Accounting Practices (NZ GAAP).

The financial statements comply with New Zealand Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (NZ IFRS) and IFRS, and other applicable reporting standards as appropriate for a for-profit Company.

The Company has adopted External Reporting Board Standard A1 Accounting Standards Framework (For-profit Entities Update) ('XRB A1') for both years contained in these financial statements. The Company meets the criteria of a Tier 1 entity under XRB A1 and is reporting in accordance with Tier 1 For-profit Accounting Standards. EA Networks has previously applied full NZ IFRS in its financial statements which continues to be a requirement for Tier 1 entities.

The financial statements are for Electricity Ashburton Limited trading as EA Networks as a separate legal entity.

The Company is an issuer of terms of the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013 and its financial statements comply with that Act. The Company is included in the small co-operative exemption in accordance with this Act.

Functional and presentation currency

The Company's financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars, which is the Company's functional and presentation currency.

Measurement base

These financial statements have been prepared on an historical cost basis, except where stated otherwise in the accounting policies.

Goods and services tax (GST)

The statement of comprehensive income has been prepared so that all components are stated exclusive of GST. All items in the balance sheet are stated exclusive of GST, apart from receivables and payables, which include GST invoiced.

New standard was applied during the year

Amendments made to NZ IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements in 2020 and 2022 clarified that liabilities are classified as either current or non-current, depending on the rights that exist at the end of the reporting period. The amendments also clarify what NZ IAS 1 means when it refers to the 'settlement' of a liability. Terms of a liability that could, at the option of the counterparty, result in its settlement by the transfer of the entity's own equity instrument can only be ignored for the purpose of classifying the liability as current or non-current if the entity classifies the option as an equity instrument.

These financial statements are the first that NZ IAS 1 have been adopted. As a result of adopting this standard, the presentation and terminology used in the financial statements have been updated to align with the requirements of NZ IAS 1; comparative information has been restated, where applicable, to conform to the current years presentation. There has been no impact on the recognition or measurement of assets, liabilities, income or expenses.

Amendments to FRS-44 New Zealand Additional Disclosures aim to address concerns about the quality and consistency of disclosures an entity provides about fees paid to its audit or review firm for different types of services. Application of these amendments is required for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024. The Company expects to adopt the amendment in the 2025 financial statements. The Company has adopted this and disclosures are made with regards to fees paid for each type of service provided by the auditor.

New standards and interpretations not yet adopted

- NZ IFRS 18 Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements was issued in May 2024 as replacement for NZ IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements (NZ IAS 1). Most of the presentation and disclosure requirements would largely remain unchanged together with other disclosures carried forward from NZ IAS 1 (e.g., capital management, debt covenants. etc.)

NZ IFRS 18 primarily introduces the following:
. a defined structure for the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income by classifying items into one of the five categories: operating, investing, financing, income taxes and discontinued operations.
. disclosure of management-defined performance measures (a subset of non-GAAP measures) in a single note together with reconciliation requirements, and
. additional guidance on aggregation and disaggregation principles (applied to all primary financial statements and notes).

NZ IFRS 18 will be effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2027 and entities could early adopt this accounting standard. The Company expects to adopt NZ IFRS 18 and relevant consequential changes of other accounting standards in the 2028 financial statements. The Company is currently assessing the impact and will disclose more detailed assessments in the future.

Use of estimates and judgements
The preparation of financial statements requires the use of accounting estimates which, by definition, seldom equal the actual results. Management also needs to exercise judgement in applying EA Network's accounting policies.

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated. They are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that may have a financial impact on the entity and that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The area of material estimates and judgements are disclosed in the accounting policies and following notes:
- Revenue recognised over time - Note 2
- Carrying value of property, plant and equipment - Note 12
- Lease liabilities - Note 13

Detailed information about each of these estimates and judgements is included in other notes together with information about the basis of calculation for each affected line item in the financial statements.

Significant estimates and judgements

Depreciation of property, plant and equipment: Network reticulation assets' depreciation rates are as stated in the ODV Handbook issued by the Commerce Commission in 2004. These rates are considered a reasonable estimate of useful lives.

Lease classification: Judgement is required on various aspects that include, but are not limited to, the fair value of the leased asset, the economic life of the leased asset, whether or not to include renewal options in the lease term, and determining an appropriate discount rate to calculate the present value of the minimum lease payments.

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated. They are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that may have a financial impact on the entity and that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Directors’ Report

EA Networks
For the year ended 31 March 2025

Trading Name
EA Networks is the trading name of Electricity Ashburton Limited.

Principal Activities

EA Networks principal activities are:

- Development, operation and maintenance of an electricity distribution and fibre network
- Contracting, electrical construction and maintenance services for distribution networks and end users

Annual Resolution (section 10 of Co-operative Companies Act 1996)
The directors of EA Networks unanimously resolved 7 May 2025 that in the opinion of the directors for the year ended 31 March 2025, Electricity Ashburton Limited has been a Co-operative Company.

Corporate Governance

Role of the Shareholders' Committee
The Shareholders' Committee has four members directly elected by rebate shareholders (Consumers) and three members appointed by the deferred shareholder (the Ashburton District Council). The specific duties of the shareholders' committee are to: appoint the directors of the company, receive the annual Statement of Corporate Intent and to report on a regular basis to shareholders on the performance of the Company.

Role of the Board
The Board of Directors is appointed by the Company’s Shareholders' Committee which provides the essential link between shareholders and the Company.

The Board directs the affairs of the Company and supervises the management of the business. Their prime responsibility is setting the strategic direction of the Company, establishing goals and monitoring performance with a view over time to enhance the prosperity of the Company and its shareholders.

The Board discharges this responsibility through effective leadership, by enabling and encouraging an environment for innovation and being responsive to any need for “change”.

The Board seeks to maintain a balance between conformance and performance, dynamic strategic leadership, and to ensure governance best practice systems, procedures, policies and guidelines are in place.

Board Evaluation Process
The Board carries out a structured Director and Board evaluation process on a periodic basis.

Board Operation
The operation of the Board is governed by the Company’s constitution and the ‘Directors Corporate Governance Manual’.

The Directors Corporate Governance Manual sets out the responsibilities, code of conduct and expectations from each Director and members of the executive team of EA Networks.

Board Chairperson
The Board Chairperson is elected by board members and has a leadership role in the conduct of the Board and its relationship with the shareholders' committee and the Company’s other major stakeholders. The Chairperson maintains a professional relationship with the Company’s CEO, and through the CEO, the Company’s management team.

Board Meetings
The Board meets a minimum of 10 times a year. Additional meetings are convened as and when required.

Meetings are governed by a formal policy which sets when, where and how meetings are to be held. Directors receive a formal agenda and regular papers in advance of meetings.

Executive managers are regularly involved in board discussions. Directors also have other opportunities to gain information and expert advice in relation to the Company and its operation.

Board Charter
The Board operates under a formal charter which sets out the objectives and responsibilities of the Board. Contained within the Charter is the relationship between and responsibilities of the Board, Shareholder Committee and the CEO.

The Charter allows for the Board to establish committees to assist with the Board responsibilities.

Board Committees
The Board has three committees to perform work and provide specialist advice in certain areas. Our Board works to the principle that committees should enhance effectiveness in key areas, while still retaining Board responsibility

The Audit and Risk Committee assists the Board to fulfil its statutory & fiduciary responsibilities by providing objective, non-executive review of the effectiveness of the external reporting of financial information, and the internal control environment, business assurance and external audit functions and risk management.

The People, Culture and Sustainability Committee assists the Board to fulfil its responsibilities in realtion to People, organsiation culture and renumeration matters, and environmental, social and governance matters.

The Health and Safety Committee supports the Board in relation to health and safety governance.

Directors
During the year, Richard Fitzgerald retired and Ross Bowmar was appointed both effective 31 August 2024

Directors Remuneration
Directors, who held office during the year, received the following remuneration for their services:

	Chairperson	Committee chairs	Base directors	Total
A Barlass	50,945		50,945	101,890
P Munro		6,050	50,945	56,995
C Groves		3,529	50,945	54,474
J Holland		6,050	50,945	56,995
R Bowmar (from 1 September 2024)			29,718	29,718
R Fitzgerald (to 31 August 2024)		2,521	21,227	23,748
R Jamieson			50,945	50,945
	50,945	**18,150**	**305,670**	**374,765**
Payments to members of the shareholders' committee				93,691
Total				**468,456**

Related Party Transactions
All transactions between Directors or members of the Shareholders' Committee and EA Networks have been undertaken on an arm length basis. (refer Note 19 of the Financial Statements)

Interests Register

Directors Interests

The Company maintains an interest register in which certain transactions and matters involving Directors must be recorded. EA Networks Directors may also be Director, Trustee or members of other organisations who transact with the Company from time to time on normal trade/commercial terms. There were no material transactions recorded in the Directors interest register during the accounting period.

Interested Transactions

No material transactions involving Directors' interests were entered into during the financial year.

Directors Indemnity and Insurance

The Company has indemnified directors and employees against all liabilities to persons (other than the Company) which arise out of the performance of their normal duties as director or executive officer unless the liability relates to conduct involving a lack of good faith or criminal offence.

Employee Remuneration

The number of employees whose total remuneration including non-cash benefits was over $100,000 during the year ended 31 March 2025 are specified in the following bands:

Remuneration Band	Number of Staff	Remuneration Band	Number of Staff	Remuneration Band	Number of Staff
$100,000 - $119,999	25	$170,000 - $179,999	3	$230,000 - $239,999	2
$120,000 - $139,999	17	$180,000 - $189,999	6	$240,000 - $249,999	1
$140,000 - $149,999	7	$190,000 - $199,999	2	$270,000 - $279,999	1
$150,000 - $159,999	5	$200,000 - $209,999	1	$300,000 - $309,999	3
$160,000 - $169,999	3	$210,000 - $219,999	1	$510,000 - $519,999	1

Use of Company Information

During the year, the Board did not receive any notices from Directors requesting the use of Company information, received in their capacity as Directors, which could not otherwise have been available to them.

Donations

We made donations of $16,200 in the current year, to approved charities.

Audit Fees and Other Services

Details of audit fees and other services, paid to PricewaterhouseCoopers are as follows:

	2025	**2024**
Audit of financial statements	124,000	142,000
Other assurance services relating to regulatory compliance	148,000	107,000
	272,000	**249,000**

Loans or Guarantees

There were no loans made or guarantees given by the Company to Directors or their associates.

Financial Statements

The owners of EA Networks or others have no power to amend the financial statements after issue.

For and on behalf of the board

Director Director

27 June 2025

Independent auditor's report

To the Members of Electricity Ashburton Limited

Our opinion

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements of Electricity Ashburton Limited (trading as EA Networks) (the Company), present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as at 31 March 2025, its financial performance, and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with New Zealand Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (NZ IFRS) and International Financial Reporting Standards Accounting Standards (IFRS Accounting Standards).

What we have audited

The Company's financial statements comprise:

- the statement of financial position as at 31 March 2025;
- the statement of comprehensive income for the year then ended;
- the statement of changes in equity and members' interests for the year then ended;
- the statement of cash flows for the year then ended; and
- the notes to the financial statements, comprising material accounting policy information and other explanatory information.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) (ISAs (NZ)) and International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report.

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

Independence

We are independent of the Company in accordance with Professional and Ethical Standard 1 *International Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners (including International Independence Standards) (New Zealand)* (PES 1) issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board and the *International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards)* issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA Code), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

In our capacity as auditor and assurance practitioner, our firm provides other assurance services. The firm has no other relationship with, or interests in, the Company.

Other information

The Directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

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

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed on the other information that we obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of the Directors for the financial statements

The Directors are responsible, on behalf of the Company, for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with NZ IFRS and IFRS Accounting Standards, and for such internal control as the Directors determine 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 Directors are responsible for assessing the Company'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 Directors either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives 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 our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (NZ) and ISAs 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 these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located at the External Reporting Board's website at:

https://www.xrb.govt.nz/assurance-standards/auditors-responsibilities/audit-report-8/

This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Who we report to

This report is made solely to the Company's Members, as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state those matters which we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's Members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Elizabeth Adriana (Adri) Smit.

For and on behalf of:

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27 June 2025