

## Independent Auditor's Report

# To the Board of Australian Business Volunteers Limited as Trustee for the AESOP Foundation

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the *Financial Report* of Australian Business Volunteers Limited as Trustee for the AESOP Foundation (the Foundation).

In our opinion, the accompanying Financial Report:

- gives a true and fair view of the Foundation's financial position as at 30 June 2021 and of its financial performance for the year ended on that date; and
- complies with Australian
   Accounting Standards and Division
   60 of the Australian Charities and
   Not-for-profits Commission
   Regulation 2013.

The Financial Report comprises:

- Statement of financial position as at 30 June 2021;
- Statement of comprehensive income, Statement of changes in equity, and Statement of cash flows for the year then ended;
- Notes including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information; and
- Directors' Declaration.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with *Australian Auditing Standards*. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report* section of our report.

We are independent of the Foundation in accordance with the ethical requirements of the ACNC Act 2012 and the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards) (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the Financial Report in Australia. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

### **Other Information**

Other Information is financial and non-financial information in Australian Business Volunteers Limited as Trustee for the AESOP Foundation's annual reporting which is provided in addition to the Financial Report and the Auditor's Report. The Trustees are responsible for the Other Information.

Our opinion on the Financial Report does not cover the Other Information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the Financial Report, our responsibility is to read the Other Information. In doing so, we consider whether the Other Information is materially inconsistent with the Financial Report or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.



We are required to report if we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this Other Information, and based on the work we have performed on the Other Information that we obtained prior to the date of this Auditor's Report we have nothing to report.

## **Responsibilities of Trustees for the Financial Report**

The Trustees are responsible for:

- preparing the Financial Report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the ACNC Act 2012;
- implementing necessary internal control to enable the preparation of a Financial Report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; and
- assessing the Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern and whether the use of the going
  concern basis of accounting is appropriate. This includes disclosing, as applicable, matters related to
  going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate
  the Foundation or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report

Our objective is:

- to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Financial Report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; and
- to issue an Auditor's Report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with *Australian Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or error. They are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the Financial Report.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Report is located at the *Auditing* and *Assurance Standards Board* website at: http://www.auasb.gov.au/auditors\_responsibilities/ar4.pdf. This description forms part of our Auditor's Report.

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Phill Sands
Partner
Canberra

28 October 2021



## Lead Auditor's Independence Declaration under

# Subdivision 60-C section 60-40 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012

To the Trustees of Australian Business Volunteers Limited as Trustee for the AESOP Foundation

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, in relation to the audit of Australian Business Volunteers Limited as Trustee for the AESOP Foundation for the financial year ended 30 June 2021 there have been:

- i. no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* in relation to the audit; and
- ii. no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

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Phil Sands

Partner Canberra

28 October 2021