

GERMAN-NEW ZEALAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INCORPORATED

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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GERMAN-NEW ZEALAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INCORPORATED

**DIRECTORY
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

Date of Incorporation: 4th August 1983

Incorporation Number: 446158

IRD Number: 43-729-756

Registered Office: Level 8
139 Quay Street
Auckland

Nature of Business: Fostering bilateral trade between Germany and New Zealand

Business Address: Level 14
188 Quay Street
Auckland

Bankers: ASB Bank Limited
Deutsche Bank AG

Accountants: Findex NZ Limited
Level 8
139 Quay Street
Auckland

Auditors: Crowe New Zealand Audit Partnership
Level 8
139 Quay Street
Auckland

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF GERMAN-NEW ZEALAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INCORPORATED

Opinion

We have audited the special purpose financial statements of German-New Zealand Chamber of Commerce Incorporated (the Incorporated Society) on pages 4 to 10, which comprise the balance sheet as at 31 December 2023 and the income statement for the year then ended, and notes to the special purpose financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying special purpose financial statements of the Incorporated Society for the year ended 31 December 2023 are prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the significant accounting policies as disclosed in the special purpose financial statements.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) (ISAs (NZ)). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Special Purpose Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Incorporated Society in accordance with Professional and Ethical Standard 1 *International Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners (including International Independence Standards) (New Zealand)* issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Our firm has prepared the financial statements from documentation provided by the Committee of the Incorporated Society. The firm has no other relationship with, or interests in, the Incorporated Society.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

We draw attention to the significant accounting policies disclosed in the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The special purpose financial statements are prepared for Committee of the Incorporated Society to assist them to assess the financial position of the Incorporated Society and its results for the year. As a result, the special purpose financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose. Our report is intended solely for the Incorporated Society and should not be distributed to parties other than the Incorporated Society and its members. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of the Committee for the Special Purpose Financial Statements

The Committee are responsible on behalf of the entity for the preparation of the special purpose financial statements in accordance with accounting policies as disclosed in the special purpose financial statements and for such internal control as the Committee determine is necessary to enable the preparation of special purpose financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Committee are responsible for assessing the Incorporated Society'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 Committee either intend to liquidate the Incorporated Society or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Special Purpose Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the special purpose 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) 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 decisions of users taken on the basis of these special purpose financial statements.

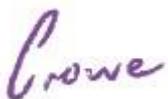
As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (NZ), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the special purpose 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 our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Incorporated Society's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the use of the going concern basis of accounting by the Committee and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Incorporated Society's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the special purpose financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Incorporated Society to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the special purpose financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the special purpose financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Restriction on Use

This report is made solely to the Members, as a body. Our audit has been undertaken so that we might state to the Incorporated Society Members those matters 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 Incorporated Society and the Members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Crowe New Zealand Audit Partnership

Auckland, New Zealand

4 April 2024

GERMAN-NEW ZEALAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INCORPORATED

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
REVENUE			
Membership Fees		141,869	122,034
Trade Service Fees		602,484	300,886
German Trade Fair Promotion		122,011	147,109
German Trade Representative Funding		265,809	239,396
Interest		971	156
Other Income		7,851	45,707
Association Functions Income		95,602	21,134
Business Guide		18,445	12,681
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME		<u>1,255,042</u>	<u>889,103</u>
EXPENSES			
Association Functions		97,930	12,539
Audit Fees		17,662	12,500
Bad Debts and Short Payments		136	-
Bank Charges		3,028	2,060
Business Guide Expenses		12,996	18,820
Depreciation & Amortisation	3	6,816	6,687
Exchange Fluctuations		10,973	2,770
Legal Fees		1,800	-
Maintenance - Equipment		-	6,601
Maintenance - IT		70,686	47,599
Oktoberfest		-	4,990
Other Administration Expenses		148,880	84,939
Premises – Rent & Rates		47,579	44,298
Salaries & Management Fees		456,623	392,163
Trade Enquiry Expenses		247,197	146,906
Trade Fair Promotion Expenses		118,999	76,787
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>1,241,305</u>	<u>859,660</u>
NET SURPLUS BEFORE TAXATION		13,737	29,443
Taxation Expense		-	-
NET SURPLUS AFTER TAXATION		<u>13,737</u>	<u>29,443</u>

The accompanying notes form part of, and should be read in conjunction with, these financial statements



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STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Accumulated funds at beginning of year	106,936	77,493
Net Surplus for the year	13,737	29,443
Accumulated funds at year end	120,673	106,936

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash on Hand		300	227
ASB Bank - Cheque Account		30,469	12,133
ASB Bank - Call Account		60,797	38,934
Deutsche Bank		119,607	88,320
Accounts Receivable		86,576	124,159
Taxation Receivable		170	27
GST Receivable		3,711	8,606
Prepayments and Accrued Revenue		34,986	9,223
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		336,616	281,629
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Intangible Assets	2	2,148	4,130
Fixed Assets	1	17,053	9,864
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		19,201	13,994
TOTAL ASSETS		355,817	295,623
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable		30,234	31,062
Accruals and Income in Advance		172,028	113,429
PAYE Clearing Account		13,452	11,580
Kiwi Saver & Student Loan		2,417	2,870
Holiday Pay Provision		17,012	10,937
Loan Payable	8	-	18,808
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		235,143	188,686
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		120,673	106,937
		355,817	295,623

On Behalf of the Committee

President

Committee Member

Auckland, 4 April 2024

Date

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GERMAN-NEW ZEALAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INCORPORATED

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Reporting entity

German-New Zealand Chamber of Commerce Incorporated (the "Society") is incorporated under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908.

Measurement Base

The measurement base adopted is that of historical cost. Accrual accounting is used to match expenses with revenue.

The Society is not required to prepare financial statements that comply with generally accepted accounting practise and as a result has elected to prepare special purpose financial statements. These special purpose financial statements are intended for the Committee of the Society to assist them to assess the financial position of the Society and its results for the year. As a result, the special purpose financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose.

Specific Accounting Policies

The following specific accounting policies which materially affect the measurement of financial performance and financial position have been applied:

i) Foreign Currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are converted at the New Zealand rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. At balance date foreign monetary assets and liabilities are translated at the closing rate and variations arising from these translations are included in the Statement of Financial Performance.

ii) Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable are stated at their estimated realisable value.

iii) Taxation

The Society is liable for taxation on all earnings except membership subscriptions.

iv) Fixed Assets

Fixed assets acquired are stated at cost. Depreciation has been calculated using the diminishing value or straight line methods using the following rates:

Furniture & fittings	20% DV
Software	48% DV
Computer equipment	48% DV
Leasehold improvements	33% SL
Intangible assets	48% DV

v) Goods and Services Tax

The financial statements have been prepared on a GST exclusive basis except for accounts receivable and accounts payable which are stated GST inclusive.

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

vi) Leases

Operating lease payments, where the lessors effectively retain substantially all the risks and benefits of ownership of the leased items, are included in the determination of the operating surplus in equal instalments over the lease term.

vii) Income Recognition

Operating revenue is recognised when the goods and services are provided. Membership income is recorded as deferred income when received, and is recognised as income on a straight line basis over the duration of the membership. Grants with conditions attached are recognised when the requirements of the conditions are satisfied. Grants that do not meet specific conditions are recognised as a income in advance at balance date until the conditions are met.

Changes in Accounting Policies

There have been no material changes in accounting policies during the year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
1 Fixed Assets		
Furniture & Fittings - at cost	24,485	21,245
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(18,599)	(17,667)
Written down value	<u>5,886</u>	<u>3,578</u>
Computer equipment - at cost	14,372	13,376
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(3,205)	(7,090)
Written down value	<u>11,167</u>	<u>6,286</u>
Leasehold improvement - at cost	15,000	15,000
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(15,000)	(15,000)
Written down value	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Written Down Value	<u><u>17,053</u></u>	<u><u>9,864</u></u>
2 Intangible Assets		
Website Costs - at cost	13,561	13,561
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(13,418)	(13,286)
Total written down value	<u>144</u>	<u>276</u>
Software - at cost	19,400	19,400
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(17,396)	(15,546)
Written down value	<u>2,004</u>	<u>3,854</u>
Total Written Down Value	<u><u>2,148</u></u>	<u><u>4,130</u></u>
3 Depreciation & Amortisation		
Software	1,850	3,702
Furniture & Fittings	932	894
Loss on Disposal	1,109	226
Computer equipment	2,794	1,610
Websites	132	255
Total Depreciation	<u><u>6,816</u></u>	<u><u>6,687</u></u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

4 Operating Lease Commitments	2023	2022
At balance date the Society had the following operating lease commitments:	\$	\$
Current	31,374	32,404
Non-Current	7,686	39,118
	<u>39,060</u>	<u>71,522</u>

During the year end 31 December 2023 \$45,401 (2022: \$41,485) was recognised as an expense in the Statement of Financial Performance in respect of operating leases.

5 Contingent Liabilities

There are no contingent liabilities as at 31 December 2023 (2022:\$Nil).

6 Capital Commitments

The Society has no capital commitments at 31 December 2023 (2022:\$Nil)

7 Other Commitments

The Society has no other commitments at 31 December 2023. (2022: \$Nil)

8 Loan Payable

The loan payable that was due to the BMWK (Federal Ministry for Economics and Climate Action) and DIHK (German Chamber of Commerce and Industry) in equal portions was fully repaid during the year.