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2020 Full Year Financial Results Presentation

Attached is the presentation of the financial results for the 12 month period ended 30 September 2020.

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Financial data

All dollar values are in Australian dollars (\$ or A\$), unless otherwise stated



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COVID-19 IMPACTS

No material impacts, so far



Elders continues to monitor the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak on demand for Elders' products and services, customers and supply chains:

- all farm inputs supply chains in which Elders participates are, at present, operating normally
- livestock supply chains experienced a short-term disruption of live export to Vietnam and Indonesia
- wool markets remain soft due to limited Chinese buyer activity and although not material, Elders Fine Foods, was significantly
 impacted by COVID-19 because of shutdown to restaurants and hotels in China
- Real Estate Services sales have been slightly impacted in parts of the country where COVID-19 has impinged on the ability to conduct inspections and auctions
- none of these impacts above has had a material impact on Elders' financial performance for the year ended 30 September 2020
- Elders has recognised pandemic risk on its risk register and has implemented controls in the business to mitigate COVID-19 impacts. Elders proactively formed a COVID-19 Response Committee and held regular meetings to monitor, track and report business and financial reporting matters relating to COVID-19
- with Elders' critical role in agriculture and rural and regional Australia, the decision was made to not stand down or reduce employment due to COVID-19
- Elders did not access any government support such as JobKeeper during the year ended 30 September 2020



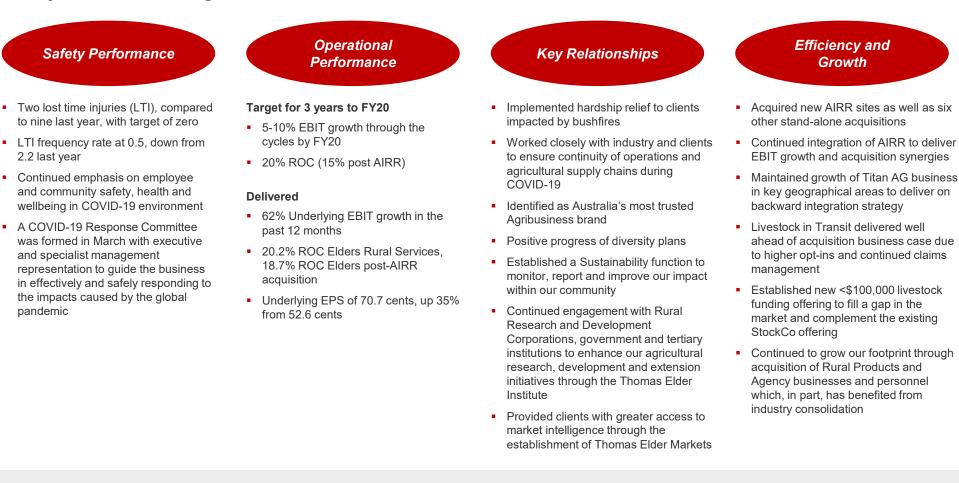
FY20 KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Robust year across the business

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	Financial Performance	 to guide the business effectively and safely responding to the impacts caused by the global pandemic \$119.4m Underlying EBIT (+62%) \$110.5m Operating Cash Flow (+\$99.3m) 20.2% Return on Capital (ROC) Elders pre-AIRR acquisition (+2.0%); 18.7% ROC post-AIRR acquisition (+0.5%) 1.6x Leverage Ratio (+0.8x), at the lower end of our targeted range of 1.5x-2.0x 70.7 cents Earnings per Share (+35%)
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DELIVERY AGAINST OUR FY20 PRIORITIES

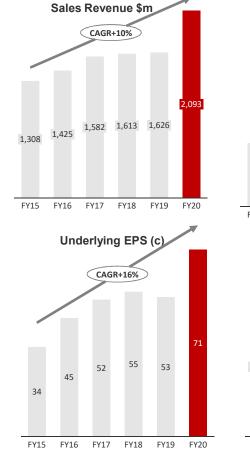
Final year of second Eight Point Plan

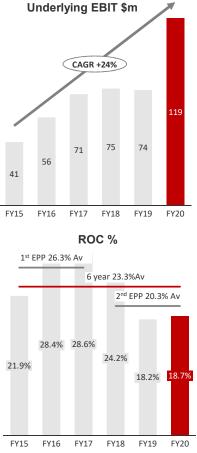


FY20 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE: SUMMARY

Strong performance across our key metrics

	FY20 Result	FY19	Year-on-Year Change			
Financial Metric	Pre-AASB 16 (\$m)	Result (\$m)	\$m		%	
Sales revenue	2,092.6	1,626.0	+	466.6	29%	
Underlying EBITDA	127.9	78.8	+	49.1	62%	
Underlying EBIT	119.4	73.7	+	45.7	62%	
Underlying profit after tax	109.0	63.6	+	45.4	71%	
Statutory profit after tax	124.2	68.9	+	55.3	80%	
Net debt	134.1	94.3	+	39.8	42%	
Operating cash flow	110.5	11.2	+	99.3	887%	
Total capital (balance date)	704.8	489.6	+	215.2	44%	
Underlying return on capital (%) ¹	18.7%	18.2%	ŧ	n.a	0.5%	
Underlying earnings per share (cents)	70.7	52.6	+	18.2	35%	
Leverage ratio (times)	1.6	2.4	ŧ	(0.8)	(33%)	





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¹ Return on capital = Rolling 12 months Underlying EBIT / (working capital + investments + property, plant and equipment + intangibles (excluding brand name) – provisions)



FY20 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE: PRODUCT

Additional earnings from Wholesale acquisition and outperformance across most products and services

Change in product margin (\$m)





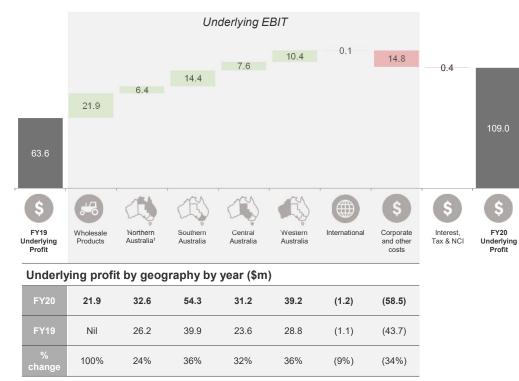
- Retail Products benefitted from a strong winter cropping season and continued backward integration, which offset poor summer crop and dry conditions in the first half
- Addition of Wholesale Products through acquisition of AIRR contributing \$44.0 million in gross margin
- Agency Services upside mostly in Livestock, primarily driven by high prices for both cattle and sheep
- Real Estate Services favourable predominantly due to increased broadacre and residential turnover
- Financial Services increase is due to the acquisition and growth of Livestock in Transit delivery warranty products
- Branch Incentive includes the accrual of the new program, which commenced this financial year
- Costs up on last year due to acquisitions, geographical footprint growth and additional corporate initiatives, offset by savings from new Rural Bank distribution agreement



FY20 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE: GEOGRAPHY

Improvement across all areas with increased investment in Group initiatives

Change in underlying profit by geography (\$m)



- Addition of Wholesale Products through acquisition of AIRR contributing \$21.9 million of EBIT, outperforming expectations and delivering synergies
- Northern Australian increase driven by higher cattle prices with improved winter cropping conditions leading to higher Retail Products sales
- Southern Australia benefited from a strong Livestock business (high prices and cattle turnover), plus increased Retail Products sales, and margin improvement from continued growth in our backward integration initiative
- Central Australia was favourable across most products and services, with higher Real Estate Services turnover, Livestock profiting from higher prices and volumes, and improved Retail Products sales
- Western Australia positive due to increased Retail Products sales, benefits of backward integration through Titan AG and continued higher Livestock prices and volumes
- Corporate and other costs increased due to investment in strategic areas and performance incentive accruals

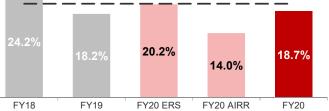
¹ Northern Australia includes Killara Feedlot



FY20 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE: CAPITAL

Return on Capital (ROC) 3-year average at 20.3% has outperformed 20% second EPP target





\$ <i>m</i> ²	FY20	FY19	Change
Retail Products	241.7	207.8	33.9
Wholesale Products	60.6	0.0	60.6
Agency Services	50.6	43.2	7.4
Real Estate Services	1.2	1.3	(0.2)
Financial Services	28.1	18.9	9.2
Feed and Processing Services	51.6	45.1	6.5
Other	(31.3)	(27.7)	(3.6)
Working capital (average)	402.4	288.6	113.8
Other capital	235.8	118.7	117.1
Total capital (average)	638.2	407.3	230.9

Elders Rural Services' underlying ROC increased to 20.2% (up 2.0%). This was achieved by:

- Higher Retail Products return in part due to expansion of our backward integration initiative and improving stock turns
- Improved earnings in Agency Services and Real Estate Services on similar capital; while Feed and Processing has consistent earnings on increased inventory

The Wholesale acquisition delivered a ROC of 14.0% (15.9% excluding amortisation of intangibles)

We achieved a 3-year average ROC of 20.3%, which is above our 20% target for the completion of the second Eight Point Plan period

Average working capital rose by \$113.8 million to \$402.4 million for the year, attributable to:

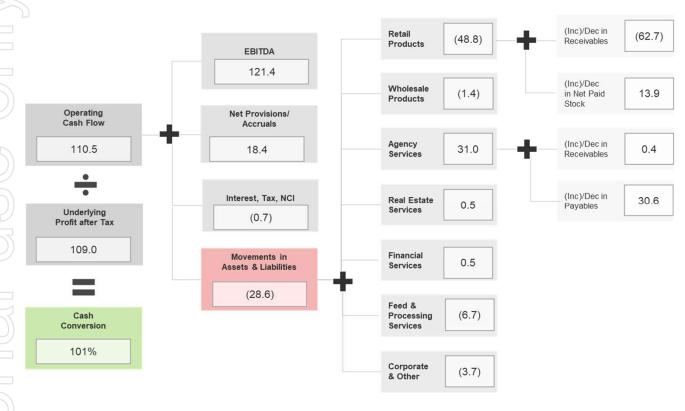
- Retail Products increases due to debtors in line with higher sales activity
- Wholesale Products working capital of \$60.6 million due to Wholesale acquisition
- Feed & Processing Services increases from higher costs of cattle in our feedlot

¹ Return on capital = Rolling 12 months Underlying EBIT / (working capital + investments + property, plant and equipment + intangibles (excluding brand name) – provisions) ² Excludes Elders brand name only



FY20 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE: OPERATING CASH FLOW

Cash conversion at 101% on underlying profit after tax



\$million	FY20	FY19	Change
Operating cash flow	110.5	11.2	99.3
Investing cash flow	(123.1)	(42.5)	(80.6)
Financing cash flow	56.0	26.9	29.1
Total cash flow	43.4	(4.4)	47.8

Operating cashflow of \$110.5 million

EBITDA of \$121.4 million, offset by:

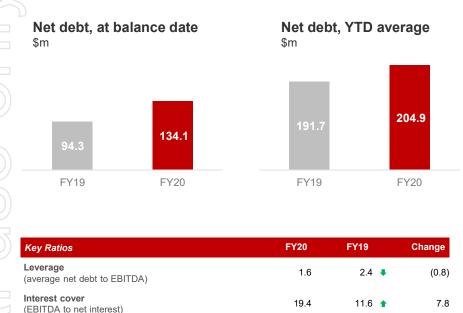
Increase in assets and liabilities of \$28.6 million. Key drivers include:

- Growth related increase of \$45.0 million in Retail Products with:
 - debtors up on higher 4th quarter sales
 - increase in Titan AG inventory, offset by higher creditors
- Lower Agency Services working capital of \$31.0 million from lower receivables from improved year end debtor collection and increased payables, in part due to timing
- Higher cattle inventory in Feed and Processing Services due to increase in cattle prices and year end impact of supply chain disruption in China



FY20 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE: NET DEBT

Net Debt up supporting growth, significant improvement across key ratios



30.4%

38.9% 🖊

(8.5%)

Net debt

Net debt is up \$39.8 million to \$134.1 million at September 2020, mainly due to the acquisition of AIRR for which capital raising proceeds were held at balance date last year

Average net debt of \$204.9 million was up slightly on last year, with increased working capital supporting growth in the business

Key ratios

All our key ratios have improved on last year

Financial covenants¹

Undrawn facilities at balance date were \$258 million and significant headroom in our financial covenants:

- leverage is 0.1 (covenant < 3.5 times)
- interest cover is 27.9 (covenant > 3.5 times)
- net worth is \$672.3 million (covenant > \$250 million)



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Gearing

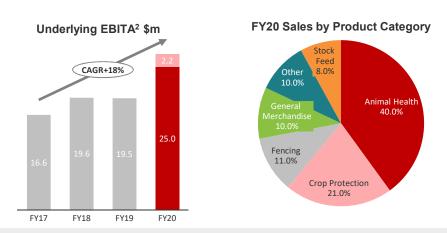
(average net debt to closing equity)

AIRR ACQUISITION

Operational performance, progress on synergies and initiatives

Operational Performance

- Acquisition of Wholesale Products has integrated AIRR and Tuckers retailer brands plus 8 warehouses and 5 retail locations into Elders results
- Financial performance of \$21.9m EBIT, has exceeded business case expectations (10.5 months under Elders ownership)
- Strong performance specifically in animal health and crop protection categories
- Stable working capital with active management of debtors, inventory levels and creditors. Achieved ROC of 14.0%*



On track for delivery of acquisition synergies

This has been achieved through:

- Centralisation of inventory into AIRR warehouses to better manage working capital in Elders Branch Network
- Consolidating and streamlining procurement of products across both businesses
- Enhanced margin management and marketing across brands and product portfolio

Implementation of other initiatives

- Maintain loyal member base
- Own label expansion in animal health and merchandise
- Promote digital strategy through launch of Tucker Click and Collect across member stores

¹ EBITA ROC of 15.9% ² EBITA for FY17-FY19 has been adjusted to reflect September year end. FY20 proforma result includes \$2.2m EBITA in the 6 weeks prior to acquisition



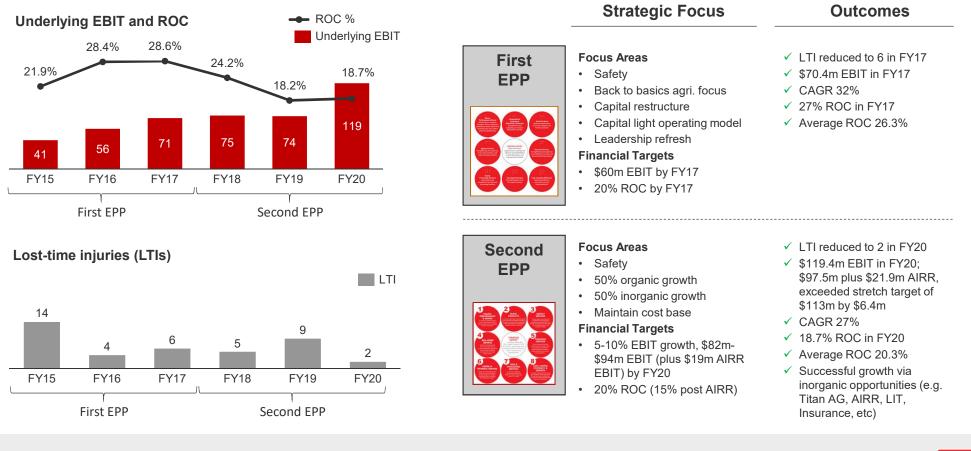


The agricultural sector remains on track for a recovery after successive years of drought-affected seasons in eastern Australia. Production is forecast to grow but the value of production is expected to remain steady due to reduced prices. COVID-19 continues to disrupt the agricultural sector, however the business and broader industry has remained adaptable. Continuing uncertainty also remains in export markets

Rural Products	 Area planted for summer crop is expected to rebound from historically low levels last year, resulting in recoveries in demand for crop protection and fertiliser COVID-19 has had minimal impact overall on key inputs across the industry, Elders continues to adapt to these challenges Contribution margin improvement to be achieved through optimised pricing and continued delivery of synergies and backward integration from AIRR and Titan AG Continued investment in Rural Products acquisitions and working capital to support business growth and performance
Agency Services	 Cattle prices to ease from record prices, but expected to remain within a historically high range Sheep prices are forecast to fall due to reduced international and domestic demand for sheep meat, and a shift to more affordable cuts Reduced consumer demand for apparel and disrupted clothing supply chains has raised the levels of unsold textiles and raw fibres, which will likely constrain demand and keep wool prices under pressure in the near-term
Real Estate Services	 High levels of demand for farmland is expected to continue while potential farmland sellers are deferring selling decisions due to uncertainty created by COVID-19; this is expected to deliver ongoing strong farmland values Regional residential property markets continue to outperform city markets and are expected to continue into FY21 as buyers seek better returns
Financial Services	 Livestock financing expected to grow with the launch of new <\$100,000 livestock funding product to complement the existing StockCo offer Significant room for continued growth in Livestock in Transit product with less than half of livestock clients opted in to the add-on product Continued growth in Insurance and Agri-Finance offerings through marketing and promotion with partners QBE and Rural Bank
Feed & Processing	 A challenging year for Killara Feedlot may see difficulty sourcing animals at reasonable prices and volumes to service major export markets; this however will be partially offset by easing feed costs Elders Fine Foods trading profitably under renewed multichannel strategy
Costs and Capital	 Costs are expected to increase in line with footprint growth, continued investment in our Eight Point Plan and the first phases of our System Modernisation program

COMPLETION OF SECOND EIGHT POINT PLAN

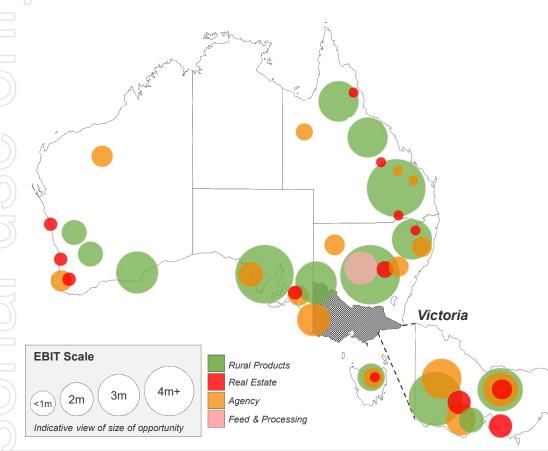
FY20 completes our second EPP, which was built on the foundations of our first EPP. Over the past 6 years, EBIT has grown 24% p.a., exceeding target of 5 to 10% year on year and LTIs have reduced to 2



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OUR 2023 AMBITION	Compelling shareholder returns 5-10% EBIT and EPS growth thro cycles at 15% ROC	ugh the		sustainability outcomes safety, community, governance	Most trusted Ag in rural and regio	
OUR BUSINESS UNITS			REAL ESTATE	FINANCIAL SERVICES		FEED & PROCESSING
OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES	1 <u>Win market share</u> across all products, services and geographies through client focus, effective sales and marketing and strategic acquisitions	in Rural optimise	more gross margin Products through d pricing, backward on and supply chain Y	Strengthen and expand our service offerings, including Livestock and Wool Agency, Real Estate, Financial and Tech Services	4 <u>Optimise our feed</u> and processing <u>businesses</u> in Killara Feedlot and Elders Fine Foods	5 <u>Develop a</u> <u>sustainability</u> <u>program</u> that is authentic and industry leading
OUR ENABLERS	6 Systems Modernisation Program solutions to improve customer ex administration efficiency and beth	perience, drive	e process and p	ttract, retain and develop the be eople in agriculture and provide nd inclusive working environmer	a <u>safe</u> discipline ar	flinching <u>financial</u> nd commitment to cost efficiency
OUR VALUES			ACCOUNTABILITY	TEAM WORK		POINT PLAN 2023
						Elders

STRATEGIC OPPORTUNITIES

Significant growth opportunities to gain share by serving new customers, in new geographies, with our multiple product and service portfolio



We continue to focus on opportunities that allow us to win new customers and a greater share of existing customers across our diversified business

Rural Products

 There is opportunity to increase market share and presence in high value areas, including Western Victoria, South Coast (WA), Northern Queensland, central NSW and the Yorke Region in SA

Agency Services

 Footprint expansion and personnel acquisitions will deliver growth in targeted locations to expand our Agency business

Real Estate Services

 Growth through expansion of owned sites and franchise locations, particularly in South West WA and regional Victoria

Financial Services

 Livestock funding and insurance products, alongside our general insurance partnership will be focused on growth across all regions

Feed and Processing Services

Opportunities to expand offerings in central NSW region



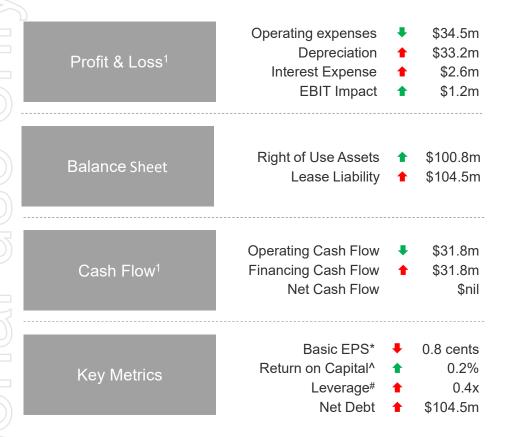
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	•	Maintained growth of Titan AG business in key geographical areas to deliver on backward integration strategy					
	Strategy -	Continued to grow our footprint through acquisition of Rural Products and Agency Services businesses and personnel					
	•	Financial Services delivered growth above acquisition case for Livestock in Transit product, and launched a new livestock funding product					
		Developed our third Eight Point Plan to guide business priorities through to FY23					
		18 Elders					

IMPACT OF AASB 16 LEASES

Adopted 1 October 2019



Using the 'modified retrospective approach', whereby no comparative period information is restated

Recognised Right of Use Asset as equal to the calculated Lease Liabilities

P&L Impact:

- Previously leased premises and motor vehicle expenses included in Operating Expenses \$34.5m
- Replaced by Depreciation on Right of Use Assets \$33.2m and Interest Expense on Lease Liabilities \$2.6m
- Elders expects the net impact on EBIT over the life of each lease assessed under AASB 16 to be immaterial

Elders held the following balances at 30 September 2020:

- Right of Use Asset: \$100.8m
- Lease Liability: \$104.5m

Net debt increases, however not included in banking covenant ratios

No net cashflow impact as cash flows are reallocated in the Cash Flow Statement from operating activities to financing activities, reflecting repayment of the Lease Liabilities

¹ Figures exclude impact of previously held finance leases

- * Calculated on 12 months of Reported NPAT
- ^ Capital employed includes right of use assets and lease liabilities
- [#] Based on an annualised FY20 EBITDA



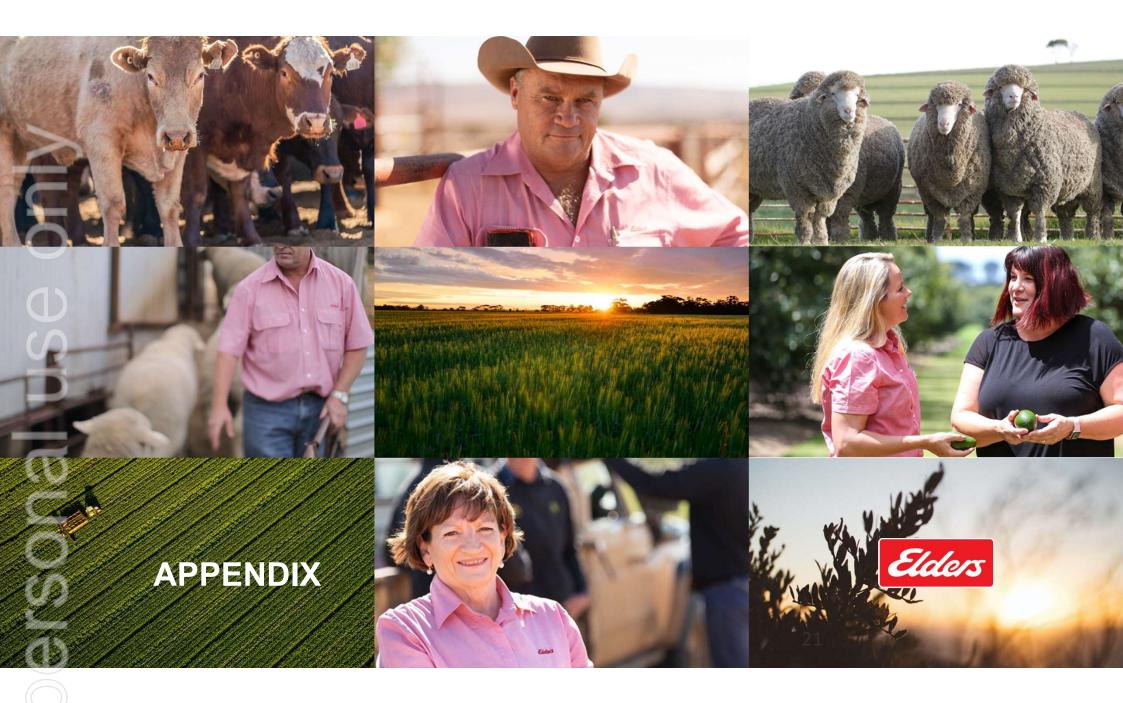
FY20 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE (INCL. AASB 16)

Minimal impact on earnings; primarily impacts net debt

Financial Metric	FY20 Statutory	FY20 AASB 16 Impact	FY20 Pre-AASB 16	FY19 Statutory
Sales revenue	2,092.6	-	2,092.6	1,626.0
Underlying EBITDA	162.4	34.5	127.9	78.8
Underlying EBIT	120.6	1.2	119.4	73.7
Underlying profit after tax	107.7	(1.3)	109.0	63.6
Statutory profit after tax	122.9	(1.3)	124.2	68.9
Net debt	237.5	103.4	134.1	94.3
Operating cash flow	142.3	31.8	110.5	11.2
Total capital (balance date)	806.9	102.1	704.8	489.6
Underlying return on capital (%) ^{1,2}	18.9%	0.2%	18.7%	18.2%
Underlying earnings per share (cents)	69.9	(0.8)	70.7	52.6
Leverage ratio (times)	2.0	0.4	1.6	2.4

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BUSINESS MODEL*

Diversification by product, service, market segment and geography

Rural Products		Rural Products		Agency Services	Real Estate	Financial Services	Digital and		Feed a Proce	
Retail Products	Wholesale Products	Agency Services	Services	Financial Services	Technical	Services	Servic			
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Farm Supplies	Farm Supplies	Livestock	Farmland	Agri Finance	Fee for Sei (170+ agro		Killara	Feedlot		
Fertiliser	Pet Supplies	Wool	Residential	StockCo (30%)	Auctions P	Auctions Plus (50%)		Fine Foods		
		Grain	Property Management	Elders Insurance (20%)	Elders Wea	ather				
			Franchise	LIT & WIT Delivery Warranty	Clear Grair Exchange					
1.4b retail sales	\$0.2b wholesale sales	9.6m head sheep	\$1.3b farmland sales	\$3.0b loan book ¹	Auctions	865k head sheep	Killara	65k head		
19 stores	370 member stores	1.8m head cattle	\$0.9b residential sales	\$1.7b deposit book ¹	Plus	113k head cattle	China	\$14.4m sales		
419 APVMA registrations		145k wool bales	111 franchises	\$76.2m StockCo book1	Elders Weather	1.2m active users				
09k tonnes fertiliser			9,371 properties under management	\$727.6m gross written premium ²	Clear Grain Exchange	51k grain tonnes				
/20 gross margin co	ontribution									
40%	10% ⁴	29%	9%	8%	n/a	2		3%		

¹Principal positions are held by Rural Bank, StockCo and Elders Insurance (QBE subsidiary) respectively ²Existing agronomic activity presented within Retail margin, Elders Weather in Other margin, and Auctions Plus and Clear Grain Exchange in Agency margin

³AIRR acquisition settled 13 November 2019 with over 10 months earnings in FY20

FY20 RESULTS BY BUSINESS SEGMENTATION

Retail and Wholesale Products plus Agency Services have the largest influence on Elders margin

	Northern Australia	Southern Australia	Central	Western Australia	International Geographies	Other	FY20 Margin (\$m)	Avg. Working Capital (\$m)
Retail Products		Farm Supplies	and Fertiliser				179.9	230.9
Wholesale Products		Farm and P	et Supplies				44.0	48.5
Agency Services		Livestock, Wo	ool, and Grain				131.1	54.2
Real Estate Services	Farmland, F	Residential, Prope	erty Management	, Franchise			38.2	1.5
Financial Services	Agri Finance and Insurance						37.1	30.2
Feed & Processing Services	Killara Feedlot				China		15.5	49.4
Other							(8.2)	
FY20 Margin (\$m)	128.0	135.8	88.4	93.4	0.2	(8.2)	437.6	

POINTS OF PRESENCE

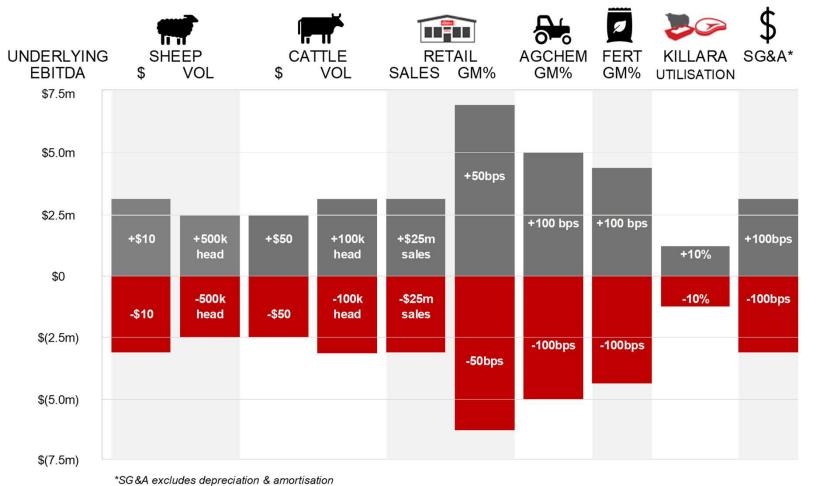
We have approx. 500 points of presence in Australia, catering to the needs of a variety of agricultural regions. We also supply a further 350+ sites with product through our wholesale members

Elders Zones and Points of Presence Agricultural Land Use in Australia AUSTRALIA ZONES West elders Owned Branches 1 KEY Central Elders Owned Real Estate² Northern Cattle Horticultur North 🔵 Elders Real Estate and/or Insurance Franchise Cattle - Dairy Sugar South Southern Livestoc Cotton Grains and Oilseeds

¹ Elders Owned Branches refers to sites that offer Rural Supplies. Many of these sites will also offer Real Estate services (company owned or franchise) and Insurance services (franchise only) ² Elders Owned Real Estate locations may also have Elders Insurance franchise located at the same premises



PROFIT SENSITIVITY



Based on FY20 full year statistics

INDUSTRY AND MARKET OUTLOOK (LONG TERM)

Market	Summary of Outlook	Long Term Market Outlook	Relevance to Elders
Agricultural production & exports	 The value of Australian agricultural production has increased steadily over recent years. It is estimated to be \$61b in 2020-21, and remain constant until 2024-25 Farm exports are expected to decrease to \$44m and remain at these levels until 2025 	Neutral Poeme	Hiah
Cattle	 Australian beef production is projected to decrease with lower slaughter rates and a rebuild of the national herd, weaker demand outlook will cause prices to decrease in 2020-21 Live export volumes are expected to decrease in 2020-21 due to lower than forecast production and global demand from China, this will also gradually decrease in the medium term due to global competition 	Neutral Room	High
Sheep & Wool	 The Australian sheep flock is expected to increase due to return to normal seasonal conditions. The flock is expected to rebuild in the medium term. Sheep prices are expected to remain higher than the 5 year historical average In the short term shorn wool is expected to remain steady due to increase in wool cuts and increase in the medium term. Wool prices are forecast to fall in 2020-21 due to consumer demand, however will recover in the medium term as demand quality improves 	Neutral Rama	High
Dairy	 The Australian dairy herd will increase in the short term in part due to favourable season conditions. Global butter prices are expected to fall in 2020-21 following increases in milk production in key exporting regions Dairy exports will decrease as higher domestic consumption is projected to reduce supplies 	Neutral	Low
Grains & Oilseeds	 Area planted to grains is expected to increase in 2020-21 on the back of drought affected levels of 2019-20, and will remain flat for the medium term assuming favourable conditions Wheat and barley prices will ease, as productivity improvements increase yields at a level that outweighs demand. Uncertain barley outlook for China Oilseed plantings will remain largely unchanged in the medium term with world supply aligning with demand 	Neutral	High
Sugar & Cotton	 In the short term, cotton production is expected to increase reflecting recovery from drought affected levels, this is expected to continue for the medium term. Returns to cotton growers are projected to increase to \$661/bale in 2024-25 Sugar production & area planted will remain relatively unchanged due to increasing interest in horticulture. Sugar prices will rise in 2019-20 due to production levels and remain largely unchanged in the medium term as increased health awareness reduces per person sugar consumption 	Neutral	M edium
Horticulture	 Gross value of Australian horticulture is projected to increase to \$12.8b in 2024-25 (2018-19: \$11b), largely driven by increased fruit and nut production due to rising demand in China Domestic prices are forecast to increase as production levels recover 	Neutral	O Medium

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