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# **HILLS<sup>TM</sup>** **FY21 Results**

**August 2021**



# Our Business... Built on Innovation



## Vision

To distribute end-to-end technology solutions that **connect, entertain** and **secure** people's lives



## Mission

To add value by choosing the best products and solutions while delivering high quality service, product insights and expertise for all stakeholders

# Strategic Priorities

## Leading Product Portfolio

- **Increased investment in Health**
  - World-class customer solutions that meet patient needs
  - Expanding geographically
  - Continuing product innovations that aligns with post COVID Health eco-system
  - Increasing capability in sales, marketing and research & development
  - Strategic partnerships

## Cost Control

- **Streamlined Distribution business**
- **Achieved further cost savings for the Continuing Operations**
  - Refocussing employees into frontline roles
  - Reduced freight and equipment costs
  - Reduce property footprint and lower occupancy cost

## Capital Management

- **Working capital release of \$5.3m**
- **Capital employed reduced by \$8.5m**
- **Net Debt at \$13.2m**

## Health Solutions

*The leading provider of Nurse Call solutions, Patient Engagement Solutions and wi-fi networks in ANZ hospitals and aged care facilities*

## Distribution

*The leading provider of integrated Security, IT and Technical Services in Australia and New Zealand*



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# **HILLS<sup>TM</sup>** **Company Update**

# FY21 Snapshot

## Challenging trading conditions and COVID-related movement restrictions significantly impacted operating performance

- Result adversely affected by COVID-related lockdowns, delayed projects in both Health and Distribution, reduced competitiveness from foreign exchange losses and non-operating items
- Segment EBITDA of \$12.0m, down 2.4% on prior year, reflects
  - Solid earnings growth from Health
  - Positive contribution from Distribution – Australia
  - \$1.9m loss from Distribution – New Zealand
- Statutory loss after tax of \$10.2m includes \$7.5m in non-operating items plus \$2.8m in reversal of non-cash timing differences in deferred tax assets
- Continued focus on cost control and capital management delivered savings in operating expenses of \$10.7m in FY21 (including \$5.6m from divested businesses) and reduced working capital (down \$5.3m on prior year)

## Group Financials

A\$ million	FY21	FY20 Restated <sup>4</sup>	Change
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>180.2</b>	<b>220.1</b>	<b>(18.1%)</b>
Segment EBITDA	12.0	12.3	(2.4%)
EBIT	(5.1)	(2.9)	(75.9%)
Non-Operating Expenses	(7.5)	(6.8)	
<b>Underlying EBIT<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>(36.8%)</b>
<b>Net Profit/(Loss) after Tax</b>	<b>(10.2)</b>	<b>(6.5)</b>	<b>(56.9%)</b>
Reported EPS (cents)	-4.41	-2.81	
Operating Cash Flow <sup>2</sup>	1.2	22.0	(94.5%)
Net Debt	13.2	8.2	61.0%
Gearing (ND/ND+Equity) <sup>3</sup>	28.4%	16.0%	+12.4% pts

1. Segment EBITDA and Underlying EBIT exclude non-operating and abnormal items, and divested businesses (refer slide 18)
2. Operating cash flow in FY20 includes the working capital release related to the sale of three business units - AV, Antenna and STEP businesses
3. Gearing ratio is Net Debt/Net Debt+Equity (excludes lease liabilities)
4. All FY20 financials are restated to reflect adjustments in net assets (-\$1.6m), net loss after tax (+\$0.4m) and retained losses (+\$1.18m). Refer to the FY21 financial statements (note 1.3)



# COVID-19 Impacts

## Health Solutions (HHS)

- Q1 and Q4 sales adversely impacted by COVID-related restrictions resulting in project delays
- Pipeline from delayed projects remains solid - timing of delivery subject to improved business confidence and end to COVID-related restrictions
- New Health strategy positioning Hills for post COVID eco-system
  - Selectively improving sales, marketing and research & development capability
  - Building new generation NurseCall
  - Developing next generation patient entertainment system (includes GetWell Network)

## Supply Chain

- USD hedging exposure adversely impacted FY21 product margins (\$5.7m cash outflow in year)
- Worldwide semiconductor shortage adversely impacted key vendors supply of products
- Rationalisation and proactive management of inventory
- Global supply chain pressures (increasing freight rates) driving supplier cost inflation
- Continued review of vendor arrangements
  - Strengthened existing vendor arrangements
  - Rationalisation of vendor portfolio is ongoing

## Distribution - Australia

- Minimal recovery in trading with extended lockdowns in all states – customers experienced major projects delays and cancellations
- Pipeline of product orders remains solid - timing of delivery subject to improved business confidence and end to COVID-related restrictions
- Increased marketing activity and customer retention programs to drive sales

## Distribution - New Zealand

- Weak FY21 trading with sales meaningfully affected by the exit of key vendors, resulting in \$1.9m operating loss
- Cost reduction and other initiatives undertaken to improve profitability

# Health – Solid Result as Business Reset with new Strategy



## Solid earnings growth despite COVID-related restrictions impacted revenues

- Restricted site access and continued project deferrals drove a decline in Q1 and Q4 revenue
- Resilience of the business reinforced by the growth in new beds and renewal of existing beds for both Nurse Call and Patient Engagement Systems
- Segment EBITDA margins expanded 6.8 points, despite flat revenue, reflecting improvements in Nurse Call and strong cost control despite continued investment in capability and R&D
- Short and medium term priority is execution of the new strategy focused on increased product development and people capabilities to accelerate growth in existing and adjacent markets

## Financials - Health

	FY21	FY20 Restated	Change
<b>A\$ million</b>			
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>34.0</b>	<b>33.7</b>	<b>0.9%</b>
Segment EBITDA	9.7	7.3	32.9%
<i>EBITDA margin</i>	<i>28.5%</i>	<i>21.7%</i>	
Depreciation & Amortisation	(4.3)	(3.4)	(26.5%)
Non-Operating Expenses	(0.6)	-	
<b>EBIT</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>28.2%</b>
<i>EBIT margin</i>	<i>14.7%</i>	<i>11.7%</i>	

# Health – Operational Highlights

## Nurse Call IP7500



- 6,900 net new beds delivered in FY21 (3,100 in H1 and 3,800 in H2) solid growth on the 6,400 new beds added in FY20
- Projects delivered in FY21
  - NSW – 17 hospitals/aged care facilities
  - TAS/VIC – 23 hospitals/aged care facilities
  - QLD – 13 hospitals/aged care facilities
- Encouraging early signs following release of the new IP Series wireless platform but sales performance has been hampered by COVID-19

## Patient Engagement Solutions



- 750 new beds added with growth continued to be hampered by site access issues and deferral of elective surgery
- 5,600 beds renewed across 28 hospitals, an almost doubling of renewals vs FY20 (3000 beds)
- GetWell Network product is continuing to build sales momentum

## Guest Wi-Fi



- Hills Guest Wi-Fi system is now deployed across 80 sites in NSW Health districts, delivering services to more than 7,100 beds



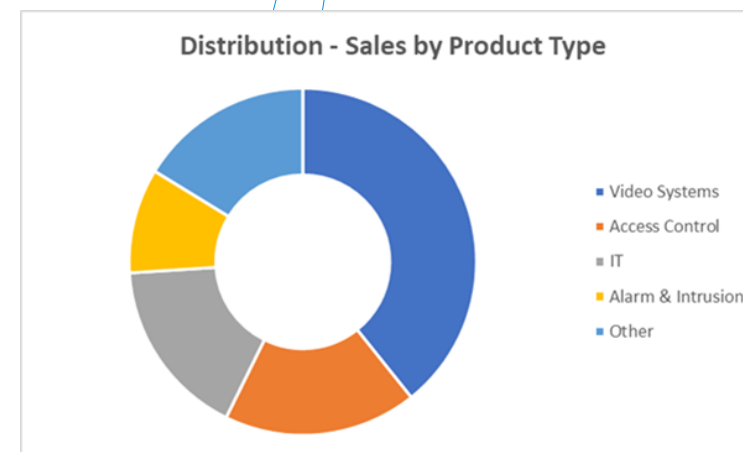
# Distribution – Challenging Trading Conditions

## Decline in profitability reflected challenging trading conditions in all markets

- Underlying revenue decline driven by:
  - Delays in customer's projects due to COVID disruptions
  - Exiting of underperforming vendors (\$11.9m in revenue)
  - Worldwide shortage of semiconductors adversely impacting key vendor product supply
- Underlying EBIT of \$0.7m driven by relative resilience of the Australian business and good cost control
  - Australian run rate customers increased in FY21 compared to pre-COVID levels reflecting customer retention activities and improved business analytics
  - New Zealand distribution delivered a \$1.9m loss reflecting the weak COVID-impacted operating environment
- Inventory reduced by a further \$1.0m reflecting vendor rationalisation program and tight working capital
- Significant level of committed orders expected to be invoiced in FY22 post COVID-related restrictions easing, arrival of delayed shipments and recommencement of delayed projects

A\$ million	FY21	FY20 Restated	Change
<b>Revenue</b>	146.2	186.4	(21.6%)
<b>Segment EBITDA<sup>1</sup></b>	6.2	8.4	(26.2%)
EBITDA margin	4.3%	4.5%	
Depreciation & Amortisation	(5.6)	(5.2)	(7.7%)
Non-Operating Expenses	(2.1)	-	
<b>EBIT</b>	<b>(1.5)</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>+nm</b>
EBIT margin	-1.1%	1.7%	
<b>Underlying EBIT<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>(78.1%)</b>
UL EBIT margin	0.5%	1.7%	
<b>Continuing Operations<sup>2</sup></b>			
<b>Underlying Revenue</b>	146.2	164.2	(11.0%)
<b>Segment EBITDA<sup>1</sup></b>	6.2	7.4	(16.2%)
EBITDA margin	4.3%	4.5%	
<b>Underlying EBIT<sup>1</sup></b>	(5.6)	(5.2)	(7.7%)

- Segment EBITDA and Underlying EBIT exclude non-operating and abnormal expenses (refer to slide 18)
- 'Continuing Operations' excludes the three divested business units (AV, Antenna and STEP) sold in December 2019

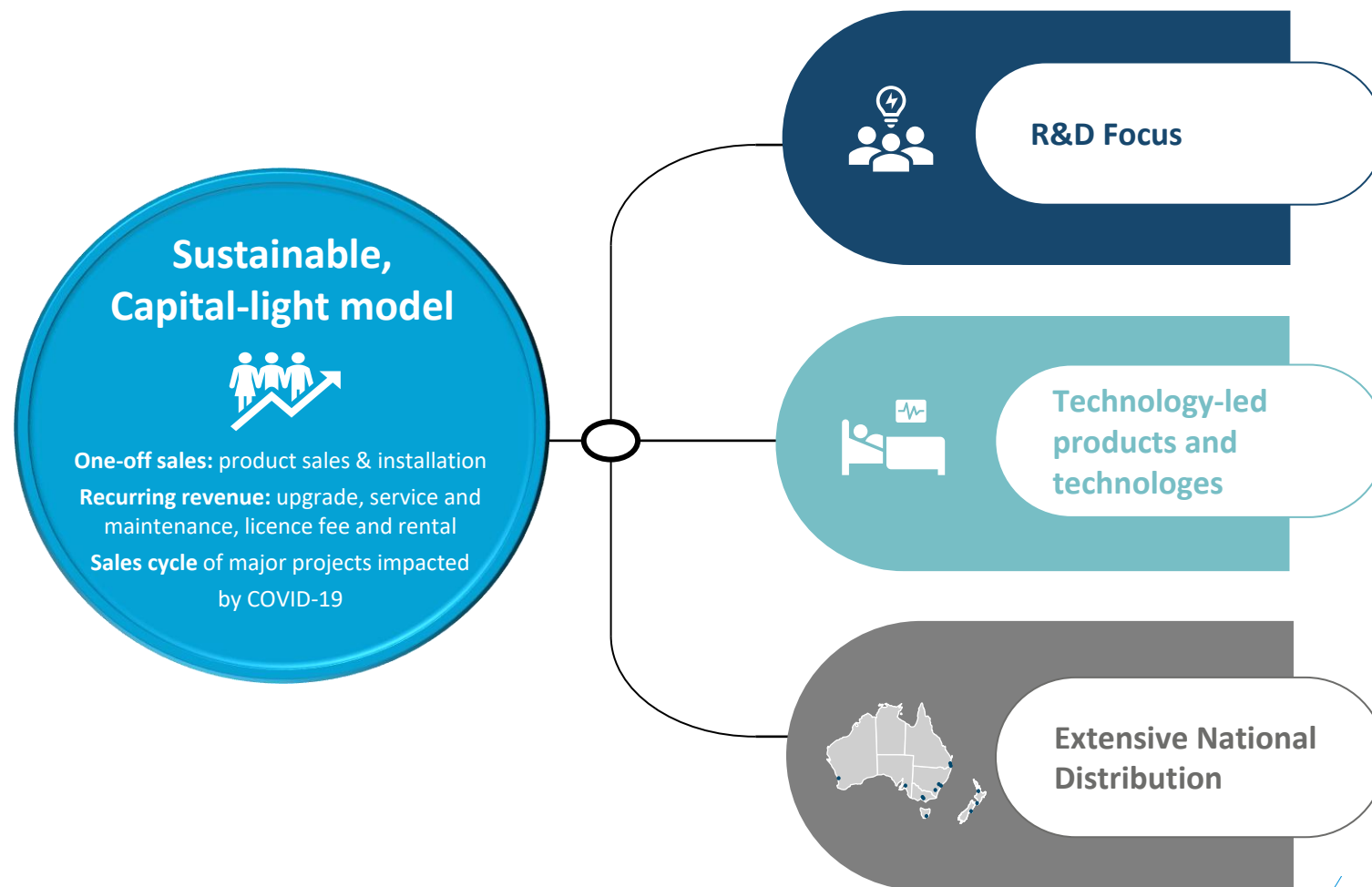


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# **HILLS<sup>TM</sup>** Strategy and Outlook



# Increasing Investment in Health



- Linking customer needs to technology capability
- Driving development of next generation products
  - Aggressive development roadmap
  - Cloud-based platforms



Nurse Call

Positioning for post COVID-19  
Health eco-system



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getwell:)network

- Upskilling frontline sales teams & direct sales model
  - Extend reach & maximise addressable market
    - High level of customer service & advice
  - Industry experts in configuration & delivery of patient-focused systems



# Streamlining in Distribution



## Well established and extensive national branch network

Extends reach, maximises addressable market and enables high level of customer service and advice



Australia's largest distribution company in security technology solutions

*13 sites in Australia & NZ*

*70% of orders are fulfilled locally*

*Meeting demand at a local level with value-add solutions*

*Focus on customer loyalty and share of wallet*

## Long-term, highly valuable vendor relationships



Exclusive distributor



'Distributor of the Year' for last 2 years



Exclusive distributor with 20+ year relationship

Exclusive or symbiotic relationship being created

Next generation cloud-based solutions

Stock rotation a key deliverable

## Centralised Distribution Model

Warehousing and freight synergies are significant



Right sizing property footprint with further rationalisation opportunities  
Improved control over inventory and order fulfilment

## Strong net asset backing >\$20m

Significantly lower capital employed



Reduced inventory

*almost 80% of stock aged 1 year or less*

Netstock inventory management system

*delivering smarter buying decisions*

Reduced debtors

*circa 90% of debtors - 30 days or less*

Short term adverse impacts from COVID-related restrictions expected to continue to impact in FY22 H1

# FY22 Outlook

- Focused on execution of Health strategy and improving the performance of Distribution to support sustainable earnings growth over the medium to long term
- Trading conditions remain impacted by COVID-related restrictions. Recovery is dependent on relaxation of restrictions and improved business confidence
- Semiconductor scarcity and erratic global supply chains are expected to continue into 2022, complicating demand and inventory planning, and impacting project delivery
- The pipeline from delayed projects remains solid and underlying demand is strong
- In the immediate future the Company is focused on ensuring it emerges from COVID-19 restrictions in a position to make the most of improved market conditions as they recover, along with continued and careful implementation of longer-term strategic plans

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# **HILLS<sup>TM</sup>** Financial Statements



# Financial Results



## Income Statement

A\$ million	FY21	FY20 Restated <sup>3</sup>	Change
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>180.2</b>	<b>220.1</b>	(18.1%)
COGS	(126.6)	(153.9)	+nm
Gross Profit	53.6	66.2	(19.0%)
Gross Margin %	29.7%	30.1%	
Operating expenses <sup>2</sup>	(41.6)	(53.9)	22.8%
Segment EBITDA	12.0	12.3	(2.4%)
Depreciation & Amortisation	(9.8)	(8.6)	(14.0%)
Non-operating items	(7.5)	(6.8)	
<b>EBIT</b>	<b>(5.1)</b>	<b>(2.9)</b>	<b>+nm</b>
Interest	(2.3)	(3.6)	36.1%
Tax	(2.8)	-	
<b>Net Profit after Tax (NPAT)</b>	<b>(10.2)</b>	<b>(6.5)</b>	<b>56.9%</b>
<b>Underlying* EBIT</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>(36.8%)</b>
<b>Underlying* EBITDA</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>6.2%</b>

1. Segment EBITDA and Underlying EBIT exclude non-operating and abnormal expenses (refer to slide 18)
2. FY21 operating expenses are net of \$2.95m relating to three months of Job Keeper and FY20 expenses are net of \$3.2m relating to Job Keeper and \$1.2m of temporary wage reductions from employees
3. During the preparation of the consolidated financial statements, the Group identified that net assets in the prior reporting periods had been overstated by \$1.55 million (net loss for full year ended 30 June 2020 was \$0.37 million understated and retained losses as at 30 June 2020 were understated by \$1.18 million)

- Revenue decreased 18% driven by the lost revenue from the divested businesses (\$22.2m) coupled with COVID-related revenue disruptions
- Statutory net loss after tax of \$10.2m includes \$7.5m in non-operating expenses (largely comprised of one-off costs) plus the non-cash reversal of timing differences in deferred tax assets of \$2.8m
- Higher Depreciation and Amortisation costs reflects increased investment in Health (capitalised R&D and amortisation software) as well as website costs

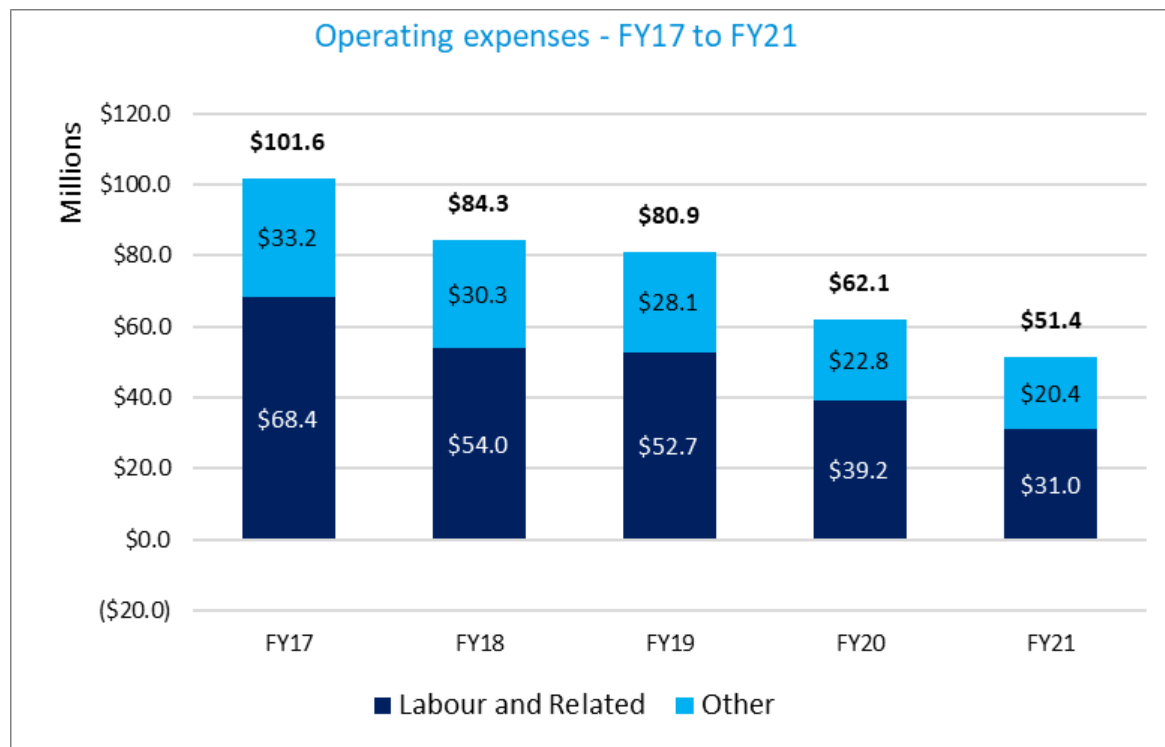
# Non-operating and Abnormal Expenses

A\$ million	Health	Distribution	Corporate	FY21
Foreign Exchange			(1.66)	(1.66)
Write-off of assets relating to exited businesses		(0.59)		(0.59)
Write-off of assets relating to exited vendors		(0.18)		(0.18)
Aged, slow-moving and demonstration stock write-off	(0.26)	(1.14)		(1.40)
Impairment of current and non-current assets	(0.34)	(0.21)		(0.55)
Other costs		(0.14)	(2.97)	(3.11)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(0.60)</b>	<b>(2.26)</b>	<b>(4.63)</b>	<b>(7.49)</b>

- Non-recurring and/or abnormal expenses, totalling \$7.5m:
  - \$1.66m mark-to-market foreign exchange adjustments reflecting the volatility in the AUD (further to \$4.1m loss recorded at 30 June 2020). All adverse hedge contract positions have been closed out
  - Non-cash items of \$2.72m:
    - Write off of \$0.6m of assets relating to exited businesses following finalisation of those transactions
    - Write off of \$0.2m of assets relating to existed vendor arrangements
    - Aged, slow-moving and demonstration stock write offs of \$1.4m
    - Reassessment of asset lives and property settlements of \$0.55m
  - Other costs relates predominantly to legal fees

# Continued Progress on Cost Reduction

Operating Expenses (including depreciation and amortisation)<sup>1</sup>



- Operating expenses FY21 down \$10.7m to \$51.4m, largely reflecting:
  - Non-recurring costs from the divested businesses (\$5.6m)
  - Cost savings in the continuing operations
    - Cost savings from operational efficiencies, lower property footprint and freight savings
    - Head count savings
    - COVID-19 subsidies and cash conservation (\$2.95m in FY21 versus Q4 FY20 benefit of \$3.2m from Job Keeper plus \$1.2m temporary wage reduction by employees)

1. Operating expenses exclude abnormal and non-recurring items



# Cashflow

	FY21	FY20
<b>A\$ million</b>		
Receipts from customers	206.8	264.3
Payments to suppliers and employees	(203.4)	(239.2)
Net financing costs	(2.2)	(3.1)
<b>Net cash flows from operating activities</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>22.0</b>
Capex - (PPE and Intangibles)	(3.0)	(4.2)
Proceeds from disposal of PPE/divestments	0.0	7.4
<b>Net cash flows from investing activities</b>	<b>(3.0)</b>	<b>3.2</b>
Proceeds from / (repayment of borrowings)	(4.1)	(22.8)
<b>Net cash flows from investing activities</b>	<b>(4.1)</b>	<b>(22.8)</b>
Change in cash balance	(5.9)	2.4

- Operating cashflow of \$1.2m, a decline on prior year primarily driven by:
  - Cost of exiting and utilising foreign exchange contracts at uncompetitive rates (\$5.7m). This represents the final cash outflow from the excess foreign exchange hedge positions put in place during the height of COVID uncertainty in FY20
  - Tougher trading conditions, aggressive competitor pricing and resultant fall in product margins
  - Comparable period included substantial benefits of working capital savings from exited businesses
- Working capital continued to be tightly managed and included lower inventories and trade receivables (\$5.3m)
- Capex remains subdued due to trading conditions and Health spending somewhat delayed during the development of the new Health strategic plan
- Statutory repayment of borrowings includes new Commonwealth Bank of Australia facility and lease liability payments under AASB 16

# Balance Sheet

A\$ million	FY21	FY20 <sup>1</sup>
Trade and other receivables	31.5	39.6
Inventories	22.0	25.1
<b>Current assets (excluding cash)</b>	<b>53.5</b>	<b>64.7</b>
Property, plant and equipment	10.8	12.3
Intangible assets	3.1	3.7
Right of use assets	7.3	10.8
Deferred tax assets	13.9	16.7
<b>Non-current assets</b>	<b>35.0</b>	<b>43.6</b>
Trade and other payables	24.3	30.2
Provisions	7.3	8.3
Lease liability (right of use assets)	10.5	13.9
Other liabilities	-	4.6
<b>Liabilities (excluding borrowings)</b>	<b>42.2</b>	<b>57.0</b>
<b>Net debt</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>8.2</b>
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>33.2</b>	<b>43.1</b>
<b>Gearing (Net Debt/Net Debt + Equity)</b>	28.4%	16.0%
Underlying EBITDA (last 12 mths)	12.0	11.3
<b>Net Debt/EBITDA</b>	1.1	0.7
Net Interest (last 12 months)	2.3	3.6
<b>EBITDA/Net Interest</b>	5.2	3.1

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- Working capital release of \$5.3m
  - Inventory reduction versus 30 June 2020 reflected tighter procurement practices, improved responsiveness to sales trends and reduction in aged stock driven through the Netstock inventory management system
  - Declines in trade receivables and trade payables reflects a strong focus on cash management during the tighter economic conditions
- Net debt increased to \$13.2m reflects cash outflows from closing out excess foreign exchange hedge positions (\$5.7m in FY21) as well as the impacts of tougher trading results
- Successful refinancing of the Group debt in December 2020 with a 3-year arrangement with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia at significantly better terms than the previous facility

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