This year has been life changing. Life was stripped to its essence in a disaster so big it encompassed everything and everyone around us.

We discovered the sharp truth — in these life-defining moments there are few places to lean upon. Despair creeps in. The choices you contemplate take you in drastically new directions, or towards a cliff face from which there is no return.

It was into this emotional landscape that the Minderoo Foundation stepped, providing the dignity of shelter and safety, and the gift of remaining with our feet on our land and the time to breathe, look, and plan for the opportunities that might unfold.

The pods arrived like giant presents being unwrapped. These were not vacuous gifts of torn jeans, worn out socks, and dirty t-shirts. These were opportunities. The crews laughed and bantered, their eyes mirrored courage, not despair.

This year Minderoo became a noun that means hope, time, and gratitude.

Thank you,
Geoff and Margi Prideaux
Minderoo Foundation
Recovery Pod recipients

Our mission is to arrest unfairness and create opportunities to better the world.
In 2020, our nation and our planet faced threats not seen in our lifetimes. A pandemic of such proportion it has killed more than 1.5 million people and destroyed economies around the world. This, coupled with drought, flood and bushfires of unprecedented scale and destruction, coalesced in the perfect storm – a cataclysmic set of circumstances that tested each and every one of our 10 values.

Just as necessity is the seed of ingenuity, unprecedented times cannot be met with a precededented response.

When bushfire victims told us, through tears, that they wanted to remain on their land so they could rebuild their homes and their lives, we generated ideas and delivered hundreds of Minderoo Recovery Pods – an innovative temporary housing solution to communities across South and Eastern Australia.

When Western Australian medical communities were being told by the authorities that we had enough personal protection and medical testing equipment, yet none was forthcoming, we stepped in to directly help our brave nurses and doctors.

When we were told that Australia could not compete against the might and deep pockets of the U.S. and Europe to secure personal protective equipment and COVID-19 qPCR testing equipment, we succeeded, despite considerable risk, due to our relationships built over decades.

Courage and determination were required to directly challenge and eventually help stop COVID-19 from destroying more lives and our economy here at home. We accepted the challenge set of us by our government, particularly our Prime Minister and Health Minister, to multiply Australia’s COVID-19 testing capacity. This process ordinarily would have taken years – Minderoo Foundation quadrupled daily testing capacity in the space of a few weeks.

In an unprecedented corporate and philanthropic collaboration, we worked around the clock with the dedicated procurement teams of Fortescue Metals Group. It’s fair to say without Fortescue, we would have struggled. Instead, within weeks we delivered a dozen A330 airplane loads full of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and medical equipment and installed testing machines right across Australia, achieving the ultimate stretch target.

Yet our greatest challenges are still ahead of us. At a time when people both in Australia and around the world are hurting, we are more determined than ever to step up and address the most pressing global challenges.

The next 12 months will prove to be some of the most important in our Foundation’s history. We will begin the journey of creating the first ocean vertebrate genome reference library, an important precursor and lasting legacy, that will accelerate genomic research and ocean conservation globally. Our work in disaster resilience will set Australia on a course to become the global leader in climate-induced fire and flood resilience by 2025 with the development of a long-term Resilience Blueprint for lasting impact.

We cannot stand by while our indigenous brothers and sisters are yet to achieve parity with non-Indigenous Australians. We cannot shy away from the environmental catastrophes that are on the brink of unfolding. We cannot leave behind the Australian children who aren’t getting the best possible start in life.

We must band together, be prepared to take risks and make mistakes in pursuit of lasting change. It is only with this freedom that true innovation can happen.

The kind of innovation that breaks through, unites people and empowers them to create a better world.

Andrew and Nicola Forrest
Co-Chairs
Step up

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an increase in the amount, speed or intensity of something.

Welcome to this year’s annual report, a year which will always be remembered as one of the most challenging that Australia has ever experienced.

Throughout the year, in so many ways, Minderoo Foundation was compelled to step up at a scale and speed we had never even realised was possible.

Andrew and Nicola, in their Chairman’s address, have written powerfully on our response to the Australian bushfires and COVID-19 in particular. The major, international procurement exercise we undertook for COVID19 testing equipment could have taken two years to complete and without any guarantee of success. We achieved it in six weeks, with tremendous support from Fortescue Metals Group, as our staff were stretched to the limit.

Our initiative leaders and staff are, in my humble opinion, amongst some of the most talented in the world. They continue to believe the impossible is achievable, and their work ethic and determination is enormous. I am thankful to them all for the huge year we have tackled together. This includes Felicity Gooding, our Deputy CEO, who has shared many leadership responsibilities with me to drive our Foundation’s impact.

Leadership and vision from the front is vital. Andrew and Nicola Forrest inspire us with their passion, ingenuity and urgency to arrest unfairness and create opportunities to better this world. Together with their family, they provide us strength and direction daily in so many ways. Their contribution and generosity continues to be extraordinary. As is the governance by our strong and decisive Board.

Our values are front and centre and define who we are and how we step up. One of the most touching moments for me occurred when I visited Kangaroo Island with team members in early January to see how we could help on the ground. Flames were still burning and the local community was in shock. As we walked down the main street of Kingscote, a local woman came running across the street, in tears, and gave Andrew Forrest and the team a massive hug. It struck me that for all we do, and all of our programs, the biggest thing we can bring is our humanity, to do all we can to give a hand up to those doing it tough.

Finally and most importantly, we are inspired by our partners and the communities we work with. Together, we have stepped up. In some cases, from the rubble of lost homes and demonstrable disadvantage. We remain determined to work with you to see through the challenges being faced, until the work is done.

I hope you enjoy this Annual Report and that it stimulates great reflection and determination for the work that has been done and is to come. Please join with us afresh, and let’s step up together for another big year ahead for Australia and the world.
Minderoo Foundation is a modern philanthropic organisation. We take on tough, persistent issues with the potential to drive massive change.

Minderoo Foundation is independent, forward thinking and seeks effective, scalable solutions. We are proudly Australian, and one of the Asia-Pacific’s largest philanthropies, with AU$2 billion committed to a range of global initiatives.

Our philanthropy is supported by Tattarang and its portfolio of businesses and dividends from our investment in Fortescue Metals Group. This arrangement ensures a level of unparalleled sustainability for our philanthropic activities.
During these unprecedented times, our response has been to find agile, scalable solutions to the problems the world is facing.

Fire Fund
Project lead: Stephen Daly and Adrian Turner

COVID-19
Project lead: Dr Steve Burnell

Our Children, Our Future
Project lead: Jay Weatherill

Stacked Odds & Subscribed to Slavery
Project lead: Grace Forrest and Jacqueline Joudo Larsen
When the Black Summer fires blazed across the country in 2019/20, Minderoo Foundation’s teams were deployed into communities and regions to understand community needs and help provide immediate relief.

We listened and learned from the people we met who had lost their homes, livestock, infrastructure and businesses and shaped our recovery and response operations to meet community priorities. The team were also briefly by aid workers, fire and other emergency services personnel and government at all levels.

The community priorities that Minderoo Foundation responded to, in collaboration with our partners were:
- temporary accommodation so people could return to their land,
- farmers needing thousands of hectares of fences repaired to contain their properties,
- equipment to support local businesses that had lost everything and mental health support for community leaders.

How did we ‘step up’?

Armies of volunteers and organisations were rapidly deployed in order to make the biggest difference to communities in need quickly. We delivered a range of programs to solve the communities’ priorities. These included:

- Designing, delivering and installing 256 temporary housing pods in 307 days to families across New South Wales and South Australia in partnership with the NSW Government and SA Government.
- Our $250,000 commitment to fund BlazeAid helped to repair fencing for farming communities in NSW, VIC and SA and fund vehicles to expand operations.
- West Australian Fencing Farmers received support from Minderoo Foundation to deploy West Australian volunteers to Kangaroo Island to assist with bushfire rebuild efforts.
- BackTrack received $200,000 from Minderoo Foundation to fund the repair of fencing in northern NSW and provide employment opportunities to disadvantaged youth. Out of BackTrack’s broader program participants, 87 per cent subsequently moved into full-time employment, training or education.
- Disaster Resilience Australia received $2.4 million in funding from Minderoo Foundation to scale and mobilise an army of over 2,000 specialist volunteers to provide intensive assistance cross regions like Cobargo in NSW, Dudlee Creek and Kangaroo Island in SA.
- Tool libraries stocked with a range of commonly needed tools and high value specialty equipment, were provided in partnership with Lions International and Cobargo Shed of Hope, along with other partners across regions in NSW. The libraries give people access to the tools they need in recovery works, and are then returned for others to utilise in the future.
- Minderoo Foundation supported Lifeline to provide specialised training to key community leaders and gatekeepers in southern New South Wales to help link people into receiving the assistance they require.
Frank and Lyn Condello from Yatte Yattah, NSW receiving the keys to their Minderoo Foundation Recovery Pod. Photo credit: Minderoo Foundation.

Looking forward

Our response and recovery work continues through the Fire & Flood Resilience initiative and we will be working with local communities until the job is done.

There’s nothing like being on your own land. Receiving the pod, now this is really like breathing a breath of fresh air.

Recovery Pod recipients, Frank and Lyn Condello Yatte Yattah, NSW
Minderoo Foundation chartered an A330 cargo aircraft from China to Perth carrying critical medical supplies. Photo credit: Minderoo Foundation.
The year 2020 will forever be remembered for the global pandemic that brought the world to its knees. In the face of so much fear and uncertainty, Minderoo Foundation once again stepped up, mounting a comprehensive response to the rapidly emerging threat of COVID-19.

How did Minderoo Foundation 'step up'?

Minderoo Foundation stepped in where governments could not, securing critical supplies for Australia in intensely competitive situations and time frames. Within days of triggering our COVID-19 response, dozens of people from across Minderoo Foundation, Fortescue and partners around the world were abruptly thrust into the role of dealmaker, diplomat, logistics manager, negotiator and politician. Burning the midnight oil, our team rapidly found and convinced foreign government officials, factory owners, airline executives, logistics firms and medical suppliers to work with us and put Australia at the front of the queue - against all odds. Speed and courage defined our COVID-19 response. Minderoo’s Board of Directors quickly approved a balance sheet commitment of up to $320 million to fight the virus, acting quickly despite the risk that the money would never be reimbursed. It was the right thing to do.

Within three weeks, chartered flights loaded with personal protective equipment and ICU ventilators landed in Western Australia, taking the pressure out of a health system on the verge of panic. A week later, when asked by senior Australian Government officials to help our countrymen and women in “what could be their hour of greatest need” we super-charged our efforts to secure critical PPE and Australia’s capacity to accurately test for and identify the virus. Within days of triggering our COVID-19 response, dozens of people from across Minderoo Foundation, Fortescue and partners around the world were abruptly thrust into the role of dealmaker, diplomat, logistics manager, negotiator and politician. Burning the midnight oil, our team rapidly found and convinced foreign government officials, factory owners, airline executives, logistics firms and medical suppliers to work with us and put Australia at the front of the queue - against all odds. Speed and courage defined our COVID-19 response. Minderoo’s Board of Directors quickly approved a balance sheet commitment of up to $320 million to fight the virus, acting quickly despite the risk that the money would never be reimbursed. It was the right thing to do.

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I particularly want to thank Andrew and Nicola Forrest and the Minderoo Foundation for their instrumental work in helping to secure this critical additional testing capacity for Australia... Our approach to testing in Australia, already one of the highest rates per capita in the world, has been a vital part of our success in flattening the infection curve.
Key achievements

- Chartered 12 A330 cargo aircraft from China to Perth carrying approximately 164 tonnes – or 1,470 cubic metres – of critical medical supplies, including N95 equivalent respirators, surgical masks, medical-grade gloves and goggles and coveralls, nasal swabs, and ICU ventilators when bigger nations were clamouring for the same limited supplies.
- Secured, transported from China and installed gold-standard RT-qPCR COVID-19 lab equipment at 11 locations across Australia.
- Flew in nearly 5 million tests from China to Australia, establishing a more than four-fold increase in the total daily COVID-19 testing capability across Australia.
- Funded over $5 million for leading clinical trials, such as the global REMAP-CAP study, to bring new treatments to critically ill COVID-19 patients.
- Joined with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Wellcome, the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, Mastercard, Health Data Research UK and other partners to form a global alliance to share data on the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Commissioned and funded an important study and statistical model to allow for the development of evidence-based alternatives to the standard 14-day quarantine which has been preventing economic recovery and causing untold mental health issues.
- Delivered more than $5 million worth of funding through partners to support vulnerable families and communities, including supplying 20,000 litres of sanitiser to remote Indigenous communities, delivering thousands of meals to vulnerable Perth families and supplying critical PPE to healthcare workers in Africa.

Looking forward

Minderoo Foundation has led from the front throughout the COVID-19 crisis. In March and April, when the threat posed by COVID-19 was still poorly understood, we applied the precautionary principle – and literally did everything we could to ensure the safety of Australians.

Minderoo Foundation has stepped up to help Australians and others around the world through this unimaginable crisis, leveraging our partnerships, resources, capital and expertise to serve our nation during some of its darkest hours.

Our never, ever, give up attitude is alive and well. So too, are our values, as we charge ahead with courage and determination.

The labs and testing equipment we brought into Australia have given our nation the firepower we need to respond to outbreaks – such as those experienced in Victoria – but also provided the testing capacity required to open up our society and economy and react instantly to any future pandemic.
It has been a privilege to lead a team of dedicated people working around the clock to help our fellow Australians and now, to extend that helping hand to those vulnerable and less privileged citizens around the world in their time of need. I could not be prouder to be part of this extraordinary organisation.

Dr Steve Burnell, COVID-19 Response Lead, Minderoo Foundation
#3 Our Children, Our Future

STEPPING UP
Australia's outdated and expensive childcare system is failing children, women, families and the economy. It is not acceptable that one in five children entering primary school is developmentally behind. Sadly, many of them never bridge that gap.

Moreover, the costs of childcare in Australia are some of the highest globally, at 27 per cent of household income, and 10 per cent of Australian childcare centres do not meet the existing early learning quality standards.

How did Minderoo Foundation 'step up'? Minderoo Foundation has brought together Australians from all sides of politics and different parts of the community to advocate for a high quality, universally accessible early learning childcare system. The campaign is forcing a national conversation on childhood development and helping to build momentum for a shift in policy thinking to ensure every Australian child has the chance to thrive.

Key achievements:
- Almost 5,500 people signed up to the campaign in less than two months.
- Advocates for the Thrive by Five campaign include pre-eminent child and maternal health expert Fiona Stanley, former Federal Minister Julie Bishop, ACTU President Michele O'Neil and a range of business leaders, unions, educators, health professionals, parents, community organisations and economists all campaigning for change.

The campaign aims to achieve:
- Universal access to early learning.
- Integrated services with children at the centre.
- Quality early learning delivery standards with secure, appropriately paid employment.
- Place-based, community-driven centres.
- Early childhood development system connected to the education system.
22% of children start primary school not ready to learn, and those who start behind often never catch up to their peers.

Every year Australian taxpayers are footing a late intervention bill of more than $15.2 billion.

The costs of childcare in Australia are some of the highest in the OECD at 27% of household income.

18% of Australian childcare centres do not meet the existing early learning quality standards.

Evidence about the importance of brain development in the early years makes clear the importance of high-quality early childhood development. The Thrive by Five Campaign, an initiative of the Minderoo Foundation, has pointed out there are several childhood systems in Australia that need to be more integrated.
Looking forward

It is imperative that every Australian child, regardless of where they grow up or who their parents are, is given the best chance to reach his or her potential.

A universal early learning and childcare system would add up to 380,000 parents – mainly women – to the workforce. This would lead to an increase in productivity, incomes, GDP, and government revenue.

This is reform that is good for children, for women, for families, and for the economy – all critical considerations in the design of our post-COVID economic and social recovery.
Stacked Odds & Subscribed to Slavery

#4

STEPPING UP

Stills from the Subscribed to Slavery video campaign. Photo credit: Leo Burnett.
One in every 130 women and girls is living in modern slavery. Women and girls are disproportionately affected by modern slavery and exploitation — they make up more than 71 per cent of all victims.

All over the world, women and girls are born into systems that seek to disadvantage them. It is a cycle that sees girls who are born into poverty denied an education, forced into marriage, and exploited in low-paying jobs. It is a cumulative cycle of systemic inequality, which in turn, see the next generation disadvantaged before they take their first breath.

How did Minderoo Foundation ‘step up’?

At Walk Free, we believe eradicating modern slavery and empowering women and girls must go hand in hand.

This year, we released a new report, Stacked Odds, the most comprehensive evaluation of the female experience of modern slavery and exploitation to date. The report found that women and girls are at higher risk of modern slavery and exploitation throughout every stage of their lives, in every region in the world.

On International Day of the Girl, to showcase the findings of Stacked Odds, Walk Free launched a global campaign, in partnership with the United Nations Every Woman Every Child and creative agency Leo Burnett Australia, who provided their services pro-bono.

The Subscribed to Slavery video campaign, which ran on social and traditional media, hijacks and subverts popular YouTube formats. It aimed to drive home the ubiquitous reality of modern slavery and build awareness of the issue, by demonstrating exploitation of women and girls is not some distant problem, but an issue for every country in the world. It has been one of the most successful public campaigns ever launched by Walk Free – in terms of views and engagement.

Walk Free’s new report ‘Stacked Odds’, and the campaign it has inspired are critical to building awareness of the too-often ignored crime of modern slavery.
Looking forward

For the first time we now understand the true extent of the impact of modern slavery on women and girls across the world. The launch of *Stacked Odds* and the Subscribed to Slavery campaign was an overwhelming success – and lays the evidence-based foundation for Walk Free’s strategic planning across policy deliverance and advocacy for the next three years.

It is more important than ever to keep up the momentum and push for real action. In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic we are seeing vulnerability rise across the board, making the estimates in *Stacked Odds* undoubtedly conservative. We are urging the 136 outstanding governments to legislate against forced and child marriage, and for the eradication of systems such as kafala, which normalise the exploitation of migrant workers.

We also call for governments and businesses to prioritise supply chain transparency to ensure workers are protected, and to guarantee a living wage including protection mechanisms in crisis situations.

Key achievements:

- Walk Free presented *Stacked Odds* and its findings to the United Nations Security Council, arguing that any approach to modern slavery must take a gendered lens.

- Walk Free and over 50 human rights organisations from around the world united and urgently called for governments to legislate against forced and child marriage, to eradicate systems which normalise the exploitation of migrant workers such as kafala, and to prioritise supply chain transparency.

- We presented Subscribed to Slavery and *Stacked Odds* at the UN Secretary General’s press briefing on Friday 9th October 2020. *Stacked Odds* was covered by over 640 media outlets around the world, translated into more than eight languages, and had a combined potential reach of more than 770 million people.

- The Subscribed to Slavery campaign films have been viewed over 5.5 million times worldwide. The videos were shared more than 100,000 times. Viewer engagement with our social media pages was up 1910 per cent from pre-launch and garnered a 340 per cent increase in new followers across Instagram and Twitter.

- Supported by global influencers including Hugh Jackman, Russell Crowe, Kate Walsh, the United Nations Youth Envoy and Beyoncé’s team.

**Grace Forrest and David Ohana virtually presenting to the UN Secretary General’s press briefing. Photo credit: Minderoo Foundation.**

**Behind the scenes of filming ‘Kids Toy Review’, one of three videos produced for the Subscribed to Slavery campaign. Photo credit: Leo Burnett.**
Humility, Courage and Determination, Generating Ideas, Empowerment, Enthusiasm, Family, Integrity, Safety, Frugality and Stretch Targets are each core threads, all of equal importance, tightly woven together, ingrained in the fabric and character of our organisation and anyone who represents us.

We choose agility over perfection and appreciate there is no improvement without change. We are fast, nimble, adapting as we learn, continuously evolving our organisation to lead the future.

Carry them with you and carry them far.

Andrew and Nicola Forrest.

Photo credit: Jessica Wyld
This value is inherent within all our values and must be present in all our actions. Recognise that in the end, no matter what position you are in, in the eyes of God you are no more – nor less – valuable than anyone else. Be vulnerable, take the risk to fully trust others. Give them the credit wherever possible. Build others up and put them first wherever you can. If you are a leader and you give the impression you are the smartest person in the room, you have failed as a leader, as this will not encourage others. Offer help to those around you, as even the smallest gestures can make a big difference to someone's day.

When times are tough, and they often are when aiming for Stretch Targets, don’t give up or lower the targets, instead ask for help. Own your challenge but join your leaders in solving the problem – delegate up not down. You have the complete confidence and belief of your team that you can achieve what others cannot fathom.
Seemingly crazy ideas can change you, your company, and the world. Have a crack at a brave and crazy idea – your Plan A – but always protect us with a bulletproof Plan B. Plan A’s often fail, and that’s OK, but not if you don’t have a totally reliable Plan B already in place. Be unafraid to speak up, and if you are the one listening and have an old war story that might kill an idea, stay silent and remember – if at first an idea doesn’t seem crazy, it’s unlikely to be a great idea.

Go to your leader for advice, not permission. A leader is only as good as the team they surround themselves with, and that’s where empowerment comes into its own. A leader should not consider themselves often a decision maker, but primarily as a mentor to their fully empowered team. Leaders must clearly articulate the Stretch Target, then encourage and empower their team to achieve it. You have great empowerment to act and take risk when acting within all our values. Be innovative, no matter your role. Don’t be afraid to share your ideas with others. Seek and be open to feedback and you will never fail alone. Take a considered risk with a Plan B, and you will keep growing throughout your career.
Be the most positive and energetic person in every group you join. Encourage others, particularly in failure. Know that out of every setback is the seed to equal or greater opportunity, you just have to find it. Your natural instinct must always be to be encouraging and kind.

Forgive and support each other, and always be kind. Be brave and vulnerable in your relationships. In times of conflict, pick up the phone or meet in person to resolve matters. Be compassionate and reach out personally to team members who appear to be struggling or upset. Provide praise proudly in public, and critical feedback in private and in person whenever possible. Always be loyal to one another, and in doing so never compromise safety or the organisation. Treat others how you hope to be treated yourself. Always demonstrate respect and embrace differences in others.
**INTEGRITY**

Do what you say you’re going to do.

All values are critical and must be accepted wholeheartedly – they are not a smorgasbord. Have the courage to speak up when you see others stray from our values. Be genuine, always – say what you mean, mean what you say. We act with integrity when we display all values, all the time. Remember the bathroom principal of life, always leave it tidier than you found it, being the best person you can be.

**SAFETY**

Look out for your mates and yourself.

This is common sense, first and foremost. Look out for your mates and yourself. Be responsible for not only your own safety, but theirs too. It’s how you put love into action. Plan for their wellbeing, and for yours.
FRUGALITY

Think of ways we can do things better, faster, cheaper, safer.

Find ways to do things better, faster, safer, and always less expensive. If you really try you will find the pathway to save money, save time, reduce schedules and increase value. Always prepare ahead for meetings so you can keep them efficient and as short as possible. Be frugal with your time – it is the most precious resource you have in life.

STRETCH TARGETS

We deliver against challenging targets.

The most driving value of all. Always be uncomfortable with your level of challenge. Be in the deep end of the pool, learning to swim, as much as you can. If an initial target is attainable, reset it out of reach and follow all our values to achieve it. Your bulletproof Plan B will protect us. Never hesitate to reach out for help and delegate up when confusion or insurmountable challenges appear. You will only ever fail if you do so alone and don't give your family an opportunity to help. Whether you have succeeded in Plan A, or caught its failure with your Plan B, you have succeeded – you have learnt and therefore grown in your career. Remember, while it is always your personal journey, we are all here to help you. As a team. As a family.
FINALLY, REMEMBER...

NEVER DOUBT THAT A SMALL GROUP OF THOUGHTFUL, COMMITTED CITIZENS CAN CHANGE THE WORLD; INDEED, IT’S THE ONLY FORCE THAT EVER HAS.

Margaret Mead
Most of our projects begin with a sense of curiosity – is there a better and fairer way?

Through a collaborative, evidence-based approach we tackle major global challenges through our key initiatives.

Everything we do is driven by a deep love for people and a mission to improve our world for future generations.

We aim to empower our employees, partners and the public to have a positive impact through inclusion, collaboration and kindness. The world needs more of it.

We step up... and put words into action.
WALK FREE

End all forms of modern slavery in our lifetime

What are we trying to do?

Walk Free is an international human rights group focused on the eradication of modern slavery, in all its forms, in our lifetime.

Our team is made up of statisticians, criminologists, lawyers, and international development experts, working to create and agitate for mass systems change, to address the root causes of slavery. Walk Free is the creator of the Global Slavery Index, the world’s leading dataset on measuring and understanding modern slavery.

Walk Free believes that a strong, multifaceted approach is needed to end modern slavery. We are building a robust knowledge base to inform action, drive legislative change in key countries, and harness the power of businesses and faiths.

A Bangladeshi garment worker runs through a cloud of tear gas fired by riot police during clashes in Gazipur, a key garment manufacturing hub outside Dhaka, on November 19, 2013. The garment workers walked out of work in protest over poor wages and working conditions. Photo credit: Munir Uz Zaman/AFP via Getty Images.
How will we achieve our goal?

Walk Free aims to improve the lives of the estimated 40 million people living in modern slavery by integrating world-class research with direct engagement with the world’s most influential governments, businesses, and religious leaders.

After successfully campaigning for a conservative Australian government to implement a Modern Slavery Act in 2018, Walk Free is now advocating for all G20 countries to enact similar legislation.

With a renewed focus on forms of exploitation that disproportionately affect women and girls, Walk Free will expedite action to end modern slavery by disrupting high-risk industries, challenging social attitudes and norms, and strengthening resilience to crises.

Key achievements

- Together with the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative, Walk Free published *Eradicating Modern Slavery: An assessment of Commonwealth government progress on achieving SDG Target 8.7*. This report highlighted inaction across Commonwealth countries and learnings from workshops with survivors of modern slavery, hosted with Survivor Alliance. The report found that progress to achieve the SDG Target 8.7 has been slow and concrete action is urgently needed to achieve this target by 2030.

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Grace Forrest presented on modern slavery at One Young World Conference in October 2019. Photo credit: OYW.

Grace Forrest represented Walk Free at global events, including briefing the UN Security Council for the launch of the Stacked Odds report, co-chairing the World Economic Forum's Global Opening Moment, delivering a keynote speech for One Young World 2019, and presenting at Rise's Survivor Townhall during the UN General Assembly.

This year Walk Free launched a comprehensive business and investor toolkit designed to help organisations take action to improve human rights standards in their supply chains. Walk Free continued its partnership with the Liechtenstein Initiative for Finance Against Slavery and Trafficking (FAST). In our role as Secretariat for the Bali Process Government and Business Forum, Walk Free also engaged delegates from over 23 countries across the Asia-Pacific region, through sector-specific workshops to address forced labour.

Let's empower the woman. Let's put her rights in the constitution. Let's enshrine them in law, and then she'll start to feel safe.

Sophie Otiende, feminist and survivor advocate.
Looking forward

With fewer than 10 years remaining to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 8.7 – a challenge made even greater as COVID-19 exacerbates vulnerability around the world – Walk Free will continue to hold governments to account, undertake research to build the world’s most comprehensive modern slavery evidence base, and advocate for change.

Looking ahead, Walk Free will take a gendered focus to address the disproportionate risk of exploitation facing women and girls around the world. We are committed to working with governments to dismantle unequal power structures, shift attitudes and practices to decrease rates of forced and child marriage and disrupt high-risk industries.
BUILDING COMMUNITY

Building Community seeks to empower people to identify their own solutions and drive sustainable social change.

What are we trying to do?

Working across our Arts and Culture, and Community and Environment portfolios, we develop partnerships with organisations that aren’t afraid to try new things.

Since Minderoo Foundation was established, we’ve supported over 300 partners across Australia and internationally. Our partnerships reach across the globe, but our priority has always been to serve the community in our home state of Western Australia.

Our partnerships are direct and proactive. We use an evidence-based approach, apply rigorous due diligence, co-develop ambitious targets, and look for solutions that haven’t previously been considered.

Waterlicht Fremantle (2019)

Courtesy of Studio Roosegaarde and Fremantle Biennale.

Photo credit: Duncan Wright.
Creating an accessible, vibrant and sustainable Western Australian arts community.

Arts and Culture Portfolio

We believe in the power of arts and culture to build connected, creative, and vibrant communities. From telling local stories on stage, to memorable experiences in regional areas – the arts enrich our lives, challenge our thinking, and contribute to meaningful community and cultural development.

There is a proven connection between arts participation and social and economic outcomes. We work to bolster our creative sector and strengthen the community’s perception of the value of the arts.

How will we achieve our goal?

We focus on supporting the arts industry; creating opportunities for artists, increasing accessibility for audiences, and building organisational capacity. Our priority is WA, with national and international reach.

We work to align our partnerships, projects and advocacy with Minderoo Foundation’s core values and co-create opportunities that have long-term impacts.

We aim to harness the power of creativity to move hearts and minds and encourage people to view the world differently.

Key achievements

• We responded swiftly to the challenges COVID-19 presented and the substantial impact it has had on the industry. We launched a series of micro-gigs with West Australian Music and brought the joy of music to vulnerable communities during lockdown. We participated in a National Assistance Program for the Arts, in partnership with 29 other Australian philanthropists, to provide more than $1.5 million to artists. We also launched a quick-response grant round to support 12 local artists to create new work for all of Western Australia to enjoy.

• Our partners and projects reached more than 340,000 people in metro and regional locations, created opportunities for more than 1,500 artists and enabled more than 1,000 activities.

• We worked collaboratively to support 29 partners to deliver exceptional artistic programs including: Waterlicht at Fremantle Biennale, Opera in the Regions by West Australian Opera, the Regional Arts Network with Regional Arts WA, Perth Symphony Orchestra’s annual program, the Visiting Artists Program at the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts, The Last Great Hunt’s creative development program, the Children’s Ballet by West Australian Ballet and a matched public funding campaign for Sculpture by the Sea, as well as support across the Black Swan State Theatre Company, WA Youth Jazz Orchestra, Fremantle Press, the Australian National Academy of Music, Blue Room Theatre, CoIl Contemporary Dance, Perth Institute of Contemporary Arts, Waringarri Aboriginal Arts, STRUT Dance and more.

** WAB Artist Mayume Yokunomi. Photo credit: Scott Dennis.
To empower vulnerable people and environments to identify their own solutions to create strong, healthy, and resilient communities and natural systems.

Community and Environment Portfolio

Communities know best what they need to succeed, but it can be hard to change on your own. We build relationships with innovative partners, to remove barriers and create thriving communities.

How we will achieve our goal?

Community Health and Wellbeing
We support the health and wellbeing of the most vulnerable in our community. With St Patrick’s and Ruah we help to tackle homelessness in and around the Fremantle area and provide housing options for young people with Anglicare WA’s Foyer Oxford.

Environment Conservation and Rehabilitation
To enhance the value and recognition of environmental assets in WA, we support The Nature Conservancy’s work to improve the health of the Swan Canning Estuary through mussel reef restoration. We are proud to partner with the Ian Potter Foundation to support research into rock art in the Kimberley through Rock Art Australia.

Activating Community
We are ready to respond when our communities are in need by leveraging strong partner relationships. We take an active interest in the impactful role philanthropy can play, and seek to foster a strong sense of giving in our community.

Key achievements

- In response to COVID-19, St Patrick’s Doorstep Dinners, co-funded by Minderoo Foundation, provided over 34,000 meals to vulnerable people and families in Perth and Fremantle to address immediate food insecurity. This initiative also provided critical financial support to local restaurants and kept people employed during lock down.
- The Nature Conservancy’s installation of the pilot mussel reef structure, in partnership with Minderoo Foundation, worked to provide cleaner water, more fish, and greater biodiversity to the Swan Canning Estuary.
- Our partnership with Ishar’s Domestic Violence Support Program, saw over 120 new referrals and provided 250 client appointments with a social worker, 90 counsellor appointments, and over 630 other interactions for CaLD women experiencing domestic violence.
- Our support for Anglicare WA’s Foyer Oxford ensured 104 young people at risk of homelessness were offered accommodation and ongoing support to remain engaged in education and or employment.
- We supported Ruah and St Patrick’s 20 Lives 20 Homes project to help people in Fremantle experiencing long-term homelessness begin their pathway to permanent housing and address their often complex mental and physical health issues.
- Our donation to Cottesloe Coast Care enabled the completion of a nature playground in South Cottesloe.
- In acknowledgement of the disruption COVID-19 had on The Salvation Army’s Red Shield Doorknock Appeal, Minderoo Foundation made a $500,000 donation.
Looking forward

As we continue to recover from the challenges of 2020, it is more important than ever to build resilient, connected communities.

Collaboration is a driving principle that underpins everything we do at Minderoo. It is through our partnerships – in arts, culture, community and environment – that we will continue to build meaningful connections.
Collaborate Against Cancer

Together, we can make cancer non-lethal in a generation.

What are we trying to do?

Cancer is the second leading cause of death globally. In Australia, approximately 146,000 people will be diagnosed with cancer in 2020.

Around the world, researchers and clinicians are working hard to improve outcomes for cancer patients, yet it is increasingly clear that we must join forces and bring together expertise, data and technology if we are to succeed against this formidable foe.

The next decade will see a transformative era in cancer care, with new technologies and approaches to prevention, screening, diagnostics, treatment and survivorship becoming available.

Minderoo Foundation believes collaboration across philanthropy, industry, government and the healthcare system will be key to achieving the shared goal of making cancer non-lethal in our generation.

We seek out collaborative projects with high-calibre partners to rapidly translate research or provide scale to deliver real health impacts for people with cancer. We are focused on paediatric cancers as well as other rare and hard to treat cancers.
How will we achieve our goal?

**Cancer prevention**

- Prevent the addiction of new smokers through advocacy to increase the minimum purchasing age for tobacco products to 21 years and more effective regulation of e-cigarettes in Australia.
- Improve access to cancer vaccines with an initial focus on collaborations to increase Human Papilloma Virus vaccination and screening within the Pacific region, to reduce the impact of cervical cancer.

**Enable equal access and more personalised care**

- Increase access to new immunotherapies for Australian patients with rare cancers, through Garvan Institute and Onco's Molecular Screening and Therapeutics (MoST) clinical trials.
- Accelerate cutting edge research and personalised treatments for people with liver cancer, through support of the West Australian Liver Cancer Collaborative.
- Support brain cancer research as the founding member of the Australian Brain Cancer Mission.

**Promote patient partnered research**

- Partner with Count Me In to enable cancer patients and survivors in North America to directly contribute their data to research projects, before expanding the initiative to patients in Australia and New Zealand.

**Support key infrastructure**

- Establish the National Oncology Alliance, a joint industry, government and philanthropy approach to defining a vision and framework for cancer diagnosis and treatment in Australia, together with Rare Cancers Australia.
- Define a global cancer data platform and Universal Cancer Databank with international partners to receive, integrate, store and safely share de-identified patient data for research.

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Michelle Haber AM PhD
Hon DSc (UNSW) FAHMS, Professor and Executive Director, Children's Cancer Institute

**Zero Childhood Cancer (ZERO) aims to improve the survivorship of kids with cancer by leveraging innovative technologies, world leading research and excellence in clinical care to provide personalised treatments targeting each child’s individual cancer.**

This ambitious program is only possible due to the extraordinary support of our major philanthropic partner Minderoo Foundation who have helped to turbo-charge the potential for this program by extending access to all Australian kids with cancer by late 2023.

This support also means data from ZERO can be shared globally to contribute to cancer research discoveries throughout the world.
Collaborate Against Cancer remains steadfastly focused on improving the lives of cancer patients and making their disease non-fatal. Our work is only possible thanks to the efforts of our many partners.

Over the coming year we will continue to drive progress towards policy changes to prevent the addiction of new smokers, develop new partnerships to eliminate cervical cancer in neighbouring regions, launch ‘Count Me In’ in Australia, while continuing to scale ZERO and MoST and invest in strategic infrastructure.

Key achievements

• Together with the Australian Government, Minderoo Foundation donated $67 million to scale the groundbreaking ZERO Childhood Cancer personalised medicine program to support all Australian children and young people diagnosed with cancer by 2023.

• Launched a new advertising campaign in support of Tobacco21 (T21) legislation tabled in Tasmania and gained support for T21 from leading health bodies, including the Lung Foundation Australia.

• Supported three sub-studies under the successful MoST program led by the Garvan Institute, bringing new targeted clinical trial options to Australian brain cancer patients and those with other rare or hard to treat cancers.

• Funding of the diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG) collaboration with Kinderspital in Zurich led to the launch of DMD-ACT, a new clinical trial approach across Europe, North America and Australia, to more effectively treat DIPG, a highly-aggressive childhood brain tumour.

• Established a new brain tumour project with Count Me In USA, in collaboration with the Broad Institute, Dana-Faber Medical Centre and Emerson Collective to directly connect adults and children diagnosed with primary brain cancers to research.

• Minderoo Foundation’s Collaborate Against Cancer Ambassador, Baxter Hutchinson coordinated the second year of Baxter’s Army, rallying over 160 walkers, including from Fortescue Metals Group to raise funds and public awareness for Walk4BrainCancer.
FIRE & FLOOD RESILIENCE

Our vision is to reduce the harm caused by fire and floods by harnessing the power of communities, industry, government, philanthropy and the research sector to lift Australia to be the global leader in fire and flood resilience by 2025.

What are we trying to do?

In January 2020, as Australia was still burning, Andrew and Nicola Forrest kicked off the Minderoo Foundation Fire and Flood Resilience Initiative with a $70 million commitment to response, recovery and building resilience.

In September, we launched our Resilience Blueprint that was co-created with 50 partners across government, emergency services, corporates, philanthropy, community and the research sectors, to ensure fires and floods never become disasters. Building on the experiences working on the ground in communities, we are now focused on delivering the system interventions, outlined in the Blueprint, that are needed to prevent the loss of life, livelihoods and damage to infrastructure and landscapes experienced this year.

Minderoo Foundation is applying the mission model used by President John F. Kennedy for the Apollo Mission, which breaks big challenges down into concrete problems, with a view to achieving generational change. The first, the Fire Shield Mission aims to reduce the scale and impact of fires by being able to extinguish them in an hour by 2025. It includes work on lifting community resilience and landscapes.

We are looking to export the approach in building resilience overseas and are continuing to collaborate with international partners to draw on global expertise and technology.
How will we achieve our goal?

The Fire Shield Mission sets the audacious goal of extinguishing all dangerous fires in Australia within an hour by 2025.

The Resilient Communities Mission aims to lift the resilience of Australia’s 50 most vulnerable communities.

The Healthy Landscapes Mission sets out to halve the hazard exposure in 50 of Australia’s most fire and flood prone regions.

Underpinning each mission is the Resilience Data Collective, which aims to build a trusted common system to bring together disparate, but related data sets to inform decision-making and action.

Key achievements

- The launch of the Blueprint and the Fire Shield Mission captured the attention of 6.2 million people, or a quarter of Australia’s population.

- Minderoo Foundation is fast tracking the development of a next-generation fire simulation tool, which is being tested by fire services during this next fire season in partnership with Australasian Fire and Emergency Services Authorities Council (AFAC) and CSIRO’s Data61.

- The Bushfire Data Quest 2020 brought together scientific experts in bushfire research, machine-learning and earth-observation in an intensive research sprint to better understand fuel loads, detecting fires earlier, and better predicting their behaviour. The preliminary results showed that by using a laptop instead of a supercomputer, it is possible to detect fires 10-20 minutes earlier.

- Minderoo Foundation is working with the Australian Capital Territory Rural Fire Service (ACT RFS), Optus and the Australian National University to trial the use of ‘ground sensing’ cameras to improve detection and monitoring of bushfires. Currently, the ACT RFS detect bushfires through human monitoring from towers. The data from this trial will assess the viability of automated monitoring for early bushfire detection on a national scale.

This important work has the potential to be a genuine game-changer for Australia. It highlights the power of collaboration and what can be achieved through a bold vision.
Looking forward

If we don’t take action to change the way we prepare for these events in the future, the societal and ecological costs of natural disasters will be even more devastating with the economic cost expected to reach $33 billion per year by 2050.

That is a cost our future generations cannot afford. We are determined to help position Australia as the global leader in fire and flood resilience by 2025, to ensure that future fires and floods don’t become disasters.

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Bonnie Morris and sister Raemi Morris look on as their family and CFS firefighters battle bushfires at the edge of their family farm on January 11, 2020 in Karatta, Australia. Currently 212,000 hectares of land has been burnt and over 100,000 sheep stock lost, along with countless wildlife and fauna due to the devastating bushfires which began burning on January 4th.
Photo credit: Lisa Maree Williams/Getty Images.
FLOURISHING OCEANS

Return the world’s ocean to a flourishing state by 2030.

What are we trying to do?

A healthy ocean is critical for all life on earth. The ocean regulates global weather and climate systems, generates the oxygen we breathe, provides food to billions of people and supports a myriad of goods, services, and employment opportunities through the ‘blue’ economy.

Simply put, a healthy ocean underpins a healthy economy and vibrant society.

Despite this, the health of our ocean continues to decline, due to overfishing, plastic pollution, climate change and more. Minderoo Foundation is focused on tackling some of the most entrenched issues that are harming our ocean’s health.

We strive to eliminate overfishing by 2030 and expand marine protected areas globally to more than 30 per cent by 2030.

We work to eliminate the harmful effects of plastics on the ocean environment and to understand the potential impacts of plastic exposure on human health.

We endeavour to educate the public about the threats faced by the ocean so that they will support our advocacy for better legislation and regulations, and demand better choices as consumers.
How will we achieve our goal?

• Address overfishing via multiple efforts, most notably through the publication of a world-first Global Fishing Index, which when published in 2021, will provide a country-level assessment of the status of fish stocks and fisheries governance. The index will inform advocacy efforts to improve fisheries management, to ensure that all fish are sustainably and legally caught by 2030.

• Drive declaration of new marine protected areas through a major global partnership with Pew Charitable Trust, Conservation International and others, and undertake research to gain support for increased protection of Australian (Commonwealth) and Western Australian territorial waters.

• Build domestic and global partnerships with research institutions to understand how plastic exposure may affect human health, through studies on pregnant mothers and babies, and older people. This research will guide advocacy to improve regulations related to plastic production and use.

• Invest in Western Australia’s marine science community by building world-class facilities to support globally significant research, including the new Minderoo Exmouth Research Laboratory which is a 20+ year commitment to the Ningaloo region.

• Use novel genomic and bioinformatic approaches combined with ground-breaking marine sampling technologies, dubbed ‘OceanOmics’ to monitor ocean wildlife populations at speed and scale.

This is coupled strongly with marine exploration through investment in a deep-sea research facility at The University of Western Australia which will explore the deepest depths of the Indian Ocean, and ongoing public education efforts including investment in the dramatisation of Tim Winton’s novel “Blueback”.

Minderoo Foundation has ‘stepped up’ for Australian marine research with its Minderoo Exmouth Research Laboratory development. This new laboratory will provide researchers with world-class facilities, and attract talented scientists from across Australia and the world to Exmouth. Marine research in the tropical Eastern Indian Ocean will be greatly assisted, especially at local Western Australian sites of global significance such as Ningaloo Reef and Exmouth Gulf.

Minderoo Foundation’s support for marine research will add value and will amplify research outputs and discoveries to benefit the ocean locally, nationally and well beyond.

Associate Professor. Julian Partridge
Assistant Director, OI, UWA

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Flourishing Oceans

Our Initiatives

Minderoo Foundation Exmouth Research Laboratory, situated within the Ningaloo Centre will support researchers studying the Exmouth Gulf. Photo credit Minderoo Foundation.
Key achievements

- Activated a global network of over 500 individuals to collect novel data on how fisheries are governed around the world. This information was used to characterise governance in 145 countries and is the most comprehensive assessment of fisheries governance to date.

- Formalised involvement in the Blue Nature Alliance, a partnership with the Pew Charitable Trust, Conservation International, the Walton Family and the Global Environment Facility. With a contribution of US$25 million over five years, this represents one of Flourishing Oceans’ most significant partnership endeavours to date, and aims to seek declaration of 30 per cent of the world’s oceans as marine protected areas by 2030.

- Our research analysts completed an expedition around Shark Bay and Ningaloo in collaboration with The University of Western Australia, to measure species composition, biodiversity, and abundance.

- Commenced works on the Minderoo Foundation Exmouth Research Laboratory, which is scheduled to launch in early 2021.

- Commenced a quantitative evidence review showing that exposure to specific plastic chemicals is associated with human health conditions including metabolic disease, childhood sexual development and puberty, adult reproductive health, cancers and some aspects of childhood brain development.

- Planned the first OceanOmics feasibility expedition using Minderoo Foundation’s research vessel Pangaea Ocean Explorer, to collect samples on remote reefs on the Great Barrier Reef in October 2020.

CONTRIBUTED US$25 MILLION TO EXPAND MARINE PROTECTED AREAS TO COVER 30% OF THE WORLD’S OCEAN BY 2030.

Looking forward

The significant efforts from our entire team over the past 12 months have been critical in laying the groundwork for several major launches planned for 2021, including the Global Fishing Index, the Minderoo Exmouth Research Laboratory and more.

The coming year will see our hard work come to fruition and enable Minderoo Foundation to deliver impactful results that will benefit the health of our ocean, people and planet.
The Frontier Technology initiative tackles lawlessness in the tech ecosystem. It promotes laws, policies, collaborations and institutions that effectively govern big tech, increase workers’ rights, and give the public a louder voice in the tech space.

What are we trying to do?

Imagine if a small number of the world’s most powerful and secretive companies appointed themselves the exclusive designers, creators, and custodians of ‘the future’. Their asset is information: about you, your friends, your financial transactions – basically anything you do online.

Over a fast-paced decade of innovation, they use their exponentially expanding pool of data assets to build and sell a new product: machine learning, commonly folded into ‘artificial intelligence’. They say this new product will optimise decisions, enhance efficiency and punch through human flaws, and can be applied to all aspects of society! But the products aren’t predictable or explainable – police start arresting the wrong people, governments mistakenly penalise welfare recipients, employers deny candidates interviews without reason, banks deny customers loans based on faulty credit history data.

This isn’t a bad sci-fi movie: this is right now. Frontier Technology is here to tame the lawless frontiers of the digital world, demand accountability, and inspire radical reinvention of our digital systems.
How will we achieve our goal?

Minderoo Foundation has established a Tech Impact Network of world-leading academics (including Meredith Whittaker, Safiya Noble, Dr. Julia Powles and Dr. John Naughton) across five universities, including the University of Oxford, to enable this reform, with foci including:

**Tackling lawlessness:**
“What if the digital world was safe and empowering for everyone to travel through?”

**Aim:** increase the number of jurisdictions with new laws, policies and governance practices that effectively govern big tech and protect the human rights of people and communities.

**Empowering workers:**
“What if the future of work meant human autonomy rather than automating humans?”

**Aim:** provide expertise and support to existing workers’ rights organisations and networks in ‘hotspot’ locations around the world to fight for fairness and dignity of workers amidst technological transition.

**Reimagining tech:**
“What if we built technology that empowers and inspires the diversity of communities rather than extracts and tracks?”

**Aim:** place community-driven voices and the public interest back in the driver’s seat. The ‘Reimagine Tech’ program draws upon creative communications, art, and innovation to reset the public’s vision of the future.

The Tech Impact Network is already uncovering evidence for the violation of human and civil rights by the business practices of technology companies, and leading the intellectual movement to scale solutions. These solutions include:

- The Minderoo Centre for Technology and Democracy (University of Cambridge);
- The Minderoo Tech & Policy Lab (University of Western Australia) with associated projects initially at the University of Sydney, the Australian National University, and the Australian Academy of Science;
- The Minderoo Initiative on Technology and Power (University of California, Los Angeles);
- The Minderoo Initiative on Technology and Society (New York University); and
- The Minderoo-Oxford Challenge Fund in AI Governance (University of Oxford);

*Future Says_ website launch, featuring Meredith Whittaker.*

Tech monopolies at this point have more power than most nation states. We are seeing social implications of tech integrated into medicine, healthcare, criminal justice, local government the military, where there is a vast degree of control and influence with a vanishingly small number of people. We’re playing catch up in terms of how to hold them accountable.
Key achievements

- Activation of the Tech Impact Network and five funded centres and programs, including the Minderoo Tech & Policy Lab at UWA – the “lighthouse centre” for all Frontier Technology research.

- Creation of the “Future Says,” brand, an online space for community-building and knowledge-sharing on technology in the public’s interest.

- Development of five ‘explainer’ videos on our programs and one trailer video, with Partizan, a world-leading LA-based production company.

- Design and commencement of the first round of legal innovation projects, led by the Minderoo Tech & Policy Lab.

Looking forward

As our network of researchers build a next-generation intellectual movement that understands and challenges the role of technology in society, Frontier Technology will carve out its own role as a best-practice knowledge-transfer organisation and unit of advocacy excellence.

There’s no single magic bullet that will regulate these corporations, and the Minderoo global project is a really big acceleration of that push. It offers all of these centres, a way not just of working among themselves but of working with their peers across the world.

If it were to happen that we didn’t react to the challenge of these corporations then we’re slouching into dystopia basically. But on the other hand, the fact that we understand their business models now means that we know where the really important pinch point is. The pinch point is the business model.

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John Naughton, Senior Research Fellow at Cambridge University’s Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities
Our mission is to create employment parity with and for Indigenous Australians, within one generation.

What are we trying to do?
We believe that Indigenous Australians should have the same opportunities as non-Indigenous Australians to achieve economic independence and empowerment through employment and business. Too many Indigenous Australians today are denied these opportunities.

With a philosophy of ‘a hand-up, not a hand-out’, we support Indigenous Australians to achieve success in employment and business through a focus on training, education and social policy reform.

We work with partners to secure meaningful and sustainable employment for Indigenous Australians through our demand-led training approach, investment and mentorship for Indigenous entrepreneurs, and programs which shift mindsets to bring about financial independence.

We partner with Indigenous Australians to co-design practical, scalable solutions. We have the flexibility and independence to work collaboratively with communities, government agencies, businesses, individuals and not-for-profits.
Today’s announcement of the Indigenous Angel Investor and Entrepreneur Program aims to improve knowledge, networks and opportunities for Indigenous Australians to enter the world of Angel Investing. I am particularly excited about this new and unique way to empower Indigenous entrepreneurs and Investors, which could provide extraordinary social and economic returns for Western Australia.
Dream Summit has given me and my daughter the opportunity and grow our business to that next level.

Helping young parents find work
Through our pilot In-School Parent Employment Service (IPES), we worked with over 70 young parents to support them into meaningful employment, including many who had been disengaged from work for many years. The program, based at Challis Primary School in Armadale (WA), gave participants a person-centred service to guide them through training requirements and overcome other barriers to job-readiness. After placements, the participants and their employers were further supported to make sure the positions were a success. Over the two-year pilot, 40 young parents were placed into work. For some, this was their first ever job.

Social policy reform
The Australian Government has set a new National Agreement on “Closing the Gap” to ensure Indigenous Australians enjoy the same quality of life as other Australians. The Agreement includes 16 targets focused on achieving health, education, social and wellbeing outcomes.

The targets will not be achieved without significant efforts to reduce the harm caused by excessive alcohol, drugs and gambling. For this reason, we are supporting the expansion of the Cashless Debit Card, an income management tool for Australian welfare recipients. The card places 80 per cent of a welfare recipient’s income into a dedicated bank card, which can be used just like any other bank card, except that it cannot be used to purchase alcohol, drugs or gambling products.

Cashless Debit Card (CDC) Technology Working Group
Generation One is proud to have established a CDC Technology Working Group (TWG) in February 2020, jointly facilitated by Minderoo Foundation and the Department of Social Services (DSS). The purpose of the TWG is to work with key stakeholders to consider a number of improvements, including expansion of product-level blocking at point of sale by all acquirers, and the technical requirements necessary should multiple issuers support the CDC on a national basis.

Despite the mountainous challenges the COVID-19 pandemic and recovery presents, the disruption is causing many policy makers and society at large to rethink the way we do things. From adversity comes opportunity, and what better opportunity than an inclusive economic recovery. The time is right for this thinking and reform.

As we turn our attention to how we will create the jobs of the future in post-COVID Australia, Indigenous employment must be a key priority. In this moment we are presented a unique possibility to shift the dial on Indigenous employment as we rebuild our economy and shape our future workforce.
NO PLASTIC WASTE

Eliminate the negative impacts of plastic on people and the planet

What are we trying to do?

Of the 6.3 billion tonnes of plastic produced since its invention in the 1930s, only nine per cent has ever been recycled.

Plastic is in our communities, rivers and oceans. It is in our water, air, rain and snow, and it is also in our bodies. Plastic pollution is one of the biggest, most urgent threats facing our planet and our health.

Every month, governments spend billions of dollars trying to manage this waste. Yet the amount of plastic we make, and the waste we produce, is rapidly increasing. Leakage rates into the environment are expected to triple in the next 20 years.

The good news? Technologies that could reduce the leakage by 80 per cent already exist. A circular plastics economy – which replaces the typical cycle of ‘take, make, waste’ with re-use and recycling – offers the best chance the world has to eradicate plastic pollution.

Minderoo Foundation seeks to catalyse this radical change.

We work with industry to create a market-led model for a circular plastics economy. We create greater transparency across the plastics supply chain. We incubate technological and economic innovations that reduce recycling costs, create alternatives to plastic and recover plastic that is already polluting our environment – particularly the ocean.

Our aim is to enable businesses, governments, and consumers to take effective actions that end plastic pollution in a generation.

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Jon Sanders expedition launch November 2019. Photo credit: Benjamin Horgan
Key achievements

- Signed a Letter of Intent with the Government of Indonesia to pilot a national market-led model that will rapidly scale up plastic recycling and waste collection.

- Secured the support of multinational companies to engage in deploying a market-led solution in three pilot countries, including Indonesia, including a co-investment approach.

- Invited four of the world’s leading engineering, marine operations and ocean research organisations to participate in our inaugural Ocean Plastics Recovery Challenge, to develop solutions to identify, recover and process plastics from the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, the largest oceanic accumulation of trash in the world.

- Made a multi-year partnership commitment to Investor Watch, a not-for-profit whose initiatives include Planet Tracker and Carbon Tracker, to enable work to track the financial impact of plastics.

How will we achieve our goal?

We are bringing together companies from across the plastics value chain and other experts in the field, to develop a new market-based solution that improves investment conditions for plastic recycling, makes plastic waste a cashable commodity and prevents plastic from leaking into the environment.

Another goal is to generate transparency across the plastics supply chain to help industry, investors, governments and consumers make more informed decisions about how plastics are funded, produced, consumed and disposed of.

We believe it is crucial to promote the responsible and safe production, use, disposal, management and recovery of plastics, by encouraging industry and the global community to take action and by encouraging governments to support market-led solutions in law and regulation globally.

We invest and incubate technologies and innovations to drive down the cost of plastic recycling, create alternatives to plastic, and enable cost-effective recovery of plastic from nature, including to the ocean.

- Supported world-renowned Australian yachtsman Jon Sanders AO OBE on his record 11th solo circumnavigation of the world, enabling him to collect water samples for researchers at Curtin University that will build a more detailed picture of plastic pollution across the Southern Hemisphere.

- Established Minderoo Foundation as a leading voice on the issue of plastic waste on social media, through the #NoPlasticWaste campaign.

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**Plastic pollution in the oceans of Europe. Photo credit: Roman Mikhailuk**

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**Factory production of plastic bottles on a conveyor belt. Photo credit: Alba Alcón**

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**Minister Luhut, Indonesian Minister of Maritime Affairs and Investment and Dr Andrew Forrest sign a letter of intent. Photo credit: Australian Financial Review**
Looking forward

This year our team and partners made significant progress towards our momentous milestones planned for early 2021, including the launch of a collaborative plastics industry initiative, commencement of a pilot program with the Indonesian Government and a new global challenge to identify and recover “ghost gear” – fishing nets left or lost in the ocean.

The coming year will be a critical period as we seek to influence and instigate significant changes in the plastics industry to benefit nature and humankind.
RESEARCH

We are committed to research for impact.

What are we trying to do?

The Research initiative at Minderoo Foundation is focused on the relentless pursuit of new ideas. Together with leading universities, international organisations, and civil society partners around the world, we engage in research to solve global challenges and enable action. Our Research initiative exists to ensure Minderoo Foundation’s data-driven work is high quality, trusted, credible and impactful.
We are delighted to be partnering with Minderoo Foundation to deliver the Rapid Research Information Forum (RRIF). This provides an important mechanism to rapidly bring together multidisciplinary research expertise to inform the pressing questions that Ministers are facing on emerging issues.

Forrest Research Foundation

Established in 2014 by a $130 million donation through Andrew and Nicola Forrest's Minderoo Foundation, Forrest Research Foundation (FRF) aims to create a world-leading, collaborative centre of research. The centre attracts outstanding doctoral and post-doctoral fellows across a broad range of subjects to Western Australia. As of June 30th 2020, FRF had 31 PhD scholars and 16 post-doctoral Fellows.

Key achievements
• Forrest Research Foundation responded to the research funding crisis caused by COVID-19 by establishing a new program for early career researchers, the Prospect Fellowship. With a focus on building critical mass in areas of comparative advantage for Western Australia, the Prospect Fellowships will provide 18 months funding and professional development to up to 22 outstanding researchers.
• Building has commenced on Forrest Hall 2, which will enable Forrest Research Foundation to accept more residential scholars and fellows. The projected completion date for the development is September 2021.
• With Forrest Fellow Dr Julie Ji, Minderoo Foundation supported the rapid establishment of the COVID-19 CARE (Connected, Active, Resilient and Engaged) Study. The research collected data from more than 3000 people on their experiences of both quarantine and social isolation, with a focus on the significant risk factors for mental health. The research will provide valuable insights into policy and programs that enhance our resilience and wellbeing.

Professor John Shine AC PresAA FRS, President of the Australian Academy of Science

Research for impact
Minderoo Foundation's research footprint is expanding through numerous projects and partnerships across our initiatives. In 2020, around 90 of our more than 200 partnerships relate to research. This includes projects with 21 universities around the world. Our Research initiative is closely involved in the development of these projects, to ensure quality and consistency, and build Minderoo's reputation as a research-led organisation. Our areas of focus in 2019-20 included the Global Fishing Index, the Plastics and Human Health Program and the Plastic Polluters Index along with internal projects on impact measurement and climate change.

Minderoo is proud to be partnering with the Australian Academy of Science to expand the Rapid Research Information Forum (RRIF). The RRIF was initially developed to provide rapid multidisciplinary scientific expertise to Government Ministers during the COVID crisis. RRIF is convened by Australia's Chief Scientist, and powered by a policy team at the Australian Academy of Science. Expertise is provided from completely independent sources including a network of Australia's national chief scientific advisors and the fellows of the learned academies – Australia's most distinguished eminent researchers.

Through RRIF, Minderoo Foundation and the Australian Academy of Science are helping to ensure that Australia's decision makers are drawing on the best evidence-base possible, when developing both social and economic policy.
Looking forward

Through Forrest Research Foundation and projects across Minderoo Foundation’s initiatives, we aim to establish Western Australia as a world-class destination for research and innovation. We work to support a thriving research ecosystem that brings together the five WA universities and collaborates with government, industry, and the arts.

We will continue to ensure all Minderoo Foundation research is trusted, robust, credible, and impactful.
Ensuring every child thrives by the age of five.

Early childhood development is crucial for the long-term success of our children. It is also critical to the social and economic health of our nation.

Research into brain development shows the first five years of a child's life strongly influence their future health, happiness, growth, and learning. Forming over one million neural connections per second, brain development during this critical window impacts the trajectory of a person's life.

Despite a growing body of evidence around the benefits of early childhood brain development, as well as the cost of late intervention, current policies and systems dedicated to early childhood are fragmented and inadequate. That is why Minderoo Foundation’s Thrive by Five initiative exists: to drive systems change in Australia and abroad.

Thrive by Five and its partners invest in community-led programs, inspire movements for change, and advocate to policy makers to build the case for reform to early childhood development.
How will we achieve our goal?

Over the past 10 years we have developed strategic partnerships that empower local communities to design and deliver successful, evidence-based, scalable models for early childhood development in Australia. These models include the Early Years Initiative, Connected Beginnings and Challis. Through these community-led projects, we have generated new evidence and developed best-practice examples of what is possible when children are given the resources and support needed to thrive. We are now focused on elevating early childhood development in the public discourse and political consciousness.

Key achievements

Bright Tomorrows App
We are driving direct action by putting information in the hands of parents so their children can have the best possible start in life. The Bright Tomorrows parenting app, delivered by CoLab – Collaborate for Kids (a partnership between the Minderoo Foundation and the Telethon Kids Institute) provides tailored learning activities, ‘in-the-moment’ advice and practical tips to empower parents to support their children to develop critical brain-building skills. Already available in Australia, we are working with leading research partners and cultural experts to adapt the resource specifically to these communities and build greater understanding of different cultural approaches to early childhood development.

Indigenous Communities Project
In 2020-21, Thrive by Five will launch a new project working with three Indigenous communities across the globe: the Bidyadanga community in the Kimberley region of Western Australia, the Wayuu people of the Guajira Peninsula in Colombia, and the Inuit of northern Quebec. This research will highlight critical Indigenous perspectives on childhood development which will allow the Bright Tomorrows app to be adapted specifically to these communities and build greater understanding of different cultural approaches to early childhood development.

International Charter on Early Childhood Development
We are driving systems change through engagement with policy makers and are currently working with global NGOs to draft an International Charter on Early Childhood Development. Building on the Convention on the Rights of the Child adopted by the UN in 1989, the Charter will call on NGOs and, ultimately, sovereign states to commit to providing proper resources to ensure every child receives the support they need in the first five years of life for healthy brain development.

Looking forward

The time for talk is over.
We must inspire a shift in consciousness about the importance of early childhood development.

We need to sharpen the national conversation when it comes to our children to help build momentum for a shift in policy that ensures every child has the chance to thrive.

We need to transform our outdated and fragmented childcare system into a system of early learning which integrates all of the support services families and children need to help build the generation of tomorrow.
The Minderoo Foundation family is extremely grateful for the invaluable support of our Board of Directors. Each member of our Board continues to play an instrumental role in guiding our mission with their insights and unique expertise.

From all of us, a heartfelt thanks to Herb Elliott, who concluded his tenure on the Board in July, after 17 years of exemplary dedicated service. Herb brought a wealth of wisdom and experience. He helped set the course for the Foundation and its governance, always challenging and encouraging us to keep focused on our mission.

We will forever be grateful for Herb’s leadership, steadfast support and friendship.

A very warm welcome to Andrew Liveris, who commenced as a Director in January and Tony Grist, who commenced as Lead Independent Director in July.

Our Board and our team, continue to inspire and make possible the ambitious and critical agenda of our Foundation – to arrest unfairness and create opportunities to better the world.

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Herbert Elliott, AC MBE
Lead Independent Director
(u til February 2020)

An Olympic gold medallist and dual Commonwealth gold medallist, Herb has been a Director of the trustee of the Minderoo Foundation, and previously the Australian Children’s Trust. Herb was the Chair of the Telstra Foundation a Non-Executive Director, Chairman and then Deputy-Chairman of Fortescue Metals Group until 2014 and the inaugural Chairman of the National Australia Day Committee, a Commissioner of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation and Deputy Chairman of the Australian Sport Commission. Herb holds a Doctorate from the Queensland University of Technology.

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Tony Grist commenced as Lead Independent Director on 01/07/2020

Tony Grist, BOOM
Lead Independent Director

Tony Grist is the Principal of Albion Capital Partners, a Perth-based venture capital, investment and consultancy firm that was founded in 1990. Tony was Co-Founder and Chair of Amcom Telecommunications, which in 2016 merged with Vocus Telecommunications Ltd to become a major ASX 100 company. Tony is a former Director of iiNet, and is a current Director of both the PLC Foundation and Fremantle Dockers Football Club. He has held broader Directorships in Canada, the United Kingdom and Australia in the telecommunications, healthcare, mining and energy industries. Tony holds a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Western Australia, is an Associate of the Financial Services Institute of Australasia and a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Tony has been a member of the Minderoo Foundation Board since 2014 and took on the role of Lead Independent Director after Herb Elliott retired from the board.

Nicola Forrest, AO BA
Co-Founder and Co-Chair

Nicola is Co-founder and Co-chair of Minderoo Foundation. Nicola is passionate about early childhood development and building strong, vibrant communities, and she leads the Foundation’s work in these areas. Nicola is Chair of the Black Swan State Theatre Company, a Board Member of the Early Years Initiative and in 2018, was inducted into the WA Women’s Hall Of Fame. In 2018 Nicola was named as a WA Museum Fellow, the first woman to receive this honour. Nicola is a patron of the Kimberley Foundation Australia and Impact100 WA, and is a Life Governor of Sculpture by the Sea.

Dr Andrew Forrest, AO BA
Chairman and Co-Founder

Andrew Forrest is one of Australia’s most active philanthropists and successful business leaders. Andrew is Chair of Fortescue Metals Group and Chairman and Co-founder of Minderoo Foundation and Tattarang Group. He recently completed a PhD in marine ecology at the University of Western Australia, and is passionate about ocean conservation. In 2019, he became an IUCN Patron of Nature and is a member of the United Nations Environment Programme Scientific Advisory Committee on the Assessment on Marine Litter and Microplastics. He is a Global Patron of the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, was the recipient of the Australian Sports Medal and the Australian Centenary Medal, and the inaugural winner of the EY Entrepreneur of the Year Alumni Social Impact Award. He co-founded Walk Free to end modern slavery and Generation One to create parity of opportunity amongst all Australians.
Allan Myers, AC QC
Director

Allan Myers is one of Australia’s most highly respected barristers, with broad practice as a barrister, arbitrator and mediator. Allan is also a highly respected philanthropist and has supported many causes over 45 years. He is Chancellor of the University of Melbourne and a Governor of the Ian Potter Cultural Trust and the Ian Potter Foundation. Allan was awarded a Centenary Medal in 2003, Officer of the Order of Australia in 2007 and Companion of the Order of Australia in 2016 in recognition of his services to the community, the law, and professional learning.

The Hon Malcolm McCusker, AC CVO QC
Director

Malcolm McCusker was Governor of Western Australia from 2011 until 2014. As Queen’s Counsel he is well known for his successful pro bono representation of wrongfully convicted persons, in a number of high-profile cases. He was made an Officer of the Order of Australia in 2005, a Commander of the Royal Victorian Order (CVO) in 2011 and a Companion of the Order of Australia in 2012. Mr McCusker is Chairman of his family foundation, the McCusker Charitable Foundation, of UWA’s McCusker Centre for Citizenship, and of WA Health Translational Network. He is a Director of Australian Wildlife Conservancy and a patron of West Coast Eagles.

Grace Forrest, BA
Director

Grace is the Co-founder of Walk Free, an international human rights organisation. A passionate storyteller, Grace uses photography to amplify the voices of those she advocates for. Grace is the youngest ever United Nations Association of Australia Goodwill Ambassador for Anti-Slavery. She is on the board for the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue and a founding member for the Asia Gender Network.

In 2018, Grace was awarded Nomi Network’s Abolitionist award for her work to end modern slavery and is on the Board of Directors for The Freedom Fund, a leader in the global movement to end modern slavery. Most recently Grace was named the 2021 Young West Australian of the Year.

Tonya McCusker, AM
Alternate Director

Tonya is the administrator and a Director of the McCusker Charitable Foundation, which has a primary objective of supporting medical and scientific research in Western Australia. She works closely with many charities across Australia, is a Trustee for Telethon and on several boards. After an early career dancing in Monte Carlo and then with the Australian Ballet Company, she completed a law degree and postgraduate diploma in management. She has worked in youth development, arts and culture and with the Chamber of Commerce. Tonya is married to Malcolm and has three children.

Andrew Liveris, AO
Director

Andrew is the former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of The Dow Chemical Company and the former Executive Chairman of DowDuPont. He had over 42 years’ global leadership experience with The Dow Chemical Company, with roles in manufacturing, engineering, sales, marketing, and business and general management around the world. Andrew is a director of IBM, Saudi Aramco, Worley and NOVONIX Limited and is an advisor to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Andrew holds Australian Government positions as a member of the Industry Growth Centres Advisory Committee and Co-Chair of the Territory Economic Reconstruction Commission. He is the former Chair of the National COVID-19 Coordination Commission’s Manufacturing Taskforce.

Andrew co-founded and Chairs The Hellenic Initiative to support economic renewal in Greece. He was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia in 2014 for his services to international business.

Maria Myers, AC
Alternate Director

Maria Myers is chair of the State Library of Victoria Foundation. She is a Director of the State Library of Victoria, Dunkeld Pastoral Company and the Kimberley Foundation Australia, Maria is a member of Council at St Mary’s College at the University of Melbourne, The Nature Conservancy’s Advisory Council and a Board Member the Museum of Australian Democracy. She is a strong supporter and advocate of the Burnet Institute for medical research and the Australian String Quartet. Maria was awarded a Companion of the Order of Australia for the advancement of the understanding of Indigenous rock art and her service to the community through philanthropic leadership.
The Minderoo Foundation Central Operations teams exist to support the Foundation in its goal to arrest unfairness and create opportunities to better the world. Central Operations incorporates the Finance, Human Resources, Communications, Legal, Business Transformation and Information Technology functions for the Foundation.

In a year which was largely defined by the COVID-19 global pandemic and Australia’s Black Summer bushfires, the functions which support Minderoo Foundation were required to step up. Our teams were asked to break new ground for our Foundation, whether through the speed and scale of the response required to support our COVID-19 relief efforts securing Personal, Protective Equipment and COVID-19 testing infrastructure or through the innovation and determination required to establish the Fire and Flood Resilience initiative. Most importantly, we were required to step up to ensure the safety of our people through the pandemic and forge new ways of working to ensure the important work of all Foundation initiatives could continue.

Whilst the efforts to respond to the impacts of COVID-19 on our workforce were challenging, it resulted in a significant improvement to our remote working capabilities including take up of new collaboration and project management tools, and virtual engagement and education sessions which will serve the Foundation well as we continue to expand our global footprint.

In addition to re-prioritising support efforts towards establishing new initiatives and our COVID-19 response, Central Operations continued to build the support mechanisms to improve the capability, performance and capacity of the Foundation. This included:

- the establishment and relocation to our new purpose-built Perth offices, designed to encourage new ways of working and increased collaboration
- enhancing our career development framework and leader capability
- investment in learning and development tools
- systems investment across project management, internal communications and collaboration, and financial management, and our cloud data environment and cyber security.

Minderoo Foundation’s most important resource continues to be its people. Our employees come from a diverse range of professional and cultural backgrounds. From a gender perspective, women represented approximately 66 per cent of all employees and approximately 50 per cent of senior positions in the leadership group as of 30 June 2020. Our growth in initiatives and capability has seen employee numbers increase from approximately 85 to 157 globally. We have continued to focus on developing and caring for our people, with programs directed towards our values, professional development, physical well-being and mental health.

Our financial results reflect the generosity of our founders stepping up with further record donations to the Foundation totalling $620 million in 2020 and approximately $1.78 billion over the past four years. This further enabled the Foundation to increase our philanthropic impact and reach with the addition of new initiatives, expanded programs and impact for existing initiatives and immediate emergency responses to COVID-19 and Australia’s Black Summer bushfires.

Total expenditure across the Foundation grew to $1.11bn in FY20 from $81.1m in FY19. This excludes approximately $199m (net of GST) of COVID19 related medical equipment secured primarily on behalf of the Australian Federal Government. Projects and partnerships expenditure, which includes grants and donations to philanthropic and charitable partner organisations around the world, increased to $88.3 million in FY20, from $75.2 million in FY19. Funding was increased across nearly all initiatives with the largest areas of expenditure associated with our growing commitment to tackling critical ocean health concerns and plastic pollution through our Flourishing Oceans initiative, funding networks to take on the lawlessness in the technology industry through Frontier Technology, furthering the fight against modern slavery, continuing our efforts to make cancer non-lethal and helping rebuild communities in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and Australia’s Black Summer bushfires.

The efforts and impact of the Minderoo Foundation in 2020 demonstrate the critical role a modern philanthropic organisation can play not only in tackling some of society’s most intractable problems but also in responding rapidly and strategically in times of great need.

Our financial strength is underpinned by net assets of $1.87 billion as of 30 June 2020, growing from $1.62 billion as at 30 June 2019, primarily through the ongoing generosity of our founders and strong investment management. Minderoo Foundation’s assets are invested in an institutional grade, globally-balanced portfolio which includes an Environmental, Social and Governance screen to ensure investments are in line with the ethos of the Foundation.

Our people continued to feel privileged to work for an organisation which is driven by our values and which feels compelled to step up.

**Minderoo Foundation head quarters, The Swan, Perth. Photo credit: Jessica Wyld**
John Hartman, CIO

Minderoo Foundation’s philanthropic initiatives are supported by our portfolio of assets. We actively manage this diversified portfolio with the responsibility of sustaining our philanthropic activities, as well as in harnessing the potential for impact through investment.

Our investment assets were $1.89 billion as of 30 June 2020, growing from $1.35 billion as of 30 June 2019. These assets include our investment in Fortescue Metals Group, as well as direct investments in both public and private markets. Minderoo Foundation’s investment revenue for the period ending 30 June 2020 was $106 million, comprising of dividends and capital gains from our investment in Fortescue Metals Group and our public market portfolio.

Our public market portfolio is an institutional grade, globally balanced portfolio which includes an Environmental, Social and Governance screen to ensure that our investments are in line with the ethos of the Foundation.

To take our impact potential further, in February 2020 we launched our Strategic Investment Fund, allocating $100 million of capital from our corpus. This capital will be invested directly into opportunities that increase the magnitude of our impact or accelerate our pursuits towards an impact outcome. This approach is catalytic by design, with a desire to promote private sector innovation, encourage market-driven efficiencies, and attract external capital to further support our philanthropic activities.

The types of investments considered under our Strategic Investment Fund include:

- Direct equity and convertible debt investments: We invest in companies at all stages of progress and fundraising. This may include newly formed companies that are in the process of commercialising new research, technologies, or business models, established companies that are seeking growth capital, or companies that possess strong partnership and collaboration potential with our Foundation initiatives.

- Fund investments: We invest as Limited Partners in funds that are strategically aligned to our initiatives, with the intention of building our opportunity pipeline for direct investment into companies.

- Guarantees and other forms of investment: We also consider other forms of investments that attach investments returns to commercial outcomes.

For all enquiries relating to potential investment by our Strategic Investment Fund, please email through to sif@minderoo.org.

At the Minderoo Foundation we recognise the power of exceptional storytelling to cut across cultures, engage the apathetic, and change the world. To tackle the toughest, most persistent issues, and arrest unfairness wherever we find it, we need to inspire, educate and entertain.

Long form storytelling can create movements for change, shift the consensus, and mobilise the masses. Existing philanthropic production houses like Participant Media (Jeff Skoll) and Vulcan Productions (Paul Allen) have delivered major culture change through films like An Inconvenient Truth, Spotlight, Greenbook, CITIZENFOUR, Ghost Fleet and Far from Heaven.

Minderoo Productions has grown into one the world’s most interesting emerging social impact entertainment funds in a short space of time. The Minderoo Productions Jury, comprised of leaders across Minderoo Foundation and Tattarang, approved their first development grant in February 2020, and have since greenlit two films under production, one under development and one in pre-development.

These projects straddle plastics and human health, early childhood development, conservation of marine protected reserves, and monopoly power of technology firms. They span formats including documentary, episodic television, and feature film. Each of these productions has the ability to shift attitudes on issues of core importance to Minderoo Foundation, through compelling and entertaining storytelling presented to millions of viewers around the world.

Look out for further announcements on Minderoo Foundation’s film work in the New Year.
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*Represents $169.9 million revenue (excluding GST) from contract with customer in respect of National Security Through Accelerated Testing less $170.1 million (excluding GST) cost of sales.

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1. Corporate Information

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The requirements of Accounting Standards and other financial reporting requirements do not have mandatory applicability to the Trust because it is not a “reporting entity”. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement requirements specified by the Australia Accounting Standards and Interpreations and the disclosure requirements of the following standards:

- AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements
- AASB 107 Statement of Cash Flows
- AASB 108 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors
- AASB 1048 Interpretation of Standards
- AASB 1054 Australian Additional Disclosures

The financial report has been prepared on an accrual basis and on the basis of historical cost and using the going concern assumption. Cost is based on the fair values of the consideration given in exchange for assets. All amounts are presented in Australian dollars.

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New accounting standards and interpretations

The Group has adopted all new accounting standards and interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) that are relevant to its operations and effective for annual reporting periods beginning 1 July 2019. The Group applied, for the first time, AASB 16 Leases (AASB 16), AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers (AASB 15) and AASB 1058 Income of Not for Profit Entities (AASB 1058). The nature and effect of these changes are disclosed below. The adoption of all other new and revised standards and interpretations did not have any effect on the financial position or performance of the Group.

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2. Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of preparation and consolidation

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared for use by the Directors of the Trust and to fulfil the requirement of the Trust Deed and the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission Act 2012.

The consolidated financial statements reflect the activities of the Group and its subsidiaries, primarily involved in benevolent activities. The Trustee of the Trust is Minderoo Foundation Trust Ltd. The consolidated financial statements comprise the financial statements of the Group which include the aggregated activities of the Trust, The Minderoo Foundation Trust as Operator of a PBI are both Deductible Gift Recipient (“DGR”) endorsed entities, primarily involved in benevolent activities. The Trustee of the Trust is Minderoo Foundation Trust Ltd.

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and requires lessees to account for all leases under a single on-balance sheet model similar to the accounting for finance leases under AASB 117. The standard includes two recognition exemptions for lessors – leases of ‘low-value’ assets (e.g., personal computers) and short-term leases (i.e., leases with a lease term of 12 months or less). At the commencement date of a lease, a lessee will recognise a liability to make lease payments (i.e., the lease liability) and an asset representing the right to use the underlying asset during the lease term (i.e., the right-of-use asset). Lessees will be required to separately recognise the interest expense on the lease liability and the depreciation expense on the right-of-use asset.

The Group has adopted AASB 16 retroactively to each prior reporting period presented. The Group elected to apply the standard to contracts that were previously identified as leases applying AASB 117 and AASB interpretation 4. The Group therefore did not apply the standard to contracts that were not previously identified as containing a lease applying AASB 117 and AASB Interpretation 4.

AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers and AASB 1058 Income of Not for Profit Entities

The Group has applied AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers, as amended by AASB 2019-8 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Australian Implementation Guidance for Not-for-Profit Entities (“AASB I5”) and AASB 1058 Income of Not for Profit Entities (“AASB I1058”) from 1 July 2019 in accordance with the modified retrospective transitional approach available under these standards.

AASB 1058 provides a more comprehensive model for accounting for income of NFP entities and, among other things, specifies that the timing of revenue or income recognition will depend on whether a performance obligation is identified or a liability within the scope of another accounting standard is recognised. If a NFP entity receives consideration principally to enable the NFP entity to further its objectives and to the extent that other accounting standards do not require the recognition of a related and offsetting balance sheet amount (such as a financial liability in accordance with AASB 9 Financial Instruments), income is recognised upon receipt of the consideration under AASB 1058. However, income recognition under AASB 1058 will be deferred if the consideration is for the Group to acquire or construct a specified a non-financial asset (i.e., a capital grant).

The Group assessed the impact of the new standards by analysing each of the Group’s revenue streams, having regard to the requirements of AASB 15 and AASB 1058 to identify the differences between the Group’s accounting policies and practices and those required by the new standards.

Accounting standards and interpretations issued but not yet effective

Certain Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations have recently been issued or amended but are not yet effective and have not been adopted by the Group for the annual reporting period ended 30 June 2020. The Directors have not early adopted any of these new or amended standards or interpretations. The Directors have not yet fully assessed the impact of these new or amended standards and interpretations, to the extent relevant to the Group.

Property, Plant and Equipment – Proceeds before intended use (Amendments to AASB 116)

Property, Plant and Equipment – Proceeds before intended use (Amendments to AASB 116) amends the standard to prohibit deducting from the cost of an item of property, plant and equipment any proceeds from selling items produced while bringing that asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management. Instead, an entity recognises the proceeds from selling such items, and the cost of producing those items, in profit or loss. The amendments affect the annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2022 and are applicable to the Group for annual reporting periods beginning 1 July 2022. At this time, the application of the Property, Plant and Equipment – Proceeds before intended use is not expected to have a material impact on the consolidated entity’s financial statements.
Key accounting judgements and estimates
The key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year, are described below. The Group based its assumptions and estimates on parameters available when the consolidated financial statements were prepared. Existing circumstances and assumptions about future developments, however, may change due to market changes or circumstances arising that are beyond the control of the Group. Such changes are reflected in the assumptions when they occur.

Incremental borrowing rate (“IBR”)
The Group cannot readily determine the interest rate implicit in the lease accounting calculation, therefore, it uses its IBR to measure lease liabilities. The IBR is the rate of interest that the Group would have to pay to borrow over a similar term, and with a similar security, the funds necessary to obtain an asset of a similar value to the right-of-use asset in a similar economic environment. The IBR therefore reflects what the Group ‘would have to pay’, which requires estimation when no observable rates are available or when they need to be adjusted to reflect the terms and conditions of the lease. The Group estimates the IBR using observable inputs (such as market interest rates) when available and is required to make certain entity-specific estimates.

Fair value measurement of financial instruments
When the fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities recorded in the statement of financial position cannot be measured based on quoted prices in active markets, their fair value is measured using valuation techniques. The inputs to these models are taken from observable markets where possible, but where this is not feasible, a degree of judgement is required in establishing fair values. Judgements include considerations of inputs such as liquidity risk, credit risk and volatility. Changes in assumptions relating to these factors could affect the reported fair value of financial instruments.

Provision for expected credit losses (ECLs) of trade receivables
The Group uses a provision matrix to calculate ECLs for trade receivables. The provision matrix is initially based on the Group’s historical observed default rates. The amount of ECLs is sensitive to changes in circumstances and of forecast economic conditions. The Group’s historical credit loss experience and forecast of economic conditions may also not be representative of customer’s actual default in the future.

(b) Revenue from contracts with customers
Revenue from contracts with customers is recognised when control of the goods or services are transferred to the customer at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the Group expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. The Group has concluded that it is the principal in its contractual arrangements with respect to the sale and purchase of personal, protective equipment. The Group has concluded that it is the agent in its contractual arrangements with respect to the sale and purchase of testing equipment.

The normal credit term is 30 to 90 days upon delivery. The Group considers whether there are other promises in the contract that represent separate performance obligations to which a portion of the transaction price needs to be allocated (e.g. warranties, customer loyalty points). In determining the transaction price for the personal protective equipment and testing equipment, the Group considers the effects of variable consideration, existence of significant financing components, non-cash consideration and consideration payable to the customer (if any).

The Group uses the expected value method to estimate the variable consideration given the large number of contracts that have similar characteristics.

(c) Donations and sponsorships
Donations and sponsorships are recognised as revenue when received. If there are conditions attached to the grant which must be satisfied before the entity is eligible to receive the contribution, recognition of the grant as revenue is deferred until those conditions are satisfied. When the grant is received on the condition that specified services are delivered, the arrangement is considered a reciprocal transfer. Revenue is recognised as and when the services are rendered.

(d) Interest revenue
Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest rate method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument. Investment revenue is measured at the value of the consideration received or receivable and comprises of dividend income, Group distributions, and interest income earned on the investment portfolio, and is recognised when the right to receive a dividend or distribution has been established.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

(e) Income Tax
No provision for income tax has been raised as the Trust is exempt from income tax under Div 50 of the Income tax Assessment Act 1997.

(f) Cash and cash equivalents
Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and deposits held at-call with banks.

(g) Trade and Other Receivables
Trade and other receivables represent the Group’s right to consideration that is unconditional. Receivables, which generally have terms of 30 days are recognised at fair value of the consideration receivable and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less an allowance for any impairment in line with the ECL model.

The Group applies a simplified approach in calculating ECLs and does not track changes in credit risk but instead recognises a loss allowance based on lifetime ECLs at each reporting date.

(h) Inventories
Inventories are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost represents the direct costs incurred in bringing each product to its present location and condition. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less estimated costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale. Any inventory that is obsolete is written off to the profit and loss as appropriate.

(i) Financial Instruments
Initial recognition and measurement
Financial assets are classified, at initial recognition, as subsequently measured at amortised cost, fair value through other comprehensive income (OCI), and fair value through profit or loss.

The classification of financial assets at initial recognition depends on the financial asset’s contractual cash flow characteristics and the Group’s business model for managing them. With the exception of trade receivables that do not contain a significant financing component or for which the Group has applied the practical expedient, the Group initially measures a financial asset at its fair value plus, in the case of a financial asset not at fair value through profit or loss, transaction costs. Trade receivables that do not contain a significant financing component or for which the Group has applied the practical expedient are measured at the transaction price as disclosed in note 2(b) Revenue from contracts with customers.
In order for a financial asset to be classified and measured at amortised cost or fair value through OCI, it needs to give rise to cash flows that are ‘solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding’. The assessment is performed at an instrument level. Financial assets with cash flows that are not SPPI are classified and measured at fair value through profit or loss, irrespective of the business model.

The Group’s business model for managing financial assets refers to how it manages its financial assets in order to generate cash flows. The business model determines whether cash flows will result from collecting contractual cash flows, selling the financial assets, or both. Financial assets classified and measured at amortised cost are held within a business model with the objective to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows while financial assets classified and measured at fair value through OCI are held within a business model with the objective of both holding to collect contractual cash flows and selling.

Subsequent measurement
For purposes of subsequent measurement, financial assets are classified in four categories:

- Financial assets at amortised cost (debt instruments)
- Financial assets at fair value through OCI with recycling of cumulative gains and losses (debt instruments)
- Financial assets designated at fair value through OCI with no recycling of cumulative gains and losses upon derecognition (equity instruments)
- Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss are carried in the statement of financial position at fair value with net changes in fair value recognised in the statement of profit or loss.

This category includes derivative instruments and listed equity investments which the Group had not irrevocably elected to classify at fair value through OCI. Dividends on listed equity investments are recognised as other income in the statement of profit or loss when the right of payment has been established.

The Group’s financial assets at fair value through profit or loss include investments in listed equity shares. Fair values of these equity shares are determined by reference to published price quotations in an active market.

Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income
Upon initial recognition, the Group can elect to classify irrevocably its equity investments as equity instruments designated at fair value through OCI when they meet the definition of equity under AASB 123 Financial Instruments: Presentation and are not held for trading. The classification is determined on an instrument-by-instrument basis.

Gains and losses on these financial assets are never recycled to profit or loss. Dividends on listed equity investments are recognised as other income in the statement of profit or loss when the right of payment has been established, except when the Group benefits from such proceeds as a recovery of part of the cost of the financial asset, in which case, such gains are recorded in OCI. Equity instruments designated at fair value through OCI are not subject to impairment assessment. The Group elected to classify irrevocably its non-listed equity investments under this category.

The Group’s equity instruments designated at fair value through OCI include investments in equity shares of non-listed companies. The Group holds non-controlling interests in these companies. These investments were irrevocably designated at fair value through OCI as the Group considers these investments to be strategic in nature.

Impairment of financial assets
The Group recognises an allowance for ECLs for all debt instruments not held at fair value through profit or loss. ECLs are based on the difference between the contractual cash flows due in accordance with the contract and all the cash flows that the Group expects to receive, discounted at an approximation of the original effective interest rate. The expected cash flows will include cash flows from the sale of collateral held or other credit enhancements that are integral to the contractual terms.

ECLs are recognised in two stages. For credit exposures for which there has not been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, ECLs are provided for credit losses that result from default events that are possible within the next 12-months (a 12-month ECL). For those credit exposures for which there has been a significant increase in credit risk since initial recognition, a loss allowance is required for credit losses expected over the remaining life of the exposure, irrespective of the timing of the default (a lifetime ECL).

For trade receivables, the Group applies a simplified approach in calculating ECLs. Therefore, the Group does not track changes in credit risk, but instead recognises a loss allowance based on lifetime ECLs at each reporting date.

(j) Investments in listed entities
Listed shares and listed redeemable notes held by the Group that are traded in an active market are classified as financial assets and are stated at fair value. Fair value is determined in the manner described above. Gains and losses arising from changes in fair value are recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in the investments revaluation reserve, with the exception of impairment losses, interest calculated using the effective interest method, and foreign exchange gains and losses on monetary assets, which are recognised in profit or loss. Where the investment is disposed of or is determined to be impaired, the cumulative gain or loss previously accumulated in the investments revaluation reserve is reclassified to profit or loss.

(k) Investments in non-listed entities
The Group also has investments in unlisted shares that are not traded in an active market but that are also classified as financial assets and stated at fair value (because the directors consider that fair value can be reliably measured). Gains and losses arising from changes in fair value are recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in the investments revaluation reserve.

Derogation
A financial asset (or, where applicable, a part of a financial asset or part of a group of similar financial assets) is primarily derecognised (i.e., removed from the Group’s consolidated statement of financial position) when:

- The rights to receive cash flows from the asset have expired; or
- The Group has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from the asset or has assumed an obligation to pay the received cash flows in full without material delay to a third party under a ‘pass-through’ arrangement; and either
- The Group has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, or
- The Group has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, but has transferred control of the asset.

Reversal of derecognition
Derecognition is reversed when the Group no longer controls the asset and the rights to receive cash flows from the asset have not expired, the Group is not required to make an obligation to transfer the cash flows, and the financial asset is not held at fair value through OCI.
The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at the commencement date, discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease or, if that rate cannot be readily determined, the Group's incremental borrowing rate. Generally, the Group uses its incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate.

Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability comprise the following:
• fixed payments, including in-substance fixed payments;
• variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate, initially measured using the index or rate at as the commencement date,
• amounts expected to be payable under a residual value guarantee, and
• the exercise price under a purchase option that the Group is reasonably certain to exercise, if the carrying amount of the right-of-use asset has been reduced to zero.

Short-term leases and leases of low-value assets
The Group has elected not to recognise right-of-use assets and lease liabilities for short-term leases that have a lease term of 12 months or less and leases of low-value assets. The Group recognises the lease payments associated with these leases as an expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Right-of-return assets and liabilities
A right-of-return asset is recognised for the right to recover the goods expected to be returned by customers. The asset is measured at the former carrying amount of the asset throughout the period of use; and

This policy is applied to contracts entered into, or changed, on or after 1 July 2019. At inception or on reassessment of a contract that contains a lease component, the Group allocates the consideration in the contract to each lease component on the basis of their relative stand-alone prices. However, for the leases of land and buildings in which it is a lessee, the Group has elected not to separate non-lease components and account for the lease and non-lease components as a single lease component.

The Group recognises a right-of-use asset and a lease liability at the lease commencement date. The right-of-use asset is initially measured at an amount equal to the lease liability, adjusted by the amount of any prepaid or accrued lease payments relating to that lease recognised in the statement of financial position immediately before the date of initial application.

The right-of-use asset is subsequently depreciated using the straight-line method from the commencement date to the earlier of the end of the useful life of the right-of-use asset or the end of the lease term. The estimated useful lives of right-of-use assets are determined on the same basis as those of property and equipment. In addition, the right-of-use asset is periodically reduced by impairment losses, if any, and adjusted for certain remeasure rents of the lease liability.
### 3. Revenue from Contracts with Customers

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<td>Sales of Personal Protective Equipment*</td>
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*Amount disclosed excludes GST.

First Sourcing and Logistics Pty Ltd sourced and procured personal protective equipment from China for distribution within Australia during the COVID-19 pandemic. This personal protective equipment was subsequently supplied to others.

### 4. Projects and Partnerships

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<td>Building Community</td>
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<td>Collaborate Against Cancer</td>
<td>10,385,726</td>
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<td>Fire &amp; Flood Resilience</td>
<td>9,078,212</td>
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<td>Flourishing Oceans</td>
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<td>Forrest Research Foundation</td>
<td>6,818,599</td>
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<td>Frontier Technology</td>
<td>7,566,011</td>
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<td>Generation One</td>
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<td>Thrive by Five</td>
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<td>Work Free</td>
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### 5. Income and Expenditure - Testing Equipment*

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<td>Sale of Testing Equipment</td>
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<td>Cost of Sales</td>
<td>160,098,736</td>
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<td>518,867</td>
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### 6. Other Expenses

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<td>Portfolio Management Fees</td>
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<td>Consultants and Contractors</td>
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<td>Other Expenses</td>
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<td><strong>15,820,091</strong></td>
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### 7. Cash and Cash Equivalents

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<td>Cash at Bank and in Hand</td>
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### 8. Trade and Other Receivables

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<td>Trade Debtors</td>
<td>2,556,031</td>
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<td>Other Receivables</td>
<td>11,746,958</td>
<td>8,817,872</td>
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<td>Prepayments</td>
<td>1,383,228</td>
<td>167,380</td>
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<td><strong>15,686,215</strong></td>
<td><strong>9,449,664</strong></td>
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Trade receivables are non-interest bearing and are generally on 30 day terms. A provision for impairment loss is recognised when there is objective evidence that an individual trade receivable is impaired. No impairment was recognised in the current period (2019: nil). During the period, $0.9 million of stock was written down to its recoverable amount (2019: nil).

### 9. Inventory

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10. Property, Plant and Equipment

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<th>LAND &amp; BUILDINGS</th>
<th>LEASEHOLD ASSETS</th>
<th>MOTOR VEHICLES</th>
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<td>1,382,109</td>
<td>1,402,274</td>
<td>16,699</td>
<td>650,864</td>
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<td>Additions</td>
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<td>Balance at 30 June 2020</td>
<td>1,382,109</td>
<td>1,402,274</td>
<td>78,470</td>
<td>856,080</td>
<td>3,974,743</td>
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Accumulated Depreciation

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<th>Balances at 1 July 2019</th>
<th>(98,829)</th>
<th>(123,673)</th>
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<td>Balance at 30 June 2020</td>
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<td>(52,222)</td>
<td>(71,971)</td>
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<td>(1,843,322)</td>
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NET BOOK VALUE AS AT 30 JUNE 2020

| 1,000,798 | 66,998 | 66,248 | 402,467 | 395,110 | 2,031,631 |

11. Other Financial Assets

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<th>2020 $</th>
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<td>Current Investment in Cash Management Funds</td>
<td>173,284,633</td>
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<td>TOTAL CURRENT OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS</td>
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<td>Non-Current Unlisted Investments at FVOCI</td>
<td>21,435,367</td>
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<td>Financial Assets Held at FVOCI</td>
<td>1,301,805,408</td>
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<td>TOTAL NON-CURRENT OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS</td>
<td>1,722,653,693</td>
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12. Trade and Other Payables

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<tr>
<td>Trade Creditors</td>
<td>4,206,815</td>
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<td>Other Payables</td>
<td>7,639,521</td>
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<td>TOTAL</td>
<td>79,246,338</td>
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Trade payables are non-interest bearing and are generally on 30 to 60 day terms.

As at 30 June 2020, Other Payables include a liability relating to the Trust’s constructive obligation to fund a remaining amount of $33.3 million (2019: $37.1 million) under a donation agreement with the University of Western Australia.

13. Lease

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<td>Right of Use Asset Initial Measurement</td>
<td>13,863,021</td>
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<td>Depreciation</td>
<td>(95,034)</td>
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<td>Right of Use Asset - 30 June 2020</td>
<td>13,768,988</td>
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<td>Lease Liabilities Initial Measurement</td>
<td>13,863,021</td>
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<td>Interest Expense</td>
<td>73,720</td>
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<td>Lease Liability Reduction</td>
<td>(133,826)</td>
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<td>Lease Liabilities - 30 June 2020</td>
<td>13,802,942</td>
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The Group adopted AASB 16 on 1 July 2019. Refer to Note 2(a) and 2(m).

14. Commitments The Group’s commitment to The University of Western Australia is $18.0 million over the next 3 years (2019: $24.5 million over the next 4 years).

The Group holds investments to fund the expansion of various philanthropic objectives including the following key items:

- Domestic investment capital call commitment: $22.6 million (2019: nil)
- International investment capital call commitment: $14.0 million USD (2019: nil)

15. Contingencies The Group has no contingent liabilities in place (2019: Nil).

16. Group Composition At 30 June 2020, the Trust holds a 33.3% (2019: 33.3%) membership interest in the Freedom Fund (the Fund), a non-profit corporation incorporated in Pennsylvania. This interest does not entitle the Trust to the underlying assets and liabilities of the Fund and as a result no amounts have been recognised in the Trust’s 30 June 2020 financial statements (2019: Nil). In the event of liquidation or dissolution any remaining assets of the Fund shall be distributed in equal shares to the members to the extent that the assets are utilised for the Fund’s approved purpose. During the year ending 30 June 2020, the Fund received grants totalling $2.9 million (2019: $2.0 million) from the Trust.
In accordance with a resolution of the Directors of the Trustee, The Minderoo Foundation Pty Ltd, I state that in the opinion of the Directors:

(a) the Trust is not a reporting entity as defined in the Australian Accounting Standards;

(b) the financial statements and notes of the Trust and Consolidated Group are in accordance with the Trust Deed and the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012, including:

(i) giving a true and fair view of the Trust and Group’s financial position as at 30 June 2020 and of their performance for the year ended on that date; and

(ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 2 to the financial statements and complying with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Regulation 2013;

(c) there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Trust will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

On behalf of the Board

Nicola Forrest
Perth, 07 December 2020
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEE OF THE MINDEROO FOUNDATION TRUST

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEE OF THE MINDEROO FOUNDATION TRUST

Opinion
We have audited the financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of The Minderoo Foundation Trust (the registered entity) and its subsidiaries (collectively the Group), which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2020, the consolidated statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the trustee's declaration.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report of the Group is in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012, including:

a) giving a true and fair view of the consolidated financial position of the Group as at 30 June 2020 and of its consolidated financial performance for the year ended on that date; and

b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 2, and the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Regulation 2013.

Basis for Opinion
We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. 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 Group in accordance with 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 also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

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

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting
We draw attention to Note 2a to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the trustee’s financial reporting responsibilities under the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Information Other than the Financial Report and Auditor’s Report Thereon
The trustee is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, but does not include the financial report and our auditor’s report thereon.

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

We draw attention to Note 2a to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the trustee’s financial reporting responsibilities under the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

In connection with our audit of the financial report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, 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.

If, based on the work we have performed, 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 Trustee for the Financial Report
The trustee of the registered entity is responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 2a to the financial statements is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012 and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The trustees responsibility also includes such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the trustee is responsible for assessing the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustee either intends to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report
Our objectives are 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 the Australian Auditing Standards 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 this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, 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 Group's internal control

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustee
Ernst & Young
J K Newton
Partner
Perth
07 December 2020

AUDITOR’S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION TO THE TRUSTEE OF THE MINDEROO FOUNDATION TRUST

In relation to our audit of the financial report of The Minderoo Foundation Trust for the financial year ended 30 June 2020, and in accordance with the requirements of Subdivision 60-C of the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Act 2012, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements of any applicable code of professional conduct.

This declaration is in respect of The Minderoo Foundation Trust and the entities it controlled during the financial year.

Ernst & Young
J K Newton
Partner
Perth
07 December 2020
With gratitude...

Minderoo seeks to innovate, empower and change – which in this complex world, requires collaboration.

Sincerest thanks to the many individuals and partner organisations, donors, and collaborators who share our vision, ambitious goals, and have partnered with us this year.

Without them, our reach could not have grown exponentially, and our path to progress would be much longer.

THANK YOU

Made possible by generous gifts from Jock Clough and Jamie Taylor
We expect 2020/21 will be another big year at Minderoo Foundation for our staff, partners and initiatives. In an everchanging world dealing with the ramifications of COVID, the world’s intractable problems from slavery to plastic pollution to the power of big tech are getting bigger. Rather than being overcome by the challenge, the Minderoo team will continue to step up and drive change. It is with this backdrop that we can confirm all of our initiatives have planned for growth in activity for the 2020/21 year. Our full time staff complement will grow to over 200.

Our focus on research that enables positive change will continue, with the Foundation’s team working with more than 21 leading universities globally. Major projects include investigating the impact of plastics on human health, and the value chain that sees plastic pollution entering the environment. Following nearly two years of global research, Minderoo are looking forward to launching the Global Fishing Index in 2021, which will provide data country by country, on health of fish stocks and national efforts to combat overfishing. The Index will provide badly needed data to inform ongoing international engagement and advocacy efforts. We will also open world leading marine research facilities in Exmouth Western Australia, which is already providing a base for leading researchers from around Australia to undertake field research on Ningaloo Reef. We are expanding the size and impact of Forrest Research Foundation, through the construction of a second building at the University of Western Australia. Our Fire Shield Mission will select a number of science driven projects to meet an audacious goal of finding new methods to detect, monitor and extinguish dangerous blazes within an hour, anywhere in Australia, by 2025.

With the development of a COVID vaccine and the opening of borders, we plan to build on our international presence including the launch of the Thrive by Five app in numerous countries to assist with brain development of children aged 0-5. Walk Free will be advocating for an end of child marriage as per findings of the Stacked Odds report and we will support the Frontier Tech Impact Network to provide cutting edge research in technology and power. We are excited to be funding two documentaries through Minderoo Productions, a new pool of funding recognising the power of film and documentary making in driving change.

In Australia, through our support of the Molecular Screening & Therapeutics Study (MoST), Australian patients with advanced, rare and less common cancers will get access to clinical trials targeted to their specific molecular profile. We will also be encouraging Indigenous Entrepreneurship to lead to increased employment for Indigenous Australians.

These are just some of the major programs we have planned for 2020/21. It will be a very active year as we listen humbly to our stakeholders and partners and step up to respond in the ever changing circumstances likely in a dynamic year ahead.

Finally, we are very excited to celebrate the 20 year anniversary of Andrew and Nicola establishing the Foundation. It’s a major milestone! We look forward to a time of great reflection on all that has been achieved to date, and to challenge ourselves to drive even harder to tackle the world’s intractable problems.