

Appendix 4B

Preliminary final report

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Name of entity

JOHN FAIRFAX HOLDINGS LIMITED

ABN or equivalent company reference

ABN 15 008 663 161

Half yearly
(tick)

Preliminary final (tick)

Financial year ended ('current period')

30 JUNE 2002

For announcement to the market

Extracts from this report for announcement to the market (see note 1).

\$A'000

Revenues from ordinary activities (<i>item 1.1</i>)	down	(9.4)%	to	1,197,764
Profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax attributable to members (<i>item 1.22</i>)	down	(58.1)%		53,660
Profit (loss) from extraordinary items after tax attributable to members (<i>item 2.5(d)</i>)	gain (loss) of	N/A		N/A
Net profit (loss) for the period attributable to members (<i>item 1.11</i>)	down	(58.1)%	to	53,660

Dividends (distributions)	Amount per security	Franked amount per security
Final dividend (<i>Preliminary final report only - item 15.4</i>)	7.0¢	7.0¢
Interim dividend (<i>Half yearly report only - item 15.6</i>)	4.5¢	4.5¢
Previous corresponding period (<i>Preliminary final report - item 15.5; half yearly report - item 15.7</i>)	7.0¢ 4.5¢	7.0¢ 4.5¢

⁺Record date for determining entitlements to the dividend,
(in the case of a trust, distribution) (*see item 15.2*)

4 October 2002

Brief explanation of any of the figures reported above (see Note 1) and short details of any bonus or cash issue or other item(s) of importance not previously released to the market:

N/A

If this is a half yearly report it is to be read in conjunction with the most recent annual financial report.

⁺ See chapter 19 for defined terms.

Condensed consolidated statement of financial performance

	Current period - \$A'000	Previous corresponding period - \$A'000
1.1 Revenues from ordinary activities (<i>see items 1.23 - 1.25</i>)	1,197,764	1,322,427
1.2 Expenses from ordinary activities (<i>see items 1.26 & 1.27</i>)	1,068,825	1,091,169
1.3 Borrowing costs	36,212	45,733
1.4 Share of net profits (losses) of associates and joint venture entities (<i>see item 16.7</i>)	(881)	5,277
1.5 Profit (loss) from ordinary activities before tax	91,846	190,802
1.6 Income tax on ordinary activities (<i>see note 4</i>)	38,186	62,733
1.7 Profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax	53,660	128,069
1.8 Profit (loss) from extraordinary items after tax (<i>see item 2.5</i>)	-	-
1.9 Net profit (loss)	53,660	128,069
1.10 Net profit (loss) attributable to outside ⁺ equity interests	-	-
1.11 Net profit (loss) for the period attributable to members	53,660	128,069
Non-owner transaction changes in equity		
1.12 Increase (decrease) in revaluation reserves	-	(125)
1.13 Net exchange differences recognised in equity	24	(214)
1.14 Other revenue, expense and initial adjustments recognised directly in equity (attach details)	-	-
1.15 Initial adjustments from UIG transitional provisions	-	-
1.16 Total transactions and adjustments recognised directly in equity (items 1.12 to 1.15)	24	(339)
1.17 Total changes in equity not resulting from transactions with owners as owners	53,684	127,730

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Earnings per security (EPS)	Current period	Previous corresponding Period
1.18 Basic EPS	6.17¢	17.51¢
1.19 Diluted EPS	6.16¢	17.46¢

Notes to the condensed consolidated statement of financial performance

Profit (loss) from ordinary activities attributable to members

	Current period - \$A'000	Previous corresponding period - \$A'000
1.20 Profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax (<i>item 1.7</i>)	53,660	128,069
1.21 Less (plus) outside +equity interests	-	-
1.22 Profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax, attributable to members	53,660	128,069

Revenue and expenses from ordinary activities

(*see note 15*)

	Current period - \$A'000	Previous corresponding period - \$A'000
1.23 Revenue from sales or services		
Sales revenue	1,167,123	1,282,160
Proceeds from the sale of investments	-	398
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant & equipment	538	7,679
Revenue from rendering services	7,346	5,738
Dividend income	-	150
Distributions from unit trusts	360	420
	1,175,367	1,296,545
1.24 Interest revenue	6,492	1,882
1.25 Other relevant revenue		
Proceeds from sale of controlled entities:		
-Sold.com.au Pty Ltd	-	24,000
-CitySearch Australia Pty Ltd & CitySearch Canberra Pty Ltd	15,905	-
	1,197,764	1,322,427

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1.26	Details of expenses (including relevant expenses):		
	Staff costs	409,802	422,825
	Newsprint and paper	211,606	203,039
	Distribution and other production costs	130,532	141,005
	Promotion and advertising costs	50,728	59,885
	Write down of non current assets	8,755	3,249
	Cost of disposals	21,419	13,413
	Restructure and redundancy costs	4,405	24,184
	Rent and outgoings	21,728	20,580
	Repairs and maintenance	13,736	9,628
	Communication costs	11,898	12,397
	News services	10,579	11,000
	Computer costs	7,497	7,741
	Fringe benefits tax	5,339	6,978
	Other expenses from ordinary activities	93,732	90,073
	Amortisation of intangibles (item 2.3)	1,200	1,341
		1,002,956	1,027,338
	Included in the above totals are the following relevant items:		
	Cost base of CitySearch Australia & CitySearch Canberra investment	25,854	-
	Transaction costs relating to sale of CitySearch	3,551	-
	Closure of CitySearch Directories	24,403	-
	Cost base of Sold investment	-	5,658
	Write-down of non-current assets	4,000	3,249
	Restructure and redundancy costs	-	24,184
	F2 Development costs	-	4,131
		57,808	37,222
1.27	Depreciation and amortisation excluding amortisation of intangibles (<i>see item 2.3</i>)	65,869	63,831
Capitalised outlays			
1.28	Interest costs capitalised in asset values	15,884	10,015
1.29	Outlays capitalised in intangibles (unless arising from an ⁺ acquisition of a business)	-	-

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Consolidated retained profits

	Current period - \$A'000	Previous corresponding period - \$A'000
1.30 Retained profits (accumulated losses) at the beginning of the financial period	507,873	464,136
1.31 Net profit (loss) attributable to members (<i>item 1.11</i>)	53,660	128,069
1.32 Net transfers from (to) reserves (<i>details if material</i>)	-	-
1.33 Net effect of changes in accounting policies	-	-
1.34 Dividends and other equity distributions paid or payable	(92,826)	(84,332)
1.35 Retained profits (accumulated losses) at end of financial period	468,707	507,873

Intangible and extraordinary items

<i>Consolidated – current period</i>				
	Before tax \$A'000 (a)	Related tax \$A'000 (b)	Related outside +equity interests \$A'000 (c)	Amount (after tax) attributable to members \$A'000 (d)
2.1 Amortisation of goodwill	1,200	-	-	1,200
2.2 Amortisation of other intangibles	-	-	-	-
2.3 Total amortisation of intangibles	1,200	-	-	1,200
2.4 Extraordinary items (details)	-	-	-	-
2.5 Total extraordinary items	-	-	-	-

Comparison of half year profits

(Preliminary final report only)

	Current year - \$A'000	Previous year - \$A'000
3.1 Consolidated profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax attributable to members reported for the <i>1st</i> half year (item 1.22 in the half yearly report)	36,053	77,350
3.2 Consolidated profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax attributable to members for the <i>2nd</i> half year	17,607	50,719

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Condensed consolidated statement of financial position		At end of current period \$A'000	As shown in last annual report \$A'000	As in last half yearly report \$A'000
Current assets				
4.1	Cash	7,299	8,542	83,987
4.2	Receivables	196,048	226,737	186,994
4.3	Investments	-	-	70,000
4.4	Inventories	26,617	24,973	27,994
4.5	Tax assets	50,789	19,630	29,983
4.6	Other (provide details if material)	-	-	-
4.7	Total current assets	280,753	279,882	398,958
Non-current assets				
4.8	Receivables	2,994	5,314	4,511
4.9	Investments (equity accounted)	3,303	4,184	4,358
4.10	Other investments	8,978	14,491	13,428
4.11	Inventories	-	-	-
4.12	Exploration and evaluation expenditure capitalised (see para .71 of AASB 1022)	-	-	-
4.13	Development properties (+mining entities)	-	-	-
4.14	Other property, plant and equipment (net)	704,502	651,777	672,878
4.15	Intangibles (net)	1,259,399	1,278,431	1,272,125
4.16	Tax assets	54,743	57,719	38,469
4.17	Other (provide details if material)	-	-	-
4.18	Total non-current assets	2,033,919	2,011,916	2,005,769
4.19	Total assets	2,314,672	2,291,798	2,404,727
Current liabilities				
4.20	Payables	178,749	158,657	148,490
4.21	Interest bearing liabilities	5,405	308,000	153,673
4.22	Tax liabilities	-	24,828	792
4.23	Provisions exc. tax liabilities	86,759	93,544	71,751
4.24	Other (provide details if material)	-	-	-
4.25	Total current liabilities	270,913	585,029	374,706
Non-current liabilities				
4.26	Non interest bearing liabilities	19,066	-	432
4.27	Interest bearing liabilities	587,965	466,334	555,936
4.28	Tax liabilities	56,611	59,142	47,308
4.29	Provisions exc. tax liabilities	35,667	40,309	40,086
4.30	Other (provide details if material)	-	-	-
4.31	Total non-current liabilities	699,309	565,785	643,762
4.32	Total liabilities	970,222	1,150,814	1,018,468
4.33	Net assets	1,344,450	1,140,984	1,386,259

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	Equity			
4.34	Capital/contributed equity	870,804	628,196	870,495
4.35	Reserves	4,939	4,915	4,910
4.36	Retained profits (accumulated losses)	468,707	507,873	510,854
4.37	Equity attributable to members of the parent entity	1,344,450	1,140,984	1,386,259
4.38	Outside ⁺ equity interests in controlled entities	-	-	-
4.39	Total equity	1,344,450	1,140,984	1,386,259
4.40	Preference capital included as part of 4.37	250,000	-	250,000

Notes to the condensed consolidated statement of financial position

Exploration and evaluation expenditure capitalised

(To be completed only by entities with mining interests if amounts are material. Include all expenditure incurred.)

	Current period \$A'000	Previous corresponding period - \$A'000
5.1	-	-
5.2	-	-
5.3	-	-
5.4	-	-
5.5	-	-
5.6	-	-
	Closing balance as shown in the consolidated balance sheet (item 4.12)	-

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Development properties

(To be completed only by entities with mining interests if amounts are material)

	Current period \$A'000	Previous corresponding period - \$A'000
6.1 Opening balance	-	-
6.2 Expenditure incurred during current period	-	-
6.3 Expenditure transferred from exploration and evaluation	-	-
6.4 Expenditure written off during current period	-	-
6.5 Acquisitions, disposals, revaluation increments, etc.	-	-
6.6 Expenditure transferred to mine properties	-	-
6.7 Closing balance as shown in the consolidated balance sheet (item 4.13)	-	-

Condensed consolidated statement of cash flows

	Current period \$A'000	Previous corresponding period - \$A'000
Cash flows related to operating activities		
7.1 Receipts from customers	1,317,592	1,410,676
7.2 Payments to suppliers and employees	(1,044,588)	(1,141,192)
7.3 Dividends received from associates	-	40,443
7.4 Other dividends received	360	570
7.5 Interest and other items of similar nature received	6,492	1,882
7.6 Interest and other costs of finance paid	(37,623)	(45,902)
7.7 Income taxes paid	(95,242)	(108,696)
7.8 Other – redundancy payments	(11,171)	(1,280)
7.9 Net operating cash flows	135,820	156,501
Cash flows related to investing activities		
7.10 Payment for purchases of property, plant and equipment	(118,183)	(216,925)
7.11 Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	582	7,679
7.12 Payment for purchases of equity investments	(199)	(5,477)
7.13 Proceeds from sale of equity investments	-	398
7.14 Loans to other entities	5,007	(4,595)
7.15 Loans repaid by other entities	-	-
7.16 Other (provide details if material)	966	-
Proceeds from the sale of investments	(6,423)	(2,914)
Payment for intangibles	-	(2,400)
Payment for purchase of controlled entities	-	-

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	Costs associated with the sale of controlled entities	(3,551)	-
	Proceeds from sale of controlled entities	15,905	24,000
7.17	Net investing cash flows	(105,896)	(200,234)
	Cash flows related to financing activities		
7.18	Proceeds from issues of ⁺ securities (shares, options, etc.)	657	9,033
7.19	Proceeds from borrowings	130,000	154,558
7.20	Repayment of borrowings	(310,964)	(2,731)
7.21	Dividends paid	(92,811)	(84,090)
7.22	Other (provide details if material)		
	Loans from associated entities	-	(35,052)
	Proceeds from issue of PRESSES	250,000	-
	Transaction costs from the issue of PRESSES	(8,049)	-
7.23	Net financing cash flows	(31,167)	41,718
	Net increase (decrease) in cash held	(1,243)	(2,015)
7.25	Cash at beginning of period <i>(see Reconciliation of cash)</i>	8,542	10,557
7.26	Exchange rate adjustments to item 7.25.	-	-
7.27	Cash at end of period <i>(see Reconciliation of cash)</i>	7,299	8,542

Non-cash financing and investing activities

Details of financing and investing transactions which have had a material effect on consolidated assets and liabilities but did not involve cash flows are as follows. *(If an amount is quantified, show comparative amount.)*

N/A

Reconciliation of cash

Reconciliation of cash at the end of the period (as shown in the consolidated statement of cash flows) to the related items in the accounts is as follows.	Current period \$A'000	Previous corresponding period - \$A'000
8.1 Cash on hand and at bank	7,299	8,542
8.2 Deposits at call	-	-
8.3 Bank overdraft	-	-
8.4 Other (provide details)	-	-
8.5 Total cash at end of period (item 7.27)	7,299	8,542

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Other notes to the condensed financial statements

Ratios		Current period	Previous corresponding period
9.1	Profit before tax / revenue Consolidated profit (loss) from ordinary activities before tax (<i>item 1.5</i>) as a percentage of revenue (<i>item 1.1</i>)	7.7%	14.4%
9.2	Profit after tax / +equity interests Consolidated net profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax attributable to members (<i>item 1.11</i>) as a percentage of equity (similarly attributable) at the end of the period (<i>item 4.37</i>)	4.0%	11.2%

Earnings per security (EPS)

10. Details of basic and diluted EPS reported separately in accordance with paragraph 9 and 18 of AASB 1027: *Earnings Per Share* are as follows.

	2002	2001
	\$A'000	\$A'000
Net Profit after tax	53,660	128,069
Less dividends paid on PRESSES	(8,290)	-
Basic Earnings	45,370	128,069
Weighted average number of ordinary shares	734,967,246	731,292,549
Options conversion	1,102,608	2,050,894
Diluted Weighted average number of ordinary shares	736,069,854	733,343,443
Basic EPS	6.17¢	17.51¢
Diluted EPS	6.16¢	17.46¢

As at 30 June 2002, the company has 38,013,737 potential ordinary shares which are not dilutive and are not included in the Diluted EPS calculation. These potential ordinary shares relate to the PRESSES. Refer to 18.1.

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NTA backing <i>(see note 7)</i>	Current period	Previous corresponding Period
11.1 Net tangible asset backing per ⁺ ordinary security	11.6¢	(18.7) ¢

Discontinuing Operations

(Entities must report a description of any significant activities or events relating to discontinuing operations in accordance with paragraph 7.5 (g) of AASB 1029: Interim Financial Reporting, or, the details of discontinuing operations they have disclosed in their accounts in accordance with AASB 1042: Discontinuing Operations (see note 17).)

12.1 Discontinuing Operations

None

Control gained over entities having material effect

13.1 Name of entity (or group of entities)	None
13.2 Consolidated profit (loss) from ordinary activities and extraordinary items after tax of the controlled entity (or group of entities) since the date in the current period on which control was ⁺ acquired	N/A
13.3 Date from which such profit has been calculated	N/A
13.4 Profit (loss) from ordinary activities and extraordinary items after tax of the controlled entity (or group of entities) for the whole of the previous corresponding period	N/A

⁺ See chapter 19 for defined terms.

Loss of control of entities having material effect

14.1	Name of entity (or group of entities)	CitySearch Australia Pty Limited and CitySearch Canberra Pty Limited
		AS'000
14.2	Consolidated profit (loss) from ordinary activities and extraordinary items after tax of the controlled entity (or group of entities) for the current period to the date of loss of control	\$(5,823)
14.3	Date to which the profit (loss) in item 14.2 has been calculated	23 May 2002
14.4	Consolidated profit (loss) from ordinary activities and extraordinary items after tax of the controlled entity (or group of entities) while controlled during the whole of the previous corresponding period	\$(1,445)
14.5	Contribution to consolidated profit (loss) from ordinary activities and extraordinary items from sale of interest leading to loss of control	\$(11,533)

Dividends (in the case of a trust, distributions)

15.1	Date the dividend (distribution) is payable	17 October 2002
15.2	+Record date to determine entitlements to the dividend (distribution) (ie, on the basis of proper instruments of transfer received by 5.00 pm if +securities are not +CHESS approved, or security holding balances established by 5.00 pm or such later time permitted by SCH Business Rules if +securities are +CHESS approved)	4 October 2002
15.3	If it is a final dividend, has it been declared? <i>(Preliminary final report only)</i>	No

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Amount per security

		Amount per security	Franked amount per security at % tax (see note 4)	Amount per security of foreign source dividend
15.4	<i>(Preliminary final report only)</i> Final dividend: Current year	7.0¢	7.0¢	Nil
15.5	Previous year	7.0¢	7.0¢	Nil
15.6	<i>(Half yearly and preliminary final reports)</i> Interim dividend: Current year	4.5¢	4.5 ¢	Nil
15.7	Previous year	4.5¢	4.5¢	Nil

Total dividend (distribution) per security (interim plus final)

(Preliminary final report only)

	Current year	Previous year
15.8 +Ordinary securities	11.5¢	11.5¢
15.9 Preference +securities	\$3.3159	-

Preliminary final report - final dividend (distribution) on all securities

	Current period \$A'000	Previous corresponding Period - \$A'000
15.10 +Ordinary securities <i>(each class separately)</i>	51,457	51,442
15.11 Preference +securities <i>(each class separately)</i>	-	-
15.12 Other equity instruments <i>(each class separately)</i>	-	-
15.13 Total	51,457	51,442

The +dividend or distribution plans shown below are in operation.

The company does not have a shareholders dividend plan in operation.

The last date(s) for receipt of election notices for the +dividend or distribution plans

N/A

Any other disclosures in relation to dividends (distributions). *(For half yearly reports, provide details in accordance with paragraph 7.5(d) of AASB 1029 Interim Financial Reporting)*

N/A

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Details of aggregate share of profits (losses) of associates and joint venture entities

Group's share of associates' and joint venture entities':	Current period \$A'000	Previous corresponding period - \$A'000
16.1 Profit (loss) from ordinary activities before tax	(1,259)	5,341
16.2 Income tax on ordinary activities	378	(64)
16.3 Profit (loss) from ordinary activities after tax	(881)	5,277
16.4 Extraordinary items net of tax	-	-
16.5 Net profit (loss)	(881)	5,277
16.6 Adjustments	-	-
16.7 Share of net profit (loss) of associates and joint venture entities	(881)	5,277

Material interests in entities which are not controlled entities

The economic entity has an interest (that is material to it) in the following entities. (If the interest was acquired or disposed of during either the current or previous corresponding period, indicate date of acquisition ("from dd/mm/yy") or disposal ("to dd/mm/yy").)

Name of entity	Percentage of ownership interest held at end of period or date of disposal		Contribution to net profit (loss) (item 1.9)	
	Current period	Previous corresponding period	Current period \$A'000	Previous corresponding period - \$A'000
17.1 Equity accounted associates and joint venture entities				
AAP Information Services Pty Ltd	44.74%	44.74%	(881)	5,277
17.2 Total			(881)	5,277
17.3 Other material interests	-	-	-	-
17.4 Total	-	-	(881)	5,277

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Issued and quoted securities at end of current period

(Description must include rate of interest and any redemption or conversion rights together with prices and dates)

Category of ⁺ securities	Total number	Number quoted	Issue price per security (see note 14) (cents)	Amount paid up per security (see note 14) (cents)
18.1 Preference ⁺securities During the year the company issued 2,500,000 of Preferred Reset Securities Exchangeable for Shares (PRESSES).	2,500,000	2,500,000	\$100	\$100
18.2 Changes during current period (a) Increases through issues (b) Decreases through returns of capital, buybacks, redemptions	2,500,000 -	2,500,000 -	\$100 -	\$100 -
18.3 ⁺Ordinary securities	735,099,595	735,099,595	N/A	N/A
18.4 Changes during current period (a) Increases through issues (b) Decreases through returns of capital, buybacks	10,000 15,000 5,000 30,000 60,000 60,000 40,000	10,000 15,000 5,000 30,000 60,000 60,000 40,000	\$2.77 \$2.76 \$2.76 \$2.84 \$3.12 \$2.93 \$3.15	\$2.77 \$2.76 \$2.76 \$2.84 \$3.12 \$2.93 \$3.15
18.5 ⁺Convertible debt securities (description and conversion factor)	281	Nil	\$100	\$100
18.6 Changes during current period (a) Increases through issues (b) Decreases through securities matured, converted	-	-	-	-

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18.7 Options <i>(description and conversion factor)</i>			<i>Exercise Price</i>	<i>Expiry date (if any)</i>
	80,000	-	\$3.12	3 Sep 2002
	130,000	-	\$3.37	3 Oct 2002
	80,000	-	\$3.15	19 Nov 2002
	660,000	-	\$2.93	27 Feb 2003
	148,000	-	\$2.77	25 Jun 2003
	30,000	-	\$2.76	11 Sep 2003
	400,000	-	\$3.08	19 Nov 2003
	3,500,000	-	\$2.85	16 Dec 2003
	250,000	-	\$3.97	1 Mar 2004
	500,000	-	\$3.97	11 May 2004
	200,000	-	\$4.25	25 Jun 2004
	4,405,000	-	\$4.01	28 Sep 2004
	250,000	-	\$5.66	5 Apr 2005
	20,000	-	\$4.30	29 May 2005
	90,000	-	\$4.41	28 Jun 2005
	300,000	-	\$4.36	19 Sep 2005
	130,000	-	\$3.69	12 Mar 2006
	130,000	-	\$3.58	30 Mar 2006
18.8 Issued during current period	-	-	-	-
18.9 Exercised during current period	10,000	-	\$2.77	25 Jun 2003
	20,000	-	\$2.76	11 Sep 2003
	30,000	-	\$2.84	29 Jan 2002
	60,000	-	\$3.12	3 Sep 2002
	60,000	-	\$2.93	27 Feb 2003
	40,000	-	\$3.15	19 Nov 2002
18.10 Expired during current period	-	-	-	-
18.11 Debentures <i>(description)</i>	281	-		
18.12 Changes during current period (a) Increases through issues (b) Decreases through securities matured, converted				
18.13 Unsecured notes <i>(description)</i>				
18.14 Changes during current period (a) Increases through issues (b) Decreases through securities matured, converted	-	-		

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Segment reporting

(Information on the business and geographical segments of the entity must be reported for the current period in accordance with *AASB 1005: Segment Reporting* and for half year reports, *AASB 1029: Interim Financial Reporting*. Because entities employ different structures a pro forma cannot be provided. Segment information in the layout employed in the entity's ⁺accounts should be reported separately and attached to this report.)

Details of the entity's segment information is attached to this report.

Comments by directors

(Comments on the following matters are required by ASX or, in relation to the half yearly report, by *AASB 1029: Interim Financial Reporting*. The comments do not take the place of the directors' report and statement (as required by the Corporations Act) and may be incorporated into the directors' report and statement. For both half yearly and preliminary final reports, if there are no comments in a section, state NIL. If there is insufficient space to comment, attach notes to this report.)

Basis of financial report preparation

- 19.1 Material factors affecting the revenues and expenses of the economic entity for the current period. In a half yearly report, provide explanatory comments about any seasonal or irregular factors affecting operations.

Refer to the attached press release

- 19.2 A description of each event since the end of the current period which has had a material effect and which is not already reported elsewhere in this Appendix or in attachments, with financial effect quantified (if possible).

None

- 19.3 Franking credits available and prospects for paying fully or partly franked dividends for at least the next year.

Franking credits available total approximately \$599.4 million. Under the new Simplified Imputation System regime, these credits will be converted on 1 July 2002 to a tax paid basis which results in a Franking account balance of \$256.9 million. From these amounts \$15.5 million franking credits will be used to pay a fully franked dividend of \$51.5 million declared as at 30 June 2002 to be paid on 17 October 2002. It is anticipated that dividends payable in the following year will be fully franked.

- 19.4 Unless disclosed below, the accounting policies, estimation methods and measurement bases used in this report are the same as those used in the last annual report. Any changes in accounting policies, estimation methods and measurement bases since the last annual report are disclosed as follows. (Disclose changes and differences in the half yearly report in accordance with *AASB 1029: Interim Financial Reporting*. Disclose changes in accounting policies in the preliminary final report in accordance with *AASB 1001: Accounting Policies-Disclosure*).

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The consolidated entity has applied AASB 1027 Earnings per Share for the first time from 1 July 2001.

Basic and diluted earnings per share ('EPS') for the comparative period ended 30 June 2001 have been adjusted so that the basis of calculation used is consistent with that of the current period. This change did not result in a material adjustment to the prior year comparative.

- 19.5 Revisions in estimates of amounts reported in previous interim periods. For half yearly reports the nature and amount of revisions in estimates of amounts reported in previous +annual reports if those revisions have a material effect in this half year.

None

- 19.6 Changes in contingent liabilities or assets. For half yearly reports, changes in contingent liabilities and contingent assets since the last⁺ annual report.

None

Additional disclosure for trusts

- 20.1 Number of units held by the management company or responsible entity or their related parties.

None

- 20.2 A statement of the fees and commissions payable to the management company or responsible entity.

None

Identify:

- initial service charges
- management fees
- other fees

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Annual meeting

(Preliminary final report only)

The annual meeting will be held as follows:

Place	The Regent Theatre 191 Collins Street, Melbourne
Date	6 November 2002
Time	10.30 am
Approximate date the ⁺ annual report will be available	4 October 2002

Compliance statement

- 1 This report has been prepared in accordance with AASB Standards, other AASB authoritative pronouncements and Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views or other standards acceptable to ASX (see note 12).

Identify other standards used None

- 2 This report, and the ⁺accounts upon which the report is based (if separate), use the same accounting policies.

- 3 This report does give a true and fair view of the matters disclosed (see note 2).

- 4 This report is based on ⁺accounts to which one of the following applies.

(Tick one)

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> The ⁺ accounts have been audited. | <input type="checkbox"/> The ⁺ accounts have been subject to review. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The ⁺ accounts are in the process of being audited or subject to review. | <input type="checkbox"/> The ⁺ accounts have <i>not</i> yet been audited or reviewed. |

- 5 If the audit report or review by the auditor is not attached, details of any qualifications are attached/will follow immediately they are available* (*delete one*). (*Half yearly report only - the audit report or review by the auditor must be attached to this report if this report is to satisfy the requirements of the Corporations Act.*)

- 6 The entity has/does not have* (*delete one*) a formally constituted audit committee.

Sign here: Date:
(Director/Company Secretary)

Print name:

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Business Segments	Publishing		Interactive network		Eliminations		Consolidated	
	2002 \$A'000	2001 \$A'000	2002 \$A'000	2001 \$A'000	2002 \$A'000	2001 \$A'000	2002 \$A'000	2001 \$A'000
Operating revenue								
Sales to customers outside the economic entity	1,135,604	1,230,913	31,519	51,247	-	-	1,167,123	1,282,160
Other revenue from customers outside the economic entity	6,892	14,344	17,256	24,041	-	-	24,148	38,385
Inter-segment revenues	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Share of equity accounted profits	(881)	5,277	-	-	-	-	(881)	5,277
Total segment revenue	<u>1,141,615</u>	<u>1,250,534</u>	<u>48,775</u>	<u>75,288</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>		
Total consolidated revenue							<u>1,190,390</u>	<u>1,325,822</u>
Segment result	<u>158,409</u>	<u>223,157</u>	<u>(66,563)</u>	<u>(32,355)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>91,846</u>	<u>190,802</u>
Unallocated expenses							<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Consolidated profit (loss) from ordinary activities before tax (equal to item 1.5)							<u>91,846</u>	<u>190,802</u>
Income tax expense							<u>(38,186)</u>	<u>(62,733)</u>
Consolidated entity profit from ordinary activities after income tax expense							<u>53,660</u>	<u>128,069</u>

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Business Segments	Publishing		Interactive network		Eliminations		Consolidated	
	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001
	\$A'000	\$A'000	\$A'000	\$A'000	\$A'000	\$A'000	\$A'000	\$A'000
Assets								
Segment assets	2,267,494	2,192,184	47,178	99,614	-	-	2,314,672	2,291,798
Unallocated assets							-	-
Total assets (equal to item 4.19)							2,314,672	2,291,798
Liabilities								
Segment liabilities	952,588	1,132,336	17,634	18,478	-	-	970,222	1,150,814
Unallocated liabilities							-	-
Total liabilities (equal to item 4.32)							970,222	1,150,814
Other segment information:								
Equity method investments included in segment assets	3,303	4,184	-	-	-	-	3,303	4,184
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment, intangible assets and other non-current assets	120,174	198,390	4,630	26,926	-	-	124,804	225,316
Depreciation	59,188	57,308	5,225	5,261	-	-	64,413	62,569
Amortisation	1,264	1,262	1,392	1,341	-	-	2,656	2,603
Non-cash expenses other than depreciation and amortisation	39,313	18,915	5,382	3,434	-	-	44,695	22,349

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Attachment to 4B	As reported			Adjustments			Underlying Trading Performance	
	2002 \$A'000	2001 \$A'000	Note	2002 \$A'000	2001 \$A'000	Note	2002 \$A'000	2001 \$A'000
Revenue	1,191,272	1,320,545	1	(16,443)	(32,077)	6	1,174,829	1,288,468
Associate profits	(881)	5,277	2	-	(5,277)		(881)	-
Expenses	1,001,756	1,025,997	3	(58,162)	(45,299)	7	943,594	980,698
EBITDA	188,635	299,825		41,719	7,945		230,354	307,770
Depreciation & amortisation	67,069	65,172	4	(184)	-		66,885	65,172
EBIT	121,566	234,653		41,903	7,945		163,469	242,598
Net interest expense	29,720	43,851	5	-	-		29,720	43,851
Profit before tax (item 1.5)	91,846	190,802		41,903	7,945		133,749	198,747
Tax expense	38,186	62,733		5,360	9,815	8	43,546	72,548
Net profit (item 1.11)	53,660	128,069		36,543	(1,870)		90,203	126,199

Notes

1. Item 1.1 [2002: 1,197,764] less item 1.24 [2002: 6,492]
2. Item 1.4
3. Item 1.2 [2002: 1,068,825] less item 2.3 [2002: 1,200] less item 1.27 [2002: 65,869]
4. Item 2.3 [2002: 1,200] plus item 1.27 [2002: 65,869]
5. Item 1.3 [2002: 36,212] less item 1.24 [2002: 6,492]
6. Item 1.25 relevant revenue item [2002: 15,905; 2001: 24,000] plus item 1.23 [2002: 538; 2001: 7,679 & 398]
7. Item 1.26 relevant expense items plus item 1.23 [2002: 538; 2001: 7,679 & 398] less 184 (depreciation included in 1.27)
8. Income tax applicable to relevant items disclosed in item 1.25 & 1.26.

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