

**John Fairfax Holdings Limited**  
**Appendix 4E**  
**Preliminary final report for the year ended 30 June 2003**

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## Results for announcement to the market for the year ended 30 June 2003

### John Fairfax Holdings Limited and controlled entities

			Change \$' 000	to	2003 \$' 000
Revenue from ordinary activities	up	2%	28,202	to	1,225,967
Profit from ordinary activities after tax attributable to members	up	134%	71,865	to	125,525
Net profit for the period attributable to members	up	134%	71,865	to	125,525

	Amount per security	Franked amount per security
<b>Dividends (distributions)</b>		
<b>30 June 2003</b>		
Final dividend – ordinary securities	8.0¢	8.0¢
Final dividend – preference securities	3.3159¢	3.3159¢
Interim dividend – ordinary securities	5.0¢	5.0¢
Interim dividend – preference securities	3.3341¢	3.3341¢
Record date for determining entitlements to the dividend	31 October 2003	
<b>30 June 2002</b>		
Final dividend – ordinary securities	7.0¢	7.0¢
Final dividend – preference securities	3.3159¢	3.3159¢
Interim dividend – ordinary securities	4.5¢	4.5¢

# Statement of Financial Performance for the year ended 30 June 2003

## John Fairfax Holdings Limited and controlled entities

	Note	2003 \$' 000	2002 \$' 000
Revenues from ordinary activities, excluding interest income	2	1,216,645	1,191,273
Share of net profits/(losses) of associates	2	1,231	(881)
Expenses from ordinary activities, excluding depreciation and borrowing costs	3	<u>(947,409)</u>	<u>(1,001,756)</u>
Profit from ordinary activities before depreciation, interest income, borrowing costs and income tax		270,467	188,636
Depreciation and amortisation	3	<u>(69,209)</u>	<u>(67,070)</u>
Profit from ordinary activities before interest income, borrowing costs and income tax		201,258	121,566
Interest income	2	9,322	6,492
Borrowing costs	3	<u>(32,811)</u>	<u>(36,212)</u>
<b>Profit from ordinary activities before income tax expense</b>		177,769	91,846
Income tax (expense) relating to ordinary activities		<u>(52,023)</u>	<u>(38,186)</u>
<b>Net profit</b>		125,746	53,660
Net profit attributable to outside equity interest		<u>(221)</u>	-
<b>Net profit attributable to members of the Company*</b>	8	<u>125,525</u>	<u>53,660</u>
Net increase in asset revaluation reserve		1,885	-
Net exchange difference on translation of financial report of foreign controlled entities		272	24
Share/PRESSES issue costs	7	<u>(7,943)</u>	<u>(8,049)</u>
<b>Total revenues, expenses and valuation adjustments attributable to members of the Company and recognised directly into equity</b>		<u>(5,786)</u>	<u>(8,025)</u>
<b>Total changes in equity other than those resulting from transactions with owners</b>		<u>119,739</u>	<u>45,635</u>
Basic earnings per share (cents)	9	14.40	6.17
Diluted earnings per share (cents)	9	14.40	6.16
<b>* Net profit attributable to members of the Company comprises:</b>			
Ongoing operations		125,525	90,203
Significant items referred to in Note 3(d), net		-	<u>(36,543)</u>
		<u>125,525</u>	<u>53,660</u>

# Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2003

## John Fairfax Holdings Limited and controlled entities

	Note	2003 \$' 000	2002 \$' 000
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash assets		19,446	7,299
Receivables		257,481	196,048
Inventories		40,903	26,617
Other financial assets		1,008	-
Tax assets		221	50,789
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>319,059</b>	<b>280,753</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Receivables		2,239	2,994
Investments accounted for using the equity method	5	6,419	3,303
Other financial assets		35,357	8,978
Property, plant and equipment		819,726	704,502
Intangible assets		2,203,888	1,259,399
Tax assets		39,463	54,743
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<b>3,107,092</b>	<b>2,033,919</b>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>3,426,151</b>	<b>2,314,672</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Payables		278,634	178,749
Interest-bearing liabilities		645,608	5,405
Provisions		49,500	91,698
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>973,742</b>	<b>275,852</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Non interest-bearing liabilities		972	19,066
Interest-bearing liabilities		574,154	587,965
Deferred tax liabilities		60,418	56,611
Provisions		35,103	30,728
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>		<b>670,647</b>	<b>694,370</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>1,644,389</b>	<b>970,222</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>1,781,762</b>	<b>1,344,450</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Contributed equity	7	1,229,492	870,804
Reserves		7,096	4,939
Retained profits	8	540,852	468,707
<b>Total parent entity interest in equity</b>		<b>1,777,440</b>	<b>1,344,450</b>
Outside equity interest		4,322	-
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>1,781,762</b>	<b>1,344,450</b>

# Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 June 2003

## John Fairfax Holdings Limited and controlled entities

	2003 \$' 000	2002 \$' 000
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Receipts from customers	1,337,086	1,317,592
Payments to suppliers and employees	(1,060,087)	(1,044,588)
Redundancy and severance payments	(17,578)	(11,171)
Dividends and unit trust income received	527	360
Interest received	9,322	6,492
Borrowing costs paid	(32,550)	(37,623)
Net income taxes received/(paid)	17,632	(95,242)
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>254,352</b>	<b>135,820</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Payment for property, plant & equipment	(187,185)	(118,183)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant & equipment	5,813	582
Payment for investments	(4,632)	(199)
Proceeds from sale of investments	1,946	966
Proceeds from sale of controlled entities	-	15,905
Costs associated with the sale of controlled entities	-	(3,551)
Payment for mastheads and tradenames	-	(6,423)
Payment for mastheads and tradenames and working capital of the New Zealand publishing business of Independent Newspapers Limited	(938,693)	-
Loans and deposits repaid	303	5,007
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>(1,122,448)</b>	<b>(105,896)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Proceeds from issues of shares	366,631	657
Proceeds from the issue of PRESSES	-	250,000
Transaction costs from issue of shares/PRESSES	(7,943)	(8,049)
Dividends paid	(104,837)	(92,811)
Proceeds from borrowings	666,903	130,000
Repayment of borrowings	(40,511)	(310,964)
<b>Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities</b>	<b>880,243</b>	<b>(31,167)</b>
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash held</b>	<b>12,147</b>	<b>(1,243)</b>
Cash at the beginning of the financial year	7,299	8,542
<b>Cash at the end of the financial year</b>	<b>19,446</b>	<b>7,299</b>

# Notes to the Preliminary final report for the year ended 30 June 2003

## John Fairfax Holdings Limited and controlled entities

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### 1. Change in accounting policies

The accounting policies have been applied consistently by each entity in the consolidated entity and are consistent with those of the previous year except for the accounting policies with respect to provisions, contingent liabilities and contingent assets, foreign currency translation and employee benefits.

Certain comparative figures have been restated to conform with changes in presentation for the current year.

#### Changes in accounting policies

##### *Provisions, contingent liabilities and contingent assets*

The consolidated entity has applied AASB 1044 Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets for the first time from 1 July 2002.

Dividends are now recognised at the time that they are declared, determined or publicly recommended. Previously, the consolidated entity recognised a provision for dividend based on the amount that was proposed or declared after the reporting date.

The adjustments to the consolidated financial report as at 1 July 2002 as a result of this change are:

\$51,457,000 increase to opening retained profits  
\$51,457,000 decrease to the provision for dividends

In accordance with the new standard no provision for dividend has been recognised for the year ended 30 June 2003.

Comparatives have not been adjusted to reflect this change in accounting policy.

##### *Foreign currency translation*

The consolidated entity has applied the revised AASB 1012 Foreign Currency Translation for the first time from 1 July 2002.

The consolidated entity uses forward foreign exchange contracts and cross currency swaps to hedge specific foreign currency commitments and foreign currency denominated loans. Previously, these hedges for future commitments were not recorded in the Statement of Financial Position. The unrealised gain or loss on the hedges for future commitments are recorded in the Statement of Financial Position.

There is no impact to the Statement of Financial Performance as a result of this change in accounting policy.

The impact of this change in accounting policy in the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2003 is an increase in assets and liabilities of \$27.4 million (30 June 2002: \$67m). In addition, a net hedge payable of \$6.7 million has also been recognised in the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2003.

Comparatives have not been adjusted to reflect this change in accounting policy.

##### *Employee benefits*

The consolidated entity has adopted the revised Accounting Standard AASB 1028 Employee Benefits, which has resulted in a change in the accounting policy for the measurement of employee benefit liabilities. Previously, the consolidated entity measured the provision for employee benefits based on remuneration rates at the date of recognition of the liability. In accordance with the requirements of the revised Standard, the provision for employee benefits is now measured based on the remuneration rates expected to be paid when the liability is settled. There was no material adjustment to employee benefit liabilities as a result of the revised policy.

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## John Fairfax Holdings Limited and controlled entities

	Note	2003 \$' 000	2002 \$' 000
<b>2. Revenue from ordinary activities</b>			
<b>Revenue from operating activities</b>			
Revenue generated from sale of:			
Newspapers		1,044,825	1,007,978
Magazines		114,652	113,544
Other		37,991	45,602
		<u>1,197,468</u>	<u>1,167,124</u>
Revenue from rendering of services		10,891	7,346
Dividend income:			
Other corporations		200	-
Distributions from unit trusts		327	360
		<u>1,208,886</u>	<u>1,174,830</u>
<b>Underlying revenue from ordinary activities</b>			
<b>Revenue from non-operating activities</b>			
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		5,813	538
Proceeds from sale of investments		1,946	-
Proceeds from sale of controlled entities		-	15,905
		<u>1,216,645</u>	<u>1,191,273</u>
<b>Interest income:</b>			
Other persons / corporations		9,322	6,492
		<u>1,225,967</u>	<u>1,197,765</u>
<b>Total revenue from ordinary activities</b>		<u>1,225,967</u>	<u>1,197,765</u>
<b>Share of associate's net profit/ (losses) accounted for using the equity method</b>	5	1,231	(881)
<b>3. Expenses from ordinary activities</b>			
<b>a) Expenses by nature</b>			
Staff costs excluding staff redundancy costs		399,707	409,802
Newsprint and paper		201,013	211,606
Distribution and other production costs		131,562	130,532
Promotion and advertising costs		42,968	50,728
Write-down of non-current assets		4,745	8,755
Cost of disposals		5,642	21,419
Staff redundancy costs		8,012	4,405
Rent and outgoings		22,946	21,728
Repairs and maintenance		14,103	13,736
Communication costs		10,150	11,898
News services		7,080	10,579
Computer costs		7,445	7,497
Fringe benefits tax		4,838	5,339
Other expenses from ordinary activities		87,198	93,732
		<u>947,409</u>	<u>1,001,756</u>
<b>Total expenses before borrowing costs, depreciation and amortisation</b>		<u>947,409</u>	<u>1,001,756</u>
Less significant cost items	3(d)	-	57,808
<b>Underlying expenses from ordinary activities</b>		<u>947,409</u>	<u>943,948</u>

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## John Fairfax Holdings Limited and controlled entities

	2003 \$' 000	2002 \$' 000
<b>3. Expenses from ordinary activities (cont)</b>		
<b>b) Detailed expense disclosures</b>		
Interest expense:		
Other persons / corporations	26,009	29,403
Finance charges on capitalised leases	6,802	6,809
Total borrowing costs	<u>32,811</u>	<u>36,212</u>
Depreciation of freehold property	3,102	1,821
Depreciation of plant and equipment	64,505	62,593
Amortisation of leasehold property	1,602	1,456
Amortisation of goodwill	-	1,200
Total depreciation and amortisation	<u>69,209</u>	<u>67,070</u>
Cost of sales	454,336	455,261
Amounts provided for:		
Employee entitlements	38,133	33,013
Doubtful trade debts	(85)	2,164
Other	3,457	763
Total amounts set aside to provisions	<u>41,505</u>	<u>35,940</u>
Operating lease rental expense	16,791	15,476
<b>c) Gains/(Losses)</b>		
Net foreign exchange profit	-	44
Net profit/(loss) on disposal of property, plant & equipment	2,020	(424)
Net profit on disposal of other financial assets	97	-
Net (loss) on disposal of controlled entity	-	(13,500)
<b>d) Significant items</b>		
Profit from ordinary activities before income tax includes the following revenues and expenses whose disclosure is relevant in explaining the financial performance of the Consolidated entity:		
Proceeds from sale of CitySearch Australia Pty Ltd and CitySearch Canberra Pty Ltd	-	15,905
Cost base of investment	-	(25,854)
Costs associated with the sale of CitySearch Australia Pty Ltd and CitySearch Canberra Pty Ltd	-	(3,551)
Loss on disposal	-	(13,500)
Income tax benefit applicable	-	1,967
Staff redundancy, asset write-downs and other costs associated with the closure of CitySearch Directories	-	(24,403)
Income tax benefit applicable	-	3,393
Write-down of non-current assets	-	(4,000)
<b>Net significant items after tax</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>(36,543)</u>
Significant items before income tax	-	(41,903)
Income tax benefit	-	5,360
	<u>-</u>	<u>(36,543)</u>

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## John Fairfax Holdings Limited and controlled entities

	2003 \$' 000	2002 \$' 000
<b>4. Dividends paid and proposed</b>		
<b>Dividends paid during the year</b>		
Fully franked interim dividend of 5.0 cents per share / debenture paid 12 March 2003 (2002: 4.5 cents fully franked, paid 16 March 2002)	36,755	33,078
Fully franked final dividend of 7.0 cents per share / debenture paid 17 October 2002	51,457	-
Fully franked PRESSES dividend of \$3.3341 per share paid 12 December 2002	8,335	-
Fully franked PRESSES dividend of \$3.3159 per share paid 12 June 2003 (2002: \$3.3159 per share franked, paid 12 June 2002)	8,290	8,290
<b>Dividends proposed and recognised as a liability</b>		
Fully franked final dividend proposed of 7.0 cents per share / debenture paid 17 October 2002	-	51,457
Under provision of prior year final dividend	-	1
<b>Total franked dividends provided for or paid</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>92,826</b>

### Dividends proposed and not recognised as a liability

Since balance date the directors have recommended the payment of a final dividend of 8 cents per fully paid ordinary share fully franked at the corporate tax rate of 30%. The aggregate amount of the proposed final dividend expected to be paid on 14 November 2003 out of the retained profits at 30 June 2003, but not recognised as a liability at the end of the year as a result of the initial adoption of AASB 1044 is \$69.4 million.

### Franking credits available

Franking credits available total approximately \$443.6 million. On a tax paid basis this results in a franking account balance of \$190.1 million. From these amounts \$29.7 million franking credits will be used to pay a fully franked dividend of \$69.4 million on 14 November 2003.

## 5. Investments accounted for using the equity method

Carrying amount of investment in associate	6,419	3,303
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The consolidated entity has a 44.7% ownership interest in Australian Associated Press Pty Limited (AAP) (formerly AAP Information Services Pty Limited). The principal activities of AAP are operating the business of a news agency, disseminating news and information to media and business communities, providing and maintaining communications networks and facilities, and developing communications technology.

	2003 \$'000	2002 \$'000
<b>Share of associate's profit</b>		
Share of associate's profit/(loss) before income tax	1,759	(1,259)
Share of associate's income tax (expense)/benefit attributable to profit	(528)	378
Share of associate's net profit/(loss)	1,231	(881)
Contribution to net profit/(loss)	1,231	(881)

## 6. Capitalised borrowing costs

During the year ended 30 June 2003, borrowing costs of \$10.9 million (2002: \$15.9 million) were capitalised into the value of property, plant and equipment.

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	2003 \$' 000	2002 \$' 000
<b>7. Contributed equity</b>		
<b>Shares</b>		
<b>867,457,363</b> (2002: 735,099,595) ordinary shares		
Fully paid	987,541	628,853
<b>Preferred Reset Securities Exchangeable for Shares</b>		
<b>2,500,000</b> (2002: 2,500,000)	241,951	241,951
<b>Debentures</b>		
<b>281</b> (2001: 281) debentures fully paid	*	*
<b>Total issued capital</b>	<b>1,229,492</b>	<b>870,804</b>

\* Amount is less than \$1000

### Movements in issued capital during the financial year

	2003 Number	2002 Number	2003 \$' 000	2002 \$' 000
<b>Shares</b>				
Beginning of the financial year	735,099,595	734,879,595	628,853	628,196
Shares issued – institutional placement	110,264,939	-	305,434	-
Shares issued – share purchase plan	21,944,829	-	60,787	-
Shares issue costs	-	-	(7,943)	-
Converted from options (i)	148,000	220,000	410	657
End of the financial year	<b>867,457,363</b>	735,099,595	<b>987,541</b>	628,853
<b>Preferred Reset Securities Exchangeable for Shares (PRESSES)</b>				
Beginning of the financial year	2,500,000	-	241,951	-
PRESSES issued	-	2,500,000	-	250,000
Issue costs	-	-	-	(8,049)
End of the financial year	<b>2,500,000</b>	2,500,000	<b>241,951</b>	241,951
<b>Debentures</b>				
Beginning of the financial year	281	281	*	*
Converted to shares	-	-	-	-
End of the financial year	<b>281</b>	281	*	*

\* Amount is less than \$1000

(i) Options exercised and converted to shares during the year:

2003 Exercise Date	2003 Number	2003 Issue Price	2002 Exercise Date	2002 Number	2002 Issue Price
Jun 2003	148,000	\$2.77	Jul 2001	10,000	\$2.77
			Dec 2001	20,000	\$2.76
			Feb 2002	30,000	\$2.84
			Feb 2002	60,000	\$3.12
			Feb 2002	60,000	\$2.93
			Mar 2002	40,000	\$3.15
	<u>148,000</u>			<u>220,000</u>	

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	Note	2003 \$' 000	2002 \$' 000
<b>8. Retained profits</b>			
Balance at the beginning of year		468,707	507,873
Net profit attributable to members of the Company		125,525	53,660
Adjustment arising from the initial adoption of accounting standard AASB 1044 Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets		51,457	-
<b>Total available for appropriation</b>		<b>645,689</b>	561,533
Dividends provided for or paid	4	(104,837)	(92,826)
<b>Retained profits at the end of the financial year</b>		<b>540,852</b>	468,707

## 9. Earnings per share

### Earnings reconciliation

Net profit attributable to members of the Company:	125,525	53,660
Less dividend paid on PRESSES	(16,625)	(8,290)

<b>Basic and diluted earnings after significant items and associate profits</b>	<b>108,900</b>	45,370
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<b>Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating basic EPS (000's)</b>	<b>756,246</b>	734,967
Options	227	1,103

<b>Weighted average number of ordinary shares used in calculating diluted EPS (000's)</b>	<b>756,473</b>	736,070
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<b>Basic earnings per share (cents) based on net profit attributable to members of the Company</b>	<b>14.40</b>	6.17
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<b>Diluted earnings per share (cents) based on net profit attributable to members of the Company</b>	<b>14.40</b>	6.16
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As at 30 June 2003, the Company has 86,761,599 (2002: 38,013,737) potential ordinary shares (PRESSES) which are not dilutive and are not included in the diluted EPS calculation.

## 10. Net tangible assets per security

Net tangible asset backing per ordinary security	(78.0)c	(22.3)c
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## 11. Control gained over entities during the period

The consolidated entity did not gain control over any entity (or group of entities) during the period. The consolidated entity, however, purchased the New Zealand publishing assets and liabilities of Independent Newspapers Limited (INL) on 30 June 2003.

## 12. Loss of control of entities during the period

The consolidated entity did not lose control over any entity (or group of entities) during the period.

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## John Fairfax Holdings Limited and controlled entities

### 13. Segment reporting

The economic entity operates predominantly in two geographic segments, Australia and New Zealand.

	Australia		New Zealand		Eliminations		Consolidated	
	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002
	\$A'000	\$A'000	\$A'000	\$A'000	\$A'000	\$A'000	\$A'000	\$A'000
<b>Revenue</b>								
Sales to customers outside the economic entity	1,197,468	1,167,124	-	-	-	-	1,197,468	1,167,124
Other revenue from customers outside the economic entity	19,177	24,149	-	-	-	-	19,177	24,149
Inter-segment revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Share of equity accounted profits/(losses)	1,231	(881)	-	-	-	-	1,231	(881)
Total segment revenue	1,217,876	1,190,392	-	-	-	-	1,217,876	1,190,392
Interest revenue							9,322	6,492
Total revenue from ordinary activities							1,227,198	1,196,884
<b>Result</b>								
Segment result	201,258	121,566	-	-	-	-	201,258	121,566
Unallocated expenses							(23,489)	(29,720)
Consolidated profit from ordinary activities before income tax expense							177,769	91,846
Income tax expense							(52,023)	(38,186)
Consolidated profit from ordinary activities after income tax expense							125,746	53,660
<b>Assets</b>								
Segment assets	3,291,402	2,209,140	1,138,653	-	(1,043,588)	-	3,386,467	2,209,140
Unallocated assets							39,684	105,532
Total assets							3,426,151	2,314,672
<b>Liabilities</b>								
Segment liabilities	270,040	376,851	871,753	-	(777,584)	-	364,209	376,851
Unallocated liabilities							1,280,180	593,371
Total liabilities							1,644,389	970,222
<b>Other segment information:</b>								
Equity method investments included in segment assets	6,419	3,303	-	-	-	-	6,419	3,303
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment, intangible assets and other non-current assets	1,130,510	124,805	-	-	-	-	1,130,510	124,805
Depreciation	67,607	64,414	-	-	-	-	67,607	64,414
Amortisation	1,602	2,656	-	-	-	-	1,602	2,656
Non-cash expenses other than depreciation and amortisation	46,250	44,695	-	-	-	-	46,250	44,695

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## 14. Underlying trading performance

	As reported		Adjustments		Underlying trading performance			
	Note	2003 \$'000	2002 \$'000	Note	2003 \$'000	2002 \$'000	2003 \$'000	2002 \$'000
Revenue	(i)	<b>1,216,645</b>	1,191,273	(vi)	<b>(7,759)</b>	(16,443)	<b>1,208,886</b>	1,174,830
Associate profits	(ii)	<b>1,231</b>	(881)		-	-	<b>1,231</b>	(881)
Expenses	(iii)	<b>947,409</b>	1,001,756	(vii)	<b>(7,759)</b>	(58,162)	<b>939,650</b>	943,594
EBITDA		<b>270,467</b>	188,636		-	41,719	<b>270,467</b>	230,355
Depreciation & amortisation	(iv)	<b>69,209</b>	67,070		-	(184)	<b>69,209</b>	66,886
EBIT		<b>201,258</b>	121,566		-	41,903	<b>201,258</b>	163,469
Net interest expense	(v)	<b>23,489</b>	29,720		-	-	<b>23,489</b>	29,720
Profit before tax		<b>177,769</b>	91,846		-	41,903	<b>177,769</b>	133,749
Tax expense		<b>52,023</b>	38,186	(viii)	-	5,360	<b>52,023</b>	43,546
Net profit		<b>125,746</b>	53,660		-	36,543	<b>125,746</b>	90,203
Net profit attributable to outside equity interest		<b>221</b>	-		-	-	<b>221</b>	-
Net profit attributable to members of the company		<b>125,525</b>	53,660		-	36,543	<b>125,525</b>	-

### Notes:

- (i) Revenue from ordinary activities excluding interest income (Note 2).
- (ii) Share of net profits/(losses) of associates (Note 2).
- (iii) Expenses from ordinary activities excluding depreciation and borrowing costs (Note 3(a)).
- (iv) Depreciation and amortisation (Note 3(b)).
- (v) Interest income (Note 2) less borrowing costs (Note 3(b)).
- (vi) Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment, investments and controlled entities (Note 2).
- (vii) 30 June 2002 balance includes significant cost items \$57,808 (Note 3(d)) plus the proceeds from the sale of property, plant & equipment \$538 (Note 2) less depreciation of property, plant and equipment \$184 (Note 2(b)).
- (viii) Income tax on significant items (Note 3(d)).

# Notes to the Preliminary final report for the year ended 30 June 2003

John Fairfax Holdings Limited and controlled entities

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## 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.
2. This report, and the accounts upon which the report is based use the same accounting policies.
3. This report does give a true and fair view of the matters disclosed.
4. This report is based on accounts to which one of the following applies.

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The accounts are in the process of being audited or subject to review.	<input type="checkbox"/>	The accounts have not yet been audited or reviewed.
5. The entity does have a formally constituted audit committee.



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(Director)

Date: 9 September 2003  
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Print name: Frederick G. Hilmer  
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## Commentary on results for the period

Refer to press release.