

Catchers Trust Group

Annual Financial Report

For

The Year Ended

30 June 2003

CATCHERS TRUST

IMPORTANT DETAILS

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**CATCHERS TRUST
AND CONTROLLED ENTITIES**

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2003

	Note	CONSOLIDATED		PARENT ENTITY	
		2003 \$	2002 \$	2003 \$	2002 \$
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash	2	310,244	244,645	310,243	244,644
Other financial assets - sundry debtors		732	6,718	732	6,718
Total current assets		<u>310,976</u>	<u>251,363</u>	<u>310,975</u>	<u>251,362</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS					
Investments	3	3,652,213	3,050,473	2	2
Total non-current assets		<u>3,652,213</u>	<u>3,050,473</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
Total assets		<u>3,963,189</u>	<u>3,301,836</u>	<u>310,977</u>	<u>251,364</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Payables	4	249,977	200,364	249,977	200,364
Total current liabilities		<u>249,977</u>	<u>200,364</u>	<u>249,977</u>	<u>200,364</u>
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Payables	4	-	-	60,000	50,000
Total non-current liabilities		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>60,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>
Total liabilities		<u>249,977</u>	<u>200,364</u>	<u>309,977</u>	<u>250,364</u>
Net Assets		<u>3,713,212</u>	<u>3,101,472</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
TRUST FUNDS					
Settled sum		1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Retained profits		3,712,212	3,100,472	-	-
Trust funds		<u>3,713,212</u>	<u>3,101,472</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>

The above Statement of Financial Position is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2003**

	Note	CONSOLIDATED		PARENT ENTITY	
		2003 \$	2002 \$	2003 \$	2002 \$
Revenue from ordinary activities					
Dividends				240,000	250,000
Interest		2,520	3,506	2,520	3,506
Total Revenue from ordinary activities		<u>2,520</u>	<u>3,506</u>	<u>242,520</u>	<u>253,506</u>
Administration expenses		(46,424)	(54,489)	(46,424)	(54,489)
Legal costs for action against the Minister for Fisheries		-	(45,454)	-	(45,454)
Share of profits of associates accounted for using the equity method	3	851,740	827,913	-	-
Profit from ordinary activities before income tax expense		<u>807,836</u>	<u>731,476</u>	<u>196,096</u>	<u>153,563</u>
Income tax expense relating to ordinary activities	1	-	-	-	-
Net profit		<u><u>807,836</u></u>	<u><u>731,476</u></u>	<u><u>196,096</u></u>	<u><u>153,563</u></u>

The above Statement of Financial Performance is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2003

	Note	CONSOLIDATED		PARENT ENTITY	
		2003	2002	2003	2002
		\$	\$	\$	\$
Cash flows from operating activities					
Dividends received		250,000	250,000	240,000	250,000
Interest received		2,520	3,506	2,520	3,506
Payments to suppliers		(33,358)	(86,177)	(33,358)	(86,177)
Net cash flows from operations	7	<u>219,162</u>	<u>167,329</u>	<u>209,162</u>	<u>167,329</u>
Cash flows from financing activities					
Loan from subsidiary company		-	-	10,000	-
Distribution to Unit Holders		(153,563)	(165,705)	(153,563)	(165,705)
Net cash flows from financing activities		<u>(153,563)</u>	<u>(165,705)</u>	<u>(143,563)</u>	<u>(165,705)</u>
Total cash flows		65,599	1,624	65,599	1,624
Cash at the start of the year		244,645	243,021	244,644	243,020
Cash at the end of the year	2	<u><u>310,244</u></u>	<u><u>244,645</u></u>	<u><u>310,243</u></u>	<u><u>244,644</u></u>

The above Statement of Cash Flows is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2003**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of preparation

This general purpose financial report has been drawn up in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.

It is prepared on an accruals basis in accordance with the historical cost convention, except for certain assets which, as noted, are at valuation.

The accounting policies adopted are consistent with those of the previous financial year. Comparative information is reclassified where appropriate to enhance comparability.

(b) Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated accounts incorporate the assets and liabilities of all entities controlled by the Catchers Trust ("parent entity") as at 30 June 2003 and the results of all controlled entities for the year then ended. The Catchers Trust and its controlled entities together are referred to in its financial report as the economic entity. The effects of all transactions between entities in the economic entity are eliminated in full.

(c) Income tax

The Trust does not pay income tax. Taxable income is fully distributed to Unit Holders each year.

(d) Cash

For the purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash includes deposits at call which are readily convertible to cash on hand and which are used in the cash management function on a day-to day basis, net of outstanding bank overdrafts.

(e) Recoverable amount of non-current assets

In determining the recoverable amount of non-current assets, expected net cash flows have not been discounted to their present values.

(f) Trade and Other Creditors

These amounts represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the economic entity prior to the end of the financial year and which are unpaid. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2003**

	CONSOLIDATED		PARENT ENTITY	
	2003	2002	2003	2002
	\$	\$	\$	\$
2. CASH				
Cash at bank	310,244	244,645	310,243	244,644
	310,244	244,645	310,243	244,644

The cash at bank is in an interest bearing cheque account that bears interest at floating rates.
The applicable rate at 30 June 2003 was 2.3% (2002: 3.8%)

3. INVESTMENTS

Non-current

NSW Fishermen's Holding Company Pty Ltd	-	-	2	2
Sydney Fish Market Pty Limited	3,652,213	3,050,473	-	-
	3,652,213	3,050,473	2	2

The investment in the Sydney Fish Market Pty Limited represents a 50% equity ownership in that associated company. The carrying amount of the investment is represented in the following extract from the balance sheet of Sydney Fish Market Pty Limited:

Total Assets	12,430,675	11,044,225
Total Liabilities	(5,126,249)	(4,943,280)
Net Assets	7,304,426	6,100,945
50% share of equity	3,652,213	3,050,473

The movement in the carrying amount of the investment in Sydney Fish Market Pty Limited is calculated as follows:

Carrying value of investment at start of year	3,050,473	2,472,560
Less: dividends received this year	(250,000)	(250,000)
Plus: share of operating profit before tax	1,224,913	1,201,973
Less: share of income tax expense	(373,173)	(374,060)
Carrying value of investment at end of year	3,652,213	3,050,473

The principal activities of the Sydney Fish Market Pty Limited were fish marketing, property management and car park operations.

4. PAYABLES

Current

Distribution payable to Unit Holders	196,096	153,563	196,096	153,563
Sundry Creditors	53,881	46,801	53,881	46,801
	249,977	200,364	249,977	200,364

Non-Current

Loans, related entities				
NSW Fishermen's Holding Company P/L	-	-	60,000	50,000
	-	-	60,000	50,000

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CONSOLIDATED		PARENT ENTITY	
2003	2002	2003	2002
\$	\$	\$	\$

5. UNITS ISSUED

At 30 June 2003, there were 1,147 (2,002-1,520) units on issue.
Unit Holders pay no consideration to take up units in the Catchers Trust.

6. REMUNERATION OF AUDITORS

Amounts received, or due and receivable,
by the auditors for auditing the consolidated
accounts of the Catchers Trust and the accounts
of its controlled entities.

Wappett & Partners	3,600	3,500	3,600	3,500
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7. RECONCILIATION OF CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATIONS

Cash flows from operations are calculated as follows:

Operating profit after tax	807,836	731,476	196,096	153,563
Less: Equity accounted profit	(851,740)	(827,913)	-	-
Plus: Dividends received	250,000	250,000	-	-
Decrease/(increase) in Sundry debtors	5,986	(2,192)	5,986	(2,192)
Increase/(decrease) in Sundry creditors	7,080	15,958	7,080	15,958
Cash flows from operations	219,162	167,329	209,162	167,329

8. DIRECTORS HOLDING OFFICE

The names of the directors of the trustee company (NSW Fishermen's Holding Company Pty Limited) who held office during the financial year ended 30 June 2003 were:

W D Baker, C Blacklidge, B Bollinger, E J Byrnes, W J Gallagher, W Innes (elected September 2002), M Puglisi (retired September 2002) and J S Symonds

Income received, or due and receivable by directors from entities in the economic entity and related bodies corporate	7,000	2,650	7,000	2,650
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Directors were also entitled to receive reimbursement of travel and other out-of-pocket expenses.

9. SEGMENT INFORMATION

During the year ended 30 June 2003, the entity derived revenue wholly from operations within Australia and operated in one industry segment, being investment in Sydney Fish Market.

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**DECLARATION BY DIRECTORS OF THE TRUSTEE
NSW FISHERMEN'S COMPANY PTY LIMITED**

In the opinion of the directors of the trustee:

(a) the accompanying financial statements and notes give a true and fair view of the trust's and the economic entity's financial position as at 30 June 2003 and their performance for the financial year ended on that date as represented by their results and cashflows; and

(b) at the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the trust will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the directors of the NSW Fishermen's Company Pty Limited.



**Director
W D Baker**

13 August 2003

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Independent audit report to the members of the Catchers Trust

Scope

The financial report and directors' responsibility

The financial report comprises the statement of financial position, statement of financial performance, statement of cash flows, accompanying notes to the financial statements, and the directors' declaration for both Catchers Trust and the consolidated entity for the year ended 30 June 2003. The consolidated entity comprises both the company and the entities it controlled during that year.

The directors of NSW Fishermen's Company Pty Limited, the trustee of the Trust, are responsible for the preparation and true and fair presentation of the financial report. This includes responsibility for the maintenance of adequate accounting records and internal controls that are designed to prevent and detect fraud and error, and for the accounting policies and accounting estimates inherent in the financial report.

Audit approach

We conducted an independent audit in order to express an opinion to the members of the Trust. Our audit was conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards in order to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. The nature of an audit is influenced by factors such as the use of professional judgment, selective testing, the inherent limitations of internal control, and the availability of persuasive rather than conclusive evidence. Therefore, an audit cannot guarantee that all material misstatements have been detected.

We performed procedures to assess whether in all material respects the financial report presents fairly, including compliance with Accounting Standards and other mandatory financial reporting requirements in Australia, a view which is consistent with our understanding of the Trust's and the consolidated entity's financial position, and of their performance as represented by the results of their operations and cash flows.

We formed our audit opinion on the basis of these procedures, which included:

- examining, on a test basis, information to provide evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial report, and
- assessing the appropriateness of the accounting policies and disclosures used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors.

While we considered the effectiveness of management's internal controls over financial reporting when determining the nature and extent of our procedures, our audit was not designed to provide assurance on internal controls.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we followed applicable independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

Audit Opinion

In our opinion the financial report of Catchers Trust presents fairly, in accordance with Accounting Standards in Australia and other mandatory professional reporting requirements in Australia, the financial position of the Catchers Trust as at 30 June 2003 and its performance for the year ended on that date.

WAPPETT & PARTNERS
Chartered Accountants



Trevor W Graham
Partner

Lismore
13 August 2003

**CATCHERS TRUST
INFORMATION FOR UNIT HOLDERS – 2003**

What does the Catchers Trust do and how does it earn income?

The Catchers Trust owns one half of Sydney Fish Market Pty Limited (SFM) and represents the commercial fishermen and aquaculturists of NSW who sell fish products through the Sydney market. The other half of SFM is owned by another company representing SFM merchants and tenants.

From time to time, SFM pays dividends to its shareholders and the Trust uses this money to make distributions to Unit Holders.

What has the Sydney Fish Market got to do with me?

SFM provides two important benefits. First, the market sells your catch on its auction floor with bidding from 170 very competitive buyers, and payment guaranteed on the Friday following the week of sale. Second, as a Unit Holder in the Catchers Trust, your share of the annual SFM dividend is calculated on the value of the product you place on the auction floor.

In simple terms, the more you sell through SFM, the better your dividend.

With the deregulation of fish marketing, members of the Catchers Trust should remember that they will profit more from selling their catch through SFM.

Who can own a unit in the Catchers Trust?

The Catchers Trust exists for the benefit of commercial fishermen.

Any person who holds a NSW commercial fishermen's license, or a NSW commercial fishing boat license, or a NSW commercial fishing boat registration license or a NSW commercial aquaculture license can apply for a unit in the Trust. There is no application fee payable, but you must send in a signed application form. Application forms can be obtained from the Catchers Trust, any NSW registered fishermen's co-op, or Sydney Fish Market.

At the end of June 2003, there were about 1,150 Unit Holders.

Who manages the Catchers Trust?

The Catchers Trust is run by a Board of Directors who are elected by the Unit Holders. Each director represents a fishing region; there are seven regions (based on the old CFAC regions). Directors hold office for 3 years, and every 18 months elections are held for half of the Board.

At 30 June 2003, the directors were:

Region 1 – John Gallagher
Region 3 – Ted Byrnes
Region 5 – Carl Blackledge
Region 7 – John Symonds

Region 2 - George Baker (Chairman)
Region 4 - Brett Bollinger
Region 6 – Bill Innes

Who works out how much money each Unit Holder gets?

Basically, you get paid according to the value of product that you sold through Sydney Fish Market. The more fish you sold through Sydney Fish Market, the bigger your share of the distribution.

Why did you deduct tax from my payment?

If you didn't tell us your Tax File Number (TFN), then we are required by law to deduct tax at the rate of 48.5%. This tax is shown on your distribution statement (in the box marked "R"), and you will get credit for it when you lodge your tax return.

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INFORMATION FOR UNIT HOLDERS – 2003**

I didn't receive the distribution payment until August, why does it have to go in my 2003 tax return?

It is a requirement of the Tax Act.

We processed the distribution payment as quickly as we could, but we couldn't get a payment to you any quicker.

I've already lodged my 2003 tax return. What should I do?

You should consult your tax adviser. The distribution should be included in your 2003 tax return.

Why isn't the taxable income from the Trust equal to the distribution that I received?

The difference is due mainly (but not solely) to imputation credits (a type of tax credit). These credits increase taxable income on the one hand, but on the other hand they also work as a tax rebate – reducing your tax bill when you lodge your tax return.

Your distribution statement shows how to report this distribution in your tax return. Check with your tax adviser if you need more information.

What is an imputation credit?

An imputation credit is a credit for tax paid by someone else (in this case, Sydney Fish Market). When the Trust received its dividend from Sydney Fish Market, it also received tax credits on those dividends.

I fish with another fisherman and we sell the fish under my name. Why didn't the other fisherman get a payment too?

If your Co-op supplier code or Sydney Fish Market supplier code is in your name, then we have given you 100% of those sales. You'll need to work out the other person's share of your sales so that you can give them their share of the cash payment, taxable income, imputation credit and tax credits.

You should also consult your tax adviser.

My fish is sold under someone else's name. Where is my payment?

You'll need to contact that other person and work the matter out with them. You should also consult your tax adviser.

I'm a member of the Trust and I sold fish during the year. Why didn't I get a payment?

There could be several reasons.

One of the most common situations is where several members of a family or crew each have a Unit in the Trust, but the actual fish sales are in the name of one person only. In these cases, we give the whole payment to the Unit Holder whose name is on the Sydney Fish Market (SFM) system.

Another situation is where an SFM supplier code is in joint names, but there is no Unit in the joint names. In these cases, we give the whole payment to the person whose name is the first of the joint names on the SFM system.

In both these cases, we have no way of knowing whether and how the sales should be split among the fishermen. This is a private matter between the fishermen and it is up to them to sort it out.

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INFORMATION FOR UNIT HOLDERS – 2003**

I sold fish direct through Sydney Fish Market, but I didn't get a payment. Why not?

There could be a couple of reasons:

First, you must have been a member of the Catchers Trust on 30 June 2003. Applications that were received after that date are not eligible for a share in the 2003 distribution. This rule may seem harsh, but it is applied fairly and consistently to all fishermen.

Second, we may not know your Sydney Fish Market supplier code. If you are in any doubt, contact us or the Market and tell us your supplier code.

How does the Trust know how much fish I sold at Sydney Fish Market?

We get that information from two places.

First, if we know your Sydney Fish Market supplier code, then we gave you credit for fish sold under that code.

Second, we asked each NSW Fishermen's Co-operative (as well as other big group suppliers such as Eden Fish Packing, Southland Fish Supplies and Lakes Entrance Co-op) to tell us how much of their fish sales could/should be allocated to Unit Holders.

Should I tell the Trust if I change my address or SFM supplier number?

Yes!! If you don't tell us, then really we have no other way of finding out.

While we work closely with Sydney Fish Market and Fisheries, we do not (and, because of privacy laws, cannot) exchange name and address information. This means that if you change your address or your SFM supplier number, then please tell us.

Why don't you pay me by cheque? I don't want to give out my bank details.

Most businesses are making EFT payments – it's faster, safer and more convenient than a cheque. We stopped paying by cheque in 2001. All our distribution payments are now made by EFT and we don't have arrangements any more for paying distributions by cheque.

Your privacy is very important to us. We can assure you that we treat information (including bank account details) about you and other unit holders safely and securely. We do not sell, rent or trade your personal information to, or with, other parties - read our Privacy Policy for more information.

By the way, if you haven't given us your bank account details, then we'll hold your distribution on your behalf but you still have to include it in your tax return. When we get your bank details, we'll pay out any accumulated distribution quickly.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Do we have your SFM supplier codes?

If you sell fish direct through SFM, then we need to know all your SFM supplier codes.

Please tell us if you get a new supplier code or if you change your supplier code.

If you supply fish through a co-operative, then don't worry – you don't have to tell us about your SFM codes! At the end of each year, we check with each co-op and ask them to tell us how to allocate their fish sales among all the Unit Holders. You only need to tell us your supplier code if you sell fish direct through SFM.

Have you completed a Direct Credit Authority?

Distributions will be paid by direct credit to your bank account. Don't miss out on yours.

Contacting the Catchers Trust

You can write, call, fax or e-mail the Catchers Trust at any time during business hours. Ted Bell is the Secretary of the Trust, and you can reach him on any of the following numbers.

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