

Growing Generation Joy

# FY20 HALF YEAR INTERIM RESULTS

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ASX: BUB





### Very Best



# Creating new generations of **happy, healthy bubs**



Honesty



Playfulness



### Goodness

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# FINANCIAL RESULTS

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# 1H20 CONTINUED MOMENTUM AND SCALE

Continuing solid trajectory to grow topline revenues and build on robust capital base.

- Scontinued focus on executing our foundation strategy with key partners to build on strong competitive advantage and unique assets.
- S Growth trajectory for Chinese consumer awareness and demand for our core Bubs® Goat Infant Formula remains strong.
- Woolworths major supply agreement set to double our domestic market penetration and help drive incremental growth in 2H20.

### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Record revenue results and gross margin improvement.

1H20 results were driven by the strong performance of Bubs® infant formula in all retail channels and regions.

\$28.8m 1H20 Group Gross Revenue

+37%

prior corresponding period

ASX **300** Bubs Australia

### +77% Infant Formula Gross Revenue growth pcp.

+99%

#### Infant Formula Direct Sales to China doubled pcp.

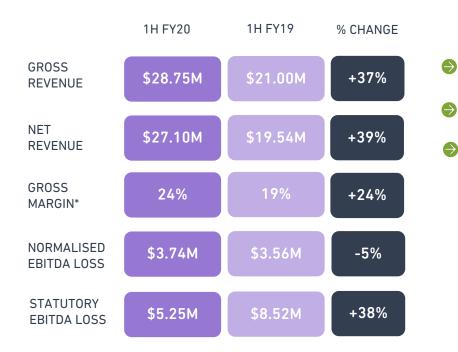
41% GP

Infant Formula Gross Margin\* up 5 basis points pcp.

\*Gross margin does not include inventories write down and net realisable value adjustments.

# FINANCIAL **OVERVIEW**





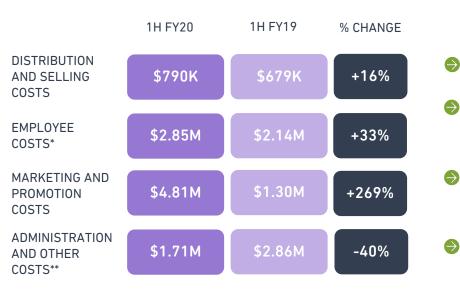
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### **Key Drivers**

- Total gross revenue of \$28.75m, +37% pcp.
- Significant margin improvement, +24% pcp.
- The overall statutory net loss before tax of \$7.7 million, incorporates expenses incurred that are non-cash or outside of normal business operations:
- + \$171k corporate transaction expense associated with FY19 M&A transactions
- + \$568k net finance costs, of which \$498k relate to unwinding of deferred consideration payable
- + \$974k share based payments for options issued in FY20
- + \$329k inventories written off for discontinued products
- + \$1.88m depreciation and amortisation
- + \$39k share of net loss of Joint Ventures accounted for using the equity method

# EXPENSES **OVERVIEW**





\* Employee costs do not include share based payment and acquisition related costs.

\*\* Administration and other costs do not include depreciation and amortisation

### Key Drivers

- Distribution costs / Net revenue % at 3% (1H FY20) remain consistent with prior periods.
- Employee costs\* / Net revenue % at 11% (1H FY20) remain consistent with prior periods; headcount has increased 90% compared to 1H FY19 to build organisational capability to support continued growth.
- Marketing / Net revenue % at 18% (1H FY20) vs 7% (1H FY19) to support strong domestic presence and building brand awareness in China to deliver medium and long term profitable growth.
- Administrative costs\*\* down 40% pcp is due to:
  - Reclassification as a result of AASB 16 adoption
  - Effective cost management on administrative costs
  - Disposal of Uphamgo Joint Venture

### GROUP REVENUE

Half Yearly Gross Revenue.





### **Key Highlights**

- Sconsistent half-year growth trend since listing in 2017.
- Record gross revenue in 1H FY20; **+37% pcp**.
- Bubs® Goat Infant Formula remains key driver; +77% pcp.
- Stronger forecasted demand for infant formula is expected in 2H FY20 across all distribution Channels.
- New markets and new product launches expected to build on existing foundations to drive incremental revenue streams.

# MULTIPLE REVENUE STREAMS



Gross Revenue by Product Group.

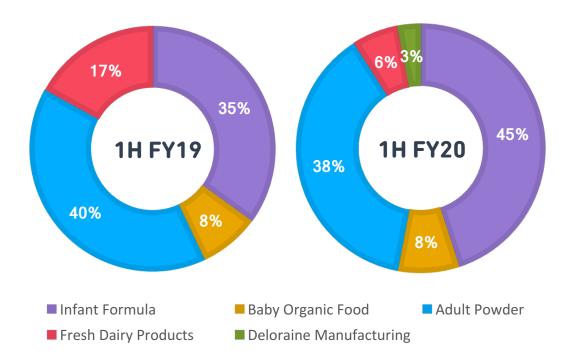
- IH FY20 growth predominantly driven by sales of Bubs<sup>®</sup> infant formula products, delivering the highest margin within group portfolio:
  - Infant Formula: **+77% pcp**
  - Baby Food: +23% pcp
- Goat Milk Powder delivered healthy revenue growth in 1H FY20, although the entire Adult Dairy portfolio growth profile was impeded by the lossmaking deletion of yoghurt products and disposal of Coach House Dairy® brand assets:
  - Adult Goat Milk Powder: +30% pcp
  - Fresh Milk/Yoghurt: -49% pcp



### PORTFOLIO **PRODUCT MIX**

Gross Revenue Share by Product Group.



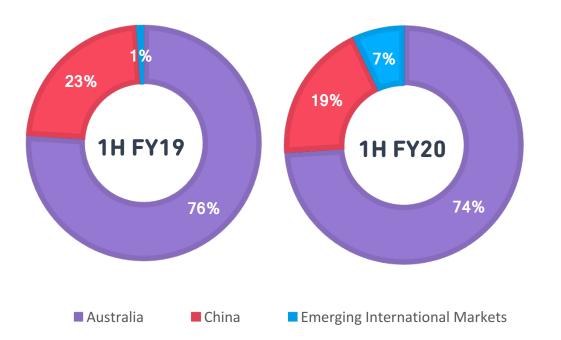


### **Key Drivers**

- Increased focus on investing in growth of high margin products, primarily infant formula.
- Bubs<sup>®</sup> products accounted for 53% of total net revenue in 1H FY20 vs 43% in 1H FY19.
- Deliberate reduction in fresh dairy product lines due to poor profitability.

### REGIONAL **MARKET MIX**

Gross Revenue Share by Region.





### **Key Drivers**

- Domestic gross revenue in 1H FY20 increased
   +30% pcp, driven by strong penetration in Coles and Woolworths, and launch into Chemist Warehouse.
- Corporate Daigou Channel continues to grow month-on-month, with 1H FY20 revenue up +52% pcp.
- Direct sales to China in 1H FY20 increased +19% pcp, with Infant Formula almost doubling in sales up +99% pcp, demonstrating strong traction with Chinese consumers following the establishment of new partnerships with Alibaba Tmall and Beingmate, and deployment of increased marketing resources.
- 2H FY20 ranging of Bubs Organic<sup>®</sup> Grass Fed Infant Formula and Bubs<sup>®</sup> Junior Nutrition new products in Woolworths will further strengthen domestic penetration.
- New distribution partnerships for Bubs<sup>®</sup> products in Vietnam and Hong Kong will contribute further growth from Southeast Asian markets in 2H FY20.

# GROSS MARGIN IMPROVEMENTS

19%

Dec-18

Gross margin improved 24% pcp with Bubs<sup>®</sup> Infant Formula gross margin at 41%.

Jun-19

Dec-19



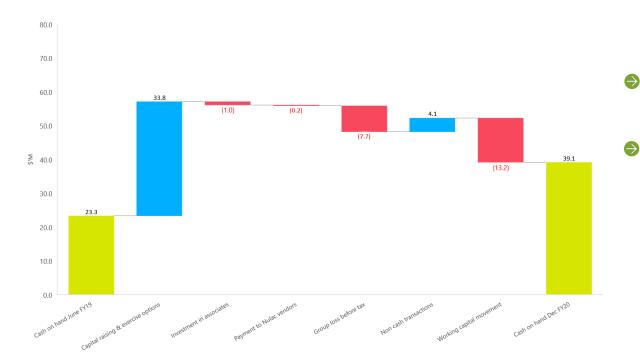
- Optimise Australia and NZ milk pool allocation.  $\ominus$
- $\ominus$ Greater portion of high margin products – Infant Formula.
- $\ominus$ Consistent trade spending / gross revenue ratio.
- $\ominus$ Deliberate deletion of loss-making fresh dairy products.

14%

Jun-18

### CAPITAL **MANAGEMENT**

With a strong balance sheet and cash position we retain the flexibility to execute our growth strategy.



### **Key Drivers**

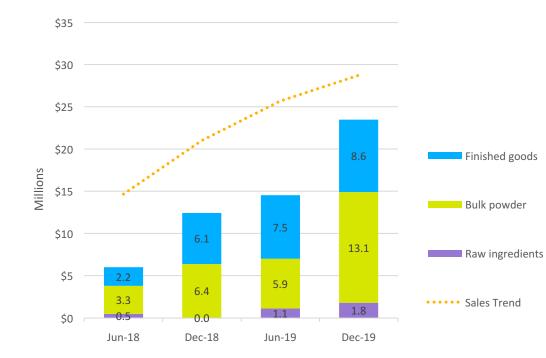
Working capital movements include the steps taken to improve supply chain flexibility to meet stronger sales demand in 2H FY20.

Increased trade and receivables position from strong Q2 sales also contributed to working capital movements.

### GROUP INVENTORIES

Fully transitioned to new products and ready to meet stronger demand of existing products.





### **Key Drivers**

- Inventory growth trend to meet strong forecasted demand of existing product portfolio in 2H FY20.
- To ensure a smooth change over for refreshed CapriLac<sup>®</sup> products and improve channel economics.
- Support imminent expansion of Bubs <sup>®</sup> Organic Grass-fed Infant Formula in Woolworths and China CBEC platforms.
- Fulfil opening orders for Deloraine<sup>®</sup> product extensions and Junior Nutrition products.
- Natural seasonality of milk supply shoulder pattern of fresh milk supply peaks in November.
- Ingredients increased with shift to direct sourcing model since Deloraine acquisition.

# BUSINESS UPDATE

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### INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Core investment proposition.



- 😔 Sustainable market leadership position in vertical supply chain with exclusive access to Australia's largest goat milk pool.
- Bubs<sup>®</sup> is an established specialist super-premium formula brand with authentic provenance and a true founder-led story.
- Established presence in high growth export markets underpinned by foundational partnerships with leading local retailers.
- Agile culture and product development capability enabling the Company to realise highest and best use of goat milk supply.
- Scalable business model and best in class infrastructure, providing operating leverage as business grows.

### GROWTH ENGINES

Key 1H20 Highlights

#### 1. LEAD IN VERTICAL SUPPLY CHAIN VALUE CREATION.

- Continual review and evaluation of potential new partners to ensure highest and best use for efficiencies in goat milk supply.
- + Worked with leaders in goat dairy industry to develop standardised process, management and quality control systems to promote best in class practices and quality supply.

#### 2. BUILD BRAND CONNECTION TO DRIVE SCALE.

- Supported launch of Organic bovine formula to expand Bubs<sup>®</sup> brand into the remaining 95% of the non-goat milk based infant milk category.
- + Developed and invested in data driven, targeted consumer connections in China to support brand building.
- + Supported continued build of Bubs® brand across domestic retail market.

#### 3. EXPAND INTO NEW GROWTH AREAS.

- + Developed new Bubs<sup>®</sup> Junior Nutrition formulations for 3-12 year olds.
- Developed CapriLac<sup>®</sup> new format and marketing content for brand refresh.
- + Developed Deloraine® range extension and supporting marketing assets.
- + Developed APAC market expansion with new distribution partners.

### BUBS AUSTRALIA ROADMAP



#### **KEY COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE**

Sciences, 2019, Euromonitor, Expert Interviews.



<sup>4</sup>China physical retail

<sup>2</sup>Based on 24hrs / 5 days pw shifts.

PRODUCT & BRAND **UPDATE** 

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# BRAND PORTFOLIO EXPANSION

Bubs<sup>®</sup> Junior range and expansion of the Adult Goat Dairy portfolio will mean our product offerings will cater for all stages of development, feeding occasions and dietary requirements, from infants to children, through to younger adults and seniors.

Organic Baby Food, Cereals &Toddler Snacks



Organic toddler snacks to extend the consumer lifecycle beyond 1,000 days.

Complete range of premium organic

baby food and cereal products.

Infant Milk Formula



Super-premium formulation - world's only infant formula to source 100% Australian goat milk.

Australia's first Organic 365 days Grass Fed Formula with Pre and Probiotics.



#### Adult Goat Dairy Products



Australia's leading adult goat milk brand.

Science-based formulations for specific health needs.





### NEW PRODUCT INNOVATION

1H FY20 investment in new product development will convert to revenue realisation in Q420.





Bubs<sup>®</sup> Junior Nutrition range to launch in Australian retailers and China CBEC, and CCIC approved China label product with Lactoferrin to launch into Mother and Baby stores (3yr+ does not require SAMR registration).



CapriLac<sup>®</sup> brand refresh.



Deloraine® Range Extensions, certified for China General Trade.

# STRENGTHENING GOAT DAIRY PORTFOLIO

Clear adult brand portfolio strategy for CapriLac<sup>®</sup> re-launch and Deloraine<sup>®</sup> brand expansion to support forward outlook for demand growth of goat dairy sector in China.

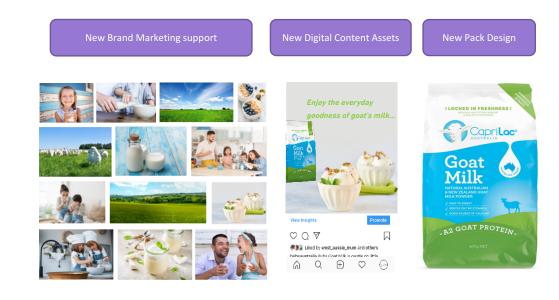


### INVIGORATING CAPRILAC® BRAND

Preparing new marketing communication and packaging design to support CapriLac<sup>®</sup> brand refresh.







### CapriLac<sup>®</sup> Brand Refresh

- Superior product with improved freshness and taste.
  - Improved quality controls with in-house production.

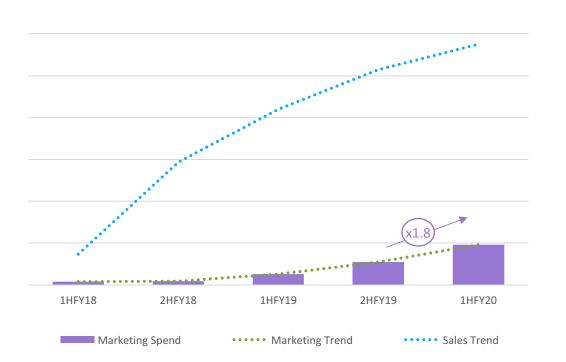
Developed revised marketing brand assets and new communication plan in readiness for CapriLac<sup>®</sup> refresh.

Developed revised product messaging and packaging redesign for planned production in 2H F20 as reflected in inventory readiness.

# MARKETING INVESTMENTS



As an emerging brand in China, continued strengthening of marketing investment is an important strategic investment necessary to build long term sustainable consumer connection and brand growth.



### Key Drivers

- As an emerging brand in China, continued investment in brand building is necessary to sustain brand traction towards profitable growth in the medium to long term.
- Based on historic trends, 1H upfront investment in China marketing is likely to deliver sales conversion results within a 6-9 month window.
- Support brand growth through data-driven targeted activity along consumer journey via content creation to drive higher visibility and trial of Bubs® products.
- Leveraging Chinese Key Opinion Leaders, social influencers and Taobao store owners to amplify reach in WeChat, Weibo, TikTok, and Little Red Book.

# INVESTING IN BRAND GROWTH

Significant increase in China marketing activities in 1H FY20 to support brand equity and build awareness.

#### SIGNIFICANT BOOST IN WECHAT INDEX

WeChat mentions increased 50%, due to awareness boost led by significant step change in marketing investment. This is a strong indicator of brand growth.



#### WORD-OF-MOUTH AND SOCIAL GROWING

Reaching Chinese consumers through social matrix with quality content with high impact.













## DEEPENING BRAND CONNECTION

Harnessing the power of top Mother & Baby Social Influencers to engage with Chinese millennial parents.

# Nico Mama 30M+ followers



### Xiaoxiaobao Mama 8M+ followers



# Dingxiang Mama **TOP Professional Platform**



# REGIONAL & CHANNEL UPDATE

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## NATIONAL RANGING IN WOOLWORTHS

Major new supply agreement with Woolworths set to double retail exposure for Bubs<sup>®</sup> Infant Formula portfolio in the largest and fastest growing super-premium segment of Australia's infant formula market.

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### Woolworths 2H20 Expansion

- A key strategic partnership supporting Woolworths as the largest Infant Formula retailer in Australia.
- Entering the growing super-premium category with Organic Cow and Goat Milk offering.
- Developing trade marketing support and brand support in readiness for Woolworths rollout.

# INVESTING IN RETAILER SUCCESS

Continuing to support our key retailer strategic partnership with Chemist Warehouse.



### **Chemist Warehouse**

- All of Bubs<sup>®</sup> 28 products stocked across 450 Chemist Warehouse stores nationally in 1H FY20.
- Continuing to support with strong merchandising activity providing category shelf domination.
- Investing in heavy promotional campaigns supported with multi-media marketing activity throughout FY20.
- Scan data in key product lines exceeding sales targets.
- Marketing activity to support the launch of Bubs® Organic Grass Fed Infant Formula from December 2019.

### SE ASIA **EXPANSION**

Developing marketing assets and brand support for our key new export markets.





Additional Markets: Continuing to explore opportunities to launch o Alibaba eCommerce platforms in SE Asia: Lazada and RedMart

### Vietnam & Hong Kong Market Expansion

- Providing brand and marketing support for Master Distribution Agreement with Viet Nam TVV Service (TVV), one of the largest Vietnamese distributors in the infant nutrition industry, distributing to an extensive network of >20,000 retail outlets.
- Supporting ongoing secure ranging in 135 BiboMart stores, the largest Mother & Baby retail chain in Vietnam.
- Developed marketing support for Hong Kong market, an important jurisdiction and stepping-stone towards projecting the Bubs brand to Asia.
  - Continuing to explore and develop market entry strategies for other opportunities in SE Asia.

# STRATEGIC OUTLOOK

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### STRATEGIC **OUTLOOK**

Pursuit of strategic goals towards delivering profitable and scalable sustainable growth.



- Continued benefit from key competitive advantages:
  - Exclusive goat milk supply
  - Advanced and secure manufacturing capability
  - Differentiated products across infant, junior and adult nutrition
  - Geographic diversification: Australia, China and expansion into Vietnam and Hong Kong
- Segment and regional sales growth expected to continue in the second-half.
- New Woolworths agreement provides leading platform to gain market share in larger organic bovine formula segment.
- Product innovation extensions in goat dairy to drive future sales growth.
- S Further development of Bubs<sup>®</sup> penetration into APAC to diversify revenue streams.
- S Continued focus on operational and capital management and improving profit margins.

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