

### **Apiam Animal Health Ltd** H1 FY23 results presentation

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### H1 FY23 HIGHLIGHTS

### **Execution of Accelerated Growth strategy**

- creation of leading regional veterinary services provider, operating at scale



### Dairy & mixed animal segment driving resilient growth

- delivering 80.2% of revenues in H1 FY23 (on pro-forma acquisition basis)<sup>1</sup>



#### Acquisitions performing well under Apiam ownership

- 6 acquisitions settled FY23 YTD, following 9 acquisitions in FY22



#### Operating expenses reflective of rate of acquisition program

- controlled LFL operating expense growth in high inflationary environment
  - slowed half-on-half growth in Business Support Network in H1 FY23 (vs H2 FY22)



# Focus on acquisition integration in H2 FY23 to drive improved leverage, growth synergies and free cash flows

- supported by strong FY23 YTD trading (to 31 Jan 2023)

### H1 FY23 FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

#### **KEY GROUP METRICS DELIVERING GROWTH**

Revenue \$93.7M +<u>24.7</u>% vs H1 FY22

Gross profit **\$61.4M** +32.9% vs H1 FY22

EBITA (underlying)<sup>1</sup> \$6.9M +<u>26.7</u>% vs H1 FY22

NPAT (underlying)<sup>1</sup> \$3.7M +<u>14.9</u>% vs H1 FY22

Operating cash flow \$7.4M +24.2% vs H1 FY22 Cash conversion<sup>2</sup> **103.7%** vs <u>92</u>% in H1 FY22

Note

Underlying EBITA and NPAT are non IFRS measures and exclude one-off expenses. Underlying NPAT also excludes customer relationship amortisation (post tax basis). Refer slide 6 for further detail Cash conversion of underlying EBITDA (pre AASB 16 lease adjustments)

### DAIRY & MIXED ANIMAL SEGMENT DRIVING RESILIENT GROWTH

H1 FY23 vs H1 FY22

+11 New vet clinics

+17.3% Avg. transaction value<sup>1</sup>

+5.7%

LFL dairy & mixed segment revenue growth FY23 YTD (to Jan)<sup>2</sup> +69 Veterinarians

+36.5% Reported dairy & mixed segment revenue growth

+7.8% FY22 acquisitions avg revenue growth<sup>3</sup>

#### DAIRY & MIXED ANIMAL PERCENTAGE OF APIAM REVENUE



Notes:

Average transaction value for companion animals (excludes recently acquired clinics not yet on Apiam's Practice Management System)

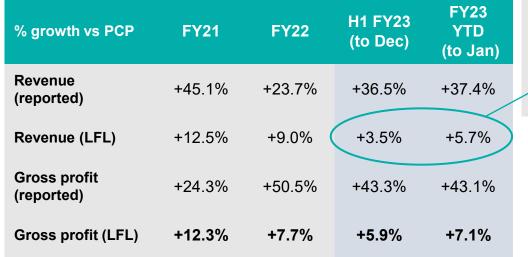
2 LFL refers to like-for-like (or ex-acquisitions performance) and adjusted to exclude acquisitions executed in H1 FY23 and acquisitions executed in FY22

Average revenue growth in H1 FY23 (vs H1 FY22) for acquisitions settled in FY22

### Dairy & mixed animal segment – H1 FY23

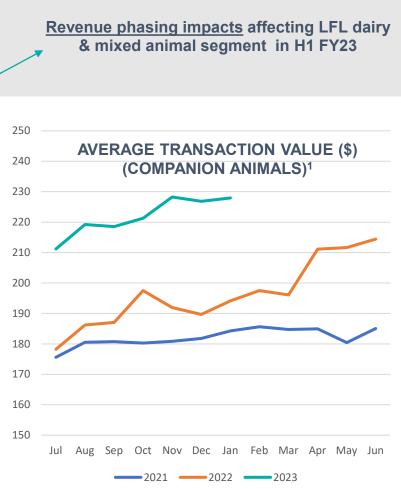


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#### Strong trends in operational metrics (H1 FY23 vs pcp):

- Average Transaction Value (ATV) (+17.3%)
  - Price increases to meet CPI and increased vet remuneration
  - Higher Standards of Care driving revenue and gross margin
- Best Mates members (+16.0%)
- ProDairy revenue growth (+28.7%)
- Easing of vet shortage being assisted by resumption of immigration



### **GREENFIELDS CLINIC UPDATE**

#### **Revised model delivering +31% revenue growth and reduced costs**

#### **Greenfield clinic performance**

(clinics opened FY21 – FY23 YTD)

	Revenue growth	Operating expense	EBITDA impact
H1 FY23 growth rate (vs PCP)	Up 31.0%	Down 7.3%	<b>H1 FY23: \$(391)K</b> H1 FY22: \$(660)K

JV formed Feb 2018		JV strategy to open co-located
		<i>clinics &amp; retail outlets in which Apiam have an 80% interest</i>

- One PetStock JV clinic opened in H1 FY23 (Oct 2022)
- Three PetStock JV clinics to open next 12 months
- Carefully targeted regions with attractive demographics
- Efficient capex model & access to high growth population base and retail customer flow
- Three years to full financial maturity

#### Greenfield clinic locations (FY22-FY23)

Jan 2021 Torquay Nth (VIC) (<u>JV</u>)

> Mar 2021 Shepparton (VIC)

Jul 2021 Highton (VIC)

Oct 2022 Hastings (VIC) (JV)

Planned 2023 openings

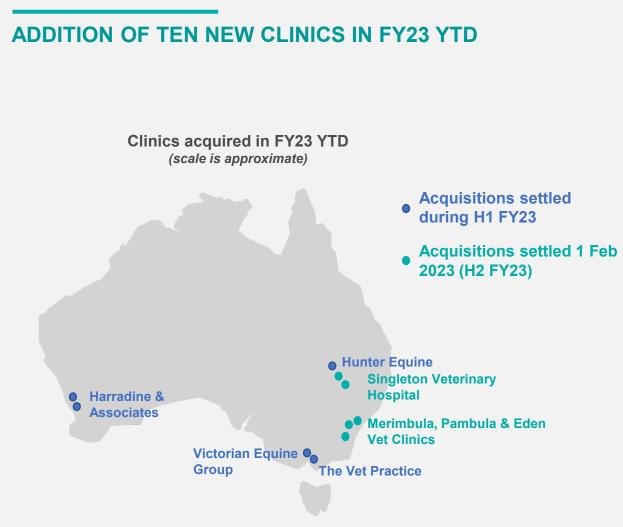
Mar 2023 Yarrawonga (VIC) (<u>JV</u>)

Apr 2023 Caboolture (QLD) (<u>JV</u>)

Oct 2023 Tarneit (VIC) (<u>JV</u>)



### **STRATEGIC ACQUISITIONS**



- **Four** veterinary business acquisitions settled in H1 FY23<sup>1</sup> (adding 5 clinics & \$23.8m in FY22 pro-forma revenue)
- Two acquisitions settled 1 Feb 2023 Singleton
  Veterinary Hospital + Merimbula, Pambula & Eden Vet
  Clinics (adding 5 clinics & \$8.3m in FY22 pro-forma revenue)
- Significant investment in integration resources in FY22 enabling effective integration of accelerated acquisition program
- Businesses acquired in FY22 delivered +<u>7.8</u>% average revenue growth in H1 FY23



- H2 FY23 focus on integration and synergy realisation of recent acquisitions to optimise free cashflow opportunities
- Acquisition pipeline remains strong with phasing to take into account capital resources and free cash flow
- Less reliance on AHX scrip as part of acquisition consideration moving forward

Notes:

## Feedlot & pig veterinary segments – H1 FY23

#### Intensive animal segments remain integral to our rural vet services - contributing ~20% of revenues

Challenges (H1 FY23)<sup>2</sup>

export markets<sup>2</sup>

**Challenges (H1 FY23)** 

numbers in 2022

abattoirs<sup>2</sup>

Feeder cattle inputs reduced

over Oct -Dec 2022 period

Workforce shortages in

Oversupply of beef in US

market affecting domestic

Japanese Encephalitis caused

significant reduction in pig

Supplier product disruptions

affected sales opportunities

#### Apiam continues to provide leading role in industry innovation and growth

- Introduction of emerging technologies to industry
- Commercialisation of autogenous cattle vaccines to address economic diseases
- Development of a Japanese Encephalitis vaccine to address new risk
- Investment in client-centric platforms to improve supply chain efficiencies
- Industry leading data analysis platforms to shape sustainable animal production

Segment performance % growth vs PCP	FY21	FY22	H1 FY23
Revenue (reported & LFL)	(11.4)%	(6.5)%	(3.7)%
Gross profit (reported & LFL)	(11.8)%	+1.5%	(5.5)%





#### **Beef feedlot industry**

#### **Opportunities (FY23-FY24)**

- National beef herd at 28.8m head, largest size since 2014<sup>2</sup>
- Feeder steer price has dropped ~25% since 30 Nov 20221
- Expected El Niño (from June 2023)<sup>2</sup>
- Potential China market dynamics<sup>4</sup> •
- Feedlots currently at 75% of national • capacity of 1.532 million head<sup>3</sup> with scope for utilisation rates to increase as input costs improve

#### **Pig industry**

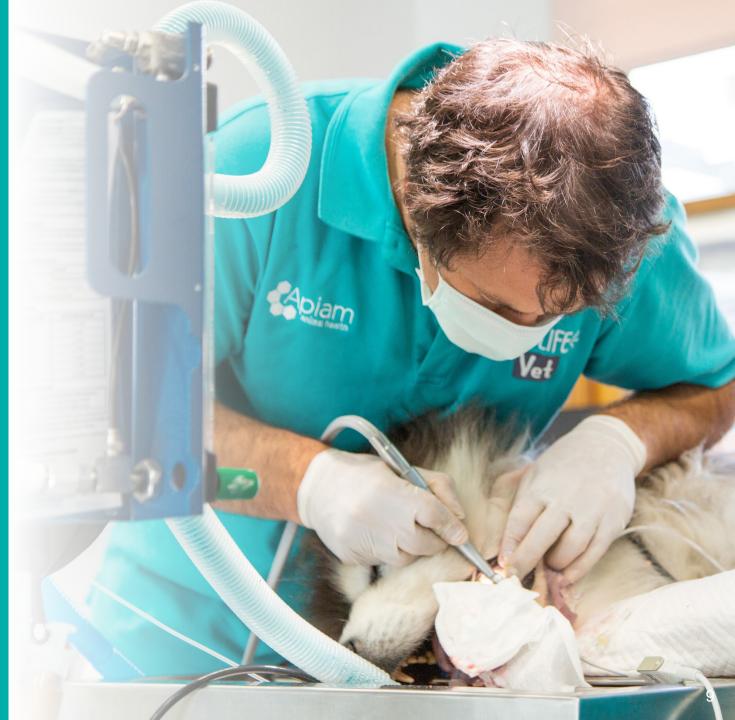
#### **Opportunities (FY23-FY24)**

- Trend to higher value veterinary services
- New vaccine products to market
- Pig numbers recovering from 2022 JEV effects

- https://www.mla.com.au/prices-markets/cattle/feedersteer/
- https://www.mla.com.au/prices-markets/Trends-analysis/cattle-projections/
- Australian Lot Feeders Association and MLA, National Feedlot Survey February 20, 2023
- Beefcentral.com February 13, 2023

# H1 FY23 financial summary





### H1 FY23 P&L SUMMARY

#### **GROWTH ACROSS ALL KEY GROUP P&L METRICS**

\$m	H1 FY23A	H1 FY22A	Variance	%
Total revenue	93.7	75.1	18.6	24.7%
Gross profit	61.4	46.2	15.2	32.9%
Operating expenses	(50.7)	(37.5)	(13.2)	35.0%
Underlying EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	10.7	8.7	2.1	23.7%
Underlying EBITA <sup>1</sup>	6.9	5.4	1.5	26.7%
Underlying NPAT <sup>1,2</sup>	3.7	3.2	0.5	14.9%
Amortisation (post tax) (customer relationships)	(0.5)	(0.3)	(0.3)	72.6%
One-off expenses (post tax) <sup>3</sup>	(0.3)	(1.2)	0.9	(77.3)%
Reported NPAT	2.9	1.7	1.1	65.6%

Gross margin	65.5%	61.5%	
Underlying EBITDA margin	11.5%	11.6%	
Underlying EBITA margin <sup>3</sup>	7.3%	7.2%	

Notes:

Underlying

- Revenue growth 24.7%: driven by dairy & mixed animal segment (organic growth & impact of acquisitions)
- **Gross profit growth 32.9%:** strong continuing uplift in gross margin to 65.5% as business segment mix changes
- Underlying EBITA growth 26.7%: strong growth despite operating expense investment and impact of feedlot segment market cycle. Depreciation from IT systems investment in prior years rolling off
- **Operating expense increase 35.0%**: mostly due to impact of accelerated acquisition program and increased wages (aligned with higher skillset workforce and inflation impacts).

Previously reported Investment in Business Support Network to support acquisition program has now normalised (+5.8% in H1 FY23 vs H2 FY22).

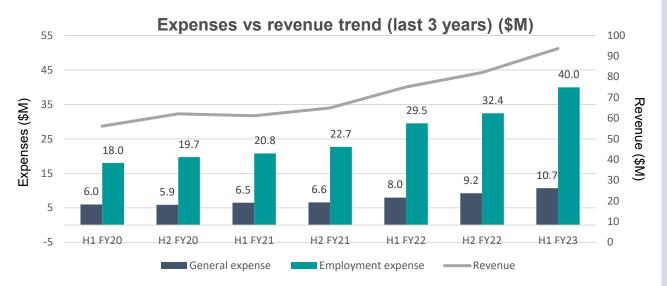
See slide 11 for further analysis

<sup>1</sup> Underlying earnings excludes one-off expenses including acquisition, integration & restructuring costs (tax effected where applicable at NPAT level)

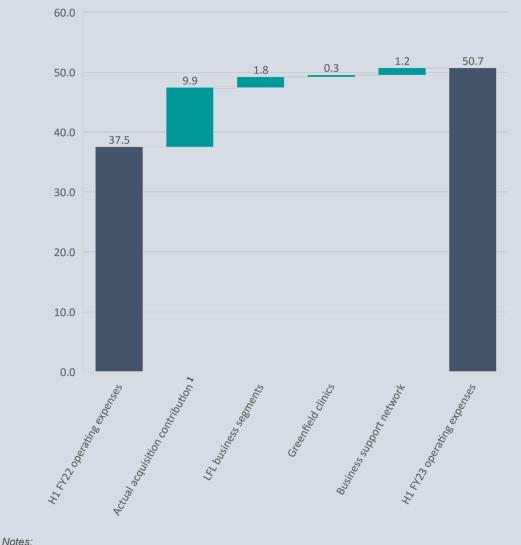
<sup>2</sup> Before amortisation of customer relationships (tax effected where applicable at NPAT level)

<sup>3</sup> In H1 FY23 one-off expenses are comprised of \$0.3 million in other expenses and \$0.1 million in employee benefit expenses (vs H1 FY22 one-off expenses which were comprised of \$1.7 million in other expenses mostly related to stamp duty on QLD acquisitions)

### **Operating expenses analysis**



#### H1 FY23 operating expense reconciliation vs PCP (\$M)



#### **Employment expense:**

- H1 FY23 employment costs (LFL basis) increased 7.1% vs PCP (in-line with inflation) reflecting increased vet skillsets driving strong ATV growth.
- Reported increase of 35.0% (vs gross profit growth of 32.9%) reflecting impact of:
  - accelerated acquisition program (\$9.9M)
  - full half contribution of additional support staff in business support network in areas of P&C, IT, WHS, payroll (\$1.2M) that were added in H1 FY22. Increase has now normalised (+5.8% in H1 FY23 vs H2 FY22)
  - wage increases post-COVID industry restructure, vet shortages and strategy around higher skillsets to drive ATV (\$1.8M)

#### General operating expense:

- Impact of acquisitions & enlarged BSN
- Resumption of normalised travel, conferences, training etc (vs H1 FY22 significantly impacted by COVID lockdowns)

Includes expenses associated with acquisitions made during H2 FY22 and H1 FY23 and part period contribution from H1 FY22 acquisitions

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### **BALANCE SHEET**

#### **Reflective of acquisition program**

\$m	31 Dec 2022A	30 Jun 2022A
Cash	3.4	2.8
Trade & receivables	16.8	13.6
Inventories	19.9	17.8
Property, plant & equipment	39.8	31.6
Intangibles	152.0	126.9
Other assets	6.8	6.4
TOTAL ASSETS	238.7	199.2
Borrowings	62.4	42.1
Trade & other payables	14.5	11.0
Lease liability	27.9	21.3
Other liabilities	18.1	16.1
TOTAL LIABILITIES	122.9	90.5
NET ASSETS	115.8	108.7

Notes:

1. Includes \$1.9M of equipment bank finance for purposes of net debt calculation in H1 FY23 (FY22: \$1.8M)

#### Key movements:

- Intangibles, PP&E reflective of 4 acquisitions settled during H1 FY23
- Working capital (receivables, payables, inventory) in-line with business growth and continues to be well managed to optimise cash flow

#### **Borrowings & net debt:**

- Net debt of \$60.9M vs \$41.0M<sup>2</sup> as at end of FY22 due to cash consideration of \$22.1M paid for 4 acquisitions settled in period:
  - The Vet Practice (Jul 2022)
  - Victorian Equine Group (Jul 2022)
  - Harradine & Associates (Nov 2022)
  - Hunter Equine Centre (Dec 2022)
- Operating leverage ratio 2.5x vs covenant of 3.5x (net debt/EBITDA basis adjusted for working capital facility)
- \$38.2M available in bank acquisition facility (prior to \$8.7M cash consideration for settlement of acquisitions on 1 Feb 2023)

### **CASH FLOW**

#### Cash conversion tracking to management target of 100%

Statutory cashflows \$m	H1 FY23A	H1 FY22A
Net cash provided by operating activities	7.4	6.0
Acquisition of subsidiary, net of cash	(22.1)	(25.0)
Net Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(2.6)	(2.3)
Net Purchases of Intangible assets	(0.2)	(0.2)
Other	0.2	0.0
Net cash used in investing activities	(24.8)	(27.5)
Net changes in financing	20.8	25.2
Dividends paid to shareholders	(0.7)	(1.2)
Repayment of lease liabilities	(2.1)	(1.9)
Proceeds from share issue	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0
Net cash inflow from financing activities	18.0	22.2
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	0.6	0.6

- Operating cash flow +24.2% in H1 FY23 (vs PCP)
- Controlled underlying capex spend
- Strong working capital management
- · Reduced final FY22 dividend in-line with revised dividend policy
- Cash component for acquisition consideration of \$22.1M

Cashflow Conversion \$m	H1 FY23A	H1 FY22A
Underlying EBITDA (pre AASB 16 lease adjustment)	8.7	6.9
Net cash inflow from operating activities (less AASB 16 lease reclassification impact)	5.6	4.2
Add back:		
One-off expense paid	0.3	0.3
Interest paid	1.5	0.7
Income tax paid	1.7	1.2
Underlying cashflow before tax & interest:	9.1	6.4
Conversion	103.7%	92.3%

#### **Revised dividend policy**

- Revised dividend policy communicated at time of FY22 results (August 2022)
- Apiam is pursuing an accelerated growth strategy including an accelerated acquisition program
- Company's growth plans are expected to deliver significant intrinsic value for shareholders
- Board of Directors plan to invest all capital during this growth period towards funding the accelerated growth strategy (rather than returning funds to shareholders via dividends)

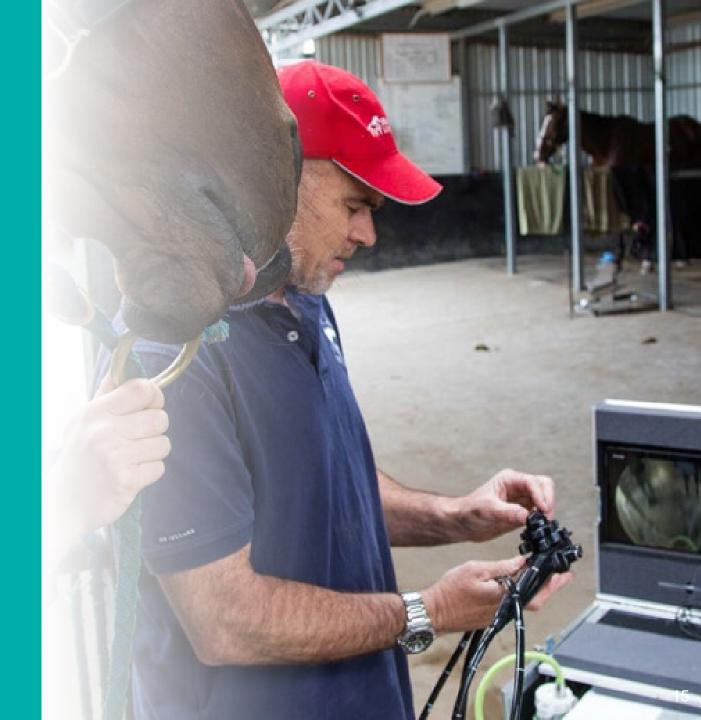
### ESG snapshot – H1 FY23

"Enriching the lives of animals, people and communities"



# FY23 YTD summary & outlook





### FY23 YTD TRADING (TO JANUARY 31)

#### STRONG GROWTH JANUARY YTD DELIVERING EARNINGS LEVERAGE

\$m	FY23 YTD (to Jan) <sup>1</sup>	FY22 YTD (to Jan) <sup>1</sup>	% vs PCP (to Jan 23)	H1 FY23A	H1 FY22A	% vs PCP (to Dec 22)
Total revenue	109.8	87.3	25.74%	93.7	75.1	24.70%
Gross profit	71.7	53.7	33.38%	61.4	46.2	32.90%
Operating expenses	58.6	43.9	33.58%	(50.7)	(37.5)	35.00%
Underlying EBITA <sup>2.3</sup>	8.6	6.1	42.04%	6.9	5.4	26.70%
Underlying NPAT <sup>2,4</sup>	4.6	3.5	31.25%	3.7	3.2	14.90%
Gross margin	65.29%	61.55%		65.50%	61.50%	
Underlying EBITA margin <sup>2.3</sup>	7.84%	6.94%		7.30%	7.20%	

Notes.

Unaudited & provisional figures

Underlying earnings excludes one-off acquisition, integration & restructuring costs (tax effected where applicable at NPAT level)

Before amortisation

Before amortisation of customer relationships (tax effected)



#### VETERINARY SERVICES REMAIN **NON-DISCRETIONARY & RESILIENT**

 Veterinary Services remaining strong into early H2 FY23 as pet care remains a non-discretionary service

#### Improved January YTD earnings leverage

- double-digit Group LFL revenue growth in January 2023 (vs January 2022)
- phasing of seasonal revenue
- return to normalisation of use of employee leave provision
- Average Transaction Values for companion animals continue to remain strong with high standards of care and value recognition
- Industry trends in regional animal vet care expected to continue
  - trend to humanise pets is now widespread and ongoing
  - demographic changes in regional and periurban areas has driven rapid growth in animal numbers 16

### **Outlook & strategy**

# Veterinary services <u>outlook</u> remains strong despite macro-economic uncertainty....

- Dairy & mixed animal segment is resilient and forecast to continue to perform strongly
- Beef feedlot segment expected to rebound in-line with industry forecasts. Pig segment stabilising
- Group double-digit LFL revenue growth in January 2023 (vs January 2022)

# Execution of growth <u>strategy</u> on-track with integration focus in H2 FY23....

- Continue to capitalise on regional organic & acquisition growth opportunities
- Operational focus in H2 FY23 to deliver integration benefits and synergies on recent acquisitions
- Acquisition pipeline remains strong with phasing to reflect optimisation of capital resources and cash flow
- Targeting further improvement in earnings margins to maximise free cash flows for AHX shareholders in FY23



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