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2024 Full Year Results Presentation

Attached is the Elders Limited (**ASX:ELD**) presentation of the financial results for the 12-month period ended 30 September 2024.

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Full Year Results Presentation for FY24

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Presented by Mark Allison Managing Director and CEO

> Paul Rossiter CFO

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Executive Overview

Presented by Mark Allison (Managing Director and CEO)



Key Investment Drivers

Australia's most trusted agribusiness brand amongst farmers five years in a row



Earnings Resilience Through Seasonal Volatility

Resilient EBIT reflects improving seasonal conditions and client activity notwithstanding lost first quarter earnings



1. Average EBIT and EPS growth and average ROC over the Eight Point Plan period

2. Growth generated from acquisitions does not include additional points of presence from greenfield locations

People and Customer Highlights





Safety, Health and Wellbeing

Sustaining a safer working environment



1. All fatalities, LTIs and medical treatment injuries multiplied by 1,000,000 then divided by hours worked

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Sustainability Performance

On track to achieve Scope 1 and 2 emission targets by 2030



Targets

100% renewable electricity in all Australian sites by 2025²

50% reduction in Scope 1 and 2 emissions intensity (tCO2e/\$m revenue) by 2030, against a baseline year, 2021 (subject to commercially viable technology being available to address feedlot cattle emissions)

Net zero Scope 1 and 2 emissions by 2050¹ (tCO2e)

OUR PROGRESS

- Focus for 2024 was embedding our sustainability principles into business operations
- Implementation of centralised waste management services provider, driving waste reduction initiatives
- Implementation of an ethical sourcing platform, enhancing supplier risk screening
- Partnering with Big Bag Recovery to promote enhanced awareness of plastic bag recoverability through Elders collection points

Targeted solar and LED lighting site upgrades to reduce emissions

- Solar array at Killara Feedlot installed and commissioned
- Commenced trial of electric vehicles at several of our real estate branches
- Scope 1: direct emissions from owned or controlled sources. Scope 2: indirect emissions from the generation of purchased electricity. Reported emissions are based on the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024
- 2. Target achieved through on-site solar generation and purchase and retirement of LGCs

Financial Overview

Improved second half unable to fully offset materially impacted first quarter earnings, notwithstanding improving seasonal conditions and client sentiment



Financial Results

Presented by Paul Rossiter (CFO)



Financial Performance Overview





Five-Year Financial Performance

EBIT within guidance with forecast return to average seasonal conditions forecast in FY25









CAGR calculated on full year performance

Cost base elevated following the change in Elders Wool cost methodology from inclusion in gross margin to operational costs



Five-Year Shareholder Returns

FY24 materially impacted by seasonal and market conditions in the first quarter

Underlying Earnings per Share (cents)



Dividends per Share (cents)²



Adjusted for underlying tax expense recognised from 1 October 2021

1.

2. Franked Percentages, FY20 (100%), FY21 (20%), FY22-23 (30%), FY24 (60%, average)

3. Elders dividend policy considers the maintainability of dividends and hence looks through seasonal events such as Q1





Dividend Payout Ratio (%)³



CAGR calculated on full year performance

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FY24 Financial Summary

Resilient financial result despite below average seasonal and market conditions in the first quarter

Key metrics (\$m)	FY24	FY23		Var	Var %
Sales revenue	3,131.3	3,321.4	ŧ	(190.1)	(6%)
Gross margin	637.6	619.0	•	18.6	3%
Gross margin %	20.4%	18.6%	+	1.8%	n/a
Costs	509.6	448.2	+	61.4	14%
Underlying EBIT	128.0	170.8	ŧ	(42.8)	(25%)
Underlying net profit after tax	64.0	103.7	ŧ	(39.7)	(38%)
Return on capital (%) ¹	11.3%	16.0%	ŧ	(4.7%)	n/a
Net debt (excl. AASB 16) ⁴	436.8	259.7	+	177.1	68%
Leverage ratio (times) ^{2,4}	3.1	1.4	+	1.7	121%
Operating cash flow	82.9	169.2	ŧ	(86.3)	51%
Cash conversion (%)	129.5%	163.1%	ŧ	(33.6%)	n/a
Underlying earnings per share (cents)	40.7	66.3	ŧ	(25.6)	(39%)
Dividend per share (cents) ³	36.0	46.0	ŧ	(10.0)	(22%)

1. Return on capital = Rolling 12 months Underlying EBIT / (working capital + investments + property, plant and equipment + right of use assets + intangibles (excluding Elders brand name) – DTL on acquisitions – lease liabilities – provisions)

2. Target leverage of 1.5 - 2.0 times excludes AASB 16

3. Franked at 60% average for the full year up from 30% in the prior year

4. Balance date

Gross Margin Diversification

Increasing product diversification through targeted organic and acquisitive growth



- 1. Agency split: Sheep 34%; Cattle 48%; Wool and Grain 18%
- 2. Pie charts represent percentage of total FY24 gross margin

Cost Growth Excluding New Business

Cost excluding growth and transformation increased 1.8%, well below CPI



Commentary

Base Target:

CPI increase was partially funded through cost saving initiatives

FY24:

- FY24 cost increase is shared between acquisitive SG&A and recurring transformational growth expenditure
- Cost growth below Australian CPI increase
- 263 additional FTE relating entirely to FY24 acquisitions
- 15 fewer FTE YoY, excluding growth from acquisitions

Acquisitions and Transformational Projects:

- FY23: 9 Acquisitions, the largest being Emms Mooney and Rockingham
- FY24: 13 Acquisitions, the largest being Charles Stewart and Knight Frank Tas
- Transformational projects including toll formulation facilities in WA and Systems Modernisation, inclusive of the additional depreciation and amortisation costs pertaining to these projects

Elders Wool

- FY24 cost increase reflects the change in operational cost methodology, away from its historical inclusion in gross margin as part of the AWH fees
- The in-house model has resulted in the comparative fees being recorded under costs with the benefit in gross margin.

1. FY23 acquisitions with less than 12 months ownership

Industry Backdrop – Rural Products

Sales negatively impacted against prior period by a full year of lower crop protection prices



Elders Retail Cropping Inputs 5 Year Trend²



Volume (Tonnes'000) - GM (\$'m)







- 1. Reproduced courtesy of Refinitive
- 2. Excludes the benefits of our backward integration
- 3. https://tradingeconomics.com/commodity/urea

Continued Volume Growth Across Key Products

Continued sales volume growth unable to offset lower crop protection prices against prior period









Animal Health

- Lower volume growth impacted by weaker livestock prices and soft client sentiment
- Rebounding NYCI¹ saw improved client sentiment in H2



Crop Protection

- Volumes impacted by cautious client sentiment following the El Niño announcement in H1
- Gross margin impacted by declining input prices



Seed

 Volume growth unable to fully offset margin pressure from lower prices and product mix



Fertiliser

 Volumes up 10%, unable to offset lower global input prices compared to the prior period

Industry Backdrop – Livestock

Sustained uplift in livestock markets with improvement seen in volumes traded and prices



2019

- FY24 index experienced a positive revision (+82%) since September 2023, before reverting to the 10year mean
- The price revision was driven by:
 - o Improved seasonal outlook for pasture growth, especially in Eastern Australia
 - Stable cattle volumes
- Animal Health sales uplift was experienced following the improvement in cattle prices

- Significant Trade Lamb price revision saw a 85% improvement since September 2023, surpassing the 10-year mean
- Price recovery from 10-year low driven by:
 - o Anticipated tightening of volumes following high stock turn-off in FY23
 - Improvement in farmer sentiment and rainfall in key regions
 - Strong global demand forecast to support livestock markets in FY25
- Acquisition of Charles Stewart supported volume improvement

- 10-Yr Mean -- 1 Std Dev -- 2 Std Dev

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2014

El Niño "Watch" issued

2024

- NYCI National Young Cattle Indicator Source: Reproduced courtesy of Meat and Livestock Australia Limited - <u>www.mla.com.au</u>
- 2. http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/enso/outlook/archive/20231219.archive.shtml

Return on Capital

Materially impacted by first quarter and the cumulative impact of transformation projects ahead of benefits realisation



1. The historical 4-year mean Q1 EBIT is \$32m (based on management accounts and unaudited)

Working Capital

Significant progress on inventory reduction, offset by higher debtors at balance date



Working Capital (\$m)

Average Working Capital by Product (\$m)



Disciplined Capital Management

- FY24 average working capital benefitted from disciplined capital management
- Balance date working capital supported by a reduction in inventory offset by unfavourable timing of trade receivables due to a late winter crop start in WA and SA

Capital management remains a focus into FY25, with benefits expected from:

- less volatile pricing on key actives within inventory
- improved collections on receivables ordinarily expected in FY24
- enhanced procurement planning and demand initiatives









Trade and Other Payables (\$m)



1. Balance Date

Cash Flow

Cash conversion evident of focus on inventory management, debtors elevated by later season in WA and SA



Key metrics (\$m)	FY24	FY23	Var
Underlying EBITDA adjusted for non cash items	200.0	239.1	(16%)
Movements in assets and liabilities	(117.1)	(69.9)	(68%)
Cash from operating activities	82.9	169.2	(51%)
Investing cash flows	(150.9)	(132.1)	(14%)
Financing cash flows	86.7	(33.5)	(359%)
Net cash flow	18.7	3.6	(419%)



AASB 16 Adjusted Cash Conversion (%)



Working Capital to Sales (%)³



1. Other movements includes provisions and balances acquired via acquisitions

- 2. Cash conversion is calculated on a YTD basis, operating cash flow / U'NPAT
- 3. Working capital to sales is calculated on a rolling 12-month basis

4. Excludes the impact of AASB 16 cash lease expenses of \$55.8m

5. Operating cash flow includes the Rural Bank termination payment



Net Debt and Financial Ratios

Banking covenants maintain headroom with improvement forecast from a normalised first quarter

 Net Debt, Balance Date (\$m)

 +227.2
 690.5

 463.3
 477.0

 Borrowings
 281.2

 Lease
 203.6

 Liabilities
 21.5

 Cash /
 FY23

Net Debt, Average (\$m)







1. Calculated pursuant to definitions in group syndicated facilities which are subject to change over time. The current covenant calculations exclude all accounting adjustments required by AASB 16 Leases and the leverage covenant excludes the debtor securitisation balance from net debt

2. Undrawn facilities at 30 September were \$90.9 million out of total available facilities of \$655 million

Target Leverage

Pathway to target in FY25 Q1 (1.5 - 2.0 times), to be driven by normalised first quarter and net debt reduction



Leverage Commentary³

- Leverage 2.5 times, normalised for Q1¹
- Pathway back to target in FY25 H1 enabled by
 - Normalised Q1
 - Lower acquisition (bolt-on) spend
 - Lower transformational CAPEX spend
 - Collection of 2024 winter crop debtors (\$127.2m deferred terms due in FY25 Q1)

Net Debt Commentary

- Net debt elevated despite significant improvement in net paid stock²
- Growth contributor to Net Debt increase includes:
 - 13 acquisitions completed in FY24, annualised EBIT of \$14.2m
 - Transformational CAPEX (Systems Modernisation \$17.9m, Elders Wool \$8.3m, Killara \$11.9m)
- Working capital contribution to Net Debt includes:
 - Debtors, due to a late 2024 winter crop (SA, WA) start, increased demand for seasonal finance and an increase in arrears
 - Partially offset by improvements in net paid stock which is considered sustainable into FY25

- 1. The historical 4-year mean Q1 EBIT is \$32m (based on management accounts and unaudited)
- 2. Net paid stock = Inventory Payables

Strategy and Outlook

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FY24-26 EIGHT POINT PLAN

OUR AMBITION	Compelling shareholder returns 5-10% EBIT and EPS growth through the cycles at minimum 15% ROC	Industry leading sustainability outcomes across health and safety, community, environment and governance	Most trusted Agribusiness brand in rural and regional Australia	
OUR BUSINESS UNITS	RURAL AGENCY PRODUCTS SERVICES	REAL ESTATE SERVICES FINANCIAL SERVICES	TECHNICAL FEED AND PROCESSING	
OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES	 RUN Optimise the existing business by: Deepening customer relationships to drive loyalty and growth Investing in our people to ensure we have the right people in the right places who are set up for success Maintaining unflinching financial discipline and commitment to cost and capital efficiency 	 TRANSFORM Future-proof our business by: Streamlining our supply chain to fully optimise all parts of our integrated value chain Modernising our systems with leading technology solutions to enhance customer experience, drive efficiencies and support growth 	 geographic footprint and channels 7 Enhancing margins through value chain expansion and integration 	
OUR VALUES	CUSTOMER FOCUSED	TEAM WORK	INTEGRITY ACCOUNTABILITY	



Our Strategic Priorities: Transform

Wave 2 go-live to occur November 2024



Modernising our platforms to deliver more efficient business processes

		FY23	FY24	Total Budget		
Wave 2	CAPEX	2.3	17.4	24 – 27		
(Retail)	OPEX - non underlying	-	5.3	16 – 18		
	Total	2.3	22.7	40 - 45		
		FY23	FY24	Total Budget		
Wave 3	CAPEX	-	0.5	7 – 9		
(Livestock)	OPEX - non underlying	-	-	3 – 4		
	Total	-	0.5	10 – 13		
	•	•				
TIMELINE	2022	2023	2024	2025		
	Wave 1					
Wave 3 spend predominately expected in FY25			Wave 2			
				Wave 3		
ROC Benefits > 15% from FY25 ²						

1. Does not include underlying OPEX which predominantly relates to ongoing license fees which are not wave specific

2. First full year of benefits in FY26

Our Strategic Priorities: Innovate & Grow

Strategically growing our footprint



Strategic Geographic Locations



GROWTH ENABLERS

Focus areas for future growth in line with the eight-point plan foundations

- Large acquisitions Organic growth
- Organic growin
- Bolt-on acquisitions
- Systems Modernisation Benefits
- Supply chain optimisation
- Backward integration

Elders Market Growth Opportunity

Financial Services expansion

1. Current Addressable Market is an internally calculated amount based on product

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- 2. Internal measure Elders estimates it has a 5.5% market share of the "Total Australian farm costs market" of \$59b
- 3. Source: ABARES, Agricultural Commodities Farm Costs and Returns Australia, September 2024
- 4. Australian Points of Presence

Market Outlook



Questions

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Appendix



Key Performance Indicator Trends

Providing earnings resilience against market volatility through the Elders diversified business model



















Farmland Residential

1. Cattle and sheep prices are internal averages, not externally verifiable, and reflect the volume weighted average price for the FY

2. Principal positions are held by Elders Insurance Underwriting Agency (Elders 20% equity investment)

Geographical Diversification

Resilient result supported by geographic diversification



Product Performance

Retail gross margin improvement experienced in fourth quarter following historically low input prices





Retail Products

- Animal health sales negatively impacted from low livestock prices in H1
- Continued volume growth, offset by softening input prices compared to the prior period
- Low crop protection GM% in Q3 with significant improvement in Q4



Real Estate Services

- Increasing rent roll earnings, offering stable, annuity earnings
- Partial benefits of the Knight Frank Tasmania acquisition from May 2024



Agency Services

- Recovery in livestock prices after Q1
- Higher volumes traded bolstered by recent acquisitions

Cost Drivers

Investment in future growth driving cost uplift





- Costs growth up 13.8% on FY23, driven by recent acquisitions, partially offset by cost initiatives
- Cost conscious behavioural changes and focus on efficiency driving reduction in discretionary spend initiatives
- Ongoing commitment to cost initiatives to partially offset the inflationary increase in the FY25 cost base
- Cost base elevated following the change in Elders Wool cost methodology and acquisitions, most notably Charles Stewart and Knight Frank

FY24 vs FY23

People:

- FTE decreased by 15, excluding acquisitions and new business
- Wage growth in line with CPI

Motor Vehicles:

- Vehicles reduced by 55, excluding acquisitions and Elders Wool
- Increased lease costs impacted by higher interest rates
- Partially offset by lower maintenance costs and fewer vehicles

Acquisitions:

- 13 acquisitions in FY24
- 250 additional FTE
- 50 additional motor vehicles

Transformational Projects:

- Systems Modernisation +\$2.6m, including +3 FTE
- Elders Wool +\$12.0m, including +25 FTE

Operating and Other Expenses:

Continued focus on discretionary spend

- 1. Depreciation on property, plant and equipment only. Depreciation on ROU is included within Property and Lease Costs
- 2. Includes Consulting, Advertising, Insurance, Legal Costs etc.
- 3. CAGR calculated on the FY results

Transformation Impact on ROC

Cumulative impact of transformation projects ahead of benefits realisation



Business Model

	Rural P Retail	Products Wholesale	Agency Services	Real Estate Services	Financial Services	Feed and Processing Services	Digital and Technical Services
	Rural Products	Rural Products	Livestock	Broadacre	Loan Brokerage	Killara Feedlot	Fee for Service (246 agronomists)
	Fertiliser	Pet Supplies	Wool	Residential	Livestock and Wool Finance		AuctionsPlus (50%)
Product and service offerings	Agcrest (33%)		Grain	Property Management	LIT Delivery Warranty		Elders Weather
				Franchise	Elders Insurance (20%)		Clear Grain Exchange (30%)
					Prepayment Program		
	\$2.2b retail sales	\$0.4b wholesale sales	11.3m head sheep	\$2.2b broadacre sales	41 Contractor brokers 13 Employed brokers	56k Killara Feedlot cattle head exited	AuctionsPlus 112k head cattle 614k head sheep
	260 stores	348 member stores	1.7m head cattle	\$2.3b residential sales	\$72.3m Livestock finance \$81.3m Third party livestock placements		7.3m Elders Weather unique visitors
	512 APVMA registrations		333k wool bales	19.1k properties under management	\$1.4b insurance gross written premiums ²		0.4m CGX tonnes influenced
	1.2m tonnes fertiliser				52.3% LIT penetration rate		
					\$82.0m Prepayment Program		
Gross margin	\$284.5m	\$75.7m	\$123.1m	\$82.6m	\$54.5m	\$17.2m	Included in products
Working capital	\$502.2m	\$110.6m	\$63.2m	(\$18.4m)	(\$0.3m)	\$51.9m	Other – (\$32.9m)

Statistics and financial information based on FY24 full year

1. Relates to Elders Insurance gross written premiums

Gross Margin Sensitivity

Geographic and product diversification mitigates the impact of individual market volatility



ABARES September Market Outlook

Gross value of production to rise 4% to \$86.2 billion, driven by higher livestock production and value, and winter crop production on improved seasonal conditions



- Improving prices for 2024-25 reflecting growing global demand and constrained supply and increased domestic saleyards competition
- Production to rise 10.4% due to increased livestock turn-off rate with higher global demand and prices more than offsetting improving seasonal conditions and pasture availability



Sheep¹







- Lamb prices to rise 24% in 2024-25 benefiting from stronger saleyards demand and greater processing capacity
- Sheep prices to jump 38% owing to rising global demand and falling supply due to improved seasonal conditions
- Sheep meat export volumes to increase on persistent global demand from the United States and Middle East







Sheep shorn for wool production (kt)



- Wool production to decrease in 2024-25 to 311,000 tonnes, driven by a contraction in the sheep flock
- Domestic wool price to fall 2% to \$1,131 c/kg in 2024-25, reflecting subdued global spend on discretionary items, and stable domestic wool production





Crop production (kt)



- Winter crop production to increase 17% to 55m tonnes, above the 10-year average, as favourable rainfall supports higher area planted
- Favourable conditions in all states except South Australia and parts of Victoria
- Domestic crop prices to decline driven by higher global grain and oilseed production



- Favourable summer crop outlook as Queensland and New South Wales experienced above average soil moisture in late winter and timely spring rainfall
- Total summer crop production remains well above the long-term average

- 1. Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, ABARES Agricultural Forecasts and Outlook: September edition
- 2. Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, ABARES Australian Crop Report: September edition

Elders Capital Management Framework

The Elders Eight Point Plan aspires to deliver Total Shareholder Return (TSR) in the top quartile of ASX200 companies at investment grade risk



Key Features of our capital management framework

Compelling Total Shareholder Return (TSR)

- Our Eight Point Plan (EPP) commits to deliver compelling returns to our shareholders with EBIT and EPS growth of 5-10% through the cycles at 15% ROC
- Reward our shareholders with consistent dividends in the range of 40-60%

Financial discipline

 We strive to maintain unflinching financial discipline by managing working capital effectively with a target cash conversion of 90% and striving to deliver a falling cost : earnings ratio each year

Investment aligned with our EPP strategy

- Deliver Systems Modernisation program to improve customer experience, people engagement and drive process and administration efficiency to better accommodate change
- Commitment to sustainability targets
- Excess cash is invested in value creation to support EPS growth, only when Elders strict investment hurdles are met

Balance sheet strength and flexibility

- Achieve investment grade risk, delivering low cost of funding, while providing flexibility for value creation opportunities
- Capital Management options are considered when opportunities to deploy free cash flow, pursuant to Elders strict investment hurdles, are limited

