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#### **Elders Investor Day Presentation**

Attached is an Elders Limited (**ASX:ELD**) presentation to be given today, 21 November 2024, to investors hosted by Elders Limited. The presentation will be given by members of Elders' management team.

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## Elders Investor Day Presentation for FY24

21 November 2024

## 185 years of Elders

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## **Elders Wool – Melbourne Centre Overview**

A world-first wool handling business and the largest single investment in the Australian wool supply chain this century.





## Agenda

09:30 - 10:00	Morning Tea	
10:00 - 10:10	Executive Overview	Mark Allison
10:10 - 10:30	Financial Results	Paul Rossiter
10:30 – 10:50	Strategy	Anna Bennett
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14:10 - 14:30	Rural Products	Nick Fazekas
14:30 - 15:00	Open Session and Q&A	Mark Allison
15:00 – 15:30	Close	

## **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**



1. "Most Trusted Agribusiness Products and Services Brand', and the 'Best of the Best Most Trusted Agribusiness Brand' in the 2024 Roy Morgan Trusted Agribusiness Brand Awards



## Safety, Health and Wellbeing

Sustaining a safer working environment



### **Sustainability Performance**

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

#### **CLIMATE TARGETS<sup>1</sup>**

Targets set to reduce our Scope 1 and 2 greenhouse gas emissions:



#### **Targets**

100% renewable electricity in all Australian sites by 2025<sup>2</sup>

**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)

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Net zero Scope 1 and 2 emissions by 2050<sup>1</sup> (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 (Chief Financial Officer)



#### **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

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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	1	18.6	3%
Gross margin %	20.4%	18.6%	+	1.8%	n/a
Costs	509.6	448.2	1	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 (%) <sup>1</sup>	11.3%	16.0%	ŧ	(4.7%)	n/a
Net debt (excl. AASB 16) <sup>4</sup>	436.8	259.7	1	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) <sup>3</sup>	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

<sup>2.</sup> Includes the rolling twelve-month costs from acquisitions and transformational projects with less than 12 months of earnings and thus is not directly comparable to Elders Limited Full Year Results Presentation FY24 Slide 36 which is a year-on-year comparison

### **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 Trend<sup>2</sup>



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







1. Reproduced courtesy of Refinitive

2. Excludes the benefits of our backward integration

3. https://tradingeconomics.com/commodity/urea

### **Industry Backdrop – Livestock**

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



<sup>- 10-</sup>Yr Mean -- 1 Std Dev -- 2 Std Dev

1. NYCI – National Young Cattle Indicator

Source: Reproduced courtesy of Meat and Livestock Australia Limited - www.mla.com.au

2. http://www.bom.gov.au/climate/enso/outlook/archive/20231219.archive.shtml

- FY24 index experienced a positive revision (+82%) since September 2023, before reverting to the 10-year mean
- The price revision was driven by:
  - o Improved seasonal outlook for pasture growth, especially in Eastern Australia
  - o 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
  - o Improvement in farmer sentiment and rainfall in key regions
  - o Strong global demand forecast to support livestock markets in FY25
- Acquisition of Charles Stewart supported volume improvement

El Niño "Watch" issued El Niño "Event" issued

### **Return on Capital**

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



## **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, and
- enhanced procurement planning and demand initiatives.





Inventory<sup>2</sup> (\$m)



#### Trade and Other Payables (\$m)



1. Balance Date



### **Net Debt and Financial Ratios**

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



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 Commentary<sup>3</sup>

- Leverage 2.5 times, normalised for Q1<sup>1</sup>
- 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 stock<sup>2</sup>
- 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

The historical 4-year mean Q1 EBIT is \$32m (based on management accounts and unaudited) 3.

# Strategy

Presented by Anna Bennett (Executive General Manager Strategy, Sustainability and Innovation)







## FY24-26 EIGHT POINT PLAN

OUR AMBITION	<b>Compelling shareholder retu</b> 5-10% EBIT and EPS growth through minimum 15% ROC		<b>stry leading sustainab</b> i s health and safety, communit nance		Most trusted Agribusir in rural and regional Australia	
OUR BUSINESS UNITS	RURAL	AGENCY SERVICES	REAL ESTATE SERVICES	<b>FINANCIAL</b> SERVICES	TECHNICAL SERVICES	FEED AND PROCESSING
OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES	<ul> <li>RUN</li> <li>Optimise the existing busine</li> <li>1 Deepening customer relation loyalty and growth</li> <li>2 Investing in our people to ensoright people in the right places of for success</li> <li>3 Maintaining unflinching financi commitment to cost and capital</li> </ul>	ess by:Futaships to drive4sure we have the who are set up5al discipline and1	RANSFORM ture-proof our business Streamlining our supply of all parts of our integrated va Modernising our systems technology solutions to enh experience, drive efficiencie	<b>chain</b> to fully optimise alue chain with leading ance customer	<ul> <li>geographic footprint and</li> <li>Enhancing margins to expansion and integral</li> </ul>	our portfolio by: o of products, services, nd channels through value chain tion sustainable solutions for
OUR VALUES	CUSTOMER FOCUSED		TEAM WORK		INTEGRITY	ACCOUNTABILITY 25

## FY24 progress

We made significant progress in the first year of the 4th Eight Point Plan



#### RUN



Maintained #1 position as most trusted agribusiness brand



Strong ongoing investment in leadership skills and early careers



Delivery of group-wide cost-efficiency program targeting underlying cost



#### TRANSFORM



**Opening of** Rockingham and Ravenhall wool handling facilities



**On-going improvements** to S&OP systems and Rural Products supply chain efficiencies

SysMod implementation going to plan (focus on Wave 2)





**Bolt-on acquisitions** including Knight Frank Tasmania and Charles Stewart



**On-going focus** on backward integration with TitanAG and AIRR



Launched Elders Finance



Established key research partnerships

#### STRATEGY

2024 TRUSTED AGRIBUSINESS BRAND

ROY

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BEST OF THE BEST

### **Brand Trust**

Retained our position and the "Most Trusted Agribusiness Brand"

"They place the right people in the right branches, they tailor themselves to their clients needs."

Roy Morgan survey respondent

"All of the staff in the branch know me, provide me, provide on-farm service, keep regular communications, and actually care."

Roy Morgan survey respondent

"Have dealt with them for over 40 years and had nothing but good service."

Roy Morgan survey respondent

"We have valued the service Elders have provided to us for many years, often helping in a friendly capacity - they would be a hard act to follow"

Elders NPS survey respondent

"We have always had an excellent relationship with our Elders representatives, very supportive, work to get all your requirements asap and in selling your livestock"

**Elders NPS survey respondent** 

"Young energetic people who want to make a difference"

Elders NPS survey respondent

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## **Sustainability and Innovation**

Continued focus on our own sustainability, while supporting farmers and building innovation partnerships across industry

**Progressing sustainability** initiatives within our own business

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**Implementation of ASRS** in readiness for mandatory reporting

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**Defining approach** and commencing measurement of Scope 3 emissions



**Building approach** to nature-related risks and future disclosures

Supporting farmers on their sustainability journey through carbon farming services



**First ACCU<sup>1</sup> projects declared** for clients through Clean Energy Regulator in FY24 and strong pipeline in FY25



**Dedicated and growing team** of carbon farming specialists



**Strong client demand** and growing pipeline of future projects

Partnering with leading research agencies, creating knowledge and technologies for Elders and clients

#### SMART**SAT** Hort Innovation





## FY25 priorities and focus areas

We will continue to execute on the plan with an emphasis on optimising, future-proofing and expanding our portfolio





Leverage new wool facilities to grow market share





Maintain programmatic approach to bolt-on acquisitions in strategic gaps



**Complete anticipated** Delta acquisition and integration



Drive ongoing organic growth across business



**Continue backwards integration** penetration via TitanAG and AIRR



**Expand sustainability solutions** for Australian farmers

# **Elders Rural Services**

Presented by Tom Russo (Executive General Manager Network)



## **Business Model**

	Rural F Retail	Products Wholesale	Agency Services	Real Estate Services	Financial Services	Feed and Processing Services	Digital and Technical Services
Product and service offerings	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%)
	Agcrest (33%)		Grain	Property Management	LIT Delivery Warranty		Elders Weather
				Franchise	Elders Insurance (20%)		Clear Grain Exchange (30%)
					Prepayment Program		
Key metrics	\$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 A registr		333k wool bales	19.1k properties under management	\$1.4b insurance gross written premiums <sup>2</sup>		0.4m CGX tonnes influenced
	1.2m tonne	es 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

\$m

### **Network Snapshot**

An expanding network and multiple brand strategy

#### **Australian Points of Presence**



#### **OUR BRAND STRATEGY**

Primary: leveraging and reinforcing our position as the most trusted agribusiness brand in Australia



Secondary: utilising other brands to grow market share<sup>1</sup>



### **Network Structure**

Highly tailored businesses operating in diverse market segments

	Elders Griffith (NSW)	Elders Naracoorte (SA)	Sunfam (QLD)	Elders SDEA (WA)
Location	South-central NSW	South-eastern SA	Bundaberg, QLD	Bunbury, WA
Location Traits	High value irrigated horticulture, viticulture, dryland cropping and livestock production	Typical mixed farming region (livestock grazing and broadacre cropping)	Region experiencing shift from traditional cane farming, to intensive horticulture and perennial tree crops	HQ office located in second largest population centre in WA, controlling several satellite locations servicing the southern coastal region
Our offer	Rural products, specialist agronomic services, livestock agency, wool broking, water broking, real estate and financial services	Livestock agency, technical services, wool broking, rural products, real estate, financial services and property management	Designs, manufactures and installs irrigation equipment Also provides rural products backed by strong agronomic capability	Residential and farmland real estate agency, property management and home loan broking
Acquisition	×	×	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$



#### **Priorities and focus areas**



## Cost and capital optimisation

Ensure cost control and capital efficiency, and streamline our supply chain



## Sustained diversified growth

Increasing points of presence and underlying organic growth across a diversified portfolio



#### Margin improvement

Capture additional margin through pricing strategy and backward integration, and deliver synergies across our acquisitions



Presented by Pete Lourey (Executive General Manager Wholesale)




#### AIRR (Australian Independent Rural Retailers) snapshot

Our national wholesale platform with scale supporting Elders' diversification



## **Evolution of Australian Independent Rural Retailers**

Australia's number one Rural and Peri-urban national warehouse business



## **AIRR network snapshot**

A nationwide network and multiple brands



#### **OUR BRAND STRATEGY**

**Primary:** leveraging and growing our member base across AIRR & Tuckers



Secondary: opportunistically acquiring independent stores to grow retail market share



## **AIRR's Competitive Advantage**

Maintaining our Unique Value Proposition in the market





## Five pillars of AIRR

and the second	retail Elders	MHOLESALE MEMBER BASE	Apparent <sup>-</sup>	PROCUREMENT	SERVICES
2	ag, horse & pet	WHOLESALE BASE	CROPPROTECTION	SUSTAINABLE + RETAINABLE EARN	FINANCIAL SERVICES AGENCY INDIRECT PROCUREMENT
	Image: Second	INDEPENDENT.	PASTORAL AG		

#### AIRR

## **AIRR Growth Areas**



#### eCommerce







## **Market Potential**

AIRR total sales 2024 by postcode







## Closing



#### Past, Present Future

- Warehouse Uplift
- Efficiency focus with warehouse mobility, robotics and AI
- Metrics as post covid labour returns to normal
- Supply chain normalising



#### Competitive Advantage

- Warehouse
- No MOQ's
- Conference and Warehouse Days
- Strategic Relationships
- Private Label
- Services
- Consistent business



#### Market Potential

- Market Share ranging from low single digit to 60%
- Currently have private label penetration in 8 segments
- New product launches in AH
- Entry into Companion Animal
- Member footprint increasing

# Business Development and Acquisition of Delta Agribusiness

Presented by Kiim Lim (Executive General Manager Business Development)



## **Business development overview**

Our systemised process supports acquisition & greenfield opportunities



>85 transactions completed since FY16

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## **Acquisition principles**

We focus on opportunities with strong returns & business fit

#### Disciplined in pursuing corporate acquisition growth under the following principles:

- Aligns with Elders' strategy, values and sustainability ambitions, particularly safety and environmental outcomes
- Enhances business diversification, with a particular focus on stable and reliable profits
- Contributes to sustainable competitive advantage
- Pre-synergies EPS accretive
- Pathway to group ROC ≥15% and leverage <2.0x through the cycles

#### Success in acquisitions also driven through:

- Strong culture and brand fit
- Shared risk and reward through earn out of purchase price
- Carefully planned and managed integration to preserve customer and employee relationships

## FY24 growth pipeline achievements

13 acquisitions completed with annualised EBIT contribution of ~\$14.2million



#### HIGHLIGHTS



Livestock agency and real estate operations across south west Victoria Completed 1 November 2023

#### **Knight Frank Tasmania**

A diversified real estate business operating across Tasmania Completed 1 May 2024

## FY25 growth pipeline

A strong pipeline continues into FY25

#### Key strategic gap areas

Victoria EBIT Scale Rural Products 4m+ 3m 2m Real Estate (<1m) Agency Indicative view of size of opportunity

Completed 3 bolt-on acquisitions to date

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**



Finance broker and advisory business focussed on agribusiness Completed 1 November 2024

#### **Ray White Tamworth**

Livestock and real estate agency operations in Tamworth, NSW Completed 1 November 2024

# Acquisition of Delta Agribusiness





## Delta is a rural products and advisory services business

Established in 2006, Delta is an Australian agribusiness providing rural products and advisory services through a network of 68 locations and approximately 40 independent wholesale customers



#### **Acquisition rationale**



Fully aligned to Elders' core strategy and corporate acquisition principles

Continues Elders' successful track record of growing the business through disciplined acquisitions

Complementary geographic footprint, filling retail gaps in New South Wales, North West Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia

Enhances Elders' technical expertise and offering in ag tech and precision agriculture

Expected to deliver pro forma FY24 mid single digit EPS accretion pre synergies and mid teens EPS accretion post synergies<sup>1</sup>

Potential to generate annual net EBITDA synergies (before one off costs) of approximately \$12 million over three years post completion<sup>2</sup>

Retains expertise through Elders' proven light touch integration strategy while maintaining robust Board based governance oversight

Notes: 1. EPS accretion includes adjusted earnings from Delta assuming a full 12-month contribution and is before amortisation of identifiable intangibles that will be recognised as a result of the Acquisition. In accordance with AASB 133, Elders' pre-Acquisition historical EPS has been restated based on applying an adjustment factor to take into account the bonus element of the Equity Raising. The bonus adjustment is calculated to reflect the discount to TERP and is based on Elders' last traded price of \$8.65 as at Friday, 15 November 2024. Restating Elders' standalone EPS excluding the impact of the bonus adjustment would result in pro forma FY24 EPS accretion of mid single digit pre synergies and mid teens post synergies. Post synergies EPS accretion assumes \$12 million of annual net EBITDA synergies (before one-off implementation costs). 2. Refer to page 61 for additional information regarding anticipated synergies.

#### **Consistent with Elders' corporate acquisition principles**

The rationale and impact of the Acquisition adheres to Elders' corporate acquisition principles



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#### **Complementary geographic footprint**

Delta's geographic footprint is highly complementary to Elders' and fills key network gaps in New South Wales, North West Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia



Source: Delta company information. Notes: 1. Sales based on Elders' management reported retail states. Victoria includes the Riverina region, Queensland is grouped with upper Northern Territory and South Australia includes lower Northern Territory, Broken Hill and Sunraysia region. 2. Based on Delta sales by state as at 30 June 2024 given June year end. 3. Elders' retail points of presence and Delta points of presence as at 30 September 2024. Excludes AIRR warehouses and AIRR and Delta wholesale customer locations. Includes Elders' 75.5% owned B&W Rural locations.

#### **Enhances Elders' technical expertise and offering**

## Extends Elders' existing crop protection and animal health offering through complementary private label portfolio

- Through the combination, Elders will acquire Four Seasons Agribusiness, a manufacturer and distributer of a diverse range of crop protection and animal health products
- Complements Elders' existing private label business TitanAg through the addition of 106 product registrations and new thirdparty supply agreements



## Addition of specialist and technical expertise to support innovation through Thomas Elder Sustainable Agriculture

- Drives innovation in the ongoing evolution of farming through Elders' existing Thomas Elder Sustainable Agriculture consulting platform:
  - Precision Ag: Rapidly growing model in the Australian market, supported by specialists, agronomists and growers aimed at improving sustainability, resource efficiency and profits
  - Goanna Ag: Strategic minority investment in an ag tech company that provides irrigation management, data analytics and technology to the cotton industry domestically and in the United States





### Potential to generate meaningful synergies

The combination of Elders and Delta is expected to generate annual net EBITDA synergies of approximately \$12 million predominantly achieved through proven backward integration

#### **Estimated synergies** Opportunity to capture incremental margin from backward integration of crop protection and animal health products Product Realisation of synergies is expected to require additional working capital investment Optimisation and efficiencies through shared knowledge and Operational best practice across operating business units Expected to generate annual net EBITDA synergies of Quantum approximately \$12 million (before one-off implementation costs) to be gradually realised over the next three years post and timing completion

#### Backward integration share of addressable market<sup>1</sup>



#### Light touch integration approach

Elders has a strong track record of successful business combinations and will safeguard the culture and strengths of Delta while maintaining robust Board based governance oversight

Track record	<ul> <li>Elders has a long and successful track record of integrating acquisitions, having completed more than 85 acquisitions over the last 9 years</li> <li>Elders will apply the same light touch integration principles that have served it well in previous acquisitions, including the acquisition of AIRR in 2019</li> </ul>
Approach	<ul> <li>Light touch approach will safeguard the culture and strengths of Delta while maintaining robust Board based governance oversight</li> <li>Elders will leverage the experience and expertise of Delta, with no anticipated changes to management, brands and operations         <ul> <li>Scrip Consideration will be subject to escrow arrangements until 15 months after completion of the Transaction<sup>1</sup></li> <li>Key Delta management will be subject to a non-compete for up to five years from completion of the Acquisition</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Priorities	<ul> <li>Key integration priorities will include:</li> <li>Realising potential synergies</li> <li>Best practice operations and knowledge transfer</li> <li>Optimise branch networks, systems and processes</li> </ul>

# **Systems Modernisation**

Presented by Viv Da Ros (Chief Information Officer)



#### AS400

Core system used in Elders today...

**1959 IBM released RPG code** (used on AS400)

> **1990** AS400 deployed

in Elders

2012 SAP deployed in Elders 14.5m

Lines of code in AS400

**7** Additional ERPs Deployed across the business (light touch acquisitions)



## WHAT?

Replacing the AS400 & SAP - Wave Methodology



#### WHY?

1						On Track
Keep our business growing	<b>Wave 2</b> (Ongoing)		FY23 \$m	FY24 \$m	Total Wave 2 Implementation \$m	Total Budget \$m
2	<b>Wave</b> Ongoin	CAPEX	2.3	17.4	19.7	24 - 27
To better serve	Fo better serve our clients	OPEX (non underlying)	-	5.3	5.3	16 - 18
		Total	2.3	22.7	25.0	40 - 45
•						<b>On Track</b>
3 To work smarter and			FY23 \$m	FY24 \$m	Total Wave 3 Implementation \$m	Total Budget \$m
easier	Join (	CAPEX	-	0.5	0.5	7 - 9
4 To be ready for	Wave 3 (Ongoing)	OPEX (non underlying)	-	-	-	3 - 4
further change		Total	-	-	0.5	10 - 13

SysMod project is subject to Elders 15% ROC hurdle with benefits commencing from FY25



#### WHEN?



# **Agency Services**

Presented by Dave Adamson (General Manager Agency Services)



#### Livestock performance and market context

Livestock price recovery a tailwind, supporting out performance against the prior period



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#### **Livestock Outlook**

Volumes may be impacted by drier conditions in SA and VIC. Increased sheep slaughter rates anticipated to continue, bolstered by favourable export market



#### US beef net trade balance (exports - imports)



#### Aggregated industry average NYCI price forecast





#### National sheep flock (millions of sheep)







#### Aggregated industry average trade lamb price forecast



1. Source: Meat and Livestock Australia, September 2024

#### Wool performance, market context and outlook

Improvement in margin in FY24 driven by move to Elders handling facility. Prices expected to remain steady, reflecting subdued global spend on discretionary items

#### Elders' wool volumes and earn per bale









FY22

FY21

FY20

Shorn wool production (Mkg greasy)<sup>1</sup>





Value of top 5 Australian wool Export markets<sup>3</sup>

FY23(e) FY24(e) FY25(f)



## Agency progress and priorities

Focus on expanding footprint, enhancing digital capability and improving efficiency



# Financial Services

Presented by Nick Clark (General Manager Financial Services)



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#### **Elders Finance Services**



#### **Business overview**

Elders Finance provided and distributes a range of finance, insurance and warranty products via the Network and Wholesale Products channel

Partnerships			- Elders Finance		
<i>Elders</i> Insurance	Personal	Business	Livestock and wool	Livestock in transit delivery warranty	Rural Products Prepayment program
Partnership with QBE for distribution of insurance products via Elders Insurance	Home loan and personal finance	Agriculture, commercial and equipment finance	Own balance sheet lending across livestock and wool products	Providing protection against loss from death of animals in transit	Prepayment of rural products purchases
<ul> <li>JV with QBE</li> <li>Network Access agreement to 2050</li> <li>Earnings model locked in till 2031</li> <li>~200 franchisees</li> <li>Farm, business, home and contents, motor insurance</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Brokerage model historically</li> <li>Now includes employee in-house writers based centrally and in key Real Estate locations</li> <li>Operates under a brands including Elders, RLS and EziFi</li> <li>All finance across consumer lending</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Brokered through contractor and employed brokers</li> <li>All finance across commercial lending</li> <li>Operates under Elders and RLS Agribusiness brands</li> <li>Geographical expansion through broker recruitment and business acquisition</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Distributed by Australian Network</li> <li>Fast and nimble</li> <li>365-day terms</li> <li>Supports Livestock commission earnings</li> <li>Financing provided by Elders and a selection of third-party livestock finance providers</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Once off sign-up process</li> <li>Quick and easy claim process</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Industry standard program</li> <li>Development of Rural Products sales pipeline</li> </ul>

## **Financial Services in Focus**

Significant opportunity for future growth across the financial services portfolio

#### Financial Services Gross Margin (\$m)



#### **Growth Opportunities**

#### Loan brokerage business launched post Rural Bank exit

- Increase in quality and quantity of contractor brokers
- Establishment of employed centralised in-house employed brokers servicing all loan types
- Establishment of regionally located employed Agri Finance brokerage model
- Acquisition of RLS Agribusiness 1 Nov 2024

#### **Existing portfolio**

- Rural Bank run off earnings recognised across year (ceases early FY25)
- Significant growth in livestock lending on own balance sheet to support and grow agency commission earnings
- Continued growth in Insurance business
- Slight recovery in Livestock In transit delivery warranty to historical levels, with improved penetration and claim rates
- Significant training at branch level to promote ownership of product and capitalise on investment in brokerage business and Elders Finance brand

#### New product development

· Finalise and launch white label deposit product
## **Growth Plan**

Incremental and sustainable growth across our full suite, through organic and inorganic pathways



## Real Estate

Presented by Belinda Connor (General Manager Real Estate and Brand)



Elders

## **Elders Real Estate**

An overview of the Elders Real Estate business



## **Elders Real Estate**

Gross margin distributed between Rural, Residential and Property Management

## **Market context**

- Residential real estate is valued at \$11 trillion in Australia, Australia's largest asset class<sup>1</sup>
- Rural real estate market turnover is estimated to be approximately \$13b per annum<sup>2</sup>
- Regional Residential Real Estate market share: 3.8% by turnover volume and 3.2% by turnover value<sup>3</sup>
- Rural Real Estate market share: Varies from 25% -30% in Vic / Riv and SA to <10% In NSW and Queensland by turn over value<sup>4</sup>

## **\$83m**

#### Gross margin contribution in FY24

- New acquisitions contributed
  additional revenue
- New agents recruited
- Organic growth rates achieved
- Expected growth in FY25

#### FY24 split of Real Estate gross margin<sup>5</sup> (%)



- 2. Source: Courtesy of CoreLogic
- 3. Source: CoreLogic Regional Australia all States, Metro NT and TAS
- 4. Source: Based on Elders analysis on CoreLogic national farmland market share data
- 5. Excludes other direct costs, including un-recovered marketing/advertising fees and agent commissions which cannot be directly attributed to other segments

<sup>1.</sup> Source: Courtesy of CoreLogic

## FY24 highlights

A record year for Elders Real Estate



10 real estate acquisitions complete	ed
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**245** new staff added to the network across sales, Property Management and administration



Knight Frank Acquisition in Tasmania first metropolitan company owned office



Residential Real Estate rebrand and Canva partnership



**Several notable farmland transactions** including the \$110m auction of the Ray Scott Pastoral QLD Portfolio and the \$55 million sale of Yeeda and Kimberley Meat Company (KMC)



## **Residential Real Estate market context**

Fundamentals for sales and properties under management remain strong



SALE

Industry consolidation will

continue, as smaller operatives

struggle to maintain profitability

and keep pace with technology

and innovation



Low rental housing supply is keeping rental prices high and vacancy rates low

A downsizing movement will positively influence listing volumes nationally in the short to medium term, as a generation of baby boomers retire New listings coming to market trending above the 5-year average, with low supply beginning to ease in some markets



## **Rural Real Estate market context**

Strong buy side factors drive unprecedented demand



Historically low turnover by volume and value across all states



Weak confidence in early 2024 (calendar year) but strengthening in the second half



Southern States experiencing a softening of prices on the back of exceptionally strong growth for the last 5 years



Days on market increasing as buyers more cautious and finance harder to get



Well-developed properties in sought after areas remain in demand and generally meet vendor expectations

## **Rural Real Estate positioning**

A brand and offer that sets us apart in Rural Real Estate



## **Real Estate growth approach**

Focus on driving organic growth, expanding market presence through acquisitions, and recruiting top agents



- Support sales team with experienced and successful sales coaches, mentoring and training
- Digitising administration and client management to keep agents in the field
- Resourcing the marketing team to build the Elders Residential and Rural Real Estate brands



- Continue to acquire business to fill gaps in our market presence across the country
- Queensland will be a focus for both rural and residential real estate given our lower share
- Acquisitions will be assessed with strong financial discipline and cultural fit with the Elders team



- Recruit high-quality agents by offering market-leading marketing and administration support
- Recruit high performing franchise operators to grow brand and market share in geographic gaps
- Strengthen cross-selling opportunities across the Elders network to attract new recruits

## **Rural Products**

Presented by Nick Fazekas (Executive General Manager Rural Products)





## **Crop Inputs (Crop Protection, Nutrition) summary**

#### Crop Inputs FY24 Gross Margin (% Retail Products Gross Margin)



#### FY24 in review

Volume growth in crop nutrition approx. 9% in difficult year. Resilient performance amidst softening commodity prices. Also had volume growth in crop protection portfolio of 6.5%

#### Market context

Subdued client sentiment during the first quarter and low rainfall in large areas of WA and South Australia winter crop regions

## Outlook

#### Favourable outlook for summer crop

No major supply constraints forecasted, focus on global trade. Starting to see price increases out of China

## **Priorities**

Continual focus on driving margin growth opportunities and operational excellence

- Increase sales, volume, penetration and lines of own brand products (e.g. TitanAG, Optifert)
- Improve working capital by implementing new S&OP processes, combining with freight and storage consolidation
- Ongoing focus on product innovation and sustainability



## **Crop Protection backward integration**

Delivering profitable growth through execution of our backward integration strategy

#### FY24 in review

- Achieved 60% addressable market
- 8 new TitanAG product registrations and formulation specialists employed
  - Successful integration of Eureka!

#### **Priorities**

Key priorities include driving growth through the Network and home brand penetration, enhancing margins through operational efficiencies and backward integration, and maintaining financial discipline

- Expand on TitanAG utilisation and wallet growth, targeting 65% of the addressable market
- Continue to grow the Eureka! business and further embed TitanAG use of Eureka for niche formulation
- Additional backward integration margin from commissioning WA toll manufacturing facility (March FY25)



## Seed summary

Seed FY24 Gross Margin (% Retail Products Gross Margin)



#### FY24 in review

**Continued backward integration** though own brand EPG Seeds has supported margin in addressable seed markets

#### Market context

Dry start to 2024 impacted canola plantings in Western Australia, in turn impacting canola seed sales

### Outlook

Strong Summer crop planting outlook for 24/25 sorghum and cotton

#### **Priorities**

## Focus on margins, expanding development pipeline, and talent

- Margin uplift for canola and pasture seed blends
- Extended pipeline of potato genetics
- Filling resource gaps in key seed roles

## **Animal Health & General Merchandise summary**

Animal Health FY24 Gross Margin (% Retail Products Gross Margin)



#### Outlook

Normalised Season Predicted La Niña will see increase demand for parasite products

#### FY24 in review

Mild dry summer in some states which reduced parasite pressure and sales. Supply Chain normalised in capital equipment. Increased demand in feed products especially in WA and SA

#### Market context

Reduction in livestock prices and extreme dry in the first half saw producers spend money on feed rather than animal health products

#### **Priorities**

- Margin improvement via technical training and customer segmentation
- Continued focus on backward integration of Pastoral Ag
- Further upside of white label expansion into Delta Agribusiness



## **Margin management and efficiency**



Implemented S&OP for top 70 crop protection actives



Reduction in overall inventory especially aged in Crop Protection (\$40m reduction)



Improved home brand Share of Wallet with backward integration strategy and better supply / demand planning



Implemented storage and distribution 3PL's for all mainland States



## **Priorities and focus areas**

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**Expand own brand product segment** Leveraging backward integration and synergies with Delta



#### Margin management

Enhanced centralised pricing strategy, leveraging new Dynamics platform



#### **Efficiency improvements**

Establishing national supply chain function to deliver supply chain efficiencies and risk management

# Open session and Q&A

Presented by Mark Allison (Managing Director and CEO)



