NATIONAL PROVIDENT

DBP Contributors Scheme

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the National Provident Fund, set out below is a report on the performance and activities of your Scheme for the year ended 31 March 2026. Further information on the National Provident Fund's activities, and commentary on investment markets, is set out in the Chair's letter.

Your Scheme

CROWN GUARANTEE

The DBP Contributors Scheme is a defined benefit scheme. The benefits payable by your Scheme are guaranteed by the Crown.

INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE

The asset class return for the year (after investment manager fees, but before tax and other expenses) and the comparative performance of the benchmark index is shown in the table below.

Asset Class	Return*	Index
Cash	3.59%	3.06%

The investment return (after tax and expenses) earned by the Scheme for the year ended 31 March 2026 was 1.05% (2025: 3.05%). In dollar terms, this represents investment gain of $216,000 (2025 investment gain: $582,000).

See the comparison over the page for the key statistics of your Scheme over the last 10 years. For an overview of the financial performance of the Scheme, refer to the tables on the following pages.

Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2026

SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The summary financial statements included in this Annual Report have been extracted from the full financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2026.

The summary financial statements cannot be expected to provide as complete an understanding as the full financial statements.

Members are welcome to view the full financial statements on our website – www.npf.co.nz/members/schemes – or contact the Scheme administrator, Datacom (see details on back page), for a free copy of the Scheme's full financial statements.

EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION RATE

Each year the Board's Actuary carries out a review of the Scheme to determine an employer contribution rate sufficient to meet the accrued and future liabilities of the Scheme.

The employer contribution rate applicable to 31 March 2027 is four times contributors' contributions. The rate is being reviewed as at 31 March 2026 and any change will be implemented from 1 April 2027.

FUNDING POSITION

The Actuary has advised the funding level of the Scheme, as at 31 March, was:

	2026 Sovereign Basis ($000	2025 Sovereign Basis ($000	2026 Funding Basis ($000	2025 Funding Basis ($000
Net assets	5,046	11,013	5,046	11,013
Past service liabilities	(5,260)	(11,466)	(5,289)	(11,517)
Funding level*	95.9%	96.1%	95.4%	95.6%

* The funding level is the net assets of the Scheme divided by the past service liabilities The funding level has been calculated on two bases: an expected return basis (Funding Basis) and on a Sovereign bond curve basis (Sovereign Basis). The Funding Basis used an expected discount rate, being the expected investment return on the assets of the Scheme. The rate ranged from 1.9% to 2.9% over the years 2027 to 2034, net of tax and investment related expenses (2025: 2.9% to 2.2% pa over the years 2026 to 2034). The Sovereign Basis, uses Sovereign bond yields (net of tax and investment expenses) which have decreased between 31 March 2026 and 31 March 2027, increasing the value of the liabilities.

WHO INVESTS YOUR MONEY

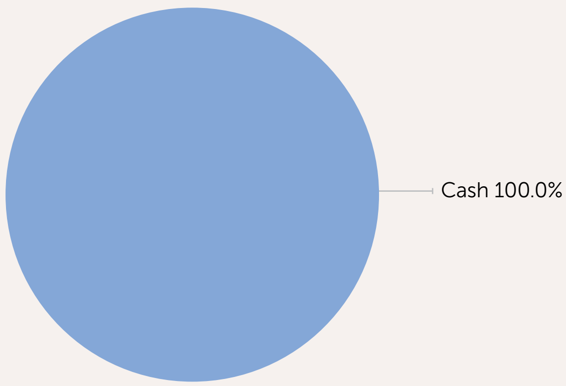
Cash Manager
Amova Asset Management New Zealand Limited
(formerly Nikko Asset Management New Zealand Limited)

HOW YOUR MONEY IS INVESTED

The Scheme's asset allocation strategy is set by the Board and reviewed regularly. There was no change to Scheme's asset allocation strategy during the year. The pie chart shows the Scheme's asset allocation strategy as at 31 March 2025 and 31 March 2026.

The Board's Statement of Investment Policies, Standards and Procedures (SIPSP) is reviewed regularly by the Board. During the year the SIPSP was updated and there were no significant changes to the SIPSP relating to the Scheme. See our website, www.npf.co.nz, for more information about your Scheme, including the Board's SIPSP and the Scheme Trust Deed.

Asset Allocation Strategy as at 31 March 2025 & 31 March 2026



SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

This is a summary of the Scheme's income and expenses, membership contributions and payments during the year.

	2026 ($000)	2025 ($000)
Investment income	216	582
Less operating expenses	(165)	(192)
Net income before tax and membership activities	51	390
Income tax credit	33	18
Net income after tax and before membership activities	84	408
Contributions	323	412
Less benefit and transfer payments	(6,374)	(5,936)
Net membership activities	(6,051)	(5,524)
(Decrease) in net assets for the year	(5,967)	(5,116)
Net assets available to pay benefits at beginning of year	11,013	16,129
Net assets available to pay benefits at end of year	5,046	11,013

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AS AT 31 MARCH 2026

This is a summary of the Scheme's assets and liabilities, as at 31 March 2026.

Assets include the Scheme's investments in Cash Unit Fund, plus what the Scheme had in the bank and was owed by others.

Liabilities are what the Scheme owed to others.

Net assets is the money available to pay future entitlements..

	2026 ($000)	2025 ($000)
Investment assets		
Cash Unit Fund	4,883	9,449
Total investment assets	4,883	9,449
Other assets	760	1,566
Total assets	5,643	11,015
Less liabilities	(597)	(2)
Net assets available to pay benefits	5,046	11,013

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2026

This is a summary of the cash flows through the Scheme during the year.

Cash was received from:

- operating activities (being contributions less pension and transfer payments and operating expenses); and
- investing activities.

The difference between the two cash flows is recorded as an increase or decrease in cash held.

	2026 ($000)	2025 ($000)
Opening cash brought forward	1,459	2,843
Net cash flows from operating activities	(5,513)	(5,606)
Net cash flows from investing activities	4,736	4,222
Net (decrease) in cash held	(777)	(1,384)
Closing cash carried forward	682	1,459

NOTES TO THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The summary financial statements:

- have been extracted from the full financial statements which were:
  - prepared in accordance with, and comply with, the New Zealand Equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards;
  - authorised for issue by the Board on 26 June 2026; and
  - audited and received an unmodified opinion;
- cannot be expected to provide as complete an understanding as provided by the full financial statements;
- are reported in New Zealand dollars, rounded to the nearest thousand;
- are for a profit-oriented entity; and
- comply with Financial Reporting Standard 43: Summary Financial Statements.

SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

There were no material events subsequent to balance date requiring amendments to these financial statements.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

For the year ended 31 March 2026

The Board of Trustees of the National Provident Fund, as trustee of the Scheme, provides members with the following information in respect of the Scheme.

Changes in the Scheme membership numbers during the year were as follows:

	Contributors
Opening membership as at 1 April 2025	17
Withdrawals	-
Deaths and disablements	-
Transfers to DBP Annuitants Scheme	(3)
Transfers	(6)
Extinguished liabilities*	-
Closing membership as at 31 March 2026	8

* Following a Trust Deed amendment on 1 July 2005, once reasonable efforts have been made to locate a member who has been missing for at least five years, the Board may extinguish the liabilities to that member. Where a person re-establishes contact with the Board within 15 years of the liabilities to that person being extinguished, the person is reinstated as a member of the Scheme.

On the basis of evidence available, the Board believes all contributions required to be made to the Scheme, in accordance with the terms of the Scheme Trust Deed, have been made.

The Board certifies that, to the best of its knowledge, all benefits required to be paid from the Scheme were paid in accordance with the terms of the Scheme Trust Deed.

The Board based on the advice of the Actuary, certifies that as at 31 March 2026, the net market value of the Scheme's assets was less than the total value of the vested benefits of the Scheme under the Funding Basis.

The Board confirms that, to the best of its knowledge, not more than 10% of the net market value of the Scheme assets were invested with the employers (or associated entities), either directly or indirectly, who are parties to the Scheme.

FEES

Scheme administration fees are apportioned on fee per member and fee per transaction bases and are charged to the Scheme as a whole. As at 1 April 2025 and 2026 the scheme administration fees were increased for inflation.

The Board certifies it is satisfied the increase in the administration fees for the Scheme is not unreasonable. The Board is satisfied the total management fees charged to the Scheme are not unreasonable.

TRUST DEED AMENDMENTS

The Scheme Trust Deed has not been amended during the financial year.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the members of DBP Contributors Scheme

The Auditor-General is the auditor of DBP Contributors Scheme (the Scheme). The Auditor-General has appointed me, Pam Thompson, using the staff and resources of Deloitte Limited, to carry out the audit of the summary financial statements of the Scheme on his behalf.

OPINION

The summary financial statements of the Scheme that comprise the summary statement of net assets as at 31 March 2026, the summary statement of changes in net assets, and the summary statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date, and related notes, are derived from the full financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2026 that we have audited.

In our opinion, the summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the full financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2026, in accordance with FRS-43: Summary Financial Statements issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board.

SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand. Reading the summary financial statements and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the full financial statements and the auditor's report thereon.

The summary financial statements do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our auditor's report on the full financial statements.

THE FULL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND OUR AUDIT REPORT THEREON

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the full financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2026 in our auditor's report dated 26 June 2026. That report also includes the communication of key audit matters.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Board of Trustees is responsible on behalf of the Scheme for the preparation of the summary financial statements in accordance with FRS-43: Summary Financial Statements.

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the full audited financial statements of the Scheme, based on our procedures, which were carried out in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, which incorporate the Professional and Ethical Standards and the International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.

We did not evaluate the security and controls over the electronic publication of the summary financial statements.

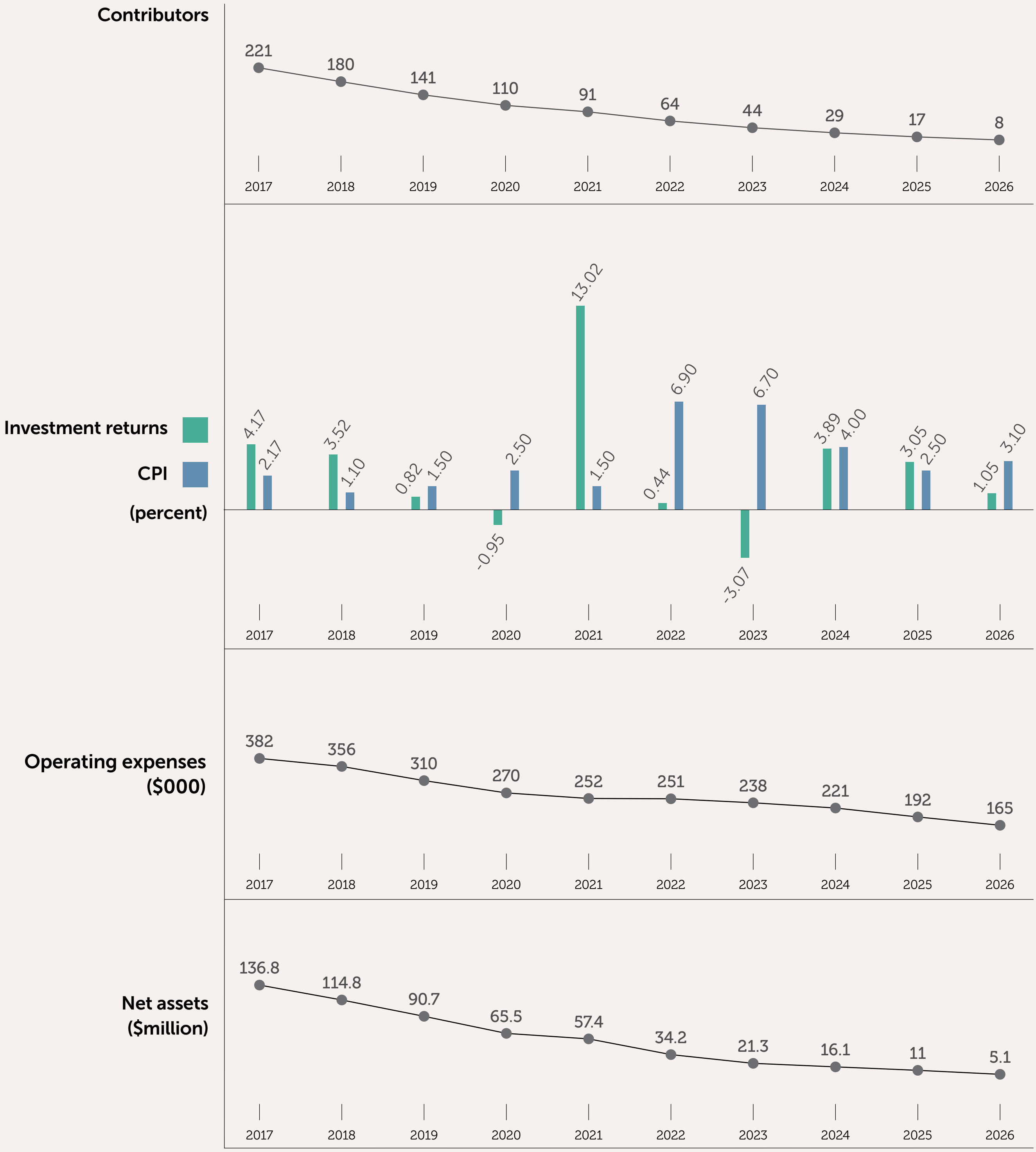
Other than the audit and an assurance engagement for the register of members, we have no relationship with, or interests in, the Scheme.

Pam Thompson

Pam Thompson
for Deloitte Limited
On behalf of the Auditor-General
Wellington, New Zealand

16 July 2026

10 YEAR COMPARISON



DBP Contributors Scheme (the Scheme)
Statement of Changes in Net Assets
for the year ended 31 March 2026

	Note	**2026 ($000)**	2025 ($000)
Investment income			
Income from unit funds	5	**170**	453
Interest received		**46**	129
Total investment income		**216**	582
Operating expenses			
Actuarial fees		**60**	67
Audit fees	7	**22**	23
Board member expenses	6	**42**	40
Interest paid		**-**	1
Legal fees		**3**	1
Management expenses	6	**38**	60
		165	192
Net income before tax and membership activities		**51**	390
Income tax credit	8	**33**	18
Net income after tax and before membership activities		**84**	408
Scheme receipts	1		
Contributor contributions		**89**	111
Employer contributions		**234**	301
Total scheme receipts		**323**	412
Scheme payments			
Transfers to DBP Annuitants Scheme	4	**2,627**	3,813
Transfers to other schemes		**3,747**	1,898
Withdrawals		**-**	225
Total scheme payments		**6,374**	5,936
Net membership activities		**(6,051)**	(5,524)
(Decrease) in net assets for the year	11	**(5,967)**	(5,116)
Net assets available to pay benefits at beginning of year		**11,013**	16,129
Net assets available to pay benefits at end of year		**5,046**	11,013

The notes to the financial statements on pages 4 to 13 form an integral part of these financial statements.

DBP Contributors Scheme (the Scheme)
Statement of Net Assets
as at 31 March 2026

	Note	**2026 ($000)**	2025 ($000)
Investment assets at fair value through profit or loss	3		
Units held in:			
Cash unit fund		**4,883**	9,449
		4,883	9,449
Financial assets at amortised cost			
Cash		**682**	1,459
Contributions receivable - employers		**3**	6
Other receivables	10	**42**	14
Receivable from the Global Asset Trust	9	**33**	87
		760	1,566
Total assets		**5,643**	11,015
Current liabilities at amortised cost			
Accounts payable		**597**	2
Total liabilities		**597**	2
Net assets available to pay benefits		**5,046**	11,013

Authorised for issue on 26 June 2026

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the National Provident Fund.

Anne Blackburn
Board Chair

Michelle Tsui
Chair
Audit and Risk Review Committee

The notes to the financial statements on pages 4 to 13 form an integral part of these financial statements.

DBP Contributors Scheme (the Scheme)
Statement of Cash Flows
for the year ended 31 March 2026

	Note	**2026 ($000)**	2025 ($000)
Cash flows from operating activities[1]			
Cash was provided from:			
Contributor contributions		**89**	118
Employer contributions		**237**	320
Income Tax credit received from the GAT		**54**	-
Interest received		**46**	129
		426	567
Cash was applied to:			
Interest Paid		**-**	1
Operating expenses		**161**	237
Transfers paid to DBP Annuitants Scheme		**2,627**	3,813
Transfers paid to other schemes		**3,151**	1,897
Withdrawals		**-**	225
		5,939	6,173
Net cash flows used in operating activities	11	**(5,513)**	(5,606)
Cash flows from investing activities[2]			
Cash was provided from sale of units in:			
Cash unit fund		**4,932**	4,226
		4,932	4,226
Cash was applied to purchase units in:			
Cash unit fund		**196**	4
		196	4
Net cash flows from investing activities		**4,736**	4,222
Net (decrease) in cash held		**(777)**	(1,384)
Add opening cash brought forward		**1,459**	2,843
Closing cash carried forward[3]		**682**	1,459

1 Operating Activities: Includes any activities that are the result of normal business activities not classified as investing activities.
2 Investing Activities: Comprises acquisition and disposal of units in the GAT.
3 Cash: Comprises cash balances held with banks in New Zealand.

The notes to the financial statements on pages 4 to 13 form an integral part of these financial statements.

1 DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHEME AND FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS

The Scheme is a defined benefit scheme, governed by a Trust Deed. The Scheme is deemed to be registered on the register of managed investment schemes under the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013 (FMCA).

The Scheme is funded on the principle of aggregate funding. Under this principle, the value of the employer's future contributions is the balancing item between the actuarial value of the contributors' current and future benefits, and the value of contributors' future contributions and the market value of the Scheme's net assets.

The Scheme Trust Deed sets out the rates of contributors' contributions. In general, for former contributors to:

- The Local Authorities Standard section of the Scheme, the Fire Service section of the Scheme and the Nursing Services section of the Scheme, contribution rates range from 6% to 11% of the contributor's salary (as defined in the trust deed), depending on the contributor's age of joining the Scheme, and
- The Defined Benefit Plan, the contribution rate is 6.5% of the contributor's salary (as defined in the trust deed).

The employer contribution rate applicable from 1 April 2026 is four times contributors' contributions. The rate will be reviewed again using the 31 March 2026 financial statements and any change would be implemented from 1 April 2027.

2 RELATED PARTIES

Under the terms of the National Provident Fund Restructuring Act 1990 (the Act), the Board of Trustees of the National Provident Fund (the Board) is Trustee of the Scheme. Members of the Board are appointed by the Minister of Finance.

The Board and the Government Superannuation Fund Authority (the Authority) have formed a joint venture company, Annuitas Management Limited (Annuitas). Each organisation has entered into a management services agreement with Annuitas.

Until 31 December 2025, Louise Edwards and Sarah Park were the Board's appointed directors of Annuitas. From 1 January 2026 all Board-appointed Directors are Directors of Annuitas. The costs of running Annuitas are shared between the Board and the Authority in accordance with a methodology agreed between the two parties.

The Board is also the Trustee of the Global Asset Trust (the GAT), which holds the assets of all the National Provident Fund Schemes. The GAT is divided into separate unit funds, representing various asset classes, which have issued units to the Board, as Trustee of the Scheme, according to the Strategic Asset Allocation (refer note 3).

There were no transactions between the Board or management, as individuals, and the Scheme.

3 Strategic Asset Allocation (SAA) - Investment

The Scheme is authorised to invest only in the GAT or in bank deposits. The GAT is divided into separate unit funds representing various asset classes.

Investment assets have been designated at fair value through profit or loss upon initial recognition. These are managed and their performance evaluated, on a fair value basis. This is consistent with the Scheme's documented investment strategy. The assets are investments in units in the GAT which, in turn, invests in cash.

The fair value of the units held by the Scheme in the GAT is based on the valuation of the financial instruments held by the GAT. The fair value of these financial instruments is based on exit prices at balance date without any deduction for future selling costs. If the exit price for an instrument is not available on a recognised exchange the fair value is estimated taking into account comparable markets and specialist advice.

The benchmark asset allocations as at 31 March 2026 and 31 March 2025 are the same with 100% investment in the cash unit fund.

4 Transfer of Assets to DBP Annuitants Scheme

When a contributor, or other beneficiary of the Scheme, elects to be paid a pension, or other retirement benefit, the contributor or other beneficiary becomes a member of the DBP Annuitants Scheme. At the same time, assets with a market value equal to the liability of the DBP Annuitants Scheme to pay the benefit attributable to that person's membership, are transferred from the Scheme to the DBP Annuitants Scheme.

5 Income/Loss from Unit Funds

Income from unit funds is derived from the changes in value of units held by the GAT and reflects both realised and unrealised gains and losses. The income stated is net of expenses (including investment management and custodial fees) directly related to investment activities. The income/loss per unit fund is as follows:

	2026 ($000)	2025 ($000)
Cash Unit fund	**170**	453
Income from unit funds	**170**	453

6 MANAGEMENT AND BOARD MEMBER EXPENSES

Management expenses comprise administration fees charged by Datacom Connect Limited, and a share of the expenses of the Board. The Board member expenses are split evenly between the schemes.

7 FEES PAID TO AUDITOR

	2026 ($000)	2025 ($000)
Audit and review of financial statements		
Audit and review of financial statements	**21**	21
Other services		
Other assurance services – members register	**1**	2
Total other services	**1**	2
Total fees paid to auditor	**22**	23

8 INCOME TAX

Income specific to the Scheme is subject to tax at 28%, after allowing for deductible expenses. The income tax reconciliation is as follows:

	2026 ($000)	2025 ($000)
Scheme specific income	**46**	129
Deductible expenses	**(165)**	(192)
Expense election to the GAT under section DV 2	**119**	63
Taxable income	**-**	-
Net income before tax and membership activities	**51**	390
Tax at 28%	**14**	109
Adjusted for tax effect of:		
Less (Non-taxable gain)	**(47)**	(127)
Income tax credit	**(33)**	(18)
Represented by:		
Income tax credit on current year (loss)	**(33)**	(18)
Income tax credit	**(33)**	(18)
Movement in deferred taxation		
Opening balance	**-**	69
Current year movement	**33**	18
Transfer of deductible expenses	**(33)**	(87)
Deferred tax asset	**-**	-

The prior year deferred tax asset was a result of tax losses available to carry forward.

The 2025 and 2026 tax credit results from the benefit of the Schemes electing to transfer surplus deductible expenses to the GAT under section DV 2 of the Income Tax Act 2007. The GAT is subject to tax at the rate of 28%.

9 RECEIVABLE FROM THE GAT

The 2026 receivable represents the outstanding tax credits (refer note 8) utilised by the GAT, resulting from the transfer of the Scheme's surplus deductible expenses to the GAT under the Tax Act. The Scheme will realise the receivable by investing in unit funds of the GAT or by settling the units in cash.

10 OTHER RECEIVABLES

Other receivables consist of:

	2026 ($000)	2025 ($000)
Management fee refund	**42**	14
Total other receivables	**42**	14

11 RECONCILIATION OF (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS FOR THE YEAR TO NET CASH FLOWS USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2026 ($000)	2025 ($000)
(Decrease) in net assets for the year	**(5,967)**	(5,116)
Movement in working capital		
Change in accounts payable	**595**	(54)
Change in other receivables	**(28)**	4
Change in contributions receivable	**3**	27
	570	(23)
Add/(less) non-cash items		
Movement in receivable from the GAT	**54**	(83)
Movement in deferred tax	**-**	69
	54	(14)
Items classified as investing activities		
(Income) from unit funds	**(170)**	(453)
	(170)	(453)
Net cash flows used in operating activities	**(5,513)**	(5,606)

12 GUARANTEED BENEFITS

Under section 60 of the Act, the benefits payable by the Scheme are guaranteed by the Crown.

13 ACTUARIAL EXAMINATION, REVIEW AND VESTED BENEFITS RATIO – 31 MARCH 2026

13.1 Actuarial Examination and Review

Every three years, a statutory actuarial examination of the Scheme is prepared in accordance with the National Provident Fund Restructuring Act 1990 and the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013 (refer note 14). The most recent statutory actuarial examination was carried out as at 31 March 2024 and the results of that examination are summarised in note 14. This examination showed the funding level of the Scheme was 99.0% at 31 March 2024. The funding level is the ratio of the net assets to the value of past service liabilities.

13 ACTUARIAL EXAMINATION, REVIEW AND VESTED BENEFITS RATIO – 31 MARCH 2026 (CONTINUED)

13.1 Actuarial Examination and Review (Continued)

There is a review each year, which takes into account updated membership information and updated assumptions. The review at 31 March 2026 showed the funding level, using the expected investment returns, reduced to 95.4% (95.6% at 31 March 2025). The funding level is also calculated as if the assets were invested in Government bonds. On that basis the funding levels were 95.9% at 31 March 2026 and 96.1% at 31 March 2025.

The most financially significant assumptions are:

- the difference between the future investment returns and the rates of CPI inflation assumed when calculating future factors for transfers from this Scheme to the DBP Annuitants Scheme. The assumptions are unchanged since 31 March 2025, with the difference reducing in the short term and increasing in the long term.
- the pensioner mortality assumptions assumed when calculating future factors for transfers from this Scheme to the DBP Annuitants Scheme. These are based on the results of a recent pensioners' mortality investigation and they include an allowance for improving mortality. These assumptions have been changed to the rates shown in the New Zealand Life Tables 2022-2024 (total population), with allowance for mortality improvement from 1 January 2023.
- the future investment return assumed. For 31 March 2026 future investment returns assumed are 1.9% for the first year, increasing to 2.9% for the year ending 31 March 2029 and then reducing to 2.5% for the year ending 31 March 2034.

13.2 Vested Benefits Ratio – 31 March 2026

The vested benefits are the benefits contributors would have been entitled to if they left the Scheme on the valuation date.

The value of vested benefits is determined by the Actuary as the sum of the greater of, for each contributor:

- the value of the benefit to which the contributor would have been entitled, had the contributor resigned from his or her contributing employer (resignation basis), as at 31 March 2026 assuming:
  - pension entitlement for those entitled to a pension; the value of pension entitlement is taken as the amount which would have been transferred to the DBP Annuitants Scheme. Contributors are assumed to commute 15% of the pension for a cash lump sum.
  - lump sum entitlement based on a refund of contributions with interest, and
- the transfer value the contributor would have received if the contributor had transferred out of the Scheme (transfer basis) on 31 March 2026.

The vested benefits ratio of the Scheme is the ratio of the net assets available to pay benefits to the value of vested benefits. The vested benefits ratio calculated, as at 31 March, is shown below:

Vested benefit – funding basis	**2026**	**2025**
	($000)	($000)
Present value of -		
Vested benefits	**(5,684)**	(11,949)
Net assets	**5,046**	11,013
Deficit	**(638)**	(936)
Vested benefits ratio	**88.8%**	92.2%

This table should be read in conjunction with note 12.The most financially significant assumptions are the same as shown above.

14 STATUTORY ACTUARIAL EXAMINATION – 31 MARCH 2024

Under the National Provident Fund Restructuring Act 1990 and the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013 a statutory actuarial examination of the Scheme is required every three years.

The most recent statutory actuarial examination was prepared, as at 31 March 2024, by Christine Ormrod BA FNZSA FIA, the Actuary to the Scheme, and is dated 15 August 2024. It covers the three years 31 March 2021 to 31 March 2024.

The following table shows the summary results of the valuation on the funding basis:

Valuation date	**2024**	**2021**
	($000)	($000)
Present value of -		
Past service liabilities	**(16,295)**	(56,107)
Net assets	**16,129**	57,369
Past service (deficit)/surplus	**(166)**	1,262
Future service liabilities	**(1,502)**	(2,634)
Contributors' future contributions	**221**	1,049
Net future service liability	**(1,281)**	(1,585)
Total service (deficit)	**(1,447)**	(323)
Funding level (net assets/past service liabilities)	**99.0%**	102.2%

The above figures are rounded and so may not appear to add exactly.
This table should be read in conjunction with note 12.

The total service deficit is the amount the Scheme is expected to require to meet its liabilities in addition to contributors' future contributions. It is calculated on the basis future experience is as assumed and the assumptions do not change in the future. Employer Superannuation Contribution Tax would need to be paid in addition.

In the report on the examination the Actuary recommended:

- the employer contribution rate remains at four times contributors' contributions. While this is not expected to be sufficient to provide both the future benefit payments and future administration expenses of the Scheme, the expected ultimate deficit remains within the range of last year's projections.
- the Board gives notice to the Minister that the level of contributions being made to the Scheme is unlikely to be sufficient to provide for the liabilities of the Scheme and update the Minister on the projected deficit position.
- there is a statutory actuarial examination at 31 March 2027.
- the Board does not grant any discretionary benefit increases.
- annual reviews to monitor the financial position of the scheme.

14 STATUTORY ACTUARIAL EXAMINATION – 31 MARCH 2024 (CONTINUED)

The Board accepted the recommendations of the Actuary and the employer contribution rate is maintained at four times contributor contributions.

The ratio of the net assets to the value of past service liabilities is known as the funding level. A funding level of 100% indicates a balance between the net assets and the past service liabilities of the Scheme, as at the date of valuation. The funding level of the Scheme on the funding basis, as at 31 March 2024, was 99.0%. This showed the Scheme had insufficient assets, as at that date, to meet its past service liabilities under the valuation assumptions.

The funding level is expected to reduce over time. The funding level in three years (31 March 2027) is estimated to be 86.6% assuming the experience of the Scheme is in line with the valuation assumptions and that employer contributions would be four times contributor contributions from 1 April 2024.

The value of net assets was 92.8% of the value of the vested benefits, as at 31 March 2024. The sum of the value of benefits on the transfer basis is designed to equal the net assets of the Scheme. As the value of vested benefits is calculated for each contributor as the greater of the transfer basis and the resignation basis, the total value of vested benefits is expected to continue to be greater than the net assets of the Scheme.

The most significant actuarial assumptions used by the Actuary were:

- the difference (1.8% per annum for the first 10 years and 1.3% per annum thereafter) between the investment return and the rate of CPI inflation assumed when calculating future factors for the transfers from this Scheme to the DBP Annuitants Scheme.
- the future investment returns assumed over the next ten years, which varied from 3.7% for the following years down to 1.8% by 2034.

The Actuary did not express an opinion on the financial condition of the Scheme.

15 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Scheme invests in units of the GAT based on the SAA determined for the Scheme (see note 3). The unit fund holds cash instruments. These instruments are all measured at fair value.

Under *NZ IFRS 13: Fair Value Measurement* (NZ IFRS 13), disclosures for fair value instruments are required using a three-level fair value hierarchy. These tiers reflect the availability of observable market inputs. The scheme's investment in units of the GAT is classified as a level 2 investment as the unit prices are based on a net asset valuation derived from either quoted prices for similar assets or unquoted but observable inputs.

The Scheme's major risk in relation to its investment in the GAT is the price risk that the value of its units may fluctuate. Other risks, such as market risk (currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk), credit risk and liquidity risk, are managed in the GAT.

For more information on the disclosures under NZ IFRS 13 and the risks mentioned above reference should be made to the financial statements of the GAT. A copy of the financial statements of the GAT can be viewed on the National Provident Fund's website (www.npf.co.nz).

The Board manages the other risks by determining a diversified SAA appropriate for the Scheme's liabilities. In addition, the Board selects the investment managers, sets their mandates and monitors performance against those mandates.

15 FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

The long run investment return for the Scheme is estimated to be 2.6% per annum. The volatility is expected to be 0.8%. This is based on the Scheme's SAA and the long-term rate of return for each asset class (after investment management, custody fees and tax), and after deducting a provision for the Scheme's operating expenses (after tax).

16 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

There were no material events subsequent to balance date requiring amendments to these financial statements.

17 SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements.

17.1 BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial statements have been prepared under the requirements of clause F32 of the Scheme Trust Deed and in accordance with the FMCA. For a description of the Scheme and its funding arrangements see note 1.

17.2 STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

These financial statements comply with the New Zealand Equivalents to IFRS (International Financial Reporting Standards) Accounting Standards (NZ IFRS) and IFRS Accounting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board, and other applicable financial reporting standards as appropriate for profit-oriented entities.

17.3 MEASUREMENT BASE

The measurement base adopted is that of historical cost, except for investment assets which are stated at their fair value as set out below.

17.4 PRESENTATIONAL AND FUNCTIONAL CURRENCY

The financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars, the Scheme's functional currency, rounded to the nearest thousand dollars ($000).

17.5 CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS, ESTIMATES AND ASSUMPTIONS

In compliance with NZ IFRS, preparation of the financial statements requires judgements, estimates and assumptions to be made that affect the application of policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses.

Judgement has been applied in the classification and measurement of financial assets. This policy has a material impact on the amounts disclosed in the financial statements.

17 SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

17.5 CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS, ESTIMATES AND ASSUMPTIONS (CONTINUED)

There are no material assumptions or major sources of estimation uncertainty that have a material risk of causing material adjustments to the carrying amounts of scheme assets at year end. Investment asset values are subject to variation due to market fluctuations. Receivables have been valued in accordance with NZ IFRS 9. Under this standard the scheme has adopted the simplified expected credit loss model.

The estimates and associated assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised, if the revision affects only that period; or in the period of the revision and future periods, if the revision affects both current and future periods.

The actuarial valuation of the scheme is determined using a number of assumptions. The key assumptions are outlined in Note 13 and 14.

17.6 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Financial instruments include both financial assets and financial liabilities.

Financial assets include balances due from contributors, and receivables from related parties (if applicable).

Financial liabilities, measured at amortised cost, include accounts payable and bank overdrafts (if applicable).

17.7 RECOGNITION

The Scheme recognises financial assets and financial liabilities on the date the Scheme becomes a contractual party to the financial instruments.

17.8 MEASUREMENT

Financial assets that are classified at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value where all resulting gains or losses are recorded in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recorded at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, less any impairment losses. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash flows through the expected life of the financial instrument to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or liability.

17.9 DERECOGNITION

The Scheme derecognises a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire, or the Scheme transfers the financial asset and the transfer qualifies for derecognition. A financial liability is derecognised when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

17.10 CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions are recognised in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets when they become receivable.

17.11 BENEFITS AND PENSIONS

Benefits are recognised in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets when a request for payment is made and all relevant criteria for payment has been met.

17 SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

17.12 INVESTMENT INCOME RECOGNITION

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest rate of the instrument. Changes in the fair value on GAT unit funds are recognised in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets. Interest income on financial assets classified at fair value though profit or loss, is accrued at balance date.

17.13 TAXATION

Any income or loss arising from the movement in the fair value of the unit funds of the GAT is received by the Scheme tax paid.

The Scheme takes a responsible and transparent approach to tax which follows the spirit of the law in addition to the pure interpretation of the law.

17.14 STANDARDS ISSUED BUT NOT EFFECTIVE

Certain new accounting standards and interpretations have been issued that are not mandatory for 31 March 2026 reporting periods and have not been adopted early by the Board.

In May 2024, the External Reporting Board (XRB) introduced NZ IFRS 18 Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements, effective for annual reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2027. This standard replaces NZ IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements and introduces new requirements for the presentation of management-defined performance measures and enhanced guidance on aggregation and disaggregation of information in the financial statements. The Scheme has not early adopted NZ IFRS 18 and is yet to assess its impacts.

18 CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND DISCLOSURES

There have been no changes in accounting policies or disclosures. New standards and interpretations that are mandatory for 31 March 2026 reporting periods have been adopted with no material impact on the financial statements.

19 OTHER INFORMATION

The Board, as Trustee of the Scheme, provides members with the following information:

19.1 SCHEME MEMBERSHIP

Changes in the Scheme membership numbers during the year were as follows:

	Contributors
Opening membership as at 1 April 2025*	**17**
Deaths and disablements	-
Extinguished liabilities+	-
Retirements	-
Transfer to DBP Annuitants Scheme	(3)
Transfers	(6)
Withdrawals	-
Closing membership as at 31 March 2026	**8**

* Following a trust deed amendment on 1 July 2005, once reasonable efforts have been made to locate a member, who has been missing for at least five years, the Board may extinguish the liabilities to that member.

+ Where a person re-establishes contact with the Board within 15 years of the liabilities to that person being extinguished, the person is reinstated as a member of the Scheme.

19.2 CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED AND BENEFITS PAID

On the basis of evidence available, the Board believes all contributions required to be made to the Scheme, in accordance with the terms of the Scheme Trust Deed, have been made.

The Board certifies that, to the best of its knowledge, all benefits required to be paid from the Scheme were paid in accordance with the terms of the Scheme Trust Deed.

19.3 VESTED BENEFITS

The Board, based on the advice of the Actuary, certifies that the net market value of the Scheme's net assets was less than the total value of the vested benefits of the Scheme, as at 31 March 2026 (refer note 13 to the financial statements).

19.4 INVESTMENT WITH PARTIES TO THE SCHEME

The Board confirms that, to the best of its knowledge, not more than 10% of the net market value of the Scheme assets were invested with the employers (or associated entities), either directly or indirectly, who are parties to the Scheme.

19.5 TRUST DEED

The Scheme Trust Deed has not been amended during this financial year.

19 OTHER INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

19.6 DIRECTORY

Trustee	**Board of Trustees of the National Provident Fund** Members of the Board are: Anne Blackburn (Board Chair, appointed 01/01/2026) Graham Ansell (Term ended 31/12/2025) Tracey Berry (Term ended 31/12/2025) Murray Brown (Appointed 01/01/2026) Louise Edwards (Deputy Chair, term as Board Chair ended 31/12/2025) Lloyd Kavanagh (Term ended 19/07/2025) Sarah Park (Term as Deputy Chair ended 31/12/2025) Hugh Stevens (Appointed 01/01/2026) Rebekah Swan (Appointed 01/01/2026) Michelle Tsui
Administration manager	Datacom Connect Limited
Investment managers	**Cash Managers** Amova Asset Management New Zealand Limited (Formerly Nikko Asset Management NZ Limited)
Actuary	Christine Ormrod, PricewaterhouseCoopers Consulting (New Zealand) LP
Auditor	Pam Thompson, Deloitte Limited (on behalf of the Auditor-General)
Solicitor	DLA Piper New Zealand
Bank	Bank of New Zealand
Custodian	JP Morgan Chase Bank

19 OTHER INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

19.7 CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence relating to the Scheme should be addressed to:

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WELLINGTON 6140

OR

The Chief Executive
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On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the National Provident Fund
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For and on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the National Provident Fund.

Anne Blackburn
Board Chair

26 June 2026

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF DBP CONTRIBUTORS SCHEME

The Auditor-General is the auditor of DBP Contributors Scheme (the Scheme). The Auditor-General has appointed me, Pam Thompson, using the staff and resources of Deloitte Limited, to carry out the audit of the financial statements of the Scheme, on his behalf.

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Scheme on pages 1 to 13, that comprise the comprise the Statement of Net Assets as at 31 March 2026, the Statement of Changes in Net Assets and Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended on that date and the notes to the financial statements that include material accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion the financial statements of the Scheme on pages 1 to 13:

- present fairly, in all material respects:
    - its net assets as at 31 March 2026; and
    - its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended; and
- comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand in accordance with New Zealand Equivalents to IFRS Accounting Standards ('NZ IFRS') and IFRS Accounting Standards ('IFRS').

Our audit was completed on 26 June 2026. This is the date at which our opinion is expressed.

The basis for our opinion is explained below. In addition, we outline the responsibilities of the Trustees and our responsibilities relating to the financial statements, we comment on other information, and we explain our independence.

Basis for our opinion

We carried out our audit in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, which incorporate the Professional and Ethical Standards and the International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Responsibilities of the auditor section of our report.

We have fulfilled our responsibilities in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in informing our audit opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

Key audit matter	How our audit addressed the key audit matter

Actuarial deficit and valuation of the promised retirement liabilities (Note 13)
 	
On 15 June 2026, the Scheme obtained an interim update letter as at 31 March 2026 from its actuary which showed vested benefits of \$5.7 million. This compared to the net assets of \$5.1 million results in a Scheme actuarial deficit of \$0.6 million.
 	
The interim update letter uses the triennial valuation as at 31 March 2024 as a base and certain assumptions were updated with latest available information.
 	
The interim update letter is inherently subjective and is affected by use of assumptions such as:
 	
• The differences between future investment returns and rates of CPI inflation;
• Future investment returns assumed; and
• Pensioner mortality assumptions.
 	
As noted in Note 12 under section 60 of the Act, the benefits payable by the Scheme are guaranteed by the Crown.
	Our audit procedures included the following:
	
	• Testing the underlying data provided to the actuary and confirming that these agree to underlying records.
	• Evaluating the competence and objectivity and relevant experience of the Scheme's actuary.
	• Engaging our internal actuarial specialist to independently understand, challenge and evaluate:
	    o The work and findings of the Scheme's actuary.
	    o The actuarial methods and assumptions employed, specifically, the differences between future investment returns and rates of CPI inflation, future investment returns assumed and pensioner mortality assumptions.
	• Evaluating the related disclosures about the Scheme's vested benefits and promised retirement liabilities, and the risks attached to them which is included in Note 13 to the Scheme's financial statements.
	• Assessing the related disclosures concerning the Scheme's vested benefits deficit and any guarantee by the Crown to fund benefit payments as they fall due.

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Responsibilities of the Trustees for the financial statements

The Trustees are responsible on behalf of the Scheme for preparing financial statements that are fairly presented and that comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand.

The Trustees are responsible for such internal control as it determines is necessary to enable it to prepare financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible on behalf of the Scheme for assessing the Scheme's ability to continue as a going concern. The Trustees are also responsible for disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting, unless there is an intention to wind-up the Scheme or to cease operations, or there is no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Trustees' responsibilities arise from the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013 and section F32 of the Scheme's Trust Deed.

Responsibilities of the auditor for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements, as a whole, are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit carried out in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements are differences or omissions of amounts or disclosures, and can arise from fraud or error. Misstatements are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the decisions of readers taken on the basis of these financial statements.

We did not evaluate the security and controls over the electronic publication of the financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. Also:

- We identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

- We obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Scheme's internal control.

- We evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Trustees.

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- We conclude on the appropriateness of the use of the going concern basis of accounting by the Trustees and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Scheme's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Scheme to cease to continue as a going concern.

- We evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Trustees regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Our responsibilities arise from the Public Audit Act 2001.

Other Information

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included on pages 14 to 16, but does not include the financial statements, and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of audit opinion or assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information. In doing so, we consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on our work, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Independence

We are independent of the Scheme in accordance with the independence requirements of the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, which incorporate the independence requirements of Professional and Ethical Standard 1: *International Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners (including International Independence Standards) (New Zealand) (PES 1)* issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.

Other than the audit and an assurance engagemet for the register of members, we have no relationship with, or interests in, the Scheme.

Pam Thompson

Pam Thompson, Partner
for Deloitte Limited
On behalf of the Auditor-General
Wellington, New Zealand

Directory as at 16 July 2026

TRUSTEE

Board of Trustees of the National Provident Fund

BOARD MEMBERS

Anne Blackburn – Chair – appointed to the Board and Chair from 1 January 2026

Louise Edwards – Deputy Chair – appointed 1 July 2019 and Deputy Chair from 1 January 2026 (term as Board Chair ended 31 December 2025)

Murray Brown – appointed 1 January 2026

Sarah Park – appointed 1 February 2020

Hugh Stevens – appointed 1 January 2026

Rebekah Swan – appointed 1 January 2026

Michelle Tsui – appointed 1 July 2024

Graham Ansell – term ended 31 December 2025

Tracey Berry – term ended 31 December 2025

Lloyd Kavanagh – term ended 19 July 2025

Further information on the Board members is provided on our website – www.npf.co.nz.

MANAGEMENT

Tim Mitchell
Chief Executive

Fiona Morgan
Chief Financial Officer

Will Durham
Chief Investment Officer

Hadyn Hunt
Chief Risk Officer

Ireen Muir
General Manager – Schemes

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ADMINISTRATION

Datacom Connect Limited is the administrator of the NPF Schemes.

CONTACT DETAILS

You are welcome to contact Datacom if you have any specific questions about the information in this report or to enquire about your Scheme membership in general. If you would like to receive a free printed copy of this report or the full financial statements in the mail please contact Datacom.

The Trust Deed and actuarial valuation is available on NPF's website (www.npf.co.nz/members/schemes/). You can also purchase a printed copy of the Trust Deed ($10) or actuarial valuation ($10) by contacting Datacom.

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If you would like to know more about NPF in general, or if you would like to view or download a copy of the Scheme's full financial statements, please visit our website – www.npf.co.nz.

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Auditor: Pam Thompson, Deloitte Limited, on behalf of the Auditor-General

Actuary: Christine D Ormrod, PricewaterhouseCoopers Consulting (New Zealand) LP

Bank: Bank of New Zealand Limited

Custodian: JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.

Solicitor: DLA Piper New Zealand

There were no changes to the Actuary, Bank, Custodian or Solicitor during the year.