

Annual Report

2023

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATOR



As we eagerly await the appointment of a new Bishop for the Diocese of Armidale, it is with deep gratitude that I convey this message of support for the ADIG annual report.

This past year has been a testament to our unwavering commitment to fostering growth and overcoming challenges, as we endeavour to make an impact for the better on the lives of those we serve.

In the face of numerous challenges, ADIG has remained steadfast and agile. Over the past year, we have encountered the departure of Bishop Michael Kennedy from our Diocese and his installation to the Newcastle-Maitland Diocese leaving the Armidale Diocese as sede vacante.

The last 12 months have also seen us endure economic uncertainties, regulatory changes, health crises impacting communities worldwide and socio-economic issues closer to home.

Nonetheless, ADIG persevered, adapting to change and expanding even during these difficult times.

ADIG believes that its financial services are not merely tools for profit, but powerful instruments of social transformation. They are guided by values rooted in the Catholic faith and strive to build strong and sustainable communities, provide equal opportunities and address the unique needs of our regional Diocese.

ADIG establishes new standards in performance and upholds the utmost standards in governance, compliance, and security for your investments. The exceptional strength, innovation, and performance of ADIG serve as a solid foundation for consistent and enduring results.

I take this opportunity to express my appreciation to ADIG Board Chair, Alison Hamilton, and all members of the Board for their continuing efforts. Many thanks also to ADIG's CEO, Mr Grant Devine, and all management and staff for their extraordinary efforts in making ADIG the investment group that it is today.

The unwavering support ADIG receives directly stems from your investment and your desire to inspire change and make a difference to your Diocese. To all the investors who have supported ADIG over the last 49 years, please accept my deepest gratitude. Without your ongoing commitment the remarkable work of ADIG would not be possible.

May the teachings and example of Christ continue to guide us as we forge ahead, united in the purpose and driven by our collective mission to bring positive change to the Diocese of Armidale.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "E J Wilkes". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Monsignor Edward Wilkes

Armidale Diocesan Administrator

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



It is a pleasure to present the Annual Report of the Armidale Diocesan Investment Group for the year ended 31st January 2023. Our detailed financial statements can be found on our website.

During 2022 Financial Markets coupled with a rising inflationary and interest rate environment delivered mixed performances in several of the fund's Investment Assets.

Pleasingly the Group reported a surplus from ongoing operations of \$4.63M with a sound equity base of \$47.44M.

Total Assets of the fund grew \$21M (5.1%) to \$428M. Also, this year our individual investor portfolio grew \$8M to \$93.1M (9.4%). We are delighted to share that this year we provided record distributions totalling \$4.58M to support the Charitable works of the Church and its operations.

We also successfully launched our new Bonus Saver account which has attracted significant enquiry since its inception in late 2022. This product offers a highly competitive interest rate appealing to a wide range of customers who wish to save with a goal in mind.

The ADIG's Governance practices and Board continued to deepen the overall strategic oversight of the Group.

The Board, Investment, Governance and Audit and Risk Management Committee continue to work as a team with Management to achieve our long-term objectives.

I thank the staff of ADIG for their ongoing commitment and dedication, which has enabled us to continue to provide our clients with outstanding customer service.

I wish to thank our investors whose continued support demonstrates the important role that the Group plays within the Diocese. The mission of ADIG is to assist advancing the pastoral role of the Church in the Diocese by providing attractive financial products and most importantly distributions to support ongoing viability.

ADIG is once again very well positioned to continue to be a highly competitive investment alternative for retail investors. Our core purpose is to support the Diocese and Parishes which in turn supports local communities.

As we move forward towards 2024 being our 50th year of operations, I look forward to supporting the future growth of ADIG and its support in the mission of the Catholic faith.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Grant Devine', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Grant Devine
Chief Executive Officer

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2023 HIGHLIGHTS

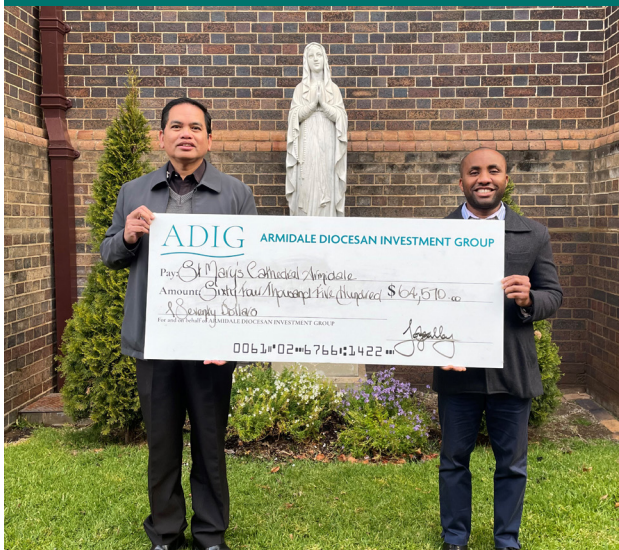
Growth

Total Assets
up **5.1%**
to
\$428M



ADIG distributions are the financial pillar on which most parishes within our Diocese lean on.

Fr Chris Onuekwusi,
St Nicholas Parish, East Tamworth



Cathedral Distribution - Fr Roel Llave & Fr Peterpaul Chikezie

Financial Strength

Capital Adequacy
11.7%

\$47.4M



Efficient

Profit from continuing
operations

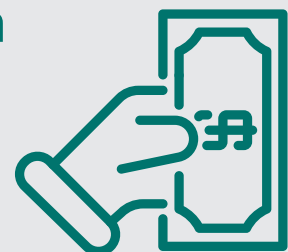
\$4.6M



Strong liquidity

Cash on
Hand

\$88M



(as at 31st Jan 2023)

Customer Survey

95% 

of Customers
recommend ADIG
to a friend or
family member

Mission

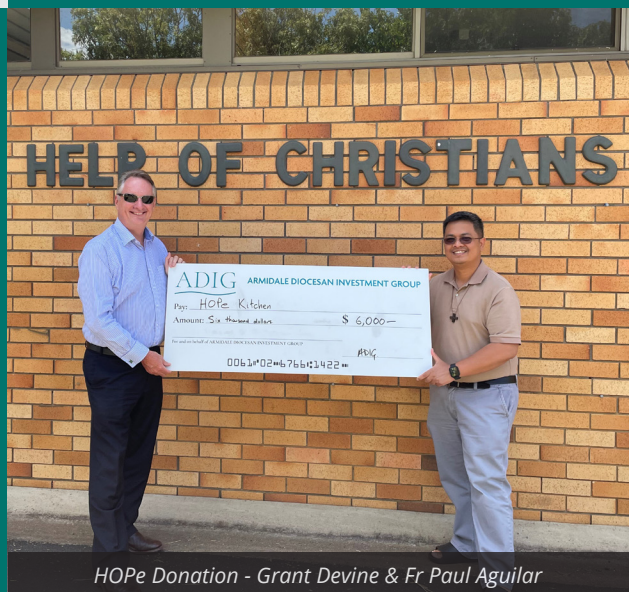
 **\$4.58M**

distributed
for Dedicated
Pastoral
Activities



Lay Investor Portfolio

up 9.4%
to
\$93.1M



HOPE Donation - Grant Devine & Fr Paul Aguilar

42 Schools
Supported

located
across
505,000 km²



Diversified Fund Portfolio*

grew
\$4M
to \$238M



(* available to Catholic Entity Wholesale
Investors only with \$58M new investments)

Detailed financial statements are available on our website (www.adig.com.au) or a printed copy can be provided upon request by contacting one of our offices.

Launch of new Bonus Saver Account



ADIG's George Nulley at Immaculata Mission School 2023

41 Parish, School and Community engagements



Sponsored Diocese of Armidale World Youth Day Pilgrimage for 2023



Hope truck - Fr Paul Aguilar

*\$1,500 donated to
HOPE Kitchen*

Income Statement

	2023	2022
Income	\$	\$
Interest Income	4,172,264	2,074,501
Interest Expense	(5,024,939)	(1,914,091)
Net Interest Income	(852,675)	160,410
Investment and Non Interest Income	7,806,208	7,528,087
Total Revenue	6,953,533	7,688,497
Total Expenses	(2,317,400)	(2,101,252)
Surplus from Continuing Operations	4,636,134	5,587,245
Change in value of mark to market investments	(3,939,419)	4,883,539
Surplus for the year	696,714	10,470,784

Balance Sheet

	2023	2022
Assets	\$	\$
Cash and cash equivalents	87,882,441	131,447,922
Investments	337,393,492	273,983,030
Plant, equipment and vehicles	324,160	382,665
Other Assets	2,415,354	1,320,442
TOTAL ASSETS	428,015,447	407,134,060
Liabilities		
Deposits	378,527,540	354,384,300
Trade and other payables	1,286,142	1,310,912
Lease Liabilities	587,581	-
Provisions	165,259	104,971
Total Liabilities	380,566,522	355,800,183
Net Assets	47,448,925	51,333,877
Equity		
Reserves	36,735,178	36,735,178
Retained Earnings	10,713,747	14,598,699
TOTAL EQUITY	47,448,925	51,333,877

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