# **BRICKWORKS**

# **Corporate Governance Statement**

The Brickworks Limited (Company) Board is committed to developing and maintaining good corporate governance and recognises that this is best achieved through its people and their actions. The Company's long-term future is best served by ensuring that its employees have the highest levels of honesty and integrity and that these employees are retained and developed through fair remuneration, appropriate long-term incentives and equity participation in the Company. It is also critical to the success of the Company that an appropriate culture is nurtured and developed, starting from the Board itself.

This Corporate Governance statement has been summarised into sections in line with the 8 essential corporate governance principles as specified in the ASX Corporate Governance Council's "Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations (4th Edition)".

A summary of corporate governance information can be found on the Brickworks website at investors.brickworks.com.au .

# 1. Lay solid foundations for management and oversight

#### 1.1. Board Composition

It is Board policy that the majority of the Board should be non-executive and independent Directors and the Chair should be a non-executive Director. At the date of this report, the Board consists of six non-executive Directors. Mr Lindsay Partridge retired as Managing Director on 31 July 2024. The directors and their appointment dates are as follows:

### Chairman

#### Robert D. Millner AO FAICD

Chairman | Director since 1997 (27 years)

Mr. R. Millner is the non-executive Chairman of the Board. He first joined the Board in 1997 and was appointed Chairman in 1999.

Mr Millner brings to the Board broad corporate, investment, portfolio and asset management experience gained across diverse sectors including telecommunications, mining, manufacturing, health, finance, energy, industrial and property investment in Australia and overseas.

He is an accomplished company director with an extensive understanding of governance and compliance, reporting, media and investor relations. Mr Millner was awarded an Officer of the Order of Australia in June 2023 for "distinguished service to business, to rugby union as an administrator, and to the community through philanthropic contributions".

He is a member of the Remuneration and Nomination Committee.

Mr Millner holds directorships in the following listed companies:

- Aeris Resources Limited
- Apex Healthcare Berhad
- BKI Investment Company Limited
- New Hope Corporation Limited
- ▶ TPG Telecom Limited
- Tuas Limited
- Washington H Soul Pattinson & Company Limited

During the last three years, Mr Millner also held a listed company directorship in Milton Corporation Limited (delisted from ASX October 2021).

# **Deputy Chair**

#### Malcolm P. Bundey B.Bus (Accounting), GAICD

Deputy Chair | Director since 2019 (5 years)

Mr Bundey is the non-executive Deputy Chair of the Board. He first joined the Board in October 2019 and was appointed Deputy Chair in June 2024.

Mr Bundey has valuable experience as a CEO and Managing Director with particular expertise in managing complex global manufacturing operations including as CEO of Pact Group, CEO of Evergreen Packaging, CEO of Graham Packaging and CEO of Closure Systems International.

These companies each operated multi-location and geographical plants across a wide range of regulatory jurisdictions including Australia, North America, Europe, Asia and South America.

Mr Bundey also has extensive financial experience having been a CFO at Goodman Fielder and a partner at Deloitte.

He has in depth knowledge of the health, safety and environment risks associated with manufacturing operations and expertise in mergers and acquisitions and asset management.

He is Chair of the Remuneration and Nomination Committee, a member of the Audit and Risk Committee and the Independent Board Committee.

Mr Bundey has no current listed company directorships and has held no other listed company directorships in the last three years.

#### **Non-executive Directors**

#### Deborah R. Page AM B.Ec, FCA, FAICD

Non-executive Director | Director since 2014 (10 years)

Mrs Page was appointed to the Board in July 2014.

Mrs Page has extensive financial expertise, having been a partner at Touche Ross/KPMG Peat Marwick, and a senior executive with the Lend Lease Group, Allen Allen and Hemsley and the Commonwealth Bank.

She has specific experience in corporate finance, accounting, audit, mergers and acquisitions, capital markets, insurance and joint venture arrangements.

Mrs Page also has extensive experience as a company director gained across ASX Listed, private, public sector and regulated entities including in the telecommunications, utilities, insurance, technology, renewables, funds management and infrastructure sectors.

As an experienced director and Audit and Risk Committee Chair her skills also include Board leadership, governance, risk management and compliance.

Mrs Page is the Lead Independent Director and Chair of the Independent Board Committee, Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee and a member of the Remuneration and Nomination Committee.

Mrs Page is a member of Chief Executive Women and was appointed as a member of the Takeovers Panel in March 2022.

Mrs Page holds directorships in the following listed companies:

- Growthpoint Properties Australia Limited
- Magellan Financial Group Limited
- The Star Entertainment Group Limited

During the last three years, Mrs Page also held listed company directorships with Pendal Group Limited (resigned January 2023) and Service Stream Limited (retired April 2023).

#### Robyn N. Stubbs B.Bus, M.Sc., GAICD

Non-executive Director | Director since 2020 (4.5 years)

Ms Stubbs was appointed to the Board in January 2020.

Ms Stubbs has valuable operational experience in property leasing, sales and marketing, strategy and new product development having spent more than 25 years in senior sales and marketing roles in the media and property sectors.

Most recently Ms Stubbs was General Manager of Retail Leasing at Stockland and prior to this she held property management, sales and marketing roles at Lend Lease, Fairfax, Network Ten and Unilever.

Ms Stubbs' skills also include mergers and acquisitions, capital markets, governance, risk management and compliance.

She is a member of the Remuneration and Nomination Committee, the Audit and Risk Committee and the Independent Board Committee.

Ms Stubbs is currently a director of HMC Funds Management Limited (as the responsible entity of the HomeCo Daily Needs REIT).

During the last three years, Ms Stubbs also held listed company directorships in:

- Aventus Group (which merged with HomeCo Daily Needs REIT in March 2022)
- Inghams Group Limited (resigned June 2023)

#### The Hon. Joel. A. Fitzgibbon GradCertBA, GAICD

Non-executive Director | Director since 2023 (1.5 years)

Mr Fitzgibbon was appointed to the Board in January 2023.

Mr Fitzgibbon has extensive government experience having served in the House of Representatives from 1996 to 2022, representing the New South Wales seat of Hunter. He served as Minister for Defence in 2007–2009, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry in 2013 and was Chief Government Whip in the House of Representatives from 2010–2013.

Mr Fitzgibbon has considerable expertise in public policy, social and environmental issues.

He is a member of the Remuneration and Nomination Committee, the Audit and Risk Committee and the Independent Board Committee.

He serves on the Advisory Board of Serco Asia Pacific, and is retained by CMAX Advisory. Joel is also an Ambassador for the Australian Saudi Business Forum and the Commando Welfare Trust. He also Co-Chairs the AUKUS Forum, serves on the Board of the Crawford fund and is a Governor with the American Chamber of Commerce in Australia. He is also the sole director of Fitzgibbon Advisory Pty Ltd.

Mr Fitzgibbon has no current listed company directorships and has held no other listed company directorships in the last three years.

# Todd J. Barlow B.Bus, LLB(Hons)

Non-executive Director | Director since June 2024 (3 months)

Mr Barlow was appointed to the Board on 14 June 2024.

Mr Barlow has extensive experience in mergers and acquisitions, equity capital markets and investing. His career has spanned positions in law and investment banking in Sydney and Hong Kong.

Mr Barlow has been CEO and Managing Director of Washington H Soul Pattinson & Company Limited (Soul Patts) since 2015, having previously been the Managing Director of Pitt Capital Partners Limited for 5 years. He has extensive listed company experience and has been responsible for numerous Soul Patt's investments since joining the Soul Patts Group in 2004.

Mr Barlow has a Bachelor of Business and Bachelor of Laws (Honours) from the University of Technology, Sydney.

He is a member of the Remuneration and Nomination Committee.

Mr Barlow holds a listed company directorships in Washington H Soul Pattinson & Company Limited.

During the last three years, Mr Barlow also held a listed company directorship with New Hope Corporation Limited (resigned 30 June 2024).

# Lindsay R. Partridge AM BSc. Hons. Ceramic Eng; FAICD;

Managing Director | Since 2000 (24 years), joined the Company in 1985, retired 31 July 2024

Mr Partridge was appointed CEO in 1999, Managing Director in 2000 and retired on 31 July 2024.

He is a qualified ceramic engineer and has extensive commercial, manufacturing, marketing, technical and operational experience including numerous senior management positions he has held in the building products manufacturing sector in Australia and the USA.

Since his appointment as Managing Director Brickworks has grown significantly in terms of size and profitability and successfully expanded into industrial property development.

He is an experienced company director with substantial expertise in governance, human resources, compliance reporting, media, investor relations and mergers and acquisitions.

He was awarded the Member of the Order of Australia in 2012 for services to the Building and Construction Industry, particularly in the areas of industry training and career development. In 2018 he was awarded the esteemed "Sir Phillip Lynch Award", by the Housing Industry Association in recognition of his immense contribution to the Housing Industry.

The number of Board and Board Committee meetings and the attendance of each director at such meetings is set out in section 9 of this Report.

## 1.2. Roles and Responsibilities of the Board and Management

The Board is ultimately responsible for all matters relating to the running of the Company, however that role is achieved mainly through governing the Company. It is the role of senior management to manage the Company in accordance with the direction and delegations of the Board, and the responsibility of the Board to oversee the activities of management in carrying out these delegated duties.

Brickworks' Board has the final responsibility for the successful operations of the Company. In general, it is responsible for, and has the authority to determine, all matters relating to the policies, practices, management and operations of the Company. The Board must also ensure that the Company complies with all of its contractual, statutory and any other legal obligations, including the requirements of any regulatory body.

The principal functions and responsibilities of the Board include the following:

- providing leadership to the Company and its employees;
- overseeing the development and implementation of appropriate corporate strategies;
- ensuring corporate accountability to shareholders:
- overseeing the control and accountability systems within the Company;
- ensuring robust and effective risk management, compliance and control systems are in place and operating effectively;
- monitoring the performance and conduct of the Company;
- monitoring the performance and conduct of senior management, and ensuring adequate succession plans are in place;
- ensuring the Company continually builds an honest and ethical culture; and
- approving the Company's remuneration framework.

All matters that are not specifically reserved for the board and are necessary for the daily management of the Company are delegated to senior executives and management, through the Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer who manages the Company in accordance with the strategy, plans and delegations approved by the Board.

#### 1.3. Appointment of Directors

The Company undertakes appropriate checks before appointing a director or putting forward to shareholders a candidate it recommends for election as a director and provides security holders with all material information in its possession relevant to a decision on whether to elect or re-elect a director including their independence, term of office served, qualifications and experience.

The Company has a program for inducting new directors through provision of key Board induction material, company briefings and site visits. The Company periodically reviews the need of existing directors to conduct professional development.

#### 1.4. Terms of Appointment of Directors and Senior Executives

The Company has a written agreement with each senior executive and the Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer setting out the terms of their appointment. Non-executive directors appointed prior to 1 July 2014 are generally long serving directors who were appointed to the Board without written agreements. The Company has a written agreement with Mrs Page, Mr Bundey, Ms Stubbs, Mr Fitzgibbon and Mr Barlow setting out the terms of their appointment. The Company will enter into a written agreement with each new director that is appointed to the Board after 1 July 2014 setting out the terms of their appointment.

#### 1.5. Company Secretary

The Company Secretary reports to the Managing Director and is accountable directly to the Board, through the Chair on matters to do with the proper functioning of the Board. The Company Secretary is accountable for advising the Board on corporate governance matters, managing the company secretarial function, attending Board and Board committee meetings and taking minutes and communicating with the ASX.

#### 1.6. Diversity Policy

Brickworks has a Diversity Policy (a copy of which is on the Company's website) which includes requirements for the Board to set measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity and to assess annually both the objectives and the entity's progress in achieving them. In addition, Brickworks has an Equal Employment Opportunity Policy. The Company is committed to a policy of equal employment opportunity which aims to prevent the existence of discriminatory practices or measures which may hinder equitable selection, progress or access to benefits of all employees.

The Group recognises it has legal and moral obligations not to discriminate on any basis, and is conscious of ensuring that its workforce reflects the diverse nature of the locations it operates in. Over time the company has improved its facilities in a number of its locations to promote opportunities for female operators and employees with physical disabilities. The company strives to improve shareholder value by ensuring the best candidate for any position is appointed.

Brickworks is a "relevant employer" and reports annually under the Workplace Gender Equality Act (WGEA). Brickworks has also lodged its 2023-2024 Workplace Gender Equality report with the Workplace Gender Equality Agency, which is compliant with the Workplace Gender Equality Act 2012 (Act) and can be viewed in the Reports section of the Company's investor website: https://investors.brickworks.com.au. It contains the Group's most recent Gender Equality Indicators as at 31 March 2024.

In August 2021, the Board established measurable objectives toward gender diversity in Australia (measured as at 31 March each year consistent with its WGEA reporting) as follows:

Board membership: At the point at which a board vacancy arises, the Remuneration and Nomination Committee will ensure that the male and female candidates with the best skills and experience as required for the vacant position will be assessed for the role. Brickworks is committed to having the best director in the role, having regard to the skills and experience required.

Brickworks' goal is to have not less than 30% of its directors of each gender by 2025. With the appointment of Todd Barlow to the Board and the retirement of Lindsay Partridge on 31 July 2024, the female director representation increased to 33%.

Executive Group: At the point at which a position on the Executive Group becomes available, the best internal candidates (male and female) will be assessed, along with (where applicable) the best male and female external candidates for the role (noting that Brickworks has a policy of promoting from within where possible). Female executive management representation currently compromises 41.7% (an increase from 26.5% in 2022 and 31.4% in 2023), successfully achieving the goal of having increased female senior executive representation to 35% by the year 2025, with senior executive being defined as the CEO, Key Management Personnel and Other Executives/General Managers.

Whole of organisation: Overall, women currently comprise 26% (2023: 24.7%) of Brickworks' total workforce, achieving Brickworks' goal to increase this representation to 25% by the year 2025. Brickworks has historically found it difficult to attract and retain female employees, as majority of employees are directly or indirectly engaged in traditionally male dominated manufacturing roles. However, there has been significant improvement in increasing the female pool of candidates for vacant management and senior executive positions.

Each year the Board will report on these objectives and progress towards them as part of the Corporate Governance Statement.

#### 1.7. Evaluating the performance of the Board, Board Committees, Directors and senior executives

Non-executive Director performance is reviewed by the Chair. If the performance of any non-executive Director is considered unsatisfactory, the matter is referred to the remainder of the Board. The efficiency, effectiveness and operation of the Board is continuously subject to informal monitoring by the Chair and the Board as a whole. A structured Board review incorporating feedback from each director in relation to the effectiveness of the board and committees was undertaken in June 2024 in the form of a director questionnaire. This assessment is undertaken annually.

In monitoring the performance and conduct of senior management, the Remuneration and Nomination Committee formally reviews the performance of the Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer and senior executive staff at least annually. In addition to the formal evaluation procedures, senior executive performance is continually monitored by the Managing Director on behalf of the Board, and the Managing Director's performance is subject to continuous monitoring by the full Board. During the current year, the performance evaluations referred to above took place in accordance with the process as outlined in section 8.

#### 2. Structure the Board to add value

#### 2.1. Director Independence

Having regard to the guidance provided by the ASX Principles, the Board considers that Deborah Page, Robyn Stubbs, Malcolm Bundey and Joel Fitzgibbon are independent. Messrs Robert Millner and Todd Barlow are not considered by the board to be independent due to their directorships at Washington H. Soul Pattinson and Company Limited (**Soul Patts**), a major shareholder in Brickworks. Robert Millner is a director and Todd Barlow is the Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of Soul Patts.

Accordingly, the majority of directors are independent directors and all Board Committees are chaired by independent directors. The Chairman is a non–executive director. The Chairman has extensive corporate and investment experience and provides leadership to the Board. The process adopted below deals appropriately with areas of conflict.

Mrs Deborah Page is the Lead Independent Director, acting as Chair of the board in matters in which both Robert Millner and Todd Barlow are conflicted. This includes considering and making recommendations to the board when circumstances exist or proposals are received when the interests of Soul Patts may differ from the interests of Brickworks or other shareholders in Brickworks.

In addition, individual Directors of Brickworks are entitled to seek independent professional advice in relation to their role as a Director, at the cost of Brickworks. Directors are required to advise the Chairman or full Board prior to engaging parties to provide this advice.

#### 2.2. Board Experience and Skills Matrix

The Board and its Remuneration and Nomination committee work to ensure the Board has the right balance of skills and experience to fulfill its responsibilities. The Board feels there is an appropriate blend of skills and experience covering the Company's operations, particularly the core businesses of property development and building products manufacturing whilst having regard to the long-term risks and opportunities particularly around the supply chain, talent, climate change and environment and innovation.

The skills and experience of the Board is reviewed regularly by the full Board, having regard to the ongoing needs of the Group and to ensure we cover existing and emerging business and governance issues relevant to Brickworks. In FY2024 a formal skills evaluation process was undertaken through director self-assessments utilising the criteria for assessing each relevant skill as outlined in the table below (which is based on the Glass Lewis Board skills criteria).

It is the policy of the Board that its membership should reflect an appropriate balance between executives possessing extensive direct experience and expertise in the core business activities of the Brickworks Group and non-executive members who bring to the Board a broad range of general commercial expertise and experience. The length of service on the Brickworks Board of each director is disclosed in section 1.1 of this Statement.

Skill / Experience / Expertise	Criteria	Relevance to the Group
Industry		
Real Estate / Industrial Property Management and Development  4 1 2	<ul> <li>Former or current executive role in industrial real estate; or</li> <li>Expertise in owning, managing and developing industrial real estate assets, managing industrial real estate funds, design and construction of industrial real estate assets and properties or in industrial property investment</li> </ul>	Experience in and appropriate knowledge of the industrial property market to assist the Board property strategy in the key areas of acquisition and disposals, property development, asset management and leasing
Materials  2 1 4	<ul> <li>Former or current executive role in the materials sector; or</li> <li>Expertise in exploration, development, processing, production and distribution of minerals, metal products, building and construction products, packaging products, chemicals</li> </ul>	Appreciation of how the operational landscape, opportunities, and challenges in the building
Industrials 3 1 3	Former or current executive role in the industrials sector or with direct responsibility for logistics, infrastructure, information management	products sector in which we operate contributes to the Board's evaluation of risks, opportunities and strategy
Manufacturing / Supply Chain  4 1 2	<ul> <li>Former or current executive role in the manufacturing sector; or</li> <li>Expertise in manufacturing, supply chain, logistics and manufacturing</li> </ul>	
Engineering  1 1 5	<ul> <li>Former or current executive role (engineering, construction, infrastructure);</li> <li>Technical work experience; or</li> <li>Degree in Engineering or Technical Degree eg Geology</li> </ul>	Appreciation of the engineering and technical expertise required to invest in, operate and maintain significant operational assets in the building products markets in which we operate
CEO Role 2 1 4	<ul> <li>Current or former CEO of publicly listed or large private firm</li> </ul>	Enables the Company to have significant leadership capabilities for making major corporate decisions, driving direction of the Company and overseeing growth plans.
Public Policy, Government, economics  4 3	<ul> <li>Former or current role in the government or executive role in a government organisation; or</li> <li>Membership of the Takeovers Panel; or</li> <li>Consultant to government, advocacy organisations.</li> <li>Public and private sector experience in economic policy development and analysis</li> </ul>	Experience in public policy and interacting with government and understanding key macro and micro economic indicators and market cycles assists our Board to shape public policy in the markets in which we operate as well as understand how public policy and economic indicators may impact strategy.
Marketing / Customer Service  3 1 3	Former or current executive role in a telecommunications, marketing or media organisation or with responsibilities for marketing, communications or investor relations.	Ensuring an effective engagement strategy with customers

Skill / Experience / Expertise	Criteria	Relevance to the Group
International 2 1 4	<ul> <li>Former or current executive or advisory role in an overseas market where the company operates; or</li> <li>Proven knowledge of the overseas markets in which the company operates</li> </ul>	Strong knowledge of overseas markets in which we operate contributes to our Board's oversight of strategy including:  understanding key differences in regulation internationalisation of a high-performance culture remuneration and incentives; and important business connections.
Commercial Capability and Financia	I Acumen	important business connections.
Audit / Corporate Finance	CA, CPA, former CFO role or CFA; or	Audit and corporate finance skills ensures the
4 3	<ul> <li>Current or former partner of an audit company, role in auditing or accounting or executive role in the finance industry; or</li> <li>Degree in Commerce, Finance, Accounting or Auditing</li> </ul>	Board is able to critically assess financial performance, contribute to financial planning, monitor operating and capital expenditure budgets and monitor debt levels and funding arrangements
Capital / Funds Management  5 1 1	<ul> <li>Current or former executive role in fund management company; or</li> <li>Expertise in investments, portfolio, and asset management</li> </ul>	Assists the Board in operating, deploying, maintaining, disposing, and upgrading assets in the most cost- efficient and profitable way possible
M&A / Capital Markets  5 1 1	<ul> <li>Former or current role in investment banking/funds management or corporate advisory; or</li> <li>Proven experience with M&amp;A/capital raisings</li> </ul>	Enables the Board to have skills required to understand capital raisings, takeovers and transaction structuring
Legal	Current or former practicing lawyer, solicitor or	Assists the Board:
1 6	barrister	in structuring discussion;
U U	Former or current partner in a law firm	decision making;
	Former or current general counsel  Degree in law	risk management; and
	Degree in law	providing legal guidance.
Sustainability and Governance	1	
Social / Health and Safety  4 1 2	Former or current:     executive role with direct control and responsibility for health and safety or accountability for health and safety in the same industry     member of another company's safety and health committee (at least 3 years)	Nothing is more important than the health, safety and wellbeing of our employees and contractors. The Board ensures that our approach to heath and safety, culture and governance supports our commitment to provide and maintain a workplace that is safe and key values
Environmental  4 1 2	Former or current:     executive role with direct control and responsibility for environment and sustainability or accountability for environment and sustainability in the same industry;     member of another company's environment committee (at least 3 years);      Environment consultant     Proven knowledge of global environmental management; or	We recognise the importance of protecting natural resources such as water, air and biodiversity and ecosystems including to our business and its sustainability. Our Board overseas that these factors are integrated into strategy and the management of relevant risks and opportunities
Digital and IT	Environmental Science degree	Directors with knowledge of technology and
Digital and IT  4 1 3	<ul> <li>Former or current executive role in IT; or</li> <li>Proven expertise in software, cyber security, social media, digital marketing, programming or digital technology as it relates to the organisation; or</li> <li>Ongoing professional development in the area of digital technology</li> </ul>	Directors with knowledge of technology and innovation as it relates to our business and across other industries, supports our Board in assessing how to leverage new and enhanced technology to implement change, manage risks and realise opportunities
Disruptions / Innovations  3 1 3	<ul> <li>Former or current executive role in an online business or start-up; or</li> <li>Recent owner of a founding business; or</li> <li>Experience with digital business transformation</li> </ul>	Understanding disruptions and industry transformation, new business development, vertical and/or adjacent business integration is important

Skill / Experience / Expertise	Criteria	Relevance to the Group
People and Remuneration  1 1 5	<ul> <li>Former or current executive role in HR;</li> <li>Former or current HR or remuneration consultant; or</li> <li>Former executive with HR function as a direct report.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Ensures the optimum skills for:</li> <li>setting a balanced remuneration framework,</li> <li>external remuneration engagement,</li> <li>aligning remuneration to the shareholder experience,</li> <li>succession planning; and</li> <li>organisation development and culture</li> </ul>
Climate Change  2 1 4	<ul> <li>Technology and innovation; specifically recent experience and expertise with the development, selection and implementation of business transforming technology and innovation, and responding to climate-related and digital disruption.</li> <li>"Climate competent" directors, ie. has the expertise and experience of climate-related business threats and opportunities including climate science, low carbon transition across the value chain and public policy.</li> </ul>	Enables the Board to have skills required to manage climate related business threats, understand the key implications of climate change and responding to climate related disruptions.

includes Lindsay Partridge as a director for the full FY2024 financial year & Todd Barlow who commenced as a director on 14 June 2024

#### Supplementing the Boards Skills and Experience

Our Board understands that is must continue to educate itself on the key issues, risks and opportunities facing our business and evolving community and shareholder expectations. Our Board supplements its skills with and experience with expertise of management and external subject matter experts and advisers. During FY 2024 our Board received external briefings on various matters including work health and safety, cyber and climate related risk governance.

The directors recognise the importance of understanding the risks and opportunities regarding the impacts of climate change, mitigation and adaption to enhance the Group's sustainability strategy.

Our directors with current or former chief executive roles in carbon intensive manufacturing operations have experience in managing climate related business threats, understanding the key implications of climate change and responding to climate related disruptions.

Directors attended climate change competency training programs in FY 2024 to enhance the Board's understanding of the key implications of climate change in the industries in which we operate. These training programs were undertaken by recognised climate consultants and including training on.

- key climate change concepts, expectations of financiers and emerging regulatory requirements;
- the role of carbon offsets; and
- decarbonising hard-to-abate sectors.

#### **Remuneration and Nomination Committee**

Brickworks has an established Remuneration and Nomination Committee which has its own charter outlining the committee's function composition, authority, responsibilities and reporting. A copy of the charter is available on the Company's website.

Mr Malcolm Bundey is the Chair of this Committee and the current members include Mrs Deborah Page, Ms Robyn Stubbs, The Hon Joel Fitzgibbon and Todd Barlow, with members excluded from the meeting while their nomination is being considered. The majority of the Remuneration and Nomination Committee are independent.

The main nomination functions of this Committee is to make recommendations to the Board with regard to:

- determining the necessary and desirable competencies of directors to ensure it comprises Directors with an appropriate mix of experience and expertise;
- reviewing the process for the selection of non-executive directors;
- appointing directors and considering whether directors should be nominated to stand for re-election;
- board succession plans:
- developing and implementing a process for evaluation of the performance of the Board and Directors; and
- considering induction and continuing professional development programs for directors.

Newly appointed Directors receive a tailored orientation program that aims to provide that Director with a comprehensive understanding of the Company. New Directors are provided with information comprising governance policies, business information, Board and Committee charters and key policies. The Board also undertakes regular site visits and provides professional development opportunities on matters relating to the Company.

The Remuneration and Nomination Committee attendance details are included in section 9.

# 3. Promote ethical and responsible decision-making

Brickworks is committed to setting standards of conduct expected of its directors, officers and employees. It has in place a number of Board Policies and team members regularly undertake training in relation to these policies.

#### 3.1. Code of Conduct

Brickworks has a Code of Conduct under which all Directors, senior management and employees are expected to operate. This Code is centred on having the Company and its employees achieve the highest integrity in all its business dealings at all levels of the organisation.

The Code of Conduct is based on the Brickworks values of Care: Sustainably Safe; Collaborate: Succeed Together; Exceed: Passionately Play to Win; Inclusive: Connected Through Diversity; Integrity: I Do What I Say; Innovate: Everyone, Everywhere, Everyday and Lead: Inspire People.

The Code outlines a number of fundamental standards to inform and explain expectations of Brickworks employees towards its people, third parties, governments, the community and investors in relation to areas such as: health and safety in the workplace, diversity, acting responsibly on social media, conflicts of interest, upholding bribery and corruption laws, promoting fair competition, prohibiting political donations, ensuring environmental compliance and maintaining confidentiality.

The Company is committed to generating an environment whereby its employees are encouraged to advise senior management of breaches of its Code of Conduct. To assist employees in this process, Brickworks has established a confidential whistleblower service utilising external consultants to facilitate the reporting and investigating of breaches of the Code of Conduct.

Material breaches of the Code of Conduct are reported to the Audit and Risk Committee.

Brickworks Code of Conduct is available in the Corporate Governance section of the Brickworks' website at: <a href="https://investors.brickworks.com.au/group-overview/#corporate-governance">https://investors.brickworks.com.au/group-overview/#corporate-governance</a>

#### 3.2. Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy

Brickworks has an Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy which prohibits:

- any activity that seeks to bribe or otherwise improperly influence a public official in any country that differs from that of ficial's proper duties;
- the paying or receipt of secret commissions; and
- the making or accepting of facilitation payments or kickbacks.

It also sets the standards required of an employee in relation to the giving or receipt of gifts and hospitality.

Material breaches of this Policy are reported to the Audit and Risk Committee.

Brickworks Anti Bribery and Corruption Policy is available in the Corporate Governance section of the Brickworks' website at: <a href="https://investors.brickworks.com.au/group-overview/#corporate-governance">https://investors.brickworks.com.au/group-overview/#corporate-governance</a>.

#### 3.3. Whistleblower Policy

Consistent with our commitment to act fairly, with honesty and integrity Brickworks has a Whistleblower Policy and has implemented Behonest@Brickworks an anonymous whistleblower service delivered by Deloitte.

The purpose of the Policy is to provide a mechanism which encourages concerns to be raised about misconduct or an improper state of affairs or circumstances or any other behaviour which is inconsistent with any of the Group's culture, values or policies. The Board is committed to seeking to ensure that there is a proper review of concerns raised without the person raising the concern being subject to detriment, victimisation or harassment.

The Group has appointed a Whistleblower Protection and Investigations Officer (**WPIO**) who has the responsibility to investigate those reports and seek to safeguard the interests of Reporting Persons making reports under this Policy and seek to protect them from detriment.

Material incidents under this Policy are reported to the Audit and Risk Committee.

Brickworks Whistleblower Policy is available in the Corporate Governance section of the Brickworks' website at: <a href="https://investors.brickworks.com.au/group-overview/#corporate-governance">https://investors.brickworks.com.au/group-overview/#corporate-governance</a>.

#### 3.4. Political Donations Policy

All dealings with politicians and government officials which relate to the Company and its business activities must be conducted at arm's length and with the utmost professionalism. Donations to any political party, political candidate or elected official are prohibited.

Brickworks Political Donations Policy is available in the Corporate Governance section of the Brickworks' website at: https://investors.brickworks.com.au/group-overview/#corporate-governance.

#### 3.5. Securities Trading Policy

The Company also has a Securities Trading Policy. A summary of the main principles of the Brickworks Securities Trading Policy are outlined below.

- All directors and employees and Connected Persons (being spouses, partner or minor children or dependants or a company or trust that that a director or employee or such connected persons control) are prohibited from dealing in Brickworks Limited securities while in possession of inside information regarding the Company.
- In addition to the other restrictions contained in the Securities Trading Policy Directors, members of the Executive Team, their Executive Assistants or Specified Employees are required to follow additional notification and procedures as follows:
  - trading the Company's securities during permitted trading windows only being:
    - within six weeks after the date of release of the Company's half-year results announcement to ASX commencing at 10.00am on the next trading day after the half-year results announcement;

- within six weeks after the date of release of the Company's full-year results announcement to ASX commencing at 10.00am on the next trading day after the full-year results announcement;
- within four weeks after the date of release of the Company's AGM commencing at 10:00am on the next trading day after the AGM; or
- the rights trading period during which retail holders of the Company's shares may sell rights to subscribe for securities offered by the Company under a rights issue.
- giving prior notification to the Company before trading the shares in the Company.
- In exceptional circumstances, Executive Team members, their Executive Assistants or Specified Persons may trade outside these windows, providing they obtain written approval from the Chair respectively prior to trading. Exceptional circumstances can include severe financial hardship and the requirement to comply with a legal or regulatory requirement
- This Policy does not restrict participation in:
  - the Company's employee share plans;
  - a Company dividend reinvestment plan; or
  - Company security purchase plans available to all retail shareholders,

in accordance with the rules of the relevant plan and the terms of any offer.

- The requirements of the Policy do not apply to and do not restrict participation in:
  - the acquisition of the Company's securities through a pro-rata rights issue;
  - the disposal of the Company's securities through the acceptance of a takeover offer;
  - dealings where there is no effective change in the beneficial owner (such as a transfer to a family trust or to a self-managed superannuation fund);
  - the obtaining by a director of a share qualification set out in the directors letter of offer; and
  - indirect and incidental trading that occurs as a consequence of a dealing in securities issued by a managed investment scheme,
     listed investment company, exchange traded fund or similar investment vehicle that is managed by a third party and that happens to hold as part of its portfolio securities in the entity.
- Speculative dealing in the Company's securities such as dealing for a short-term gain is prohibited at all times.
- Short selling or in dealing through contracts for difference or derivatives linked specifically to the Company's securities is prohibited.
- Entering into any stock borrowing or margin loan arrangement in relation to security holdings in the Company, transferring securities in the Company into an existing margin loan account and selling securities in the Company to satisfy a call pursuant to a margin loan is prohibited.

Brickworks Securities Trading Policy is available in the Corporate Governance section of the Brickworks' website at: <a href="https://investors.brickworks.com.au/group-overview/#corporate-governance">https://investors.brickworks.com.au/group-overview/#corporate-governance</a>.

#### 3.6. Modern Slavery

Brickworks is committed to working collaboratively with our partners and suppliers to ensure business is conducted in an honest and ethical manner. This includes identifying and addressing modern slavery and human rights risks throughout our business and supply chain.

Reporting frameworks and requirements to disclose risks of modern slavery in supply chains include the Federal Modern Slavery Act which came into effect in 2019 with initial reporting starting in 2020. Brickworks has engaged consultants to review all legislative requirements and provide updates for any proposed changes.

During FY24, Brickworks continued to enhance our governance around modern slavery management. A modern slavery training module has been rolled out to relevant staff and further staff awareness driven through posters and toolbox meetings.

Brickworks undertook an assessment of Tier 1 and key Tier 2 suppliers based on the <u>Global Slavery Index</u> indicators to identify suppliers in high-risk categories. In addition, Brickworks worked with expert consultants to undertake supplier engagement reviews with a sample of suppliers from high-risk industries.

Our goal for FY24 is to continue the implementation of our modern slavery management framework and to continue to monitor and respond to administrative and best practice developments in the field of modern slavery management. This will include continuing our supplier surveillance and engagement to identify specific high-risk suppliers.

Brickworks' Modern Slavery Policy is available in the Corporate Governance section of the Brickworks' website at: <a href="https://investors.brickworks.com.au/group-overview/#corporate-governance">https://investors.brickworks.com.au/group-overview/#corporate-governance</a>.

# 4. Safeguard integrity in financial reporting

#### 4.1. Process for Verification of Unaudited Periodic Corporate Reports

Brickworks goal is that periodic corporate reports will be accurate, balanced and provide investors with appropriate information to make informed investment decisions.

The Board has adopted a Continuous Disclosure Policy (Disclosure Policy) that applies to its disclosures to the market.

Management has developed practices and guidance material that are intended to ensure that periodic corporate reports provide clear, concise and effective disclosure, in accordance with the Disclosure Policy.

Authority has been delegated to the Disclosure Committee to ensure the implementation of the reporting and communications processes and controls set out in the Disclosure Policy and associated guidance material.

Brickworks process for verifying the integrity of periodic corporate reports not subject to audit or review by an external auditor is as follows:

- reports are prepared by, or under the supervision of, subject-matter experts;
- reports are reviewed for material accuracy; and
- Information in a report that relates to financial projections, statements as to future financial performance or changes to the policy or strategy of the Company (taken as a whole) must be approved by the Board.

This process is intended to ensure that all applicable laws, regulations and company policies have been compiled with, and that appropriate approvals are obtained before a report is released to the market.

#### 4.2. Audit and Risk Committee

Brickworks has an established Audit and Risk Committee, which has its own charter outlining the committee's function, composition, authority, responsibilities and reporting. A copy of the charter is available on the Brickworks website.

Current members of the Committee are Mrs Deborah Page (Chair since July 2014), Mr Malcolm Bundey, Ms Robyn Stubbs and The Hon Joel Fitzgibbon. Details of these Directors' qualifications and experience are available in section 1. The other Board members have a right of attendance, however the Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer, along with the Chief Financial Officer, the Company Secretary, and other senior managers may attend by invitation only, to discuss issues on audit and internal control matters.

The Committee also requests that representatives from the external auditors attend the Committee meetings to report on the results of their work in the period under review. Representatives from both external and internal auditors have direct access to the Committee if required.

Audit and Risk Committee attendance details are included in section 9.

The function of the Audit and Risk Committee is to assist the Board in fulfilling its statutory and fiduciary responsibilities relating to:

- the external reporting of financial information, including the selection and application of accounting policies;
- the independence and effectiveness of the external auditors;
- the effectiveness of internal control processes and management information systems;
- b compliance with the Corporations Act, ASX Listing Rules and any other statutory requirements applicable to Brickworks; and
- the application and adequacy of risk management systems within Brickworks.

#### 4.3. CEO/CFO Declaration

It is a requirement of the Board that the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer sign off to the Board, via the Audit and Risk Committee, on the content of the financial statements, and that in their opinion these statements have been properly maintained, comply with appropriate accounting standards and represent a true and fair view of the Company's performance and operations and the financial position of the Company and that opinion has formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively.

#### 4.4. External Auditor Attendance at Annual General Meeting

The Company requires the partner or delegate responsible for signing the audit report to be at the annual general meeting of the Company to answer any questions raised in relation to the audit and the auditor's report. Attendees at that meeting are given an opportunity to ask questions of the auditors. The audit partner from EY attended the 2023 Annual General Meeting.

# 5. Make timely and balanced disclosure

#### 5.1. Continuous Disclosure Policy

The Company is committed to the objective of promoting investor confidence and the rights of investors by:

- complying with the continuous disclosure obligations imposed by law;
- ensuring that company announcements are presented in a factual, clear and balanced way;
- ensuring that investors have equal and timely access to material information concerning the Company; and
- communicating effectively with investors and making it easy for them to participate in general meetings.

The Continuous Disclosure Policy outlines corporate governance measures adopted by the Company to further its commitments. It applies to all directors, as well as officers, employees and consultants of the Company.

The Company has established a Disclosure Committee to manage the Company's compliance with its disclosure obligations and this Policy. The Disclosure Committee must be kept informed by management of disclosure related issues. Disclosure and materiality guidelines are provided to all officers and relevant employees to assist them to understand the type of information that may potentially be price sensitive and when to refer any matter or event which may need to be disclosed to a member of the Disclosure Committee.

The Board promptly receives by email copies of all ASX announcements made by the Company.

Brickworks' Continuous Disclosure Policy is available in the Corporate Governance section of the Brickworks' website at: Brickworks Political Donations Policy is available in the Corporate Governance section of the Brickworks' website at: <a href="https://investors.brickworks.com.au/group-overview/#corporate-governance">https://investors.brickworks.com.au/group-overview/#corporate-governance</a>.

# 6. Respect the rights of shareholders

Brickworks is committed to keeping its shareholders and other interested parties informed about the Company's activities, ensuring shareholders have access to up-to-date information about the Company and that they are encouraged to participate in shareholder meetings of the Company. The investor section of the Company's website provides ready access to notices of meeting, annual reports, company announcements made to the ASX and webcasts of the company's annual general meetings.

The Company provides advanced notice to all major shareholders and analysts of periodic briefings. Such briefings can be attended in person or via telephone or conference facilities. The Company's investor relations program is designed to promote understanding amongst institutional and retail shareholders and other stakeholders, of the Company's businesses, governance framework, financial and operational performance, and outlook. This is also undertaken via comments and questions received at investment briefings and question and answer sessions at annual general meetings.

Any new or substantive presentation given to investors or analysts is released on the ASX Market Announcements Platform ahead of that presentation.

All substantive resolutions at the Company's meetings of security holders are decided by a poll rather than a show of hands.

Shareholders are also able to make enquiries of the Company via phone, email or post, details of which can be found on the Brickworks website. Time is specifically allocated at general meetings for questions to be put to the Board of Directors. The external auditor will attend the annual general meeting and be available to answer questions about the conduct of the audit and the preparation and content of the auditor's report.

Shareholders are able to obtain and send shareholder communication electronically to the Company and its share registry electronically via email.

## 7. Recognise and manage risk

#### 7.1. Audit and Risk Committee

The Group is committed to the management of risks throughout its operations to protect its employees, shareholders, the environment, our assets, earnings, markets and reputation. Board responsibility for oversight of risk management resides with the Audit and Risk Committee with oversight and day-to-day management of the Group governance arrangements delegated to the Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer.

A risk management framework has been implemented, consistent with each element of the Australian Risk Management Standard AS/NZS31000:2018. Key Elements of the comprehensive framework cover Business Process, Financial, Human Resources, Information, Property, Environmental, Health and Safety and Insurable Risks.

The Company's Risk register is reviewed by the Audit and Risk Committee and the Board annually. It was last reviewed in September 2024.

#### 7.2. Internal Audit Function

The internal audit function is undertaken by PricewaterhouseCoopers Chartered Accountants. The internal audit team reports to the Audit and Risk Committee. The annual internal audit plan is prepared by the internal auditors using a risk-based approach that aligns the plan with the Group key risks.

### 7.3. Economic, Environmental and Sustainability Risks

The Board of Brickworks has adopted a Risk Management framework that identifies both Risk Tolerance and Risk Appetite for the group and then considers how each identified risk is placed within that framework.

That process considers the likelihood of an event occurring, followed by the consequence of each event. The consequence is considered across six categories, Financial, Health & Safety, Business Disruption, Legal/Compliance, Reputation and Environmental/Sustainability.

The final step in the process is to consider the controls and processes in place, to continually mitigate each risk.

The following is a discussion of the key risks that may adversely impact the business.

#### **Building Products**

The achievement of business objectives in the Building Products Group may be impacted by the following significant risks:

Risk	Mitigation
Energy Supply– reliability and cost of gas and electricity	Energy requirements are managed through retail energy agreements. For the east coast Australian operations, Santos supplies gas under a long-term agreement, and the energy division manages the day-to-day wholesale market risks. The North American operations have long-term gas contracts in place. Insurance coverage mitigates the risk of interruption to electricity and gas supply.
Serious Safety Incidents	The Group has a strong and evolving safety culture and notwithstanding a well-developed WHS system (refer further "Health and Safety") the Group actively seeks initiatives to improve and refine health and safety practices. Safety audits, risk assessments and networking channels ensure the Group WHS systems remain up to date and in alignment with regulator and industry standards.
	Health and safety programs in the North American business are being aligned to the Australian operations establishing a common approach across the business internationally. Brickworks recognises the importance of managing psychosocial health and is committed to providing a supportive, productive, and healthy work environment for all employees. This commitment is clearly stated within the company's health and safety policy statement. The company has implemented mental health awareness programs, provided access to professional counselling services, and established an ongoing Mental Health First Aid program with over 100 qualified Mental Health First Aiders. This program equips employees to support harmonious and productive work environments.
Environmental incident	The Group has a strong commitment to environmental protection and a comprehensive environmental compliance system. The Group continues to focus on implementing equivalent systems in the expanding North American business.

Risk	Mitigation
Products – alternative products and product failure	The Group has a strong focus on research, development and quality control. The Group monitors market trends and has strategies to diversify its range of building products and its marketing approach including a strong focus on the development of carbon neutral products.
Shift in housing trend	The Building Products business has significant exposure to the detached housing market. Over the past two decades there has been a trend towards multi-residential construction. The Group has implemented initiatives to increase exposure to the multi-residential segment. This includes expanding the product range (for example masonry products, brick facing systems) and increasing sales and marketing efforts in the commercial and multi-residential segments.
New competitor	Whilst barriers to entry within the Building Products business are significant, the Group monitors its Australian and North American markets for both domestic manufacturing and import competitors. To defend against the threat of new competitors, the Group has a strategy to invest in its operations to maintain a low-cost position and high quality product, and is focussed on research and development and customer relationship initiatives.
Production capacity	In both its Australian and North American operations, the Group manages production capacity by adroit management of its manufacturing base to correlate production to cyclical market conditions as they occur. Production capacity is underpinned by a long-term strategy of plant upgrades moving to more efficient plants. In this way the Group is able to meet customer demand at the top of the cycle and pare back capacity through periods of lower demand.
Business Interruption – plant failure or underutilisation and raw material supply	The business has multiple production facilities across Australia and North America, with products able to be transported long distances if required. No single plant so large as to represent an existential threat to the whole operation. The major facilities have rolling risk reviews and reporting by outside parties. The business also maintains significant insurance policies to manage the risk associated with physical loss of assets and any loss of income from an insurable interruption. Raw materials are generally secured through ownership of raw material reserves and maintaining prudent raw material stockpiles.
Asbestos and other respirable dust risk	An asbestos management plan is in place. Building cladding is regularly removed and replaced with non-asbestos based materials. Where any friable asbestos is found, either within a plant or during rehabilitation, it is immediately quarantined and removed by qualified reputable contractors, using the most diligent safety standards. Respirable crystalline Silica is deemed carcinogenic, and a crystalline silica management plan is in place. Brickworks employs its own occupational hygienist to manage this important area. This qualified professional ensures that the company adheres to the highest safety standards and regulatory requirements. A rigorous monitoring and testing program has been implemented to regularly assess and manage risks related to asbestos, crystalline silica, and other hazardous materials, in compliance with government regulations. This program includes continuous health monitoring and dust exposure measurements at all operational sites, ensuring the safety and well-being of all employees.
Market Risk - deteriorating market conditions	The Group closely monitors economic indicators and utilises independent market forecasts for business planning purposes. Investments have been made to expand the product portfolio and geographic exposure, in order to reduce the risks associated with declines in any specific market.
Failure to execute North American bricks strategy effectively	The Group is currently pursuing growth in North America (following an initial entry in 2019 and a number of subsequent acquisitions). Performance to date is lagging the initial business case, due to the general macroeconomic environment in the wake of the global pandemic that has impacted operations and sales activity. However, underlying progress against the strategy is well advanced, with a significant rationalisation plan now completed and significant investments made in plant upgrades and sales and marketing initiatives.

# **Property**

The achievement of business objectives in Land and Development may be impacted by the following significant risks:

Risk	Mitigation	
Market Risk	The industrial property cycle may deteriorate, resulting in softening capitalisation rates and lack of growth. The Group manages the risk by monitoring the key economic drivers, employing property professionals who understand the property cycle and undertaking development in joint venture with Goodman Group.	
Industrial Action Industrial action may delay development projects. The Group manages this risk by working with joint venture Goodman to respond appropriately to any action that occurs.		
Serious Safety Incidents	The Group has a strong safety culture and a well-developed WHS system (refer further "Health and Safety").	
Property Trust Financing	The joint property trusts maintain facilities with multiple lenders with various tenors between 5-10 years. In addition, gearing is maintained at prudent levels through the property cycles.	
Rezoning Risk	The Group takes a long-term approach to achieving the highest and best use for each property. The rezoning process for a property usually commences prior to finalisation of its existing use.	

# Group

The achievement of business objectives in the Group activities may be impacted by the following significant risks:

Risk	Mitigation	
Financing Risk	The Group maintains conservative gearing levels in recognition of the industry's cyclical nature. Senior debt facilities are maintained with financial lenders with whom an open and transparent relationship is maintained. Multi-currency facilities (AUD and USD) are maintained over various tenors ranging from 2 to 7 years.	
Cyber Security Risk	The Group has identified its primary cybersecurity threats as phishing attacks aimed at obtaining sensitive company or private information and malicious attacks that compromise the system. In response, investment in premium security platforms and	

Risk	Mitigation
	technology has been increased, and risk controls have been implemented, including the uplift of identity management, privileged access and 24/7/365 security anomaly incident response monitoring across all company system environments.
	Preventative measures include regular system penetration tests, comprehensive employee training and investment in incident response exercises. Additionally, new state-of-the-art endpoint protection software and robust firewall protection have been deployed. A disaster recovery (DRP) and business continuity plan (BCP) are established across the organisation.
Climate related Risk	Brickworks is aligning its greenhouse gas reduction strategy with the recognised standard of the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) recommendations, including risk management disclosures, metrics and targets.
	Brickworks undertook a review of climate change risks across both the Australia and North America Building Products operations. The review identified and assessed transitional and physical climate-related risks. The identified risks were then rated in accordance with Brickwork's risk matrix adopting the TCFD framework and horizons of 2030 and 2050.
	Focus risks include volatility in fossil fuel availability and prices particularly gas and costs of transitioning to a low carbon future. Opportunities were also incorporated into the review.
	The Group has developed a new carbon target: to achieve a 15% reduction in Scope 1 and Scope 2 greenhouse gas emissions by 2030, from a 2022 baseline, across the combined Australia and North American businesses. The Sustainable Products program includes the development of products that hold leading sustainable qualities including expanded carbon neutral offerings. These strategic responses are outlined in our Sustainability Report.

#### Investments

The achievement of business objectives in Investment activities may be impacted by the following significant risks:

Risk	Mitigation
Market Risk	The Group's investment in Soul Patts is subject to market movements and the underlying performance of Soul Patts. The Soul Patts investment is diversified across industries other than those in which the balance of Brickworks specialises, which provides a stable stream of dividends over the long term. The Soul Patts group may have significant exposure to the natural resources and telecommunications markets.

# 8. Remunerate fairly and responsibly

#### 8.1. Remuneration and Nomination Committee

Brickworks has a Remuneration and Nomination Committee with a membership of all non-executive Directors. The Committee operates under the delegated authority of the Board, and has its own charter, a copy of which is available on the Brickworks website. Mr Malcolm Bundey is the Chair. The majority of Remuneration and Nomination Committee members are independent directors.

The main remuneration functions of the Remuneration and Nomination Committee are to assist the Board in fulfilling its responsibilities relating to:

- ensuring remuneration policies and practices are consistent with Brickworks' strategic goals and human resources objectives and which
  enable Brickworks to attract and retain executives and Directors who will create value for shareholders;
- equitably, consistently and responsibly rewarding executives having regard to the performance of Brickworks, the performance of the
  executive and the general pay environment; and
- ensuring executive succession planning is adequate and appropriate.

Remuneration and Nomination Committee attendance details are included in section 9.

The Remuneration Report contains detailed information relating to Director and Senior Executive remuneration, including the policy and practices for determining remuneration, the use of fixed and variable remuneration, and the relationship between executive remuneration and Company performance.

This Committee is authorised by the Board to obtain external professional advice, and to secure the attendance of outsiders with relevant experience and expertise if it considers this necessary.

#### **Non-executive Directors**

The Remuneration and Nomination Committee is responsible for recommending to the Board fees applicable to Non-executive Directors. In accordance with a resolution of shareholders at the 2022 Annual General Meeting, the maximum aggregate amount that is permitted to be paid to non-executive Directors under the Brickworks constitution is \$1.5 million per annum.

Contributions to the retirement allowance plan for non-executive Directors were discontinued on 30 June 2003. Under legacy arrangements, non-executive Directors appointed prior to 30 June 2003 were entitled to receive benefits upon their retirement from office. These benefits were frozen with effect from 30 June 2003, and are not indexed. Since 30 June 2003 no new Directors have been entitled to join this plan. There are no other schemes for the payment of retirement benefits for non-executive Directors, other than statutory superannuation.

Non-executive Directors may also be reimbursed for their expenses properly incurred as a Director, or in the course of their duties. The non-executive Directors do not participate in the Brickworks Short-Term Incentive (STI) Scheme or Long-Term Incentive (LTI) arrangements.

#### **Executives**

Brickworks' remuneration policies are designed to drive a performance culture and to ensure that the way in which employees are recognised and rewarded through remuneration is in the best interests of the shareholders, the Company and the individual. The remuneration policies achieve this in the following ways:

- by ensuring executive remuneration is linked to both individual performance and Company performance;
- by providing remuneration that is market competitive to ensure Brickworks has the ability to retain and motivate strong performing employees and attract high calibre prospective employees; and

by undertaking an annual evaluation process on the performance of all executives, the results of which contribute to the determination of any salary adjustment an individual executive may receive.

Retention of executives and highly skilled staff continues to be the Remuneration and Nomination Committee's highest priority for the following reasons:

- it requires at least 5 to 10 years for executives and production staff to become totally familiar with the complexities associated with the manufacture of clay and concrete building products;
- If there is a breakdown Brickworks needs to be able to restart production within hours and days rather than weeks and months. The necessary skills to deal with these challenges cannot be procured easily outside the Brickworks group; and
- the sale and marketing of building products is a function of good client relationships as well as product excellence. Brickworks cannot afford to lose executives who in some circumstances may have been dealing with clients for 10 20 years.

All senior executives undergo a performance and development appraisal each year in accordance with the process set out below:

- at the beginning of each financial year, each senior executive is given a set of key performance criteria against which they will be measured. These criteria include both financial and non-financial performance measures;
- at the end of each financial year, all senior executives complete a self-assessment questionnaire prior to meeting with their manager to discuss their performance over the previous year; and
- a performance appraisal meeting is then undertaken for each senior executive

A performance and development appraisal was undertaken in accordance with this process in FY2023.

#### 8.2. Short Term Incentives (STI)

Brickworks' STI has been designed to focus executives on the necessity to achieve a range of agreed targets for their respective business es. The STI is structured around the achievement of annual performance criteria based on each executive's capacity to influence targeted outcomes. Brickworks' STI is based on the profitability of operating divisions and the overall Group, as well as the level of achievement of key strategic objectives that will underpin performance in the future. This incentive scheme covers the Managing Director (MD), the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Chief Financial Officer (CFO), General Managers, and various other senior managers within the Group.

The information below outlines the Company's STI Plan for FY2024.

What is the purpose and objective of the STI?	The STI is an annual incentive plan designed to reward executives for meeting or exceeding financial and non-financial objectives over a one-year period. The STI has been designed to foster an organisational culture of collaboration, cooperation and mutual respect which supports the objective of a long-term outperformance in both the financial and non-financial areas of the business, mainly with annual measures linked to the business strategy, set at the beginning of the financial year at levels that are challenging, yet achievable.		
What is the	MD, CEO and CFO		
target and maximum STI opportunity?		unity for the MD is 75% of total fixed remuneration (including b num opportunity at 90% of fixed remuneration.	ase salary, superannuation and car
	The STI opportunity for at maximum.	or the CEO and CFO is 60% of total fixed remuneration at targe	et and 72% of total fixed remuneration
	Other Executive KM	P	
	For the Executive General Manager Building Products Australia and the Executive General Manager Property the STI is awarded up to a maximum of 50% of total fixed remuneration (including base salary and superannuation). Any excess STI earned above the maximum opportunity up to a cap of 72% will not be paid as a cash bonus but will be added to the long-term incentive share allocation for that year and will vest over the LTI's plan vesting period.		
Is any part of the	MD, CEO and CFO		
STI awarded deferred into	Half of any STI awarded to the MD, CEO and CFO will be deferred into shares for one year.		
equity?	Should the employment of either the MD, CEO or CFO be terminated other than for cause, all deferred STI payments will remain on foot and will be subject to a tenure of service requirement in the usual course as if their employment had continued with the Company.		
	Other Executive KMP		
	No STI awarded to other executive KMP is deferred into equity.		
What is the target and	The STI Target Oppo	rtunities are set out below:	
maximum STI		Target STI opportunity	Max STI opportunity (cash) *
opportunity?	MD	75% of total fixed remuneration (including base salary, car allowance and superannuation)	90% of total fixed remuneration
	CEO/CFO	60% of total fixed remuneration (inc. base salary, car allowance and superannuation)	72% of total fixed remuneration
	Other executive	Between 10% and 50% of fixed remuneration (inc. base salary and superannuation)	50% of total fixed remuneration

- \* For the MD, CEO and CFO maximum STI is met when the Group NPAT measure (before significant items, excluding equity accounted profit from associates (Soul Patts) and property revaluation gains) is at 110% of the profit target and all the other financial and non-financial KPIs are met.
- \*\* STI as a proportion of base salary for an employee increases as that employee gains greater responsibility and has greater capacity to influence the performance of the business as a whole.
- \*\*\* Outperformance against the STI target above the maximum STI opportunity is recognised by the grant of performance rights to vest over the LTI plan's performance period.

# How are STI performance measures determined?

Each year at the beginning of the year the Remuneration and Nomination Committee sets KPIs for the MD, CEO and CFO for the financial year, with a view to directly aligning the individuals' annual incentive opportunity to execution of the Group's business strategy.

The MD determines the KPIs which are aligned to the delivery of the strategy and performance of the business for other executive KMP.

STI profit targets are determined on an annual basis at the beginning of the financial year after consideration of many complex factors including:

- the market outlook having regard to cyclical nature of building and construction industry;
- housing trends;
- energy supply;
- existing and new market competition;
- new and alternative products;
- interest rates; and
- cap rate changes.

Payments under the STI are determined by performance against KPIs set at the beginning of the financial year.

STI performance measures and weightings vary by executive depending on individual accountabilities. The metrics and their rationale for selection are as follows:

# Why are the STI measures adopted considered appropriate?

#### Financial measures (MD, CEO and CFO: 75%)

Group NPAT (before significant items excluding equity accounted profit from associates (Soul Patts) and property revaluation gains/losses)— 37.5%

Focus attention on results and performance for segments for which they have direct responsibility. Property profit will include net property trust income, trust development profit, the sale of trust assets and Brickworks land sales (less Brickworks property admin and other costs). It will not include property revaluations arising from cap rate compression or expansion outside the control of management.

Cash generation – 37.5%

Managing cash to ensure cash and working capital is available whenever and wherever required by the business.

development, retention, succession planning and gender diversity, which are critical to the success

#### Non-financial measures - (MD, CEO and CFO: 25%)

Quality of earnings – 12.5%	This measure considers the quality of earnings result including goodwill and asset impairment and windfall gains.
Safety and Health – 6.25%	This measure incentivises executives to demonstrate leadership in enhancing workplace health and safety and taking a sustainable approach to operations through process innovation.
People – 6.25%	The success of Brickworks depends on the people that work for the Company. This measure will only reward executives for superior performance and demonstration of effective leadership, talent

financial and non-financial component of the STI Award for the MD, CEO and CFO and

What is the

how is it applied?

Percentage of financial component of STI Award payable for the MD, CEO and CFO

of the business and underpin financial performance.

#### Profit - 37.5% of total available STI Award

Achievement	STI Award
Below base profit	0%
Between base profit and target profit	Pro rata award on a straight-line basis between 60% and 100% of target STI
Between 100% and 110% of target profit	Pro rata award on a straight-line basis between 100% and 120% of target STI being Maximum STI.

#### Setting the Target for Profit Performance

In setting the target for profit performance consideration is given to the prior year's performance. Budget may be set higher or lower than previous years after consideration of the many complex factors outlined above and including, but not limited to, the very cyclical nature of the Building Products operations.

Where the budget is greater than the previous year, then 80% of last year's performance becomes the base profit and the budget becomes the target profit.

Where the budget is less than the previous year, 80% of budget profit becomes the base profit and the prior year becomes the target profit.

By using both last year's profit results and budget profit in tandem, the outcome of the bonus paid is properly referenced by the prior year. When the profit increases, the STI for profit performance aligns with improved performance and when the profit is lower than the prior year, any bonus paid will be below the prior year.

All property revaluation gains and losses were excluded from the profit measures used to determine the FY2024 incentive amounts payable.

#### Cash Flow - 37.5% of total available STI Award

Achievement	STI Award	
Below base cash flow	0%	
Between base profit and target cash flow	Pro rata award on a straight-line basis between 60% and 100% of target STI	
Between 100% and 110% of target cash flow	Pro rata award on a straight-line basis between 100% and 120% of target STI being Maximum STI.	

#### **Setting the Target for Cash Performance**

In setting the target for cash performance consideration is given to the prior year's cash performance. Budget may be set higher or lower than previous years after consideration of the many complex factors outlined above and including, but not limited to, the very cyclical nature of the Building Products operations.

Where Budget Cash Flow is greater than last year's Cash Flow, 80% of last year becomes the base cash flow and Budget becomes the target cash flow. Where Budget Cash Flow is less than the prior year, 80% of Budget Cash Flow becomes the base cash flow and last year's Cash Flow becomes the target cash flow.

Cash flow is the Operating cash flow plus Investing cash flows generated from the sale of property assets including through the sale of land via the subscription of units in a trust.

#### Other STI award criteria

The remaining 25% of any STI Award is subject to the achievement of challenging non-financial measures with profit performance used to determine the maximum STI award for these components.

- 12.5% of potential STI award (up to a maximum of 15%) is paid if all RONTA<sup>1</sup>/quality of earnings considerations are met (otherwise 12.5% of the STI award is forfeited)
- 6.25% of potential STI award (up to a maximum of 7.5%) is paid if all workplace health & safety ("WHS") initiatives and outcomes are met (otherwise 6.25% of the STI award is forfeited)
- 6.25% of potential STI award (up to a maximum of 7.5%) is paid if all succession planning criteria is met (otherwise 6.25% of the STI award is forfeited).

What is the financial and non-financial component of the STI Award for other executive KMP and how is it applied?

Percentage of financial component payable for other executive KMP (other than the MD, CEO and CFO)

#### Profit - 37.5% of total STI Award

Achievement	STI Award		
Below base profit	0%		
Between base profit and target profit	Pro-rata award on a straight-line basis between 50% and 100%		
> target profit	Pro rata award equal to the percentage over upper target to a maximum of 50% of total fixed remuneration in cash with outperformance against the profit target recognised by the grant of rights or shares over the LTI plans performance period		
Operating cash flow -	- 37.5%		
Achievement	STI Award		
Below Base Cash Flow	0%		
Between Base Cash Flow and Target Cash Flow.	Straight line between 50% and 100%		

The Cash Base and Target is set in the same manner as for the MD, CEO and CFO.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Return on Net Tangible Assets.

	In respect of the Building Products division the cash measure used is based on divisional EBITDA, research & development claim benefits achieved, changes in Days Sales Outstanding (DSO's) and inventory movements in the year. This KPI considers a strong focus on cash generation through improved cash collections and inventory management required from the senior Building Products executives and the wider management team.  The remaining 25% of any STI Award is subject to the achievement of challenging non-financial measures.  There is no upside available against cash and non-financial measures.
When and how is the STI Award assessed?	MD, CEO and CFO  At the end of the financial year the Remuneration and Nomination Committee assesses actual performance against their respective KPIs set at the beginning of the financial year and recommends the STI quantum to be paid to the individuals for approval by the Board.  These assessment methods have been chosen as they provide the Committee with an objective assessment of each individual's performance.  Other executive KMP  At the end of the financial year the CEO assess the executive KMP's actual performance against their respective KPIs set
Is quality of earnings a relevant factor in assessing STI Awards?	at the beginning of the financial year and determines the STI quantum to be paid to the executive KMP. The CEO provides these assessments to the Remuneration and Nomination Committee annually for review and approval.  The Remuneration and Nomination Committee and the CEO have the discretion to consider the quality of earnings achieved including any significant items, acquisitions and divestments and one-off events/abnormal/non-recurring items in determining whether the financial KPIs have been achieved, wherever and whenever this is considered appropriate for linking remuneration reward to Company performance.  The MD, CEO and CFO have 12.5% of their STI at risk in relation to quality of earnings and RONTA.
Can the Board clawback STI Awards?	The Board and the Remuneration and Nomination Committee have discretion about the remuneration outcomes wherever and whenever this is considered appropriate. This discretion also applies in the event of financial misstatement, reputational damage and/or evidence of misconduct.

#### Long Term Incentives (LTI) for FY 2024 8.3.

The objectives of the Company's LTI plan are to align the interests of executives with shareholder interests, balance short-term with long-term Company focus and retain high calibre executives by providing an attractive equity based incentive.

The information below outlines the LTI.

What is the LTI?	The Group operates an LTI Plan through the Brickworks Deferred Employee Share Plan and Executive Rights Plan in which employees receive Brickworks Limited shares or performance rights. No consideration is payable by participants for shares or performance rights under the terms of the plan.
What is the scope	The LTI includes:
of the LTI?	a broad-based employee share plan with 562 employees participating as at 31 July 2024 via 1,086,925 shares on allocation of which 30.36% remain unvested (and 69.64% vested). In addition, 20,013 shares in the plan were forfeited during the year to 31 July 2024; and
	an Executive Rights Plan with 35 employees participating as at 31 July 2024 via 683,798 rights on allocation of which 66.51% remain unvested (and 33.49% vested). 0 rights were forfeited during the year to 31 July 2024.
What is the purpose of the LTI?	The primary purpose of the LTI is the retention of the Company's senior executive team.
	The LTI also provides alignment between executive remuneration and shareholders, as measured by the absolute and relative total shareholder return (TSR).
What is the LTI Opportunity for the MD, CEO and CFO?	The value of shares or performance rights granted to the MD was a fixed 75% of total fixed remuneration (including superannuation and car allowance) and to the CEO and CFO 60% of total fixed remuneration. This fixed allocation is subject to Brickworks meeting the absolute and relative TSR performance criteria set out below over the ensuing three-year period.
What is the LTI Opportunity for other executive KMP?	For all other executive KMP, the LTI base entitlement is up to 50% of total fixed remuneration (excluding car allowance) at target. The allocation made is determined following assessment by the Board of the prior year's performance against STI targets.
	In years where STI targets are not met in difficult market conditions the Board awards half the LTI opportunity to other executive KMP.
What LTI performance measures apply to executive KMP (other than the MD, CEO and CFO)?	The vesting of shares/ rights to other executive KMP is undertaken progressively on 31 July for 20% on each anniversary following the allocation date for five years.

What LTI performance measures apply to the MD, CEO and CFO? 50% of the award made is subject to Brickworks relative total shareholder return (**TSR**) vesting condition under which Brickworks' TSR is compared to the companies in the S&P/ASX 200 Franking Credit Adjusted Annual Total Return Index over a period of three years from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2026.

The share price used at commencement of each tranche for assessing both relative and absolute TSR performance of Brickworks shares is the 90-day Volume Weighted Average Price (**VWAP**) prior to 31 July 2023. The actual share price used to compare to the TSR target share price is the 90-day VWAP prior to 31 July 2026.

The remaining 50% of the award is subject to an absolute TSR p.a. compounding vesting condition also over the same period.

How does the Relative TSR measure (50% of each award) work? A summary of the Relative TSR measure for the MD, CEO and CFO is as follows.

#### Relative TSR measure

Performance Period	3-year performance period			
Measure	Brickworks' relative TSR inclusive of all grossed dividends measured against the S&P/ASX 200 Franking Credit Adjusted Annual Total Return Index (XJOAI Franked Index)			
Vesting	Below the median - 0% vesting			
	At the median - 50% vesting			
	Between the median and 60th percentile - pro rata vesting on a straight-line basis between 50% and 100%			
	At the 60th percentile or above - 100% vesting			
Re-testing	No re-testing. Testing to be undertaken once only at end of the <b>3-year period</b> .			
Dividends and	No dividends or voting rights on unvested performance rights			
voting rights	Compensation for dividends will be provided at the end of the performance period only on those rights that meet the performance criteria.			
Shareholder approval	Yes for allocations made to the Managing Director			

Brickworks obtained independent advice regarding the distribution of XJOAI returns above the median which is normally referred to as the index to establish what the level of the TSR performance was over the three previous years at the 75th percentile.

XJOAI Returns	1 July to 31 July 2024	1 July to 31 July 2023	1 Year to 31 July 2022	1 Year to 31 July 2021
At Index Level	7.5%	7.8%	(5.9%)	29.0%
At 60 <sup>th</sup> percentile	13.8%	13.8%	1.1%	40.1%
At 75th Percentile	27.0%	25.1%	9.1%	64.9%
BKW	15.3%	28.4%	(10.0%)	58.3%

We note the difficulty with delivering TSR results in excess of 27.0% in the current macroeconomic climate.

More appropriately, Brickworks has adopted the 60th percentile, which requires a very challenging hurdle for 100% vesting. At the 60<sup>th</sup> percentile the average annual return over a 4-year period ended 31 July 2024 was 17.2% compared to 31.5% at 75<sup>th</sup> percentile.

Overall, the Board's emphasis is on establishing long term sustainable profit streams. The over-arching objective is to reinvest to deliver sustainable long-term profits, while continually reducing production costs through technical innovation.

How does the Absolute TSR measure (50% of each award) work? A summary of the Absolute TSR measure for the MD, CEO and CFO is as follows.

#### Absolute annual compounding TSR measure

Performance Period	3-year performance period		
Vesting	Less than 6% - 0% vesting		
	Equal to 6%- 50% vesting		
	Between 6% and 8% - pro rata vesting on a straight-line basis between 50% and 100%		
	Equal to 8% or greater- 100% vesting		
Re-testing	No re-test. Testing is to be undertaken once only at end of the 3-year period		
Dividends and voting	No dividends or voting rights on unvested performance rights		
rights	Compensation for dividends will be provided at the end of the performance period only on those rights that meet the performance criteria		

Why is an absolute Brickworks has a diversified portfolio of assets through its investment in Washington H. Soul Pattinson & TSR measure Company Limited (Soul Patts) considered Brickworks' look through asset exposure shows that, in addition to building products (25%) and property appropriate for LTI (30%), the Company has exposure to other companies in telecommunications, finance, energy and health Awards to the MD, through its investment in Soul Patts. CEO and CFO? Property 1% Credit 6% Net Working Capital Emerging Co's 9% rivate equity 12% The Board believes that when combined with the STI, the performance criteria for the MD, CEO and CFO under the Why is an absolute TSR measure LTI provides the most suitable link to long-term security holder value creation because: combined with a absolute TSR ensures vesting is commensurate with the Company's actual TSR, meaning there are no relative TSR awards when TSR is negative and it also provides a good line of sight for the MD, CEO and CFO; measure considered measuring TSR on a relative basis levels the playing field by removing overall market movements and industry appropriate for LTI economics for the evaluation of MD. CEO and CFO performance. Relative TSR provides a relative, external Awards to the MD, market performance measure having regard to a peer group of ASX200 companies with which the Company CEO and CFO? competes for capital, customers and talent; the use of relative TSR ensures that the MD, CEO and CFO are motivated to deliver returns that are superior to what a security holder could achieve in the broader market and ensures as the most senior management they maintain a strong focus on security holder outcomes; Brickworks calculates its after tax TSR incorporating the full value of franking credits. The S&P ASX 200 Franking Credit adjusted annual total return Index also adjusts the total return for the tax effect of franking credits to ensure consistency of calculations; the use of the S&P/ASX 200 Franking Credit adjusted annual total return Index was chosen as the relative performance target following testing of this group against a range of historical and future share price/payout scenarios to confirm that outcomes align with the Company's historical notion of superior long-term performance. having regard to the overall size and market capitalisation of Brickworks, and the diverse nature of the Brickworks Group across Property, Building Products and its investment in Soul Patts, the Board considers the XJOAI Franked Index as the most appropriate Index for relative performance assessment; and while the Board appreciates that there are at times different views held by different stakeholders, it considers that these measures provide the appropriate balance between market and non-market measures. Are shareholders Yes. Performance rights allocated to the MD are put to shareholders for approval at the AGM. asked to approve LTI Awards made to the MD? Can the Board Historically clawback clauses have not been applicable for LTI allocations. The Board and the Remuneration and clawback LTI Committee have discretion about the remuneration outcomes wherever and whenever this is considered appropriate. This discretion also applies in the event of financial misstatement, reputational damage and/or Awards? evidence of misconduct. What happens to If a change of control event occurs in relation to Brickworks Limited then any shares or performance rights held by

the employee share plan trust on behalf of a participant will vest.

grants at the end of the performance period.

Dividends will not be paid on unvested performance rights, and will only be granted in proportion to the vested

LTI Awards on a Change of Control of Brickworks?

What dividend

LTI Awards?

rights attached to

How are LTI Awards satisfied?	The Board has the discretion to either purchase shares on-market or to issue new shares for participants.  During the year rights were granted to the MD, CEO and CFO and executive KMP through the LTI executive rights plan. Shares granted to employees other than the MD, CEO and CFO and executive KMP were issued as new shares.
Are executive KMP prohibited from entering financial derivatives in respect of Brickworks shares?	Under the Company's Securities Trading Policy Brickworks shares are not permitted to be used to secure any type of financial product such as margin loans or similar. Options, collars and/or other financial derivatives must not be used in respect of any Brickworks shares

# 9. Board and Committee Meetings

The number of Board Meetings, Audit and Risk Committee Meetings, Remuneration and Nomination Committee Meetings and Independent Board Committee meetings held during the year ended 31 July 2024 and each member's attendance is set out in the following table. All directors were eligible to attend all director and committee meetings held, excluding the Independent Board Committee.

	Directors' Meeting	Audit & Risk Committee	Remuneration & Nomination Committee	Independent Board Committee
Number of Meetings held:	10	3	2	1
Number attended:				
R D Millner	10	N/A	2	N/A
D R Page	10	3	2	1
M P Bundey	10	3	2	1
R N Stubbs	10	3	2	1
J A Fitzgibbon	9	2	2	1
T J Barlow (appointed 14 June 2024)	2	N/A	1	N/A
M J Millner (retired 21 November 2023)	3	N/A	1	N/A
L R Partridge (retired 31 July 2024)	10	N/A	N/A	1