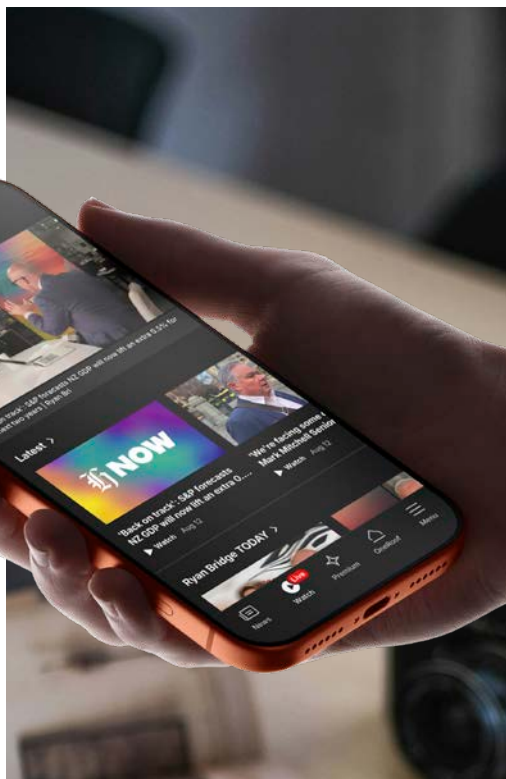
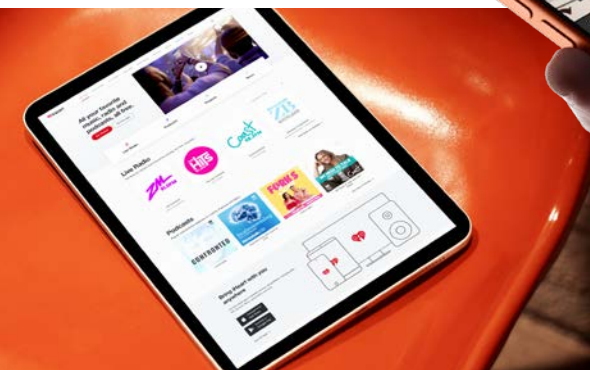


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Consolidated interim financial statements for the six months ended 30 June 2026

Chairman and CEO report

\$167.0m

Operating revenue
(+\$1.3m)

\$26.5m

Operating EBITDA
(+\$2.6m)

\$6.6m

Net profit after tax
(+\$7.0m)

\$7.3m

Operating free cash flow
(+\$5.1m)

New Zealand Media and Entertainment delivered a stronger first half result in 2026, growing earnings, improving cash flow and reducing debt, despite geopolitical and economic conditions that remained tougher than was expected at the beginning of this year.

NZME's core businesses across Audio, Publishing and OneRoof remained resilient. Audio carried its momentum from the second half of 2025 into the first half of 2026, Publishing held earnings while continuing to shift its revenue mix toward digital, and OneRoof continued to grow EBITDA despite recent leadership disruption and a flat property market.

Operating EBITDA¹ was up 11% to \$26.5 million compared to the first half of 2025, statutory net profit after tax was \$6.6 million compared with a \$0.4 million loss in the prior period, and net debt reduced by \$13.9 million year on year to \$19.4 million.

We delivered this result while continuing to invest in the digital products and platforms that will shape NZME's next decade. A significant portion of our audience is now engaging with NZME within apps, and the company is focusing on an app-first strategy, particularly across Publishing and OneRoof. New NZ Herald and OneRoof apps were launched during the half.

The macroeconomic environment remained challenging, with household budgets under pressure and volatile business confidence contributing to uneven advertising demand across sectors. Against that backdrop, the result reflects stronger Audio momentum, continued progress in digital products and disciplined cost control.

Across NZME's platforms we continue to reach nine out of ten Kiwis². Our radio brands reach more than 1.8 million Kiwis each week³ and our digital audio platforms more than 1 million each month⁴.



Publishing reaches a print audience of 1.23 million⁵ and a digital audience of 1.94 million⁶ and OneRoof reaches 320,000 in print⁵ and 598,000 online⁶.

That combined reach is what makes NZME valuable to advertisers. It allows us to sell across platforms and provide a broad mix of news, entertainment and information to audiences across the country. We continue to grow commercial share through scale, frequency and new first-party data initiatives in a market where audiences and advertising dollars continue to fragment.

Financial results

NZME's operating revenue and other income¹ was \$167.0 million for the first half of the year, up from \$165.7 million for the previous corresponding period.

Advertising revenue grew 2% to \$118.6 million, in line with growth in the wider market, which was a good outcome in challenging economic conditions.

Operating EBITDA¹ of \$26.5 million was up \$2.6 million or 11%.

Operating net profit after tax of \$6.6 million was almost double the \$3.4 million reported for the first half of 2025, and operating earnings per share also increased to 3.5 cents compared with 1.8 cents for the first half of 2025. Statutory net profit after tax was \$6.6 million compared with a statutory loss of \$0.4 million in H1 2025 when the result was impacted by significant restructuring costs.

Operating expenses reduced by \$1.3 million to \$140.5 million. The final tranche of 2025 cost out savings have offset the impacts of wage inflation and KiwiSaver changes, while allowing NZME to invest in new strategic roles across OneRoof, Herald NOW, and in Canterbury.

Free cash flow of \$7.3 million was \$5.1 million higher than the prior period, and we closed the half with net debt at \$19.4 million, a reduction of \$13.9 million year on year, representing a leverage ratio of 0.4 times EBITDA.

Audio

Audio was the standout performer across the Group in the first half.

Audio revenue momentum strengthened through the second half of 2025 and continued into the first half of 2026. This was supported by growth across both radio and digital audio advertising, with digital audio now representing more than 10% of total Audio revenue.

Operating revenue grew 8% to \$61.8 million. Radio advertising revenue increased to \$55.0 million and digital audio advertising grew 16% year on year to \$6.2 million.

Audio has seen revenue growth over the last 15 months, much of this driven by agency customers who spent 15% more year on year and now reflect 51% of all audio revenue, a 3 percentage point increase compared to the first half of 2025. We remain focused on growing share through strong brands, audience leadership and disciplined digital audio expansion.

Source notes: ¹ Operating results presented are non-GAAP measures that include the impact of NZ IFRS 16, however, exclude non-recurring expenses to allow for a like for like comparison between the 2025 and 2026 financial years. Please refer to pages 42-43 of the results presentation for a detailed reconciliation. ² NZME Reach Study n=1,001 nationally representative June 2025 (unduplicated audience across NZME print, digital, radio & podcasts). ³ GfK Comm RAM, S1/26, Total NZ, Cume, M-S 12mn-12mn, AP10+ (unless otherwise stated). ⁴ NZ Triton Webcast Metrics Jan 26 - Jun 26, average monthly reach (NZ based listening). ⁵ Nielsen CMI Q2 25 - Q1 26 May 26 Fused AP15+ (Publishing Print = weekly print excluding Real Estate. OneRoof Print = Real Estate sections). ⁶ Nielsen Online Ratings June 2026 (desktop and domestic traffic only, does not include exclusive mobile app audience).

Operating expenses increased, mainly driven by wage inflation, KiwiSaver changes and marketing costs. However, revenue growth more than absorbed that increase, with audio revenue growth the primary driver for Audio's operating EBITDA¹ growing 19% year on year to \$11.9 million.

Audience performance remained strong with NZME radio stations reaching 1.84 million New Zealanders each week³. Newstalk ZB remains New Zealand's number one station³, while The Hits reached more than 460,000 listeners nationwide³, the highest audience in its history. Digital audio also continued to grow, with Total Listening Hours up 8% year on year, and Podcast downloads increasing by 4% over the same period⁴.

During the half we signed a new 10-year commitment with iHeartRadio, securing the platform that underpins our digital audio growth for the long term. Our new country music brand, iHeartCountry New Zealand, now broadcasts on 21 FM and AM frequencies nationwide, and we introduced commercials to that station in May after running the first 12 months commercial free.

Our terrestrial radio spectrum renewal negotiations with government are underway, with the final value expected to be confirmed by the end of this year for terms commencing in 2031, when our current frequencies expire, providing us with long-term future operational certainty in our Audio division.

NZME was proud to win 22 awards at the 2026 New Zealand Radio and Podcast Awards, including a number of premier awards, reflecting the talent and craft across our Audio division.

Publishing

Publishing operating EBITDA¹ was steady, delivering \$15.3 million for the half. Digital publishing grew 11% to \$6.3 million and print publishing reduced 7% to \$9.0 million.

Print publishing revenue reduced 5% to \$51.9 million, with the rate of decline slower than our historical trend. The total print revenue decline of 5% compares with a historical average of 7% to 8% and print subscription churn is at its lowest point in four years. Print subscription revenue was 4% lower at \$20.8 million, with print subscription volume decline of 9% offset by 5% yield gains. Print advertising revenue declined 5% to \$20.9 million, again better than historical trends.

NZME has strategically reshaped the Publishing revenue mix, focusing on retaining print circulation while growing profitable digital revenue. Digital publishing operating EBITDA grew 11% to \$6.3 million, almost entirely offsetting a \$0.6 million reduction in print publishing EBITDA. Digital publishing is a material and profitable segment of the portfolio, and it continues to fund the largest portion of the Publishing editorial costs. Print publishing is only allocated the resources dedicated solely to print products. This approach deliberately demonstrates the ongoing profitability of the digital business, without reliance or support from the print business.

Digital publishing revenue was 1% lower at \$38.6 million. However, the composition improved significantly with digital subscription revenue growing 1% to \$11.7 million and digital subscription volumes growing to 176,000 from 166,000 year on year. Furthermore, digital advertising revenue of \$22.6 million was 4% lower, reflecting a reduction in digital performance marketing

sold through low margin third party channels, together with a softer programmatic market. Core digital advertising was stable year on year.

Total subscriptions across print and digital now exceed 250,000, up 6% year on year, with fewer print subscribers, but considerably more paying customers overall. We expect the increase in digital subscribers to translate to increased subscription revenue in the year ahead, as we focus on digital yield management.

The value of reader engagement is clear. Of our digital audience, over 1 million users are casual, around 500,000 are engaged and there are more than 200,000 users who are subscribed. Casual users contribute a little over 6% of digital revenues, whereas engaged and subscribed users (who together are less than 40% of the total audience) contribute the remaining 94%. Every product decision we now make is aimed at moving readers up that curve from casual user to subscriber.

The new NZ Herald app launched in June, and early engagement has been positive with the number of registered users growing since launch. The app was built internally, with a focus on personalisation through the new My Herald feature, a dedicated watch section for live and pre-recorded video, and full OneRoof integration.

We are proud of the continued strength and breadth of NZME's editorial content. Across our broad editorial portfolio, our teams continue to produce journalism and content which is relevant to New Zealanders every day. Our renewed focus on regional coverage, including in markets such as Christchurch, is an important part of that strategy and is already adding depth to our audience proposition. We have also benefited from the support and engagement of our Editorial



Advisory Board, which continues to provide constructive input to help guide our investments in the quality, reach and impact of our journalism.

BusinessDesk reader revenue grew 9% year on year, and the number of subscriptions increased 18% over the same period. In the second half of 2026 we will migrate BusinessDesk onto our core digital and subscription platforms and introduce a new dedicated BusinessDesk app. That re-platforming will reduce duplicated technology cost, improve the user experience, and allow BusinessDesk to be bundled seamlessly with the wider New Zealand Herald offering.

Our strategic focus on video continues to build through live news shows on weekday mornings under the Herald NOW brand. The shows are available through the new NZ Herald app Watch function, the NZ Herald website, NZ Herald's YouTube channel, ThreeNow and more recently via free-to-air television through Three. Herald NOW Business and Ryan Bridge TODAY has delivered over 37 million views with clips, livestream and on-demand content across the

NZ Herald, YouTube, ThreeNow and social media through the first half of the year. We continue to extend the commercial offer around those channels.

NZME won eight awards at the 2026 New Zealand Media Awards, including Rotorua Daily Post being named Newspaper of the Year and Regional Newspaper of the Year, and the New Zealand Herald as Metropolitan Newspaper of the Year.

OneRoof

OneRoof revenue was 2% lower at \$14.1 million, reflecting softer print revenue and a subdued property market, particularly in Auckland. OneRoof's digital revenue grew 4% to \$9.9 million. Digital Classifieds revenue grew 5% on the back of growth in listing numbers, and improvements in both yield and conversion metrics. However, this was offset by a decline in display and native ads of 1%.

The decline in overall OneRoof revenue is attributed to print, which fell 15% to \$4.1 million as vendors continued to pull back in the softer real estate market. Print is now 29% of OneRoof revenue, down from 33%.

During the half we rebuilt the OneRoof leadership team, appointing a new Chief of OneRoof and new senior leaders across Sales, Product and Engineering, strengthening the capability needed to accelerate growth. We have also revamped the OneRoof Advisory Board under the chairmanship of NZME Director Bowen Pan, and that is providing strong and regular support to the management team.

We made a decision in the half to in-source the technology behind the OneRoof platform to increase the pace and impact of product development. The new development team is improving product delivery, strengthening engineering and growth capability, and using AI to accelerate the roadmap and reduce operating cost. A new Customer Relationship Management system is also improving sales visibility and performance.

The new OneRoof app, launched in March, is already changing the shape and engagement level of the OneRoof audience. Monthly app users have grown 54% in this half year. App users are more valuable because they

come back more often than search-led web visitors. Repeat usage improves the audience proposition for agents, supports stronger product engagement and gives us a clearer path to yield growth. Further product features and promotion are planned for the second half.

Regional revenue performance showed early signs of improvement. 'Rest of New Zealand' residential listings revenue grew 13%, with the listings upgrade rate lifting to 26% and average yield per listings upgrade rising 8%. The Auckland property market remained weak, and this was reflected in OneRoof performance. Whilst Auckland digital listing revenue grew 3%, the upgrade rate slipped to 43% due to weaker conversion rates, partly offset by listings volume and a yield improvement per upgrade.

OneRoof is the clear number two by audience in New Zealand residential property*, and the gap to Trade Me Property is the largest single revenue opportunity in the NZME portfolio. Our ambition is to close that gap and build OneRoof into New Zealand's leading residential property

platform. We believe the investments during the half in the OneRoof leadership and engineering teams will greatly assist in that regard.

Capital management

Total capital expenditure is \$0.9 million lower than first half of last year at \$4.7 million. The first half has prioritised spend towards the New Zealand Herald app and subscriptions platform, and the enhanced OneRoof app. The Board remains focused on maintaining balance sheet flexibility while continuing to invest in growth platforms and efficiency opportunities.

An example of the latter is the recent announcement to purchase a smaller and more efficient print plant, investing up to \$15 million in setting it up as a replacement for our aging Ellerslie equipment. This investment is expected to yield annual operating savings of around \$7 million, depending on print volumes, once it is installed and operational.

Net debt reduced \$13.9 million to \$19.4 million as at 30 June 2026, and the leverage ratio of 0.4 times sits below our target range of

0.5 to 1.0 times rolling 12-month EBITDA. Net interest cover improved to 26.1 times from 15.0 times, and rolling 12-month operating EBITDA was \$46.1 million against \$38.3 million a year earlier. Net assets were \$93.3 million.

Cash flow from operations was \$19.3 million, \$4.3 million higher than the prior period, driven by improved operating earnings, lower interest costs and the absence of the non-recurring cash outflows incurred in 2025. Free cash flow was \$7.3 million, an improvement of \$5.1 million.

Dividends of \$11.3 million were paid in the half, consistent with the prior period.

The Board has declared a fully imputed interim dividend for the 2026 half year of 3 cents per share, payable on 23 September 2026.

Operating Efficiency

NZME remains focused on improving overall operating efficiencies off its current cost base, while also growing revenue. Key areas include the recently announced print plant investment which will deliver reductions of





\$7 million in annualised benefits, new initiatives leveraging AI and Automation in 2026 and 2027 of \$7 million annualised, plus negotiated reductions in the Auckland Central office operating lease costs, which are due to be finalised late in 2026.

We are also cognisant that NZME's five-year content supply agreement with Google concludes in December 2026. We are actively working to renew or replace it while expanding content licensing and AI monetisation opportunities across global platforms.

Outlook

Trading conditions remain volatile as a result of geopolitical events including the Middle East war. Consumer confidence is soft, albeit improving, discretionary spending remains restrained, and advertising demand is uneven

across sectors. We expect economic recovery momentum to improve into 2027, pointing to a modest rather than rapid lift in demand across the final six months of 2026.

Subject to trading conditions in the second half, and assuming no material deterioration in market conditions, NZME expects full-year 2026 operating EBITDA¹ to be ahead of the 2025 result.

Conclusion

This has been a strong half year in what remains a difficult trading market. Profit grew, debt reduced, Audio momentum continued, Publishing held earnings while continuing to shift toward digital, and OneRoof improved its earnings.

A great deal of work sits behind these numbers. We thank everyone on the NZME team for their contribution in delivering

this result, and also the New Zealanders who connect with us every day through our radio stations, iHeartRadio, newspapers, digital platforms and OneRoof.

We also thank our agency partners and advertisers for choosing NZME and look forward to continuing to work with them over the next six months.

Lastly, we thank our shareholders for their continued support of NZME's strategy and of the progress we are making.

Steven Joyce
Chairman

Michael Boggs
Chief Executive Officer

Consolidated interim financial statements

for the six months ended 30 June 2026





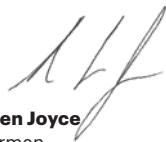
Directors' statement

The Directors are pleased to present the consolidated interim financial statements of NZME Limited (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (together the "Group") for the six months ended 30 June 2026, incorporating the consolidated interim financial statements and the independent auditor's review report.

The Directors are responsible, on behalf of the Company, for presenting these consolidated interim financial statements in accordance with applicable New Zealand legislation and New Zealand equivalent to International Accounting Standard 34: *Interim Financial Reporting*, International Accounting Standard 34: *Interim Financial Reporting* and the NZX Listing Rules.

The consolidated interim financial statements for the Group as presented on pages 13 to 35 are signed on behalf of the Board of Directors, and are authorised for issue on the date below.

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SJ'.

Steven Joyce
Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Parsons'.

Kate Parsons
Director

Date: 24 August 2026

Consolidated interim statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income

for the six months ended 30 June 2026 (unaudited)

	Note	June 2026 \$'000	June 2025 \$'000
Revenue	2.1	165,105	163,554
Finance and other income	2.1	2,041	2,386
Total revenue and other income	2.1	167,146	165,940
People costs		(70,526)	(75,197)
Print and distribution		(22,829)	(23,816)
Selling and marketing		(20,672)	(20,044)
Content		(10,154)	(9,995)
Property		(3,824)	(4,043)
Third party fulfilment costs		(1,048)	(1,655)
Technology and communications		(5,837)	(5,750)
Other expenses		(5,581)	(6,531)
Expenses from operations before finance costs, depreciation and amortisation		(140,471)	(147,031)
Depreciation and amortisation		(14,544)	(15,672)
Finance costs		(2,718)	(3,562)
Share of joint ventures and associates net loss after tax	5.2.2	(14)	-
Profit / (loss) before income tax expense		9,399	(325)
Income tax expense		(2,773)	(68)
Net profit / (loss) after tax		6,626	(393)
Other comprehensive income			
<i>Items that may be reclassified to profit or loss</i>			
Net exchange differences on translation of foreign operations		6	(4)
Other comprehensive income / (loss) net of taxation		6	(4)
Total comprehensive income / (loss)		6,632	(397)
Profit / (loss) for the period is attributable to:			
Owners of the Company		6,626	(393)
Total comprehensive income / (loss) is attributable to:			
Owners of the Company		6,632	(397)
		Cents	Cents
Earnings / (loss) per share attributable to the ordinary shareholders of the Company			
Basic earnings / (loss) per share	2.2	3.52	(0.21)
Diluted earnings / (loss) per share	2.2	3.49	(0.21)

Consolidated interim balance sheet

as at 30 June 2026

	Note	June 2026 (unaudited) \$'000	December 2025 (audited) \$'000
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents		5,424	8,804
Trade and other receivables	3.4	38,656	40,060
Inventories	3.5	3,176	1,627
Income tax receivable		40	28
Total current assets		47,296	50,519
Non-current assets			
Intangible assets	3.1	108,126	110,235
Property, plant and equipment	3.2	13,898	15,711
Right-of-use assets	3.3	45,351	49,005
Equity accounted investments	5.2.2	1,689	1,825
Other receivables and prepayments	3.4	2,844	3,399
Deferred tax asset		8,836	8,149
Total non-current assets		180,744	188,324
Total assets		228,040	238,843
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	3.6	41,035	43,815
Current lease liabilities	4.2.2	14,710	14,515
Current tax provision		2,246	1,178
Total current liabilities		57,991	59,508
Non-current liabilities			
Non-current lease liabilities	4.2.2	51,922	57,164
Interest-bearing liabilities	4.2.1	24,849	24,311
Other payables		-	-
Total non-current liabilities		76,771	81,475
Total liabilities		134,762	140,983
Net assets		93,278	97,860
Equity			
Share capital		346,936	346,770
Reserves		2,174	2,405
Retained earnings		(255,832)	(251,315)
Total equity		93,278	97,860

Consolidated interim statement of changes in equity

for the six months ended 30 June 2026 (unaudited)

	Note	Share capital \$'000	Reserves \$'000	Retained earnings \$'000	Total \$'000
Balance at 1 January 2025		346,698	2,240	(247,675)	101,263
Loss for the period		-	-	(393)	(393)
Other comprehensive loss		-	(4)	-	(4)
Total comprehensive loss		-	(4)	(393)	(397)
Dividends paid	4.1.1	-	-	(11,274)	(11,274)
Supplementary dividends paid	4.1.1	-	-	(1,284)	(1,284)
Tax credit on supplementary dividends		-	-	1,284	1,284
Cancellation of performance rights		-	(184)	184	-
Share based payments		30	183	-	213
Balance at 30 June 2025		346,728	2,235	(259,158)	89,805
Balance at 1 January 2026		346,770	2,405	(251,315)	97,860
Profit for the period		-	-	6,626	6,626
Other comprehensive income		-	6	-	6
Total comprehensive income		-	6	6,626	6,632
Dividends paid	4.1.1	-	-	(11,291)	(11,291)
Supplementary dividends paid	4.1.1	-	-	(1,050)	(1,050)
Tax credit on supplementary dividends		-	-	1,050	1,050
Deferred tax on share schemes		(71)	-	-	(71)
Cancellation of performance rights		-	(97)	97	-
Share based payments expense		-	148	-	148
Equity investments revaluation release		-	(51)	51	-
Total incentive plan ("TIP") settlement		237	(237)	-	-
Balance at 30 June 2026		346,936	2,174	(255,832)	93,278

Consolidated interim statement of cash flows

for the six months ended 30 June 2026 (unaudited)

	Note	June 2026 \$'000	June 2025 \$'000
Cash flows from operating activities			
Receipts from customers		169,673	168,465
Payments to suppliers and employees		(131,745)	(135,794)
Net GST payments		(14,164)	(13,896)
Government grants		552	637
Interest received		129	215
Interest paid		(2,668)	(3,363)
Income taxes paid		(2,474)	(1,294)
Net cash inflows from operating activities	4.3	19,303	14,970
Cash flows from investing activities			
Payments for intangible assets		(3,544)	(3,438)
Payments for property, plant and equipment		(1,197)	(2,205)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment		-	18
Receipt from investment in other entities	5.2.2	122	-
Net cash outflows from investing activities		(4,619)	(5,625)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from borrowings		30,000	63,500
Repayments of borrowings		(29,500)	(55,000)
Payments for borrowing costs		-	(130)
Dividends paid to Company's shareholders	4.1.1	(11,291)	(11,274)
Payments for lease liability principal	4.2.2	(7,273)	(7,098)
Net cash outflows from financing activities		(18,064)	(10,002)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	4.2.1	(3,380)	(657)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period		8,804	4,641
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period		5,424	3,984

Notes to the consolidated interim financial statements (unaudited)

1.0 Basis of preparation

1.1 Reporting entity and statutory base

NZME Limited (NZX:NZM, ASX:NZM) is a for-profit company limited by ordinary shares which are publicly traded on the NZX Main Board and the Australian Securities Exchange as a Foreign Exempt Listing. NZME Limited is incorporated and domiciled in New Zealand. It is registered under the Companies Act 1993 and is an FMC reporting entity under Part 7 of the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013. The entity's registered office is 2 Graham Street, Auckland, 1010, New Zealand.

NZME Limited (the "Company" or "Parent") and its subsidiaries' (together the "Group") principal activity during the financial period was the operation of an integrated media and entertainment business.

1.2 Material accounting policies

These consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with New Zealand equivalent to International Accounting Standard 34: *Interim Financial Reporting*, International Accounting Standard 34: *Interim Financial Reporting* and the NZX Listing Rules.

The consolidated interim financial statements do not include all notes of the type normally included in the annual consolidated financial statements. Accordingly, these consolidated interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025. These consolidated interim financial statements are presented for the Group.

The material accounting policy information used in the preparation of these consolidated interim financial statements is generally consistent with that used in the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025. Where there have been changes to accounting policy information or the Directors consider it necessary to disclose accounting policy information in these consolidated interim financial statements, accounting policy information has been included in the relevant note.

These consolidated interim financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars, which is the Company's functional and the Group's presentation currency, and rounded to the nearest thousand, except where otherwise stated. These consolidated interim financial statements were approved for issue by the Board of Directors on 24 August 2026.

These consolidated interim financial statements have not been audited, but have been reviewed in accordance with New Zealand Standard on Review Engagement 2410: *Review of Financial Statements Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity*. The 30 June 2026 and 30 June 2025 figures and narrative are unaudited while those for 31 December 2025 are audited figures and narrative.

1.3 Material accounting estimates and judgements

The preparation of the consolidated interim financial statements requires the use of certain material judgements, accounting estimates and assumptions, including judgements, estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The estimates and assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. The resulting accounting estimates will by definition, seldom equal the related actual results and are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Material areas of estimation and judgement in these consolidated interim financial statements are consistent with those disclosed in the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025 and are as follows:

Areas of material accounting estimates or judgements	Note
Intangible assets with indefinite useful lives	3.1

Notes to the consolidated interim financial statements (unaudited)

Continued

1.4 New standards and interpretations

A number of new accounting standards are effective for annual periods beginning after 1 January 2026.

- NZ IFRS 9 and NZ IFRS 7 amendment - Amendments to the Classification and Measurement of Financial Instruments.

These amendments are effective from 1 January 2026 and have no significant impact on the Group's consolidated interim financial statements.

- NZ IFRS 18: Presentation and Disclosure in Financial Statements.

This new standard, which is mandatory for the Group in the 2027 financial year, is expected to change the presentation of the Group's primary financial statements. The Group is continuing to assess the impact of the standard and will disclose more information in the Group's consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2026.

1.5 Working capital

As at 30 June 2026 the Group had negative working capital of \$10.7 million compared to negative \$9.0 million as at 31 December 2025.

The Group traditionally has negative working capital primarily due to deferred revenue of \$13.0 million (31 December 2025: \$10.8 million). The Directors are satisfied that there will be adequate cash flows generated from operating and financing activities to meet the obligations of the Group for at least the next 12 months.

2.0 Group performance

2.1 Segment reporting

The Group operates an integrated media and entertainment business that incorporates the sale of advertising, goods and services generated from the audiences attached to the Group's media platforms and comprises three operating segments.

All significant operating decisions are based upon analysis of the three operating segments. The Executive Team and the Board of Directors have been identified as the Chief Operating Decision Maker. The Group's major products and services are split into the three segments with revenue, income, direct and allocated costs reported to the Chief Operating Decision Maker on this basis. Although the Group operates in many different markets within New Zealand, for management reporting purposes the

Group operates in one principal geographical area being New Zealand as a whole.

The operating segments for the Group are:

- Audio - terrestrial radio stations, digital iHeartRadio, podcasts and radio brand websites.
- Publishing - print publications (excluding dedicated real estate publications) and digital news websites including nzherald.co.nz and BusinessDesk.
- OneRoof - comprises oneroof.co.nz and dedicated real estate print publications.

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	Audio \$'000	Publishing \$'000	OneRoof \$'000	Other \$'000	Total \$'000
For the six months ended 30 June 2026					
Advertising	61,185	43,483	13,948	-	118,616
Circulation and subscription	-	37,864	-	-	37,864
External printing and distribution	-	4,367	-	-	4,367
Other	401	2,800	153	-	3,354
Segment revenue from integrated media and entertainment activities	61,586	88,514	14,101	-	164,201
Revenue from shared services centre	131	196	36	2	365
Events	-	-	-	539	539
Total revenue from external customers	61,717	88,710	14,137	541	165,105
Other income ^A	100	1,762	-	50	1,912
Finance income	-	-	-	129	129
Total finance and other income	100	1,762	-	179	2,041
Total revenue and other income	61,817	90,472	14,137	720	167,146

	Audio \$'000	Publishing \$'000	OneRoof \$'000	Other \$'000	Total \$'000
Timing of revenue recognition					
Recognised at a point in time	55,033	53,827	4,209	-	113,069
Recognised over time	6,684	34,883	9,928	541	52,036
Total revenue from external customers	61,717	88,710	14,137	541	165,105

	Audio \$'000	Publishing \$'000	OneRoof \$'000	Other \$'000	Total \$'000
Operating adjusted EBITDA ^B	11,888	15,329	1,763	(2,431)	26,549
Total assets	101,395	108,498	8,044	10,103	228,040
Additions of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets	1,530	2,084	1,104	23	4,741
Total liabilities	55,971	65,019	7,705	6,067	134,762

	Audio \$'000	Publishing \$'000	OneRoof \$'000	Other \$'000	Total \$'000
For the six months ended 30 June 2025					
Advertising	56,323	45,638	14,301	-	116,262
Circulation and subscription	-	39,157	-	-	39,157
External printing and distribution	-	4,267	-	-	4,267
Other	621	2,295	148	-	3,064
Segment revenue from integrated media and entertainment activities	56,944	91,357	14,449	-	162,750
Revenue from shared services centre	95	156	26	2	279
Events	-	-	-	525	525
Total revenue from external customers	57,039	91,513	14,475	527	163,554
Other income ^A	95	1,969	-	107	2,171
Finance income	-	-	-	215	215
Total finance and other income	95	1,969	-	322	2,386
Total revenue and other income	57,134	93,482	14,475	849	165,940

	Audio \$'000	Publishing \$'000	OneRoof \$'000	Other \$'000	Total \$'000
Timing of revenue recognition					
Recognised at a point in time	51,023	56,699	4,973	-	112,695
Recognised over time	6,016	34,814	9,502	527	50,859
Total revenue from external customers	57,039	91,513	14,475	527	163,554

	Audio \$'000	Publishing \$'000	OneRoof \$'000	Other \$'000	Total \$'000
Operating adjusted EBITDA ^B	10,032	15,362	1,600	(3,085)	23,909
Total assets ^C	107,381	113,529	8,307	9,626	238,843
Additions of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets	2,003	2,474	1,136	30	5,643
Total liabilities ^C	59,069	69,946	8,027	3,941	140,983

^A Other income includes Government grants of \$0.6 million (2025: \$0.6 million) received from the Ministry of Culture and New Zealand On Air for the production of content, journalism training and creating greater cultural awareness. There are no unfulfilled conditions or contingencies attaching to these grants. The Group did not benefit directly from any other forms of Government assistance.

^B Operating adjusted Earnings before Interest, Tax, Depreciation and Amortisation (Operating adjusted EBITDA) which excludes exceptional items, is a non-GAAP measure that represents the Group's total segment result which is regularly monitored by the Chief Operating Decision Maker. Exceptional items are those gains, losses, income and expense items that are not directly related to the primary business activities of the Group which are determined in accordance with the NZME Exceptional Items Recognition Framework adopted by the Board. Exceptional items include redundancies, impairment, one-off projects and the disposal of properties or businesses. These items are excluded from the segment result that is regularly reviewed by the Chief Operating Decision Maker.

^C Total assets and liabilities as at 31 December 2025.

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2.1.1 Revenue recognition

Revenue classified as generated at a point in time comprises:

- Revenue generated from advertising placed in print publications and broadcast on radio stations.
- Circulation and subscription revenue derived from the sale of print publications.
- External printing and distribution for third parties.

Revenue classified as generated over time is:

- Subscriptions to digital publications.
- Revenue generated from the supply of online advertising and other online services.
- Revenue generated by the supply of services including organising and running events, back-office services and the supply of content, created by the Group, to third parties.

2.1.2 Reconciliation of operating adjusted EBITDA to net profit / (loss) before income tax expense

	Note	June 2026 \$'000	June 2025 \$'000
For the six months ended 30 June 2026			
Operating adjusted EBITDA	2.1	26,549	23,909
Finance income		129	215
Depreciation and amortisation		(14,544)	(15,672)
Finance costs		(2,718)	(3,562)
Share of joint ventures and associates net loss after tax	5.2.2	(14)	-
Lease adjustments included in revenue		1	56
Lease make good costs		(4)	(34)
<i>Exceptional items as included in the following expenses:</i>			
People costs			
Redundancies and associated costs ^A		-	(4,409)
Other expenses			
Professional fees ^B		-	(794)
Other - various		-	(34)
Net profit / (loss) before income tax expense		9,399	(325)

^A The redundancies and associated costs relate to the restructuring of the Group's operations.

^B Legal and consulting costs associated with the Annual Shareholders Meeting.

2.2 Earnings per share

	June 2026 \$'000	June 2025 \$'000
Profit / (loss) attributable to owners of the parent entity used in calculating EPS	6,626	(393)
	June 2026 Number	June 2025 Number
Weighted average number of shares		
Weighted average number of shares for calculating basic EPS	188,174,154	187,899,804
Adjusted for calculation of diluted EPS ^A	1,541,103	-
Weighted average number of shares in the denominator in calculating diluted EPS	189,715,257	187,899,804

^A For the six months ended 30 June 2025, 2,017,689 potential ordinary shares were excluded from the calculation of diluted loss per share because their inclusion would have reduced the loss per share and was therefore anti-dilutive.

	June 2026 Cents	June 2025 Cents
Basic / diluted earnings / (loss) per share		
Basic earnings / (loss) per share	3.52	(0.21)
Diluted earnings / (loss) per share	3.49	(0.21)

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3.0 Operating assets and liabilities

3.1 Intangible assets

Material judgement: The Directors have determined that mastheads and brands have indefinite lives and are therefore not amortised.

	Goodwill \$'000	Software \$'000	Mastheads and brands \$'000	Radio licences \$'000	Capital work in progress ^A \$'000	Total \$'000
As at 31 December 2025						
Cost	2,693	77,634	202,225	80,292	1,635	364,479
Accumulated amortisation and impairment	(2,693)	(67,208)	(121,120)	(63,223)	-	(254,244)
Net book value	-	10,426	81,105	17,069	1,635	110,235
For the six months ended 30 June 2026						
Opening net book value	-	10,426	81,105	17,069	1,635	110,235
Additions	-	-	-	13	3,531	3,544
Amortisation	-	(4,026)	-	(1,627)	-	(5,653)
Transfers from capital work in progress	-	3,514	-	-	(3,514)	-
Net book value	-	9,914	81,105	15,455	1,652	108,126
As at 30 June 2026						
Cost	2,693	81,148	202,225	80,305	1,652	368,023
Accumulated amortisation and impairment	(2,693)	(71,234)	(121,120)	(64,850)	-	(259,897)
Net book value	-	9,914	81,105	15,455	1,652	108,126

^A Capital work in progress is transferred to the relevant asset category once the project is completed. Capital work in progress is not amortised prior to being transferred to the relevant asset category. Intangible assets not yet available for use, that are included in capital work in progress, are subject to annual impairment tests. Capital work in progress at 30 June 2026 and 31 December 2025 comprises expenditure incurred on digital development projects.

3.1.1 Half year impairment review

The Directors are required to assess at each reporting date, whether there are any indicators of impairment for finite life assets. For any indefinite life assets, the Directors are required to undertake an impairment test at the lowest level of cash generating unit ("CGU").

As disclosed in note 2.1 the Directors have determined that the Group has three operating segments – being "Audio", "Publishing" and "OneRoof". The Directors have also determined that there are three CGUs for impairment testing because these are the lowest level for which there are separately identifiable cash inflows

which are largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets. Those assets and liabilities that do not relate to one of the three CGUs are grouped as "other".

In the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025 it was stated by Management that there were no reasonably possible changes to key assumptions which could result in impairment of the Audio CGU while, for the Publishing CGU, it was stated that any reasonably possible adverse changes in the key assumptions

may result in reduced headroom and Management is of the view that this continues to be the case at 30 June 2026. The OneRoof CGU does not have any indefinite life intangible assets and any impairment testing of this CGU would only occur if there were indicators of impairment.

Management has conducted a review of possible impairment indicators for the three CGUs as at

30 June 2026 and concluded that there are no indicators which would require a full impairment assessment to be performed. Specifically, Management has considered the trading performance of the Group compared to forecasts used in the impairment assessment at 31 December 2025 as well as the market capitalisation of the Group at 30 June 2026.

3.2 Property, plant and equipment

	Freehold land \$'000	Buildings \$'000	Leasehold improvements \$'000	Plant and equipment \$'000	Capital work in progress ^A \$'000	Total \$'000
As at 31 December 2025						
Cost or fair value	580	261	16,123	249,477	203	266,644
Accumulated depreciation	-	(79)	(13,980)	(236,874)	-	(250,933)
Net book value	580	182	2,143	12,603	203	15,711
For the six months ended 30 June 2026						
Opening net book value	580	182	2,143	12,603	203	15,711
Additions	-	-	-	-	1,197	1,197
Depreciation	-	(11)	(543)	(2,456)	-	(3,010)
Transfers from capital work in progress	-	-	33	1,223	(1,256)	-
Net book value	580	171	1,633	11,370	144	13,898
As at 30 June 2026						
Cost or fair value	580	261	16,156	250,680	144	267,821
Accumulated depreciation	-	(90)	(14,523)	(239,310)	-	(253,923)
Net book value	580	171	1,633	11,370	144	13,898

^A Capital work in progress is transferred to the relevant asset category once the project is completed. Capital work in progress is not depreciated prior to being transferred to the relevant asset category. Capital work in progress at 30 June 2026 and 31 December 2025 primarily comprises expenditure incurred on technology projects.

3.3 Right-of-use assets

	Buildings \$'000	Transmission \$'000	Vehicles \$'000	Other \$'000	Total \$'000
As at 31 December 2025					
Net book value	27,042	20,331	1,594	38	49,005
For the six months ended 30 June 2026					
Additions	73	-	406	-	479
Depreciation	(3,416)	(2,082)	(378)	(5)	(5,881)
Changes in scope or lease terms	164	1,574	10	-	1,748
Net book value	23,863	19,823	1,632	33	45,351

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3.4 Trade and other receivables

The following table details the Group's current and non-current trade and other receivables at 30 June 2026.

	Note	June 2026 \$'000	December 2025 \$'000
Trade receivables net of provisions		31,519	32,779
Amounts due from related companies	6.1	-	284
Finance lease receivables	3.4.1	629	603
Other receivables and prepayments		6,508	6,394
Total current trade and other receivables		38,656	40,060
Other receivables and prepayments		428	663
Finance lease receivables	3.4.1	2,416	2,736
Total non-current other receivables and prepayments		2,844	3,399

3.4.1 Finance lease receivables

	\$'000
As at 31 December 2025	
Current assets	603
Non-current assets	2,736
Net investment in lease receivables at 31 December 2025	3,339
Interest on lease receivables	80
Total lease receivables before cash receipts	3,419
Interest received	(80)
Principal received	(294)
Total cash receipts	(374)
Net investment in lease receivables at 30 June 2026	3,045
Current assets	629
Non-current assets	2,416
Net investment in lease receivables at 30 June 2026	3,045

3.5 Inventories

Inventories is predominantly the stock of newsprint held at the Ellerslie print plant. The longevity of the commodity, and the short period of time that stock is on hand, reduces the Group's risk of holding obsolete stock.

During the six months ended 30 June 2026 inventories totalling \$4.9 million were expensed through print and distribution expenses (2025: \$5.6 million).

3.6 Trade and other payables

	June 2026 \$'000	December 2025 \$'000
Current payables		
Employee entitlements	5,423	4,369
Deferred revenue	12,999	10,847
Trade payables and accruals	22,613	28,599
Total current trade and other payables	41,035	43,815

3.7 Net tangible liabilities

Net tangible liabilities per share is a non-GAAP measure that is required to be disclosed by the NZX Listing Rules. The calculation of the Group's net

tangible liabilities per share and its reconciliation to the consolidated balance sheet is presented below:

	June 2026 \$'000	December 2025 \$'000
Total assets	228,040	238,843
Deferred tax asset	(8,836)	(8,149)
Intangible assets	(108,126)	(110,235)
Total liabilities	(134,762)	(140,983)
Net tangible liabilities	(23,684)	(20,524)
Number of shares issued (in thousands)	188,182	187,900
Net tangible liabilities per share (in \$)	(\$0.13)	(\$0.11)

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4.0 Capital management

4.1 Dividends

4.1.1 Dividends paid and declared

Amounts recognised as distributions to equity holders during the six months ended 30 June:

	Cents per Share	\$'000
For the six months ended 30 June 2026		
Final dividend for 2025 declared 23 February 2026, paid 18 March 2026	6.0	11,291
Total dividends declared and paid during the period		11,291
Supplementary final dividend for 2025 paid 18 March 2026	1.06	1,050
Total supplementary dividends declared during the period		1,050
Proposed interim dividend for the year ended 31 December 2026	3.0	5,645

	Cents per Share	\$'000
For the six months ended 30 June 2025		
Final dividend for 2024 declared 25 February 2025, paid 31 March 2025	6.0	11,274
Total dividends declared and paid during the period		11,274
Supplementary final dividend for 2024 paid 31 March 2025	1.06	1,284
Total supplementary dividends declared during the period		1,284
Interim dividend for the year ended 31 December 2025	3.0	5,637

The dividends in the above table were fully imputed and unfranked.

Supplementary dividends were paid to registered shareholders who were not tax residents in New Zealand and who held less than 10% of the shares in the Company at the record date for the related distribution.

The proposed dividend, declared by the Board of Directors on 24 August 2026, is to be paid on 23 September 2026 to registered shareholders as at 11 September 2026.

4.1.2 Imputation credits

	June 2026 \$'000	December 2025 \$'000
Imputation credits available for subsequent reporting periods based on the New Zealand 28% tax rate for the Group	18,112	19,125

4.2 Interest-bearing liabilities

The following table details the Group's combined net debt at 30 June 2026.

The movements in these balances during the period are provided in notes 4.2.1 Secured bank loans and note 4.2.2 Lease liabilities.

	\$'000
Bank loans	24,849
Cash and cash equivalents	(5,424)
Net bank debt	19,425
Lease liabilities	66,632
Net debt at 30 June 2026	86,057

4.2.1 Secured bank loans

	\$'000
Bank loans	
As at 31 December 2025	24,311
Net cash flows	500
Gain on loan modification adjustment	4
Amortisation of borrowing costs	34
As at 30 June 2026	24,849
Cash and cash equivalents	
As at 31 December 2025	(8,804)
Net cash flows	3,380
Net bank debt at 30 June 2026	19,425

The Group is funded from a combination of its own cash reserves and \$60.0 million of bilateral bank loan facilities, which NZME refinanced on 26 June 2025, of which \$25.0 million (31 December 2025: \$24.5 million) is drawn and \$35.0 million (31 December 2025: \$35.5 million) is undrawn as at 30 June 2026. This facility expires on 31 August 2028.

The interest rate for the drawn facility is the BKBM plus credit margin.

The NZME bilateral facilities contain undertakings which are customary for facilities of this nature including, but not limited to, provision of information, negative pledge and restrictions on priority indebtedness and disposals of assets. The assets of the Group are collateral for the interest-bearing liabilities.

In addition, the Group must comply with financial covenants (a net debt to EBITDA ratio and an EBITDA to net interest expense ratio) for each 12 month period ending on 31 March, 30 June, 30 September and 31 December. The Group has complied with these covenants throughout the reporting period.

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4.2.2 Lease liabilities

	\$'000
As at 31 December 2025	
Current lease liabilities	14,515
Non-current lease liabilities	57,164
Total lease liabilities at 31 December 2025	71,679
Interest on lease liabilities	1,881
New leases	479
Changes in scope, lease terms and other adjustments	1,747
Total lease liabilities before cash payments	75,786
Interest paid on leases	(1,881)
Principal payments	(7,273)
Total cash payments	(9,154)
Total lease liabilities at 30 June 2026	66,632
Current lease liabilities	14,710
Non-current lease liabilities	51,922
Total lease liabilities at 30 June 2026	66,632

4.3 Cash flow information

	June 2026 \$'000	June 2025 \$'000
Reconciliation of profit / (loss) for the period to net cash inflows from operating activities :		
Profit / (loss) for the period	6,626	(393)
Depreciation and amortisation expense	14,544	15,672
Borrowing cost amortisation	34	49
Gain on loan modification adjustment	4	149
Net gain on sale of non-current assets	-	(12)
Change in current / deferred tax	299	(1,225)
Lease adjustments	(1)	(56)
Group's share of retained losses in joint ventures and associates	14	-
Share based payment expense	148	183
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Trade and other receivables	1,188	1,650
Inventories	(1,550)	(265)
Prepayments	771	(929)
Trade and other payables and employee benefits	(2,774)	147
Net cash inflows from operating activities	19,303	14,970

4.4 Fair value measurement

The Group measures and recognises the following assets and liabilities at fair value on a recurring basis:

- Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (FVTPL);
- Land and buildings (excluding leasehold improvements).

4.4.1 Fair value hierarchy

NZ IFRS 13 requires disclosure of fair value measurements by level of the following fair value measurement hierarchy:

- Level 1: quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2: inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, and
- Level 3: inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

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4.4.2 Recognised fair value measurements

	June 2026 \$'000	December 2025 \$'000
<i>Recurring fair value measurements</i>		
Non-financial assets (Level 3)		
Freehold land and buildings		
Freehold land	580	580
Buildings (excluding leasehold improvements)	171	182
Total non-financial assets	751	762

All fair value measurements referred to above are in level 3 of the fair value hierarchy and there were no transfers between levels. The Group's policy is to recognise transfers between fair value hierarchy levels as at the end of the reporting period.

4.4.3 Disclosed fair values

The Group also has a number of assets and liabilities which are not measured at fair value but for which fair values are disclosed in these notes.

The carrying amounts of trade receivables and payables are assumed to approximate their fair values due to their short-term nature.

The fair value of the non-current other receivables and prepayments is assumed to approximate their carrying values as the balances comprise of prepayments in relation to cash already received by the Group and lease receivables where the carrying value has been calculated based on net present values of future cash inflows.

The fair value of interest-bearing liabilities disclosed in note 4.2 is estimated by discounting the future contractual cash flows at the current market interest rates that are available to the Group for similar financial instruments. For the six months ended 30 June 2026, the borrowing rates were determined to be between 4.5% and 4.7% (31 December 2025: between 4.5% and 6.5%), depending on the type of borrowing. The fair value of borrowings approximates the carrying amount, as the impact of discounting is not significant (level 2).

4.4.4 Valuation techniques used to derive level 2 and 3 fair values

Recurring fair value measurements

The fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market is determined using valuation techniques. These valuation techniques maximise the use of observable market data where it is available and rely as little as possible on entity specific estimates. If all significant inputs required to fair value an instrument are observable, the instrument is included in level 2.

If one or more of the significant inputs is not based on observable market data, the instrument is included in level 3.

The Group uses Director valuations, supported by an independent valuation performed in February 2024, for its freehold land and buildings less subsequent depreciation for buildings to ensure that the carrying value of the assets is materially consistent with their fair value. The land and buildings owned by the Group are transmission sites and associated buildings, and as such are specialised and have limited saleability. The best evidence of fair value is current prices in an active market for similar properties; however, these are not readily available for such specialised sites in such locations. The Directors believe that the current carrying value of the assets equates to their fair value given the nature and location of the assets. All resulting fair value estimates for properties are included as level 3.

5.0 Group structure and investments in other entities

5.1 Controlled entities

The consolidated interim financial statements incorporate the assets, liabilities and results of the subsidiaries listed below. Unless otherwise stated, they have share capital consisting solely of ordinary shares that are held directly by the Group, and the proportion of ownership interest held equals the voting rights held by the Group. All entities are incorporated in, and operate in, New Zealand and the ownership interest is 100% unless otherwise stated. There were no changes in control during the six months ended 30 June 2026.

Name of entity	Name of entity
NZME Advisory Limited	NZME Radio Investments Limited
NZME Australia Pty Limited ^A	NZME Radio Limited ^B
NZME Educational Media Limited	NZME Specialist Limited
NZME Holdings Limited	The Hive Online Limited
NZME Investments Limited	New Zealand Radio Network Limited
NZME Print Limited	The Radio Bureau Limited
NZME Publishing Limited	OneRoof Limited

^A Incorporated in, and operates in, Australia.

^B One "Kiwi Share" held by the Minister of Finance. The rights and obligations are set out in the NZME Radio constitution.

5.2 Interests in other entities

5.2.1 Associates, joint ventures and joint operations

The Group has the following associates, joint ventures and joint operations:

Name of entity	June 2026 Ownership interest	December 2025 Ownership interest
New Zealand Press Association Limited ^A	38.82%	38.82%
The Beacon Printing & Publishing Company Limited ^A	21%	21%
The Gisborne Herald Company Limited ^A	49%	49%
The Wairoa Star Limited ^{A C}	40.41%	40.41%
The Radio Bureau ^B	50%	50%

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- ^A These entities are classified as joint ventures or associates and are accounted for using the equity method in these consolidated interim financial statements.
- ^B The Radio Bureau is classified as a joint operation and the Group has included its direct right to the assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses of joint operations and its share of any jointly held or incurred assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses in these consolidated interim financial statements.
- ^C At 30 June 2026 the Wairoa Star Limited was in the process of being wound up with shareholders receiving a cash distribution in June 2026 (note 5.2.2).

5.2.2 Equity accounted investments

	\$'000
As at 31 December 2025	1,825
Share of losses in joint ventures and associates	(14)
Cash received on wind up	(122)
As at 30 June 2026	1,689

The equity accounted investments are not considered to be material to the Group's operations or results and therefore no disclosures of the summarised financial information for these investments have been made. The Wairoa Star Limited has ceased trading and has distributed its net assets to its shareholders. Formal removal from the Companies Register is still to be actioned.

6.0 Other notes

6.1 Related parties

The following table details the period end balances between the Group and its associates.

	June 2026 \$'000	December 2025 \$'000
Balances with associates		
Receivables	-	284

The following table details the transactions between the Group and its associates during the six months ended 30 June 2026 and 30 June 2025.

	June 2026 \$'000	June 2025 \$'000
Transactions with associates		
Services provided by the Group	2	30

6.2 Commitments and contingent liabilities

The Group is subject to litigation incidental to the business, none of which is expected to be material. No provision has been made in the consolidated financial statements in relation to its current litigation and the Directors believe that such litigation will not have a significant effect on the Group's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

6.3 Subsequent events

On 7 August 2026 the Group announced it had finalised an agreement to acquire the print plant equipment at Stuff's current Petone facility. The Group will take ownership of the equipment and begin removing it from its current location later in the year.

The total investment including relocation, installation and commissioning is expected to be up to \$15.0 million over the next two years with cash flow payback within the subsequent three years.

The Petone equipment is smaller than the current Ellerslie plant and runs more efficiently with the acquisition expected to deliver annual operating savings, subject to print volumes, and the capability for the Group to provide further third-party print options throughout the North Island.

The Directors are not aware of any other material events subsequent to the reporting date.



Independent auditor's review report

To the shareholders of NZME Limited

Report on the consolidated interim financial statements

Our conclusion

We have reviewed the consolidated interim financial statements of NZME Limited (the Company) and its subsidiaries (the Group), which comprise the consolidated interim balance sheet as at 30 June 2026, and the consolidated interim statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the consolidated interim statement of changes in equity and the consolidated interim statement of cash flows for the six months ended on that date, and notes, comprising material accounting policy information and other explanatory information.

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accompanying consolidated interim financial statements of the Group do not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Group as at 30 June 2026, and its financial performance and cash flows for the six months then ended, in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34 *Interim Financial Reporting* (IAS 34) and New Zealand Equivalent to International Accounting Standard 34 Interim Financial Reporting (NZ IAS 34).

Basis for conclusion

We conducted our review in accordance with the New Zealand Standard on Review Engagements 2410 (Revised) *Review of Financial Statements Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity* (NZ SRE 2410 (Revised)). Our responsibilities are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the review of the consolidated interim financial statements section of our report.

We are independent of the Group in accordance with Professional and Ethical Standard 1 *International Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners (including International Independence Standards)* (New Zealand) issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (PES 1), as applicable to audits and reviews of public interest entities. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with PES 1.

Other than in our capacity as auditor and assurance practitioner, our firm has a corporate subscription and places advertising with the Group on normal terms. In addition, certain partners and employees of our firm may deal with the Group on normal terms within the ordinary course of trading activities of the business. The firm has no other relationship with, or interests in, the Group.

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Responsibilities of Directors for the consolidated interim financial statements

The Directors of the Company are responsible on behalf of the Company for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated interim financial statements in accordance with IAS 34 and NZ IAS 34 and for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated interim financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibilities for the review of the consolidated interim financial statements

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the consolidated interim financial statements based on our review. NZ SRE 2410 (Revised) requires us to conclude whether anything has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the consolidated interim financial statements, taken as a whole, are not prepared in all material respects, in accordance with IAS 34 and NZ IAS 34.

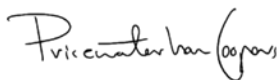
A review of consolidated interim financial statements in accordance with NZ SRE 2410 (Revised) is a limited assurance engagement. We perform procedures, primarily consisting of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. The procedures performed in a review are substantially less than those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) and consequently do not enable us to obtain assurance that we might identify in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on these consolidated interim financial statements.

Who we report to

This report is made solely to the Company's shareholders, as a body. Our review work has been undertaken so that we might state those matters which we are required to state to them in our review report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's shareholders, as a body, for our review procedures, for this report or for the conclusion we have formed.

The engagement partner on the review resulting in this independent auditor's review report is Indumin Senaratne (Indy Sena).

For and on behalf of:



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24 August 2026

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