

Monday 23 May 2022

### 2022 Half-Year Results Investor Presentation

Attached is the Elders Limited (**ASX:ELD**) investor presentation in connection with the financial results for the 6 month period ended 31 March 2022.

Elders' Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Mark Allison, and Chief Financial Officer, Tania Foster, will deliver this presentation by webcast and simultaneous teleconference at 10.00am (AEST) today.

As advised in the Company's announcement to ASX on Tuesday, 17 May 2022, you can register to view and listen to the live commentary of the presentation. For details, refer to that announcement.

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### Elders Limited FY22 Half Year Report Presentation

23 May 2022

Presented by Mark Allison CEO Tania Foster CFO

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### Agenda

Business Update

**Financial Results** 

**Business Performance** 

Growing our Business

Market Outlook

**Closing Summary** 

Questions



## 1H22 Highlights





### PEOPLE

**12.6** TRIFR<sup>1</sup>

78% employee engagement

42% female workforce based on Australia headcount

> +298 FTE vs. March 2021



### **CUSTOMERS**

**#1** most trusted agribusiness brand

> 48 net promoter score

+15 additional locations



### COMMUNITY

**\$0.3m** to RFDS over renewed three-year sponsorship

> **\$1.1m** sponsorships and donations

478 local community sports teams and events sponsored



### SHAREHOLDERS

58.3 cents underlying earnings per share

28.0 cents

dividends per share

48% dividend payout ratio

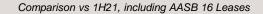
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<sup>1</sup>Total Recordable Injuries Frequency Rate: all fatalities, LTIs and medical treatment injuries multiplied by 1,000,000 then divided by hours worked

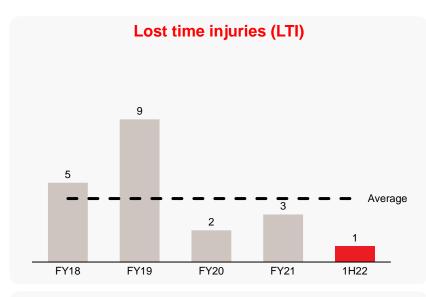


### **1H22 Financial Summary**





# Safety, Health & Well-Being



Total recordable injuries frequency rate (TRIFR)<sup>1</sup>





lost time injury in 1H22



10% compound reduction in TRIFR since FY18



100% branch risk radar<sup>2</sup> completed during Safety Week



\$1.0m capital expenditure in 1H22





Krystal Bowden SALES SUPPORT OFFICER, JANDOWAE QLD

"Over the last 12 months we have implemented over 40 changes to make Elders Jandowae a safer place. I hope to help my colleagues think twice before making an unsafe decision."

"I would like to think that I have had, and will continue to help provide the education, information & resources my colleagues need to make the safer choice and to ensure that everyone makes it home to their loved ones – tonight, and every night."

### **Sustainability**



### **OUR PRINCIPLES**

- We provide our customers and clients with the goods and services they need
- We support our people and the industries and communities in which we operate
- We do our part to look after the environment and animals in our care
- We operate ethically and to the highest standard





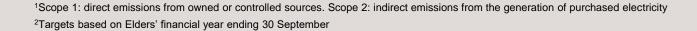
### **CLIMATE TARGETS<sup>1</sup>**

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

- 100% renewable electricity in all Australian sites by 2025
- 50% reduction in Scope 1 and 2 emissions intensity (tCO2e/\$m revenue) by 2030, against a baseline year of 2021 (subject to commercially viable technology being available to address feedlot cattle emissions)
- Net zero Scope 1 and 2 emissions by 2050<sup>2</sup>

### **OUR PROGRESS**

- Targeting solar and LED lighting site upgrades to reduce emissions
- Solar farm development at Killara Feedlot
- Second Modern Slavery Statement published
- Joined the Australian Packaging Covenant Organisation; waste reduction strategy in development





## Financial Results





## **1H22 Financial Performance: Summary**

Strong performance across our key metrics

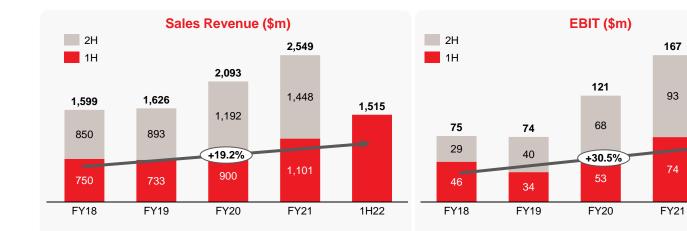
Key metrics (\$m)	1H22	1H21		Var	%
Sales revenue	1,514.8	1,100.5	ŧ	414.3	38%
Gross margin	326.5	241.6	+	84.9	35%
Costs	193.6	167.8	+	25.8	15%
Earnings before interest and tax	132.8	73.8	t	59.0	80%
Net profit after tax	91.2	68.2	ŧ	23.0	34%
Return on capital (%)*	27.8%	20.1%	t	7.7%	n/a
Net debt	384.5	263.9	+	120.6	46%
Leverage ratio (times)	1.2	1.8	ŧ	(0.6)	(33%)
Operating cash flow	(55.4)	23.9	ŧ	(79.3)	(332%)
Underlying earnings per share (cents)	58.3	42.9	ŧ	15.4	36%
Dividend per share (cents)	28.0	20.0	+	8.0	40%

\*Return on capital = Rolling 12 months Underlying EBIT / (working capital + investments + property, plant and equipment + right of use assets + intangibles (excluding Elders brand name) – DTL on acquisitions – lease liabilities – provisions)



## **1H22 Financial Performance: Summary**

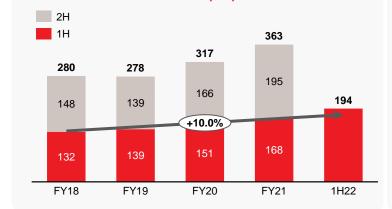
Consistent 1H growth over the last five years



Underlying Earnings per Share (cents)

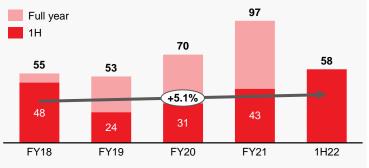
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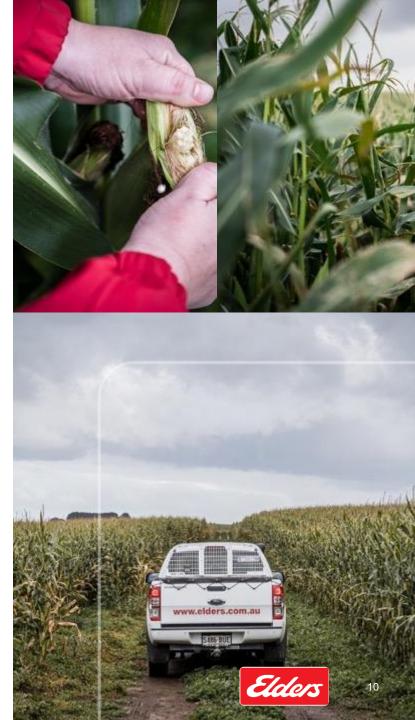
1H22



Costs (\$m)

Underlying tax expense recognised from 1 October 2021 impacting earnings per share

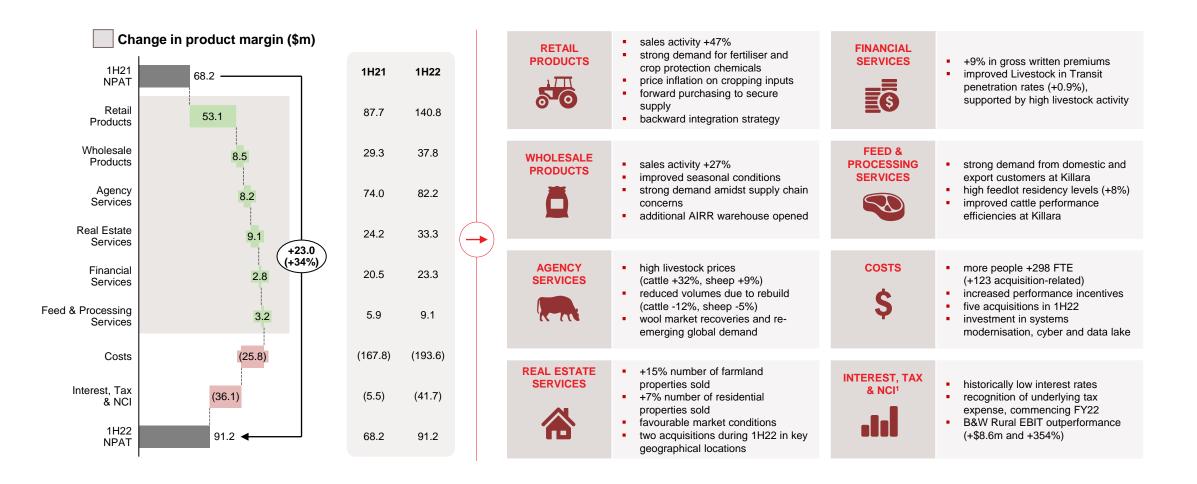




Note: CAGR calculated on 1H performance

## **1H22 Financial Performance: Product**

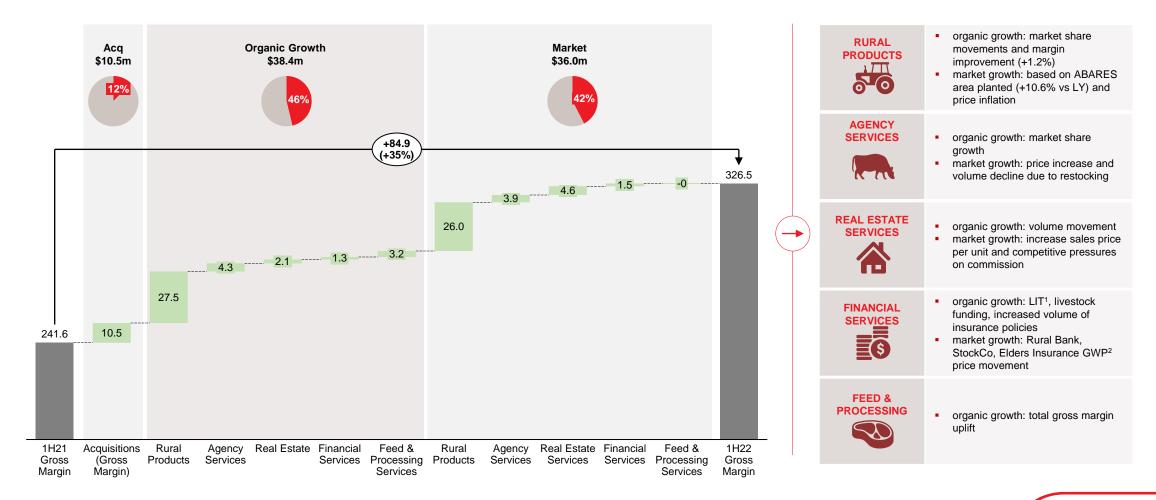
Favourable performance across all products





## **1H22 Financial Performance: Gross Margin Growth**

Steady contribution from acquisition, organic growth and market

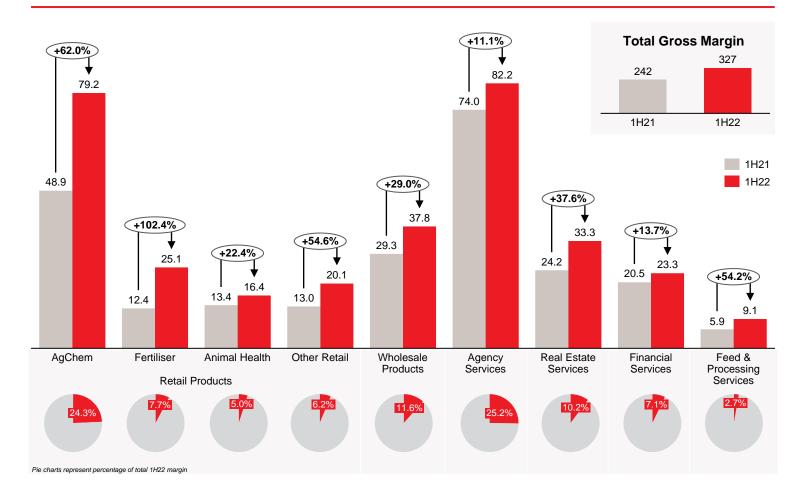






### **1H22 Financial Performance: Gross Margin**

A diversified business model across product categories





## **1H22 Financial Performance: Geography**

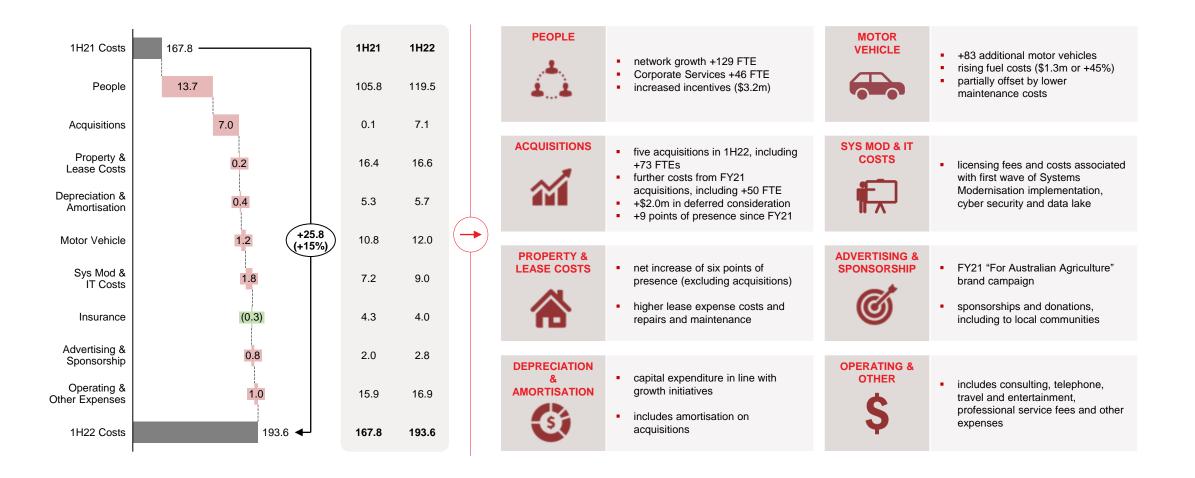
Strong growth across all geographies, with diversification of our EBIT reducing risk





## **1H22 Financial Performance: Costs**

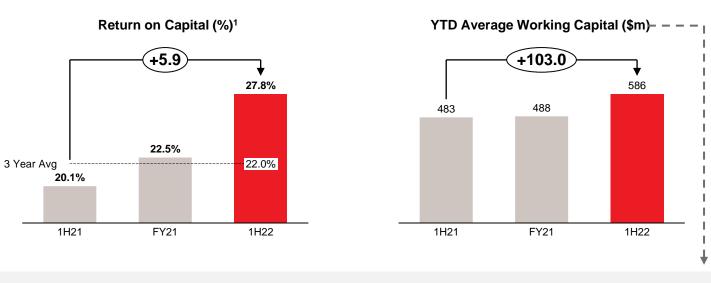
Investment in people and strategic initiatives driving increased costs







## **1H22 Financial Performance: Capital** *Return on capital increasing, despite higher working capital to support growth*



Trade & Other Receivables (\$m)

673

FY21

694

627

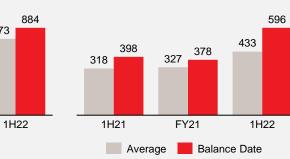
1H21

735

773

Inventories<sup>1</sup> (\$m)

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



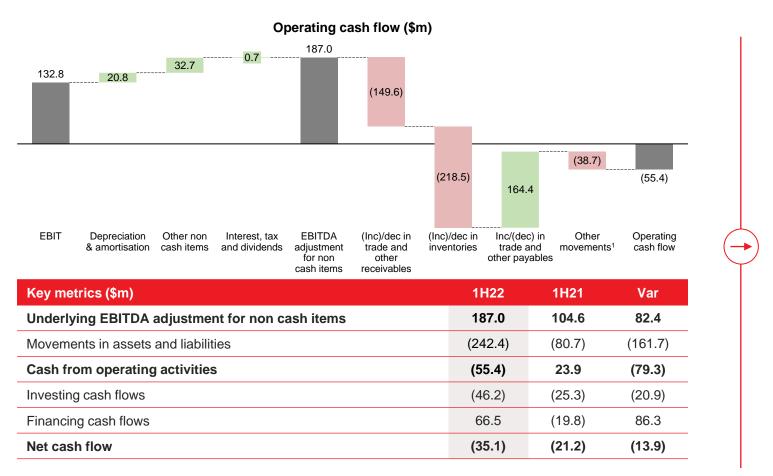
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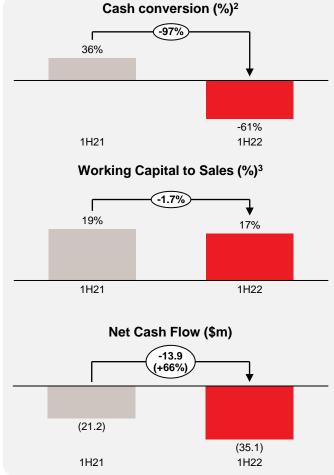
<sup>1</sup>Return on capital 3 year average is calculated on the 12 months to 31 March 2020, 31 March 2021 and 31 March 2022 <sup>1</sup>Including Livestock



## **1H22 Financial Performance: Cash Flow**

Growth in debtors and inventory consistent with sales growth and higher commodity prices



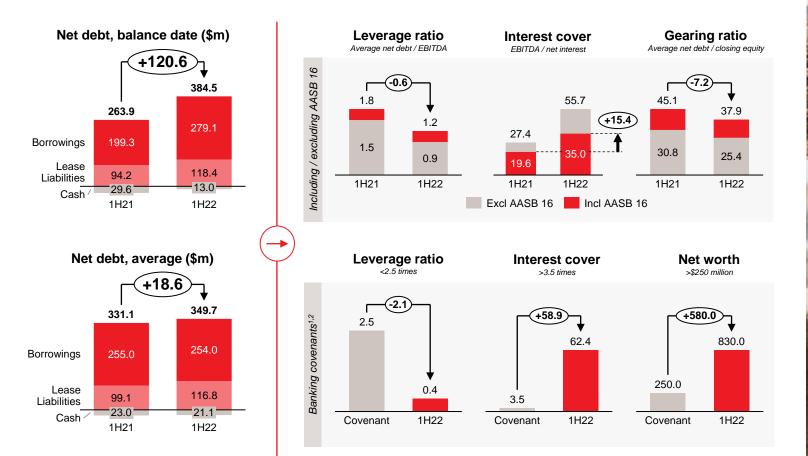




<sup>1</sup>Other movements includes provisions and balances acquired via acquisitions <sup>2</sup>Cash conversion is calculated on a YTD basis <sup>3</sup>Working capital to sales is calculated on a rolling 12 month basis

## **1H22 Financial Performance: Net Debt**

Improving ratios, despite increased net debt



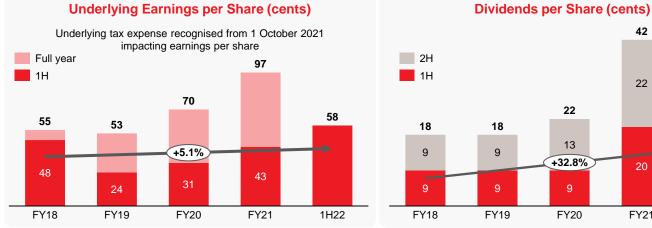
<sup>1</sup>Calculated pursuant to definitions in group syndicated facilities which are subject to change over time. The current covenant calculations exclude all accounting adjustments required by AASB 16 Leases and the leverage covenant excludes the debtor securitisation balance from net debt.

<sup>2</sup>Undrawn facilities at 31 March was \$191 million out of total available facilities of \$475 million and significant headroom in our banking covenants



## **1H22 Dividend & Capital Management**

Earnings and dividends per share continue to grow



42 22 28 22 18 13 9 +32.8% 20 FY21 FY19 FY20 1H22

Franking Credit Balance (\$m)







#### Notes: Prior year dividends were franked at 100%. FY21 dividends were partially franked at 20%. CAGR calculated on 1H performance



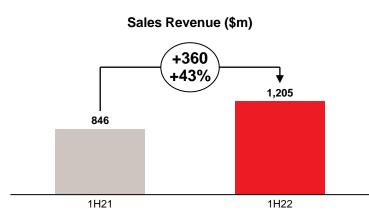
## Business Performance

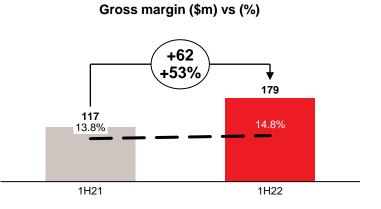




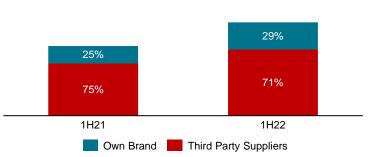
## **Rural Products**

Gross margin improving year on year via our backward integration strategy

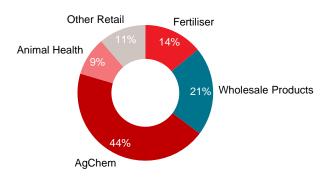




Elders own brand vs third party sales<sup>1</sup> (%)



1H22 gross margin by category (%)

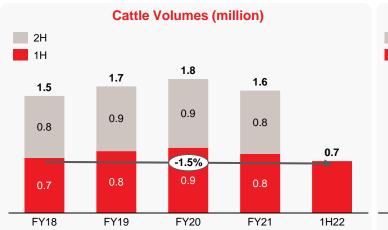


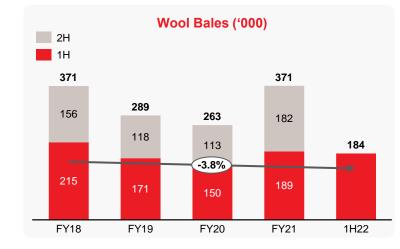
<sup>1</sup>Includes product categories where Elders sell own brand products only i.e. cropping protection, animal health and seed

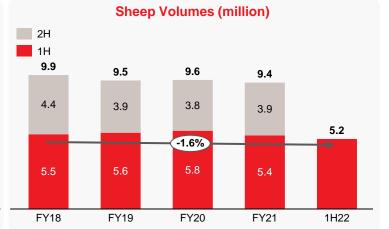


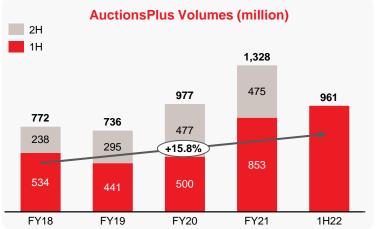
## **Agency Services**

Cattle and sheep volumes down as a consequence of restocking







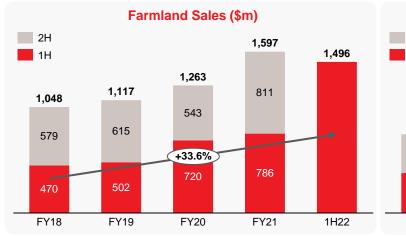






## **Real Estate Services**

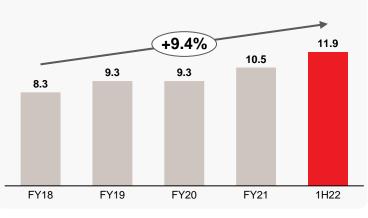
Strong demand for farmland and residential property



2H 1,457 1H 773 873 867 727 710 452 350 364 +24.7% 684 415 363 FY19 FY18 FY20 FY21 1H22

**Residential Sales (\$m)** 





### Gross Margin by Category (\$m)<sup>1</sup>

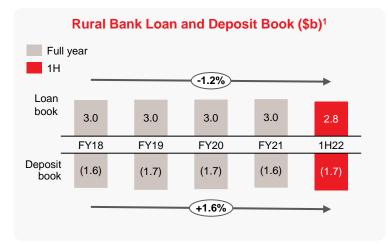


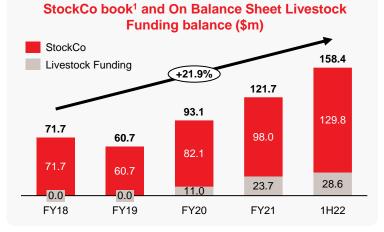
<sup>1</sup>Other includes: franchise revenue, water broking activities, Elders Home Loans and other earnings and direct costs (commissions) Note: CAGR calculated on 1H performance

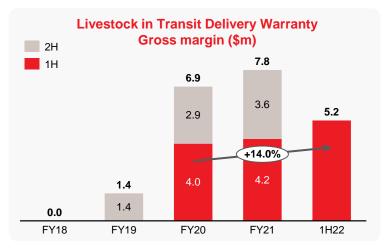


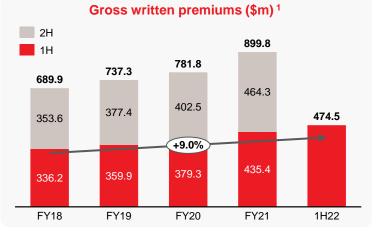
## **Financial Services**

Market conditions support growth in Insurance products and restocking finance



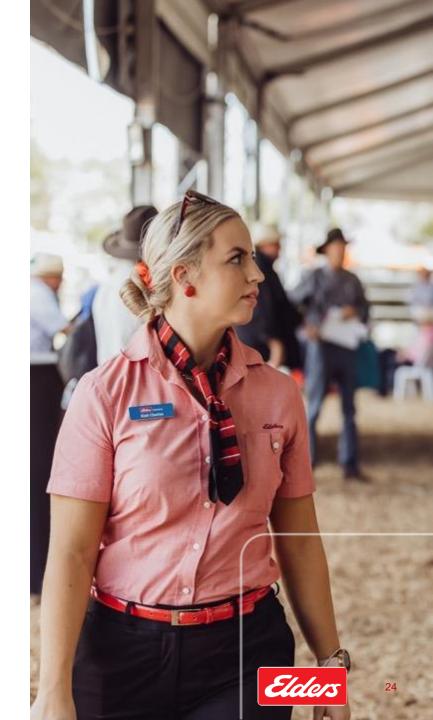






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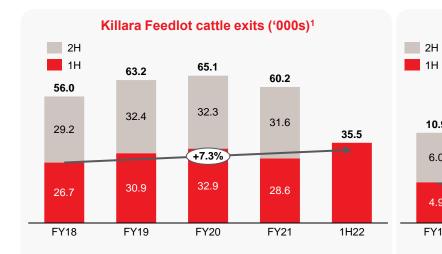
<sup>1</sup>Principal positions are held by Rural Bank, StockCo and Elders Insurance Underwriting Agency CAGR calculated on 1H performance





## **Feed & Processing Services**

1H recovery in Killara with strong domestic and export demand



- While sustained high cattle prices and seasonal conditions lowered the number of cattle sold at Killara Feedlot in FY21 compared to previous years, recovery in 1H22 is due to increased demand, high residency levels and cattle performance efficiencies
- Supply chain challenges continue to be partly mitigated by early procurement through Killara's backgrounding operations

Extended supply chain difficulties and on-going COVID-19 constraints in key regions of China have impacted the business

Elders Fine Foods sales (\$m)

14.4

7.9

+11.7%

6.5

FY20

13.7

7.5

6.2

FY19

10.9

6.0

4.9

FY18

17.8

8.5

9.2

FY21

Despite decline in sales, gross margin was mostly • consistent with the prior year



7.6

1H22

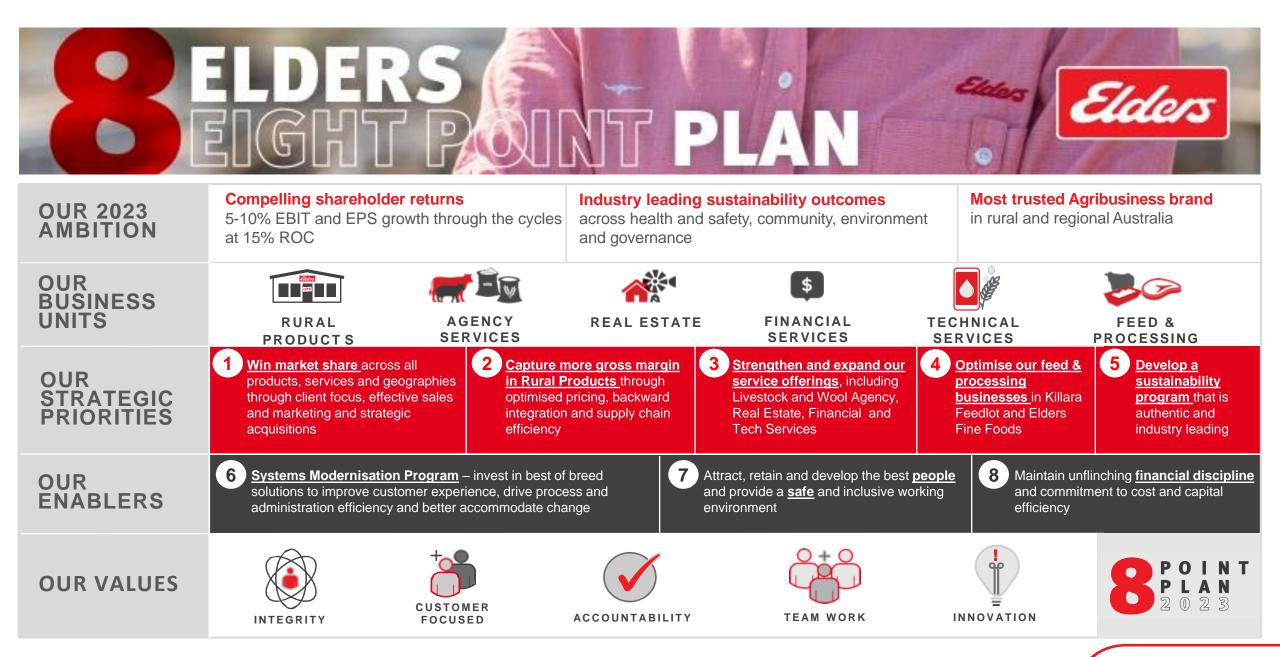
Note: CAGR calculated on 1H performance

<sup>1</sup>Cattle exits include both cattle principally owned by Killara as well as third party owned custom-fed cattle

## Growing our Business

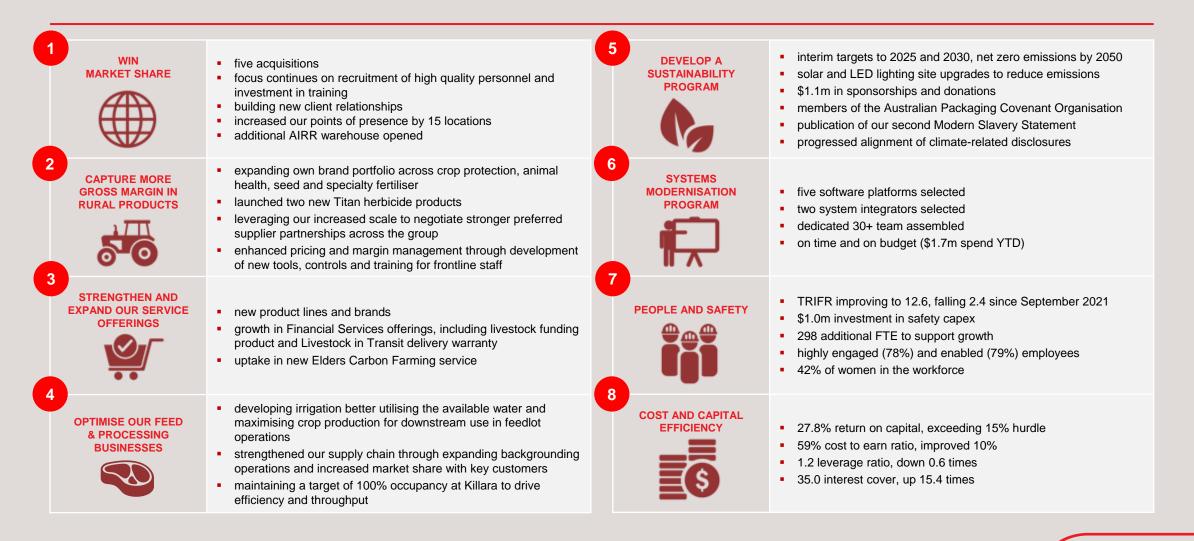


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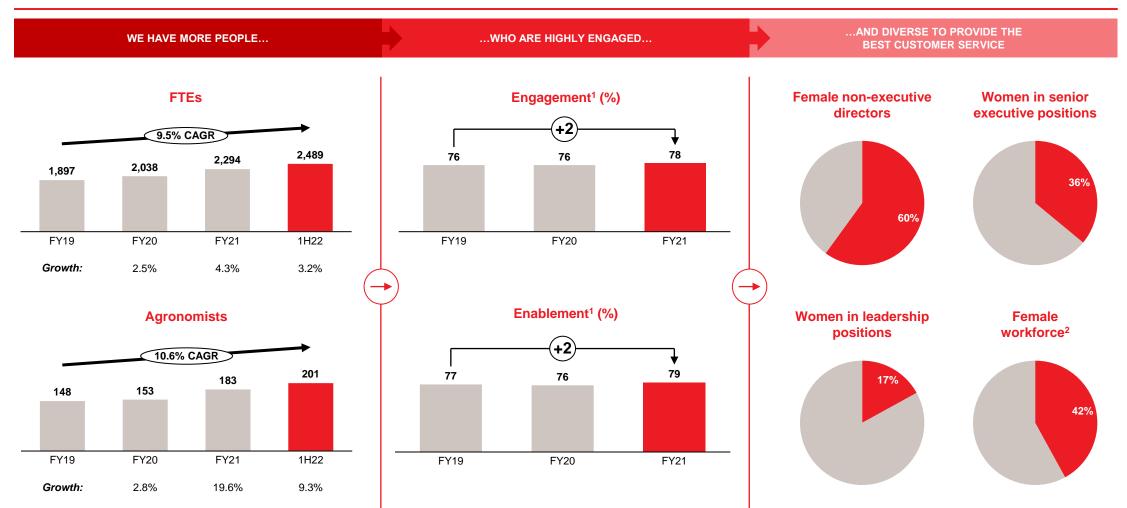
## We are Delivering on our Eight Point Plan Commitment





## We Are Committed To Attracting & Retaining The Best People

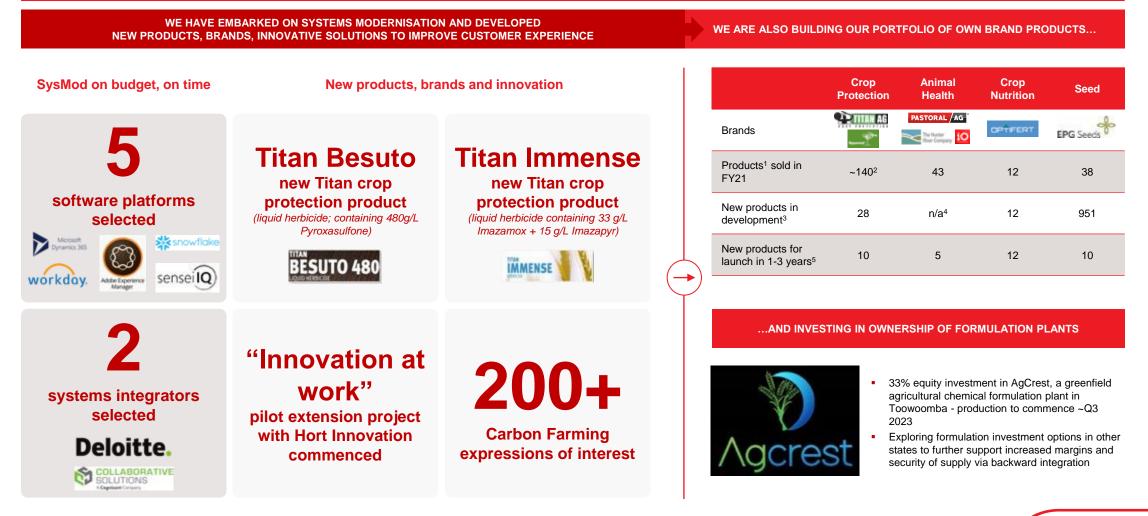
More people, highly skilled, engaged and diverse



<sup>1</sup>2021 Korn Ferry Elders Employee Effectiveness Survey <sup>2</sup>Excludes China, Indonesia and casuals

## We Continue To Invest In Innovative Solutions

Innovation is an important investment for future growth



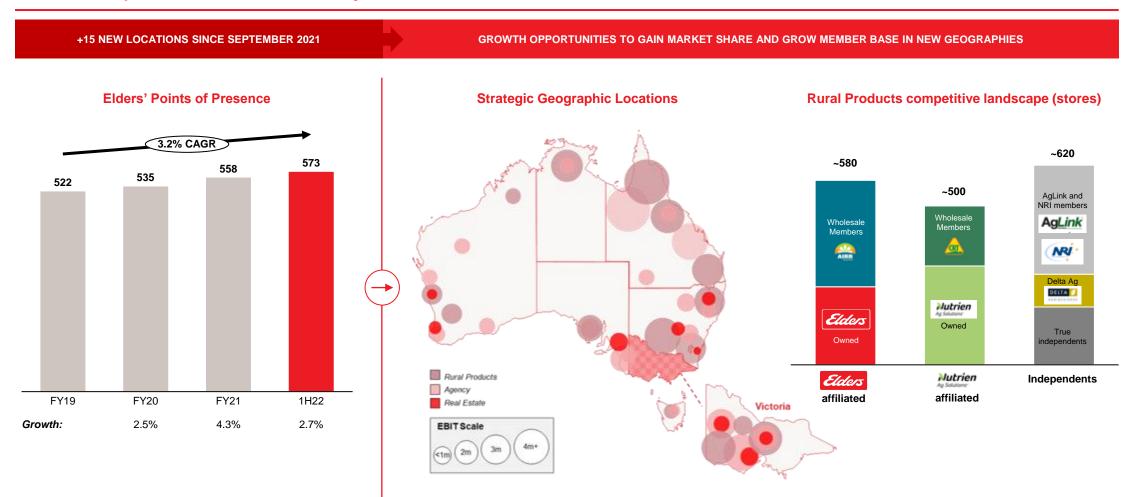
#### Notes:

<sup>1</sup>Products sold in FY21, different pack sizes, brands or SKUs of the same underlying product are counted as 1 product; <sup>2</sup>Includes Titan products sold at Elders network only; <sup>3</sup>Note that not all products will reach commercial launch; <sup>4</sup>Included within the 5 between 1-3 years; <sup>5</sup>Unlikely to launch any products within the next 2 years unless they have already been approved for registration by the APVMA. 10 products in our pipeline have been approved, while the remaining products are still in the data generation or APVMA evaluation phase



## **There Are Still Plenty Of Opportunities to Grow**

Points of presence increased by 15 locations



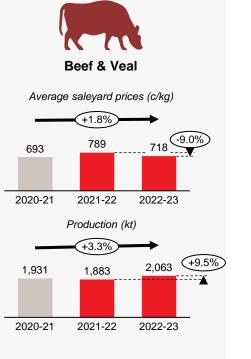


## Market Outlook

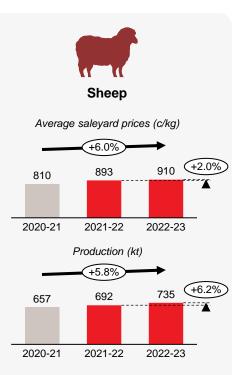


## **ABARES March Outlook Update**

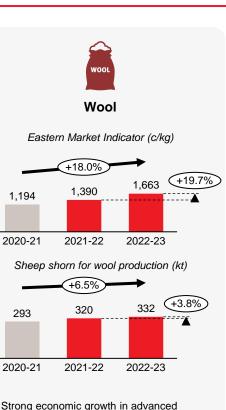
Improved winter cropping; decline in cattle price as rebuild continues, however remains historically high



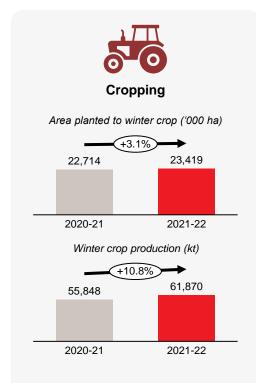
- Easing rebuilding see prices fall, but remain historically high
- Gross value is forecast to increase 8% to a record \$15.7 billion in 2021–22
- Global beef prices are forecast to stay high throughout the outlook period



- Strong export demand in the US is expected to support high lamb prices
- The value of the sheep meat industry is expected to surpass \$5 billion in 2021–22
- Rising supply of sheep meat will allow Australia to respond to growing global demand



- Strong economic growth in advanced economies to lift wool prices
- Value of the Australian wool clip to grow strongly as flock rebuilding continues
- Demand for fine and super-fine wool will lift the Eastern Market Indicator higher



- Winter crop production in 2021–22 has been revised to an even higher national record of 61.9 million tonnes.
- This represents an upward revision of 6% from the December 2021 update and 11% on prior year



ABARES Australian Agricultural Crop Report: March quarter 2022

#### Australian Crop Report – DAWE

## **Market Outlook**

FY22 expected to finish positively with livestock prices remaining elevated and favourable cropping outlook

RURAL PRODUCTS	<ul> <li>positive winter crop outlook, with area planted forecast to rise 3% to 23.4 million hectares<sup>1</sup>, expected to drive strong demand in the second half for cropping inputs, particularly agricultural chemicals, fertiliser and seed</li> <li>supply chain pressures are expected to support continued elevated prices for agricultural chemicals with potential for margin pressure on some product lines</li> <li>benefits from acquisitions to provide further margin upsides in the second half</li> </ul>	FINANCIAL SERVICES	<ul> <li>continued uptake of our livestock funding product forecast to provide margin upsides</li> <li>our Livestock in Transit (LIT) delivery warranty products expected to continue to grow in line with higher livestock turnover</li> <li>favourable market conditions to support demand for our Insurance and other Agri Finance offerings</li> </ul>
AGENCY SERVICES	<ul> <li>prices for beef are expected to remain firm in 2022, underpinned by domestic re-stocker demand, however set to decline as this demand wanes into 2023</li> <li>lamb and mutton prices forecast to also remain high, due to strong export demand from the United States and improved exports into China</li> <li>continued wool market recovery as demand grows, particularly in advanced economies, with the Eastern Market Indicator set to increase further into 2022/23</li> </ul>	FEED & PROCESSING SERVICES	<ul> <li>strong demand expected to continue from customers with increases in margins for both domestic and export supply chains despite ongoing high feeder cattle prices</li> <li>supply chain continues to be supported by our backgrounding and irrigated farming operations to ensure high utilisation and throughput at the feedlot</li> <li>investment in environmentally sustainable and growth initiatives to drive further efficiencies at Killara</li> </ul>
REAL ESTATE SERVICES	<ul> <li>despite looming interest rate increases, favourable commodity price outlook and good seasonal conditions will continue to drive high levels of demand for farmland properties</li> <li>strong demand for residential and rental properties likely to continue, with the continued lifting of COVID-19 restrictions increasing activity</li> <li>property management earnings to increase, supported by additional rent roll portfolios acquired during the first half</li> </ul>	\$ COSTS & CAPITAL	<ul> <li>maintain a stable cost to earn ratio</li> <li>footprint and acquisition growth, continued investment in our Eight Point Plan and the first phases of our System Modernisation program will increase our cost base</li> <li>despite ongoing low interest rate environment, interest rates are expected to increase throughout 2022</li> </ul>









## **Closing Summary**



Strong financial performance in 1H22 expected to continue in 2H22, with full year EBIT guidance in the range of 30 to 40% above FY21 underlying EBIT and a target of 90% cash conversion



Supply chain challenges have been mitigated by holding higher inventory levels, but residual risk of margin squeeze due to pricing volatility of some products



Our brand is strong with high customer trust and net promoter score



Continued focus on improving safety and sustainability outcomes

Optimistic about growth in FY23 :

- strong bolt on acquisition pipeline
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- capturing market share via expanding points of presence and serving our customers well via a highly engaged, enabled and diverse workforce
- expanding own brand product range to leverage success of backward integration strategy
- systems modernisation program will start to deliver benefits
- mid-term market and ag commodity outlook remains positive



## Appendix

Elders

## **Business Model**<sup>1</sup>

Diversification by product, service, market segment and geography

RURAL PRODUCTS			REAL ESTATE	FINANCIAL	FEED &	DIGITAL AND	
RETAIL PRODUCTS	WHOLESALE PRODUCTS	AGENCY SERVICES	SERVICES	SERVICES	PROCESSING SERVICES	TECHNICAL SERVICES	
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Rural Products	Rural Products	Livestock	Farmland	Agri Finance	Killara Feedlot	Fee for Service (170+ agronomists)	
Fertiliser	Pet Supplies	Wool	Residential	StockCo (30%)	Elders Fine Foods	AuctionsPlus (50%)	
		Grain	Property Management	Elders Insurance (20%)		Elders Weather	
			Franchise	LIT & WIT Delivery Warranty		Clear Grain Exchange (30%)	
Key metrics							
\$1.7b retail sales	\$0.3b wholesale sales	9.4m head sheep	\$1.6b farmland sales	\$3.0b loan book \$1.6b deposit book	60k Killara cattle head	AuctionsPlus 144k head cattle 1.2m head sheep	
223 stores	372 member stores	1.6m head cattle	\$1.5b residential sales	\$24m livestock funding \$98.0m StockCo book	\$18m China sales		
424 APVMA	424 APVMA registrations		10.5k properties under	\$0.9b GWP		7.6m Elders Weather users	
978 tonnes fertiliser			management	41% LIT penetration rate		CGX 0.2m tonnes	
Gross margin							
\$223.6m	\$61.2m	\$140.0m	\$50.7m	\$41.3m	\$12.6m	Included in products	
Working capital							
\$246.1m	\$83.8m	\$53.8m	\$4.1m	\$32.3m	\$59.7m	Other – (\$34.6m)	



## **Profit Sensitivity<sup>1</sup>**

Movements in market factors are mostly mitigated by our diversified portfolio



## **Elders Capital Management Framework**

Aligned with Elders Eight Point Plan to deliver Total Shareholder Return (TSR) in the top quartile of ASX200 companies at investment grade risk

CAPITAL MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK							
		Cus on returns       Effective working management         rn on Capital > 15%)       (Target cash convers         Operating cash flow		ent efficienc		<b>lise operating</b> fficiency g cost : earn ratio)	
(Systems Modernisation, People and			t strength and bility Consistent Divio ge of 1.5 – 2.0x) (Target payout range				
		Excess c	ash flow				
VALUE CREATION CAPITAL M/					GEMENT		
Acquisitions (EPS accretive pre- synergies)	<b>Divestments</b> (To reallocate capital on a risk, return basis)	Investment in organic growth Customer focussed with new expanded service offerings, winning market share and backward integration	Buy-backs (Distribution of excess cash, assessed when appropriate)	Additio divider (Higher payo considered capital requ fund EPS gr low)	nds out ratio where wired to rowth is	Debt reduction (Resulting in improved net debt ratios)	

#### KEY FEATURES OF OUR CAPITAL MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

### Compelling Total Shareholder Return (TSR)

- Our Eight Point Plan (8PP) commits to deliver compelling returns to our shareholders with EBIT and EPS growth of 5-10% through the cycles at 15% ROC.
- Reward our shareholders with consistent dividends in the range of 40-60%.

### **Financial discipline**

 We strive to maintain unflinching financial discipline by managing working capital effectively with a target cash conversion of 90% and striving to deliver a falling cost : earnings ratio each year.

#### Investment aligned with our 8PP strategy

- Deliver Systems Modernisation Program to improve customer experience, people engagement and drive process and administration efficiency to better accommodate change.
- Commitment to Sustainability targets.
- Excess cash is invested in value creation to support EPS growth, only when Elders strict investment hurdles are met.

### Balance sheet strength and flexibility

- Achieve investment grade risk, delivering low cost of funding, while providing flexibility for value creation opportunities.
- Capital Management options are considered when opportunities to deploy free cash flow, pursuant to Elders strict investment hurdles, are limited.



