INTRODUCTION FINANCIAL REPORTING

Ratio Analysis

Express the relationship between two financial statement data in mathematical equation (in %, rates or proportions). Observe the change in numerator/denominator

The Objectives of Financial Reporting

Provide financial information about the entity that is useful to an existing and potential investors, lenders and other creditors in making decisions about providing resources to an entity

Users of The Financial Reporting

Internal Users

- Managers who plan, organise, and run the business
- Have more information than the public

External Users

- Resource Providers
- Recipients of Goods and Services
- Parties performing an insight to the company

General Purpose Financial Reporting (GPFR)

- Used to estimate the value of reporting entity
- Based on estimates

AASB 101

Gives a guide how a financial statement should be structured

Financial Statement Presentation

- Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet)
- Statement of Profits or Loss (Income Statement)
- Statement of Changes in Equity
- Statement of Cash Flows

Current & Non - Current Classifications

When it is not settled/received for more that 12 months, it is classified as non-current, and vice versa.

Objective of IAS 1

Prescribe the basis for presentation of GPFR Ensure comparability of the GPFR Ensure the usefulness of the GPFR

Fundamental Characteristics

Qualitative

Relevance

Information can change the user's decision

Faithful Representation

Free form error

Materiality

Essential, if omitted can influence decision making

Comparability

Can be compared with other year/entities

Verifiability

The data can be produced by independent accountant and still have the same value

Understandable

People with no accounting basis could read the reports

Timeliness

Time could affect the data and decision making of the users

Concepts and Principles

Monetary Principle

All accounting records must be able to be presented in dollar value

Accounting Entity Concept

Entity must be separated from the owner's personal life

Accounting Period Concept

Life a business entity can be separated into several artificial periods

Going Concern Principle

Business will remain in operation even in bankruptcy

Cost Principle

All assets gained is valued from the price it needs to acquire it. Revaluation is a deviation of this principle, but is needed to give a faithful representation

Full Disclosure Principle

All things that can affect decision-making process should be disclosed in the financial statements

Types of Economics Entities

- Company
- Sole Trader
- Partnerships
- Others

Company

Public Company

- Have a minimum of 1 shareholder, with no maximum
- Have Ltd as part of their name (mostly), Ltd stands for Limited
- Ability to invite the public to subscribe for shares
- No restrictions on raising funds

Proprietary

- <51 non-employee shareholders
- Pty in its name (stands for proprietary)
- Cannot raise funds from the public Small and large classifications, classified by the following thresholds, when fall above the thresholds is large Pty and vice versa;
 - Gross Assets \$12.5m at end of Financial Year (FY)
 - Gross Operating Revenue \$25m at end of FY
 - 50 Equivalent full time employees at end of FY

Differential Reporting

Reports from external sources, important because there exists <u>information asymmetry</u> between managers and providers of capital.

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Identifies 2 Tiers of Reporting Requirements: *Tier 1* All accounting standards *Tier 2* Reduced disclosure requirements

Distinguishing the Tiers

Distinguishable by its notion of public accountability

Disclosing Entities

Need to comply with strict accounting and information disclosure obligations

- Provide half-yearly and yearly reports
- Continuous disclosure regime

Criteria to be a disclosing entity (either one)

- Securities are listed on a licensed market
- Securities are listed via a disclosure document to more than 100 holders
- A borrowing corporation with debenture issues

Key Bodies within Australia's Financial Reporting

Financial Reporting Council
Provides oversight function and advisory role
in accounting

Australia Accounting Standard Boards
Reports to financial reporting council, while
develops the conceptual framework and
constructs accounting standards

AASB Interpretation Advisory Panels
Provides AASB with alternative views on an issue

Australian Securities Exchange Operates Australia's share market

Australian Securities & Investments Commission (ASIC) Enforces and regulates all corporate activity

Corporations Act 2001 (CA2001)
Some of its act deal with financial reporting and auditing issues

Accounting Professional and Ethical Standard Board (APESB)
Independent body that sets the code of ethics and professional standards

DOUBLE-ENTRY SYSTEM

Some Terminology

Transactions

External exchanges of something of value between two or more entities

Events

Price increases in assets or allocation of cost of depreciation

Journal

Chronological record of all transactions

GENERAL JOURNAL					
Date	Account titles and explanations	Post ref.	Debit	Credit	
2010					
Oct 1	Cash Share Capital (Issued shares for cash)	100 300	10 000	10 000	
1	Cash Bank Loan (Borrowed money from a bank)	100 230	5 000	5 000	
2	Office Equipment Cash (Purchased office equipment for cash)	130 100	5 000	5 000	

Posting

Procedure of transferring journal entries to ledger accounts

Transaction analysis

Process of identifying specific effects of transactions and events on the accounting equation

$$A = L + E$$

Equity

Share Capital the original share holding

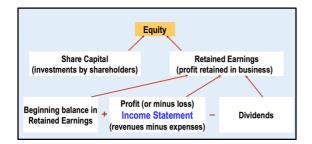
Retained Earnings

Excess of revenue and expenses

- Revenue, earnings of the firm
- Expenses, costs of Earnings

Reserves

Amounts held in reserve



Account

Individual accounting record of increase and decreases in specific assets/liability/equity item

Debit and Credits

Increase in	Debit	Credit	
Assets	↑	\downarrow	
Liabilities	\downarrow	↑	
Revenue	\downarrow	↑	
Expenses	\uparrow	\downarrow	
Equity	\downarrow	\uparrow	

Trial Balance

List of all the accounts and their balances at a given time listed in order as they appear in general ledger to check for an error

Errors that are not detected in a trial balances:

- A transaction is not journalised
- Journal entry posted twice
- Incorrect amounts recorded
- Incorrect accounts used
- Debits and Credits are reversed in the correct account
- Two recording errors that counteract one another, that the end results are in balance

Double-Entry System

called that way due to when the the system records a transaction, it records the dual effects of the transactions