# **Annual Results Presentation**

#### Year Ended 30 June 2002



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- Divisional Comments

- Michael Chaney
- Richard Goyder
- David Robb
- Mark Allison
- Bob Denby
- Peter Davis
- John Gillam
- Outlook for 2003 Michael Chaney

#### **Richard Goyder**



# **Performance Summary**

Year End 30 June (\$m)	2001	2002	1%
Operating Revenue	4,389	7,386	68.3
Net Profit (before Goodwill)	261.4	493.3	88.7
Goodwill Amortisation	(10.4)	(79.3)	662.5
Net Profit (after Goodwill)	251.0	414.0	64.9
Earnings Per Share (before Goodwill) (cents)	96.2	138.2	43.7

# **2002 Performance Highlights**

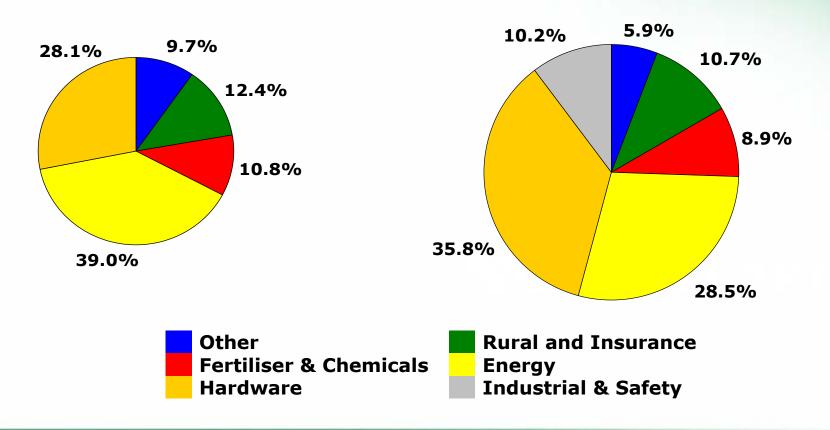
- Strong growth in Hardware
- Strong growth in coal earnings
- Satisfactory performance Gas
- Synergy and scale benefits in Rural businesses
- Strong premium income growth Insurance
- Strong growth on 2001 Industrial Products
- Significantly improved Fertilisers and Chemicals result

#### Profit on sale of non-current assets

After Tax (\$m)	Year Ended 30 June 2001	Year Ended 30 June 2002
Hardware	4.7	(0.1)
Energy	0.9	0.1
Rural Operations & Insurance	-	0.4
Industrial & Safety	-	0.8
Fertiliser & Chemicals	_	0.1
Other	12.5	8.6
	18.1	9.9

#### **Divisional EBIT** (before Goodwill Amortisation)

2000/2001 \$488 million 2001/2002 \$831 million



## Divisional ROC & Cap Employed Rolling 12 months

Year End 30 June (\$m)	EBIT	Capital Employed	ROC % 2002	ROC % 2001
Hardware	250.5	1,841.4	13.6	23.9
Energy	236.5	845.7	28.0	24.4
Rural Operations & Insurance	80.1	494.1	16.2	15.5
Industrial & Safety *	61.7	708.5	8.7	-
Fertilisers and Chemicals	73.3	488.3	15.0	10.4

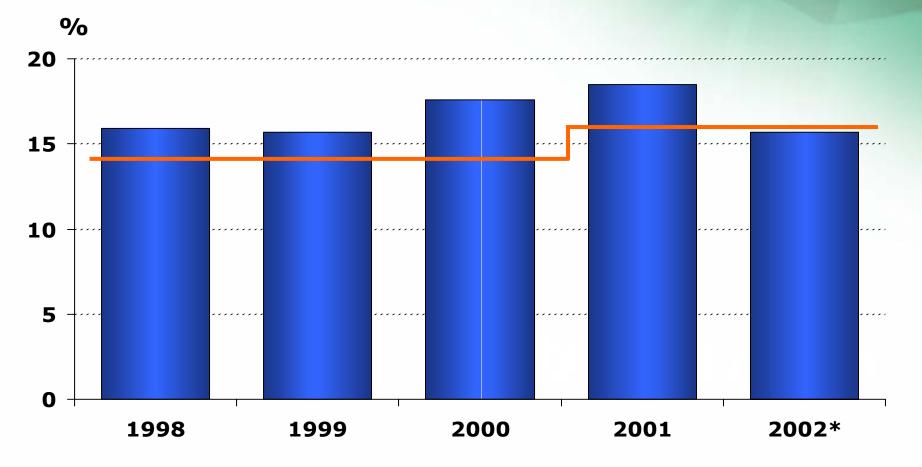
#### \* For 11 months

# Divisional ROC & Cap Employed Before Goodwill Amortisation Rolling 12 months

Year End 30 June (\$m)	EBITA	Capital Employed	ROC % 2002
Hardware	297.1	1,887.9	15.7
Energy	236.9	846.1	28.0
Rural Operations & Insurance	89.2	503.2	17.7
Industrial & Safety *	84.8	731.5	11.6
Fertilisers and Chemicals	73.5	488.6	15.0

#### \* For 11 months

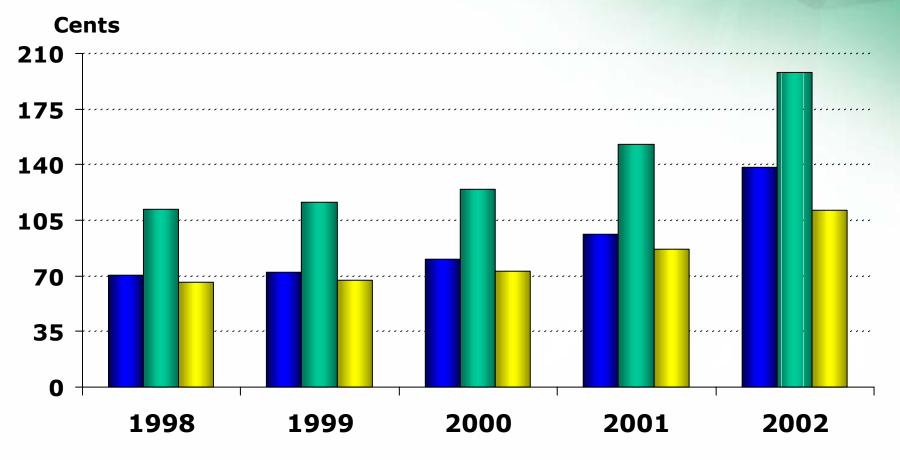
#### **Return on Shareholders' Funds** (before Goodwill Amortisation)



#### Target

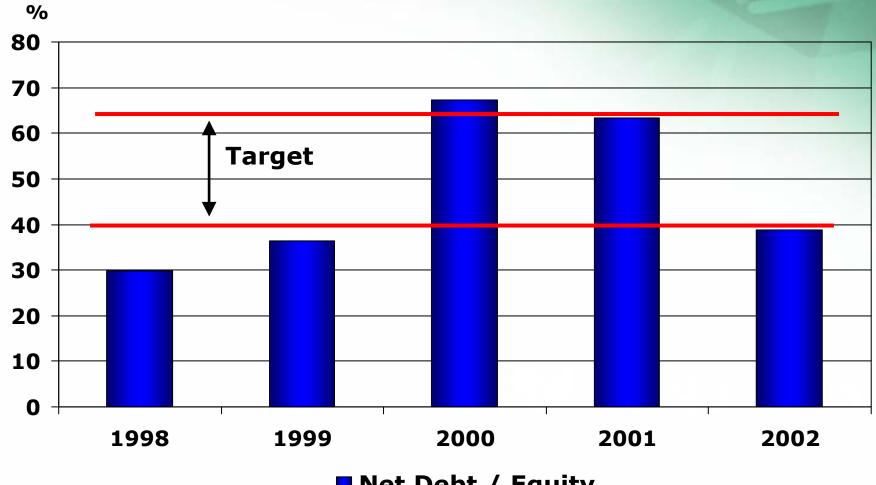
\* Calculated on average monthly shareholders' funds to take into account the issue of shares

# **Cashflow & Dividend**

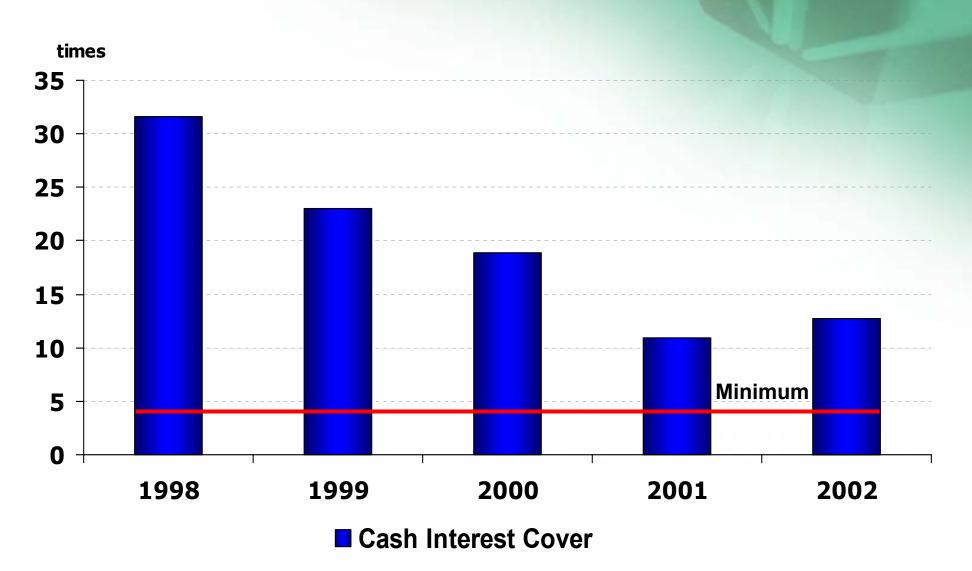


EPS (before Goodwill Amortisation) Cashflow Dividend

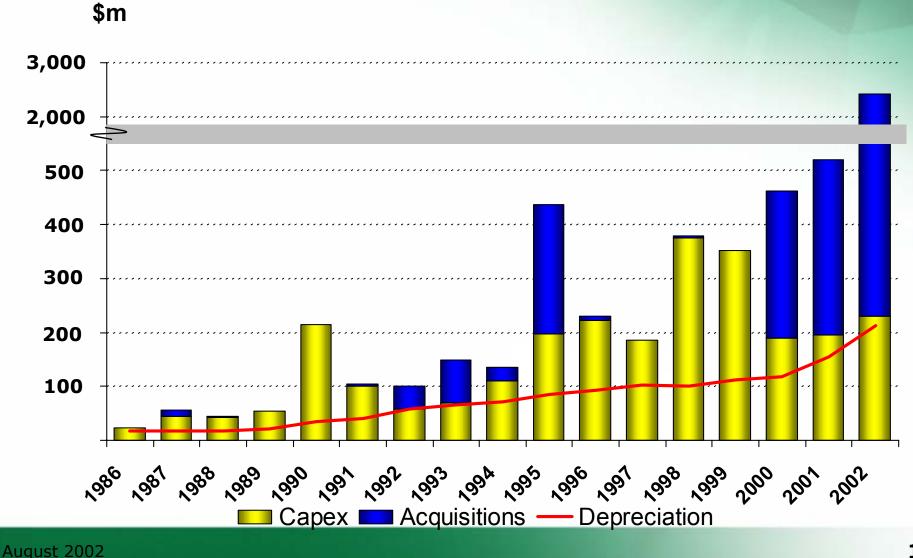
## **Net Debt/ Equity**



## **Interest Cover**



# Capital Expenditure & Depreciation



# **Energy** David Robb



#### **Wesfarmers Energy Limited**



# **Energy 2002 Environment**

#### Gas

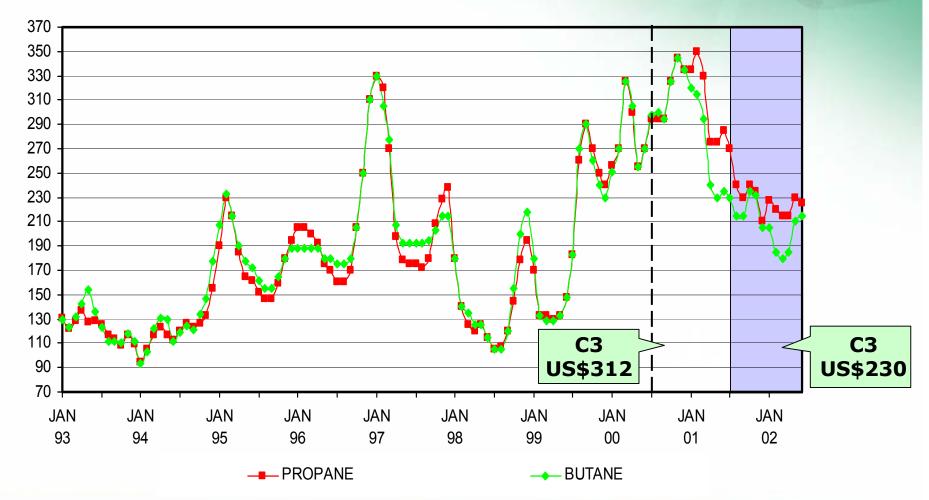
- International prices 25% lower
- > Autogas demand down 10%+
- Industrial gases growth

# Coal

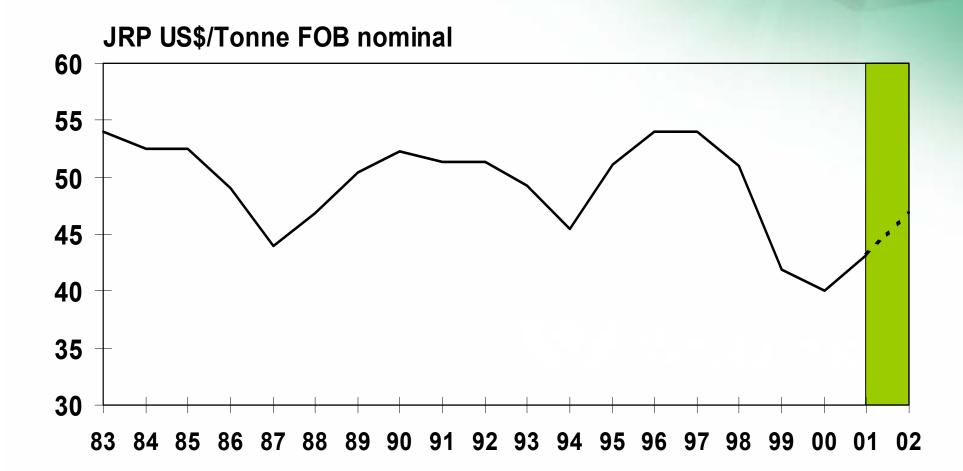
Western Power delivery shortfall
 Coking coal demand and prices firm
 Weak thermal markets

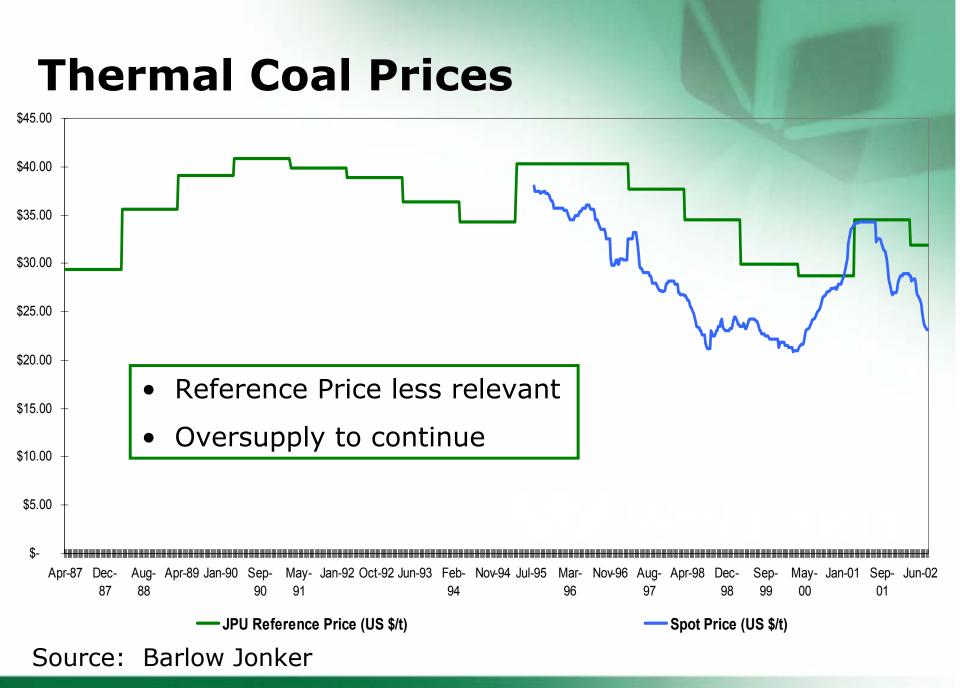
# LPG Prices Saudi CP

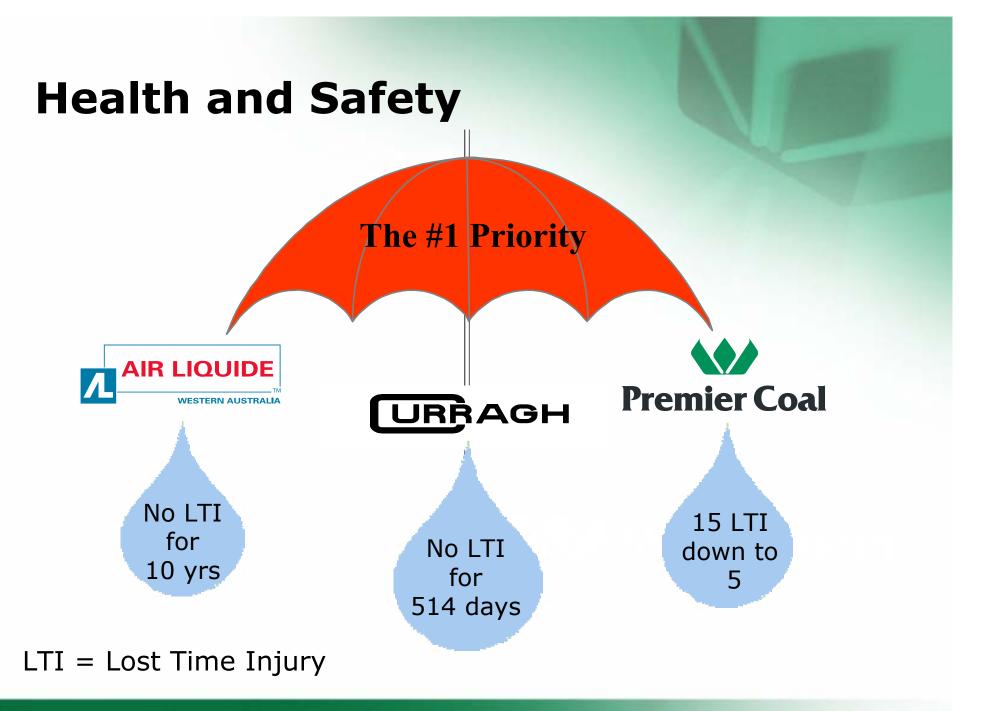
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## Hard Coking Coal Prices Japan Benchmark

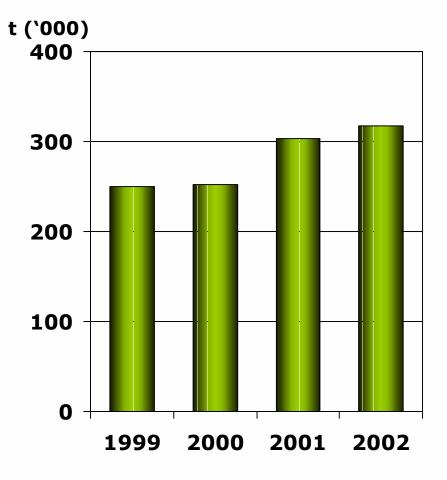


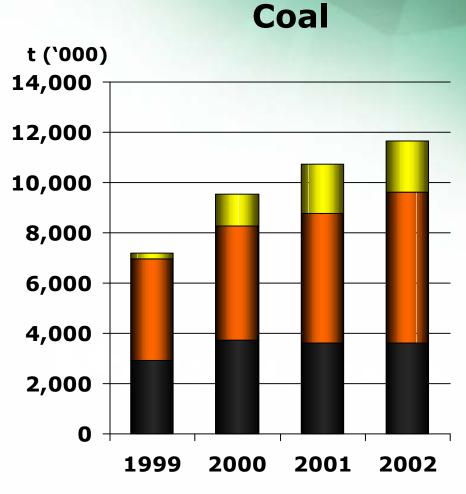




# Production

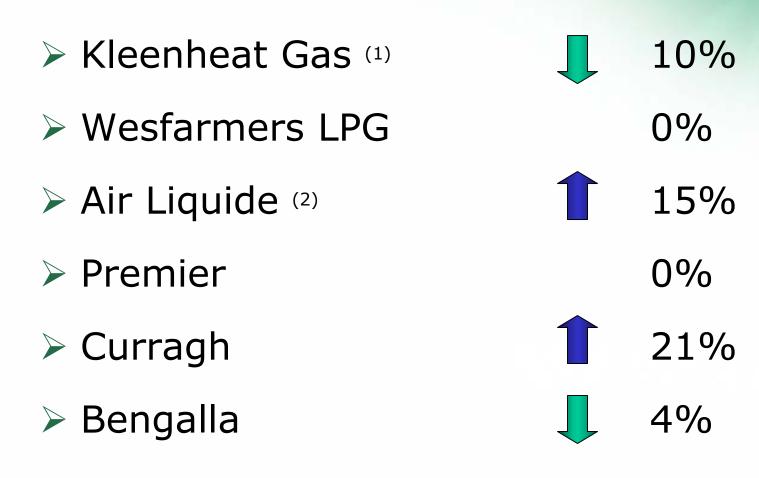
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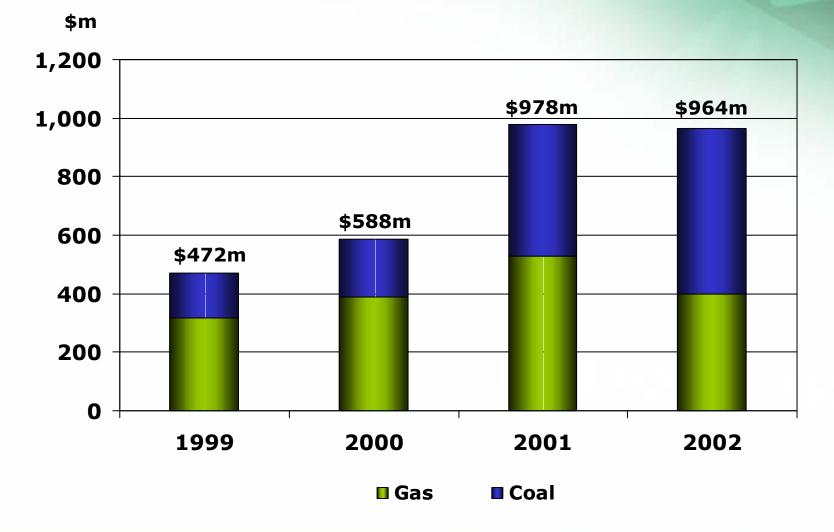
■ Premier ■ Curragh ■ Bengalla (40%)

# Sales Volumes 2002 versus 2001

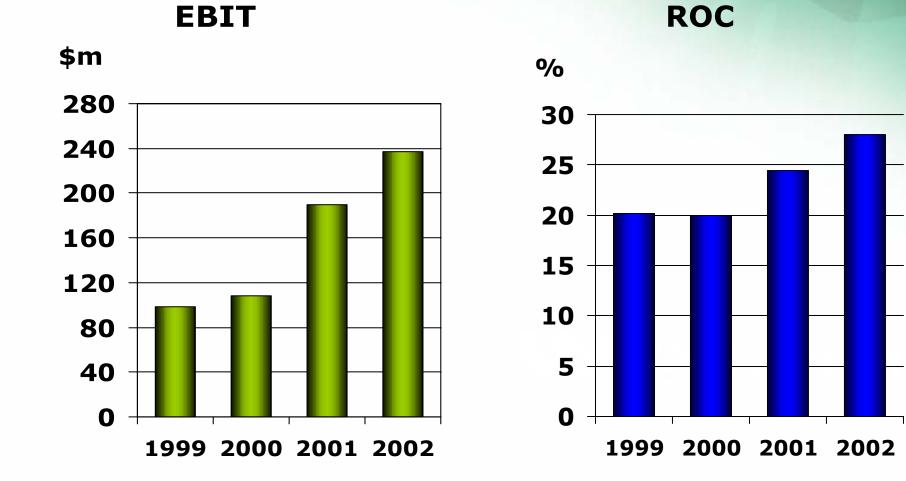


(1) Adjusted for Unigas (2) Pipeline Sales

#### **Profitable Growth** Revenues



#### **Profitable Growth** Financial Performance



#### **Energy Developments**

- > Unigas, Bangladesh sales start
- LPG plant debottleneck
  350,000 TPA capacity
- > ALWA HIsmelt supply discussions
- Statewest Power Acquisition

# **Energy Developments (cont.)**

Premier / WPC progress on coal shortfall

- Curragh upgrade and expansion
- Girrah coal deposit evaluation
  Potential 4 mtpa ROM coal for 15 years

#### **Energy Issues**

LPG prices and demand

Prices up 5 – 10%

Coal volumes and prices

Export sales increase

Exchange rates

> 2002/03 export sales >80% hedged

- Premier restructuring
  - -500,000 tonnes, 64 redundancies
- Project opportunities

# **Rural Operations & Insurance**

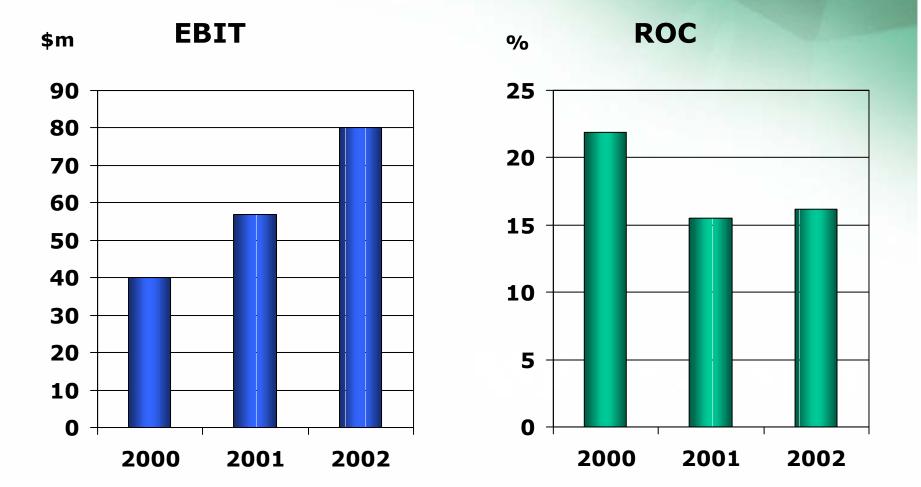
Mark Allison







#### **Financial Performance**



# **Rural Operations By Activity - 2002**

Merchandise and Fertiliser revenue

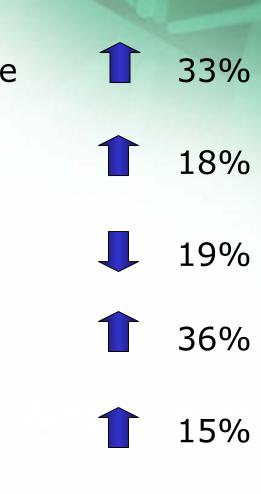
Livestock Agency revenue

> Wool Broking revenue

Real Estate revenue

Insurance Premium income

Size of Finance Loan Book



44%

#### **Wesfarmers Federation Insurance**

New business up by 30%

Strong earnings growth and sound expense management offset higher crop claims

#### **Landmark Merger Progress**

- > Branch rationalisation on plan (31 of 39)
- Merchandise logistics & procurement on plan
- Centralised IT systems

#### Landmark Merger Progress (cont.)

Major non-core asset sales completed

- > Staff savings (reduced by 300)
- > Wesfarmers Landmark re-branding on plan

#### **Issues & Outlook 2003**

- Dry market conditions
- Variable outlook for commodities
- > Farmer terms of trade
- > Tight management of costs & capital
- Focus on growth strategies

# Industrial & Safety Bob Denby



#### **Financial Analysis**

#### EBIT: \$61.7m for 11 months

➢ ROC: 8.7%

#### **Performance by Business Unit**

#### Blackwoods

- Solid sales and EBITA result overall
- Northern & Southern strong

#### **Motion Industries**

> Big improvement off low base

### Performance by Business Unit (cont.)

#### Australian Safety

- Combined Protector & Alsafe
- Good sales & EBITA growth

#### **New Zealand**

- NZ Safety, Protector NZ, Packaging House and Blackwoods NZ
- Strong sales
- > All businesses exceeded budget EBITA

#### **Key Factors Impacting Performance**

- Wesfarmers Industrial & Safety formed 1 August 2001 - new management team and structure
- Strong revenue contribution from mining sector
- Manufacturing sector improved during second half 2001/02
- Continued growth in safety products
- Operation Deliver successfully rolled out within Blackwoods

### Key Factors Impacting Performance (cont.)

- Continued emphasis on development of strategic alliances with key suppliers and customers
- Continued rollout of E-business solutions to supplier and customer base
- Consolidation to two ERP computer platforms
- Formation of Wesfarmers Industrial & Safety Support Services

### Wesfarmers Industrial & Safety Organisation Structure Changes

- Successful integration of Atkins Carlyle business into Blackwoods
- Successful integration of Protector NZ
- Alsafe Safety and Protector Australia combined into a single business unit
- Sale of Metals distribution business in progress

#### **2003 Outlook**

- Positive outlook for mining and transport sectors
- Major infrastructure projects commencement
- Continue to refine distribution network
- Emphasis on IT to enhance Wesfarmers Industrial & Safety's service offering, including B2B opportunities

# Hardware Peter Davis



## History

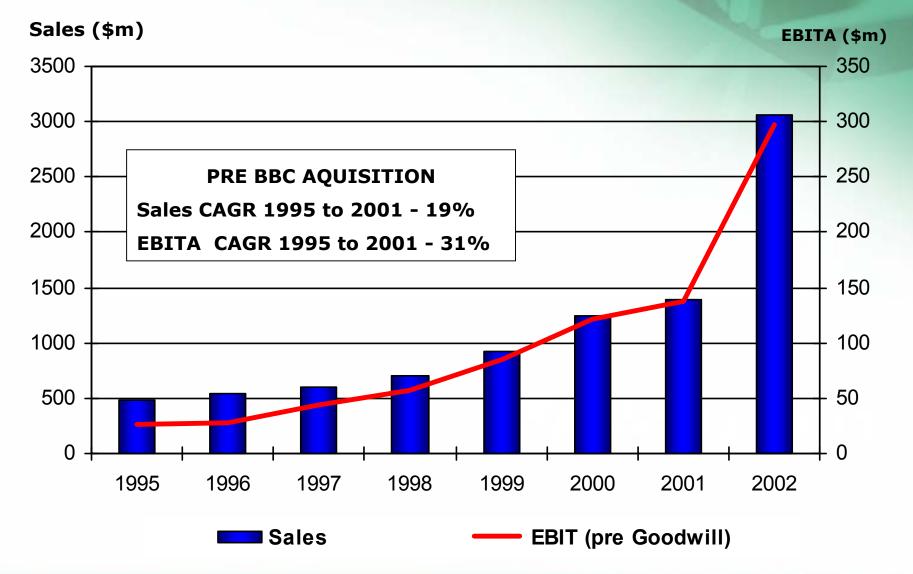
#### > Traditionally a Western Australian business

- > 1990 Acquired ALCO Handyman & WA Salvage
- > 1993 Acquired McEwans Vic & SA
- > 1994 Commenced rollout of warehouse stores
- > 2001 Acquired BBC Hardware NSW, Qld & NZ

## **History (cont.)**

- Strong performance culture in business
- Best merchandising and marketing skills
- Proven warehouse formula
- Store layout and development capabilities
- Effective recruitment and training programs
- > Employer of choice within the industry
- Strong growth in sales and profits

#### Sales & EBITA history

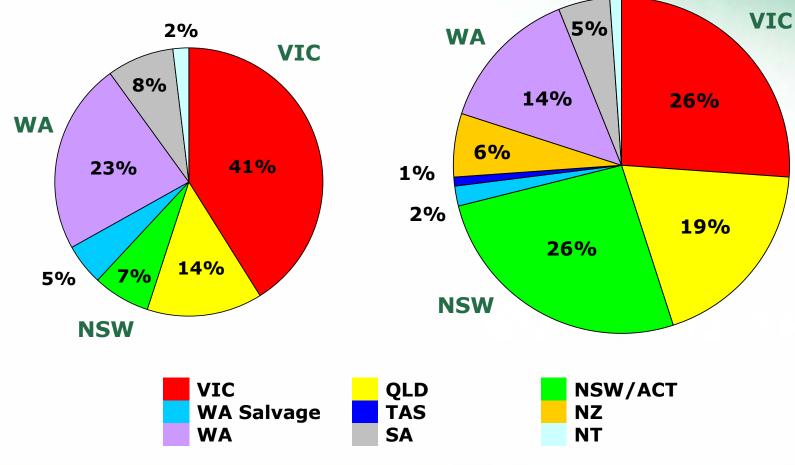


August 2002

#### Sales split by region

2000/01 - \$1.4b

2001/02 - \$3.1b 1% 5% WA 14% 26% 6% **19%** 26%



#### Sales

- Sales \$3.1 billion
- 14.7% increase across the combined network
- Increase from
  - > a solid store on store growth
  - new store openings
  - less store closures

#### Sales (cont.)

- > Australian sales grew at 15.1%
- New Zealand slower at 5.7%
- Retail sales up 17.5% on last year
  - > 76.5% of total sales (last year 86.9%)
- > Trade sales up 9% on last year
- Note Growth is on a full year versus full year basis across the whole network including BBC

#### Sales (cont.)

- Warehouses account for >75% of sales
- Store on store growth averaged 11%
- > Bunnings stores averaged 12.4% growth
- BBC & Hardwarehouses lower at 9.6%
- BBC average growth increased each quarter since the acquisition

### EBIT/ROC

- All regions above budget except for NSW and Tasmania
- EBIT/sales ratio constant despite much lower BBC ratio at acquisition
- WA Salvage below budget
- Return on capital (before goodwill) remained at high level

#### **Store Numbers**

			WA	Total	
	Warehouses	Traditionals	Salvage	Stores	
Locations trading at 30 June 01	47	22	17	86	
Add: Acquired from BBC	60	120	0	180	
Add: Opened during the year	7	0	2	9	
Less: Closed during the year	(3)	(28)	(1)	(32)	
Locations trading at 30 June 02	111	114	18	243	

#### Integration

Integration basically complete

Rebranding

- > One brand per region from November 01
- All Australian stores rebranded Bunnings this year
- > NZ warehouses only this year

## Integration (cont.)

#### Merchandising

- Initial changes for temporary branding completed last October
- Major change this year to support Bunnings brand
  - ➢ Range
  - > Intensity

## Integration (cont.)

- Integration of support activities completed
- New trade strategy developed
- Bunnings back office systems in all Australian stores
- Review of non core operations completed

### Outlook

Continuing growth in profit

- Strong store on store sales increase
- Closure non performing stores

#### > 8 to 12 new warehouses per annum

- Introduction of Bunnings service culture throughout the BBC network
- Review of overhead structures

#### **Outlook (cont.)**

Continued focus on technology

> Improving operating efficiency

- Store administration
- Trade support systems
- Supply chain

# **Fertilisers & Chemicals** John Gillam



#### **Performance Summary**

		2001	2002	$\Delta$
Chemicals				
Sales volumes	(t'000)	394	412	+18
Revenue	(\$m)	153	171	+18
Fertilisers				
Sales volumes	(t'000)	938	1,038	+100
Revenue	(\$m)	285	292	+7
Company				
EBIT	(\$m)	52.6	73.3	+20.7
ROC	(%)	10.4	15.1	+4.7

## Chemicals Key Influences

- Strong resource sector conditions
- Good plant performance
- Growth in new product stream for AN
- > Improved sodium cyanide margins
  - Lower caustic costs, firmer selling prices
- > QNP reliability problems

### Chemicals Outcomes

- > Ammonia volumes 14% higher
- > AN volumes 26% higher
- > Above budget sodium cyanide earnings
- > Overall contribution increased by 53%
- Commissioning new sodium cyanide solids plant

### Fertilisers Key Influences

- Market focused strategies
- Cost base improvements
- Competitive domestic pricing
- > Opportunistic eastern Australian sales
- Solid 2001 harvest
- Generally favourable commodity pricing
- Difficult 2002 seasonal conditions

#### Fertilisers Outcomes

- > 11% increase in overall sales volumes
  - > WA volumes up by 4%
- Lower average unit revenue
- > Higher discounts and rebates
- > Slight decline in gross margins
- > Overall contribution increased by 5%

#### Outlook

- Firm demand for ammonia and AN
- Improving sodium cyanide conditions
  - Solid sodium cyanide export sales
- > Difficult conditions may restrict fertiliser volumes
- Increased reach from stronger fertiliser offer
- Reviewing ammonia / AN expansion opportunities

#### Michael Chaney



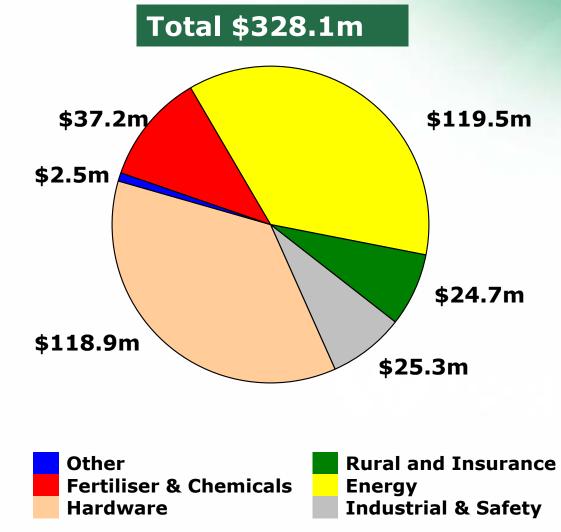
## 2003 Outlook

- Overall positive outlook
- Continued strong revenue and earnings growth in Hardware
- Coal and gas earnings growth subject to international price trends
- Rural division drier seasonal conditions, focus on managing costs and achieving scale benefits

# 2003 Outlook (cont.)

- Improving trading conditions for Industrial and Safety businesses
- Wider fertiliser range and increased profits from chemicals business
- Improved contribution from ARG
- Continued scale down of the Sotico operations
- > Additional superannuation costs of \$15 million

#### Capital Expenditure Programme 2003 Forecast



# Questions



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