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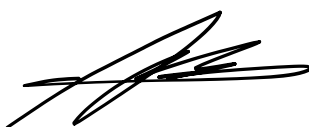
**MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID
INTERNATIONAL**

**ORGANISATION CERTIFICATION
PROJECTION: FY2023-24**

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Climate Active Public Disclosure Statement



NAME OF CERTIFIED ENTITY	Mental Health First Aid International
REPORTING PERIOD	Projection: Financial year 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024
DECLARATION	<p><i>To the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this public disclosure statement is true and correct and meets the requirements of the Climate Active Carbon Neutral Standard.</i></p>  <p>Mark Jessop Policy & Projects Manager 20/02/2024</p> <p><i>Note: you can submit this document to Climate Active unsigned. The Climate Active team will invite you to sign this document once they have completed their review.</i></p>



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1.CERTIFICATION SUMMARY

TOTAL EMISSIONS OFFSET	Projection: 1,167 tCO ₂ -e Total: 1,167 tCO ₂ -e
CARBON OFFSETS USED	100% VCUs
RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY	20.97%
CARBON ACCOUNT	Prepared by: Pangolin Associates
TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT	Date: 18/09/2023 Organisation: Pangolin Associates Next technical assessment due: FY 2027
THIRD PARTY VALIDATION	Type 1 Date: 22/12/2023 Organisation: Walker Wayland

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2. CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

Description of organisation certification

This carbon neutral certification is for the Australian business operations of Mental Health First Aid International (ABN 57 153 480 436).

This Public Disclosure Statement includes the projected emissions for FY2023-24.

Organisation description

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) Australia is a national not-for-profit organisation focused on mental health training and research. Our core work is to develop MHFA courses and train Instructors to deliver these courses to their communities or workplaces. MHFA courses are delivered across Australia and internationally.

MHFA courses teach members of the public how to provide initial help to a person who is developing a mental health problem, experiencing a worsening of an existing mental health problem or in a mental health crisis. The first aid is given until appropriate professional help is received, or the crisis resolves.

MHFA Australia has a board of directors that provides training and educational programs. MHFA has international licensees delivering its program overseas. MHFA has approximately 3000 licensed instructors delivering the programs in Australia through their employer or as an independent business.

This inventory has been prepared from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022 data. This certification covers the Australian business operations of Mental Health First Aid International.

MHFA (ABN 57 153 480 436) operates with the following trading names.

- Mental Health First Aid Australia
- Mental Health First Aid International

There are no other entities related to this ABN excluded from, or relevant to, this certification.

The operational boundary has been defined based on an operational control test, in accordance with the principles of the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007. This includes the following locations and facilities:

- L18, 150 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne VIC (occupied June 2022 to present)
- L6, 369 Royal Parade, Parkville VIC (vacated May 2022)

The methods used for collating data, performing calculations, and presenting the carbon account are in accordance with the following standards:

- Climate Active Standards
- The Greenhouse Gas Protocol: A Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard (Revised Edition)
- National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting (Measurement) Determination 2008

Where possible, the calculation methodologies and emission factors used in this inventory are derived from the National Greenhouse Accounts (NGA) Factors in accordance with "Method 1" from the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting (Measurement) Determination 2008.

The greenhouse gases considered within the inventory are those that are commonly reported under the Kyoto Protocol; carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane (CH₄), nitrous oxide (N₂O) and synthetic gases - hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), perfluorocarbons (PFCs) sulphur hexafluoride (SF₆) and nitrogen trifluoride (NF₃). These have been expressed as carbon dioxide equivalents (CO₂-e) using relative global warming potentials (GWPs).

3.EMISSIONS BOUNDARY

Inside the emissions boundary

All emission sources listed in the emissions boundary are part of the carbon neutral claim.

Quantified emissions have been assessed as relevant and are quantified in the carbon inventory. This may include emissions that are not identified as arising due to the operations of the certified entity, however are **optionally included**.

Non-quantified emissions have been assessed as relevant and are captured within the emissions boundary, but are not measured (quantified) in the carbon inventory. All material emissions are accounted for through an uplift factor. Further detail is available at Appendix C.

Outside the emissions boundary

Excluded emissions are those that have been assessed as not relevant to an organisation's operations and are outside of its emissions boundary or are outside of the scope of the certification. These emissions are not part of the carbon neutral claim. Further detail is available at Appendix D.

Emissions boundary for FY2023-24 (Projection)

Inside emissions boundary		Outside emission boundary
<u>Quantified</u>	<u>Non-quantified</u>	<u>Excluded</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stationary energy (gaseous fuels)• Electricity• Accommodation• Cleaning and chemicals• Food• ICT services and equipment• Professional services• Office equipment and supplies• Postage, courier and freight• Refrigerants• Transport (air)• Transport (land and sea)• Waste• Working From Home	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Water	NA

4.EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS

Emissions reduction strategy

Mental Health First Aid Commit to reduce emissions by 20% by 2030 compared to a FY2024 baseline.

- Our Scope 1 emissions - limited to a very small contribution from office refrigerants (0.002% of the total) and therefore the actions that will make the largest contributions to reductions derive from Scope 2 and Scope 3 as follows:
- Scope 2 emissions – 1.1% of total footprint
 - MHFA are currently working with the building owner Charter Hall at 150 Lonsdale Street, to confirm how renewable energy can be applied to our tenancy. This will reduce our scope 2 emissions to zero by 2025.
- Scope 3 emissions – 98.9% of total footprint
 - Emissions from our consulting services contribute to a total 35% of our footprint. A majority of these relate to spend with our training partners. MHFA will work with our consulting providers to better understand how these emissions associated with our trainers attending physical and online training courses can be measured and reduced. We aim to reduce emissions associated with all consulting services by 30% by 2030.
 - We will ensure our Trainers provide specific detail per course on flights and accommodation when delivering MHFA training. Venue hire, hospitality and materials to deliver the courses are provided by MHFA and are already recorded in other carbon emission categories. We will measure Trainer output on the below variables:
 - travel – start and destination
 - travel – mode of transport
 - accommodation – number of hotel nights booked
 - accommodation - hotel's star rating
 - We will consider other options to reduce emissions created by Instructor Training Courses (e.g. online components, reduction in printed material, optimizing course schedules by location).
 - Review our spend on advertising to better understand the types of advertising services that make up these emissions, and similarly look to reduce emissions from this category by 20% by 2030.
 - Review and reduce the volume of outsourced printing and stationery purchases by 20% (which contribute 16.5% of our total emissions), including exploring opportunities to reduce the need for physical printing of brochures vs online links to training material.

5.EMISSIONS SUMMARY

Use of Climate Active carbon neutral products, services, buildings or precincts for FY2023-24 (projection)

N/A

Emissions summary for FY2023-24 (projection)

The electricity summary is available in the Appendix B. Electricity emissions were calculated using a market-based approach.

This table shows the projected emissions summary for the forward reporting period.

Emission category	Sum of Scope 1 (t CO2-e)	Sum of Scope 2 (t CO2-e)	Sum of Scope 3 (t CO2-e)	Sum of Total Emissions (t CO2-e)
Accommodation and facilities	0.00	0.00	45.19	45.19
Cleaning and Chemicals	0.00	0.00	3.02	3.02
Electricity	0.00	12.76	1.69	14.45
Food	0.00	0.00	48.94	48.94
ICT services and equipment	0.00	0.00	473.80	473.80
Office equipment & supplies	0.00	0.00	282.52	282.52
Postage, courier and freight	0.00	0.00	55.26	55.26
Professional Services	0.00	0.00	193.99	193.99
Refrigerants	2.96	0.00	0.00	2.96
Stationary Energy (gaseous fuels)	3.10	0.00	0.24	3.35
Transport (Air)	0.00	0.00	8.93	8.93
Transport (Land and Sea)	0.60	0.00	9.04	9.64
Waste	0.00	0.00	0.80	0.80
Working from home	0.00	0.00	23.74	23.74
Total	6.66	12.76	1,147.17	1,166.59

Uplift factors for FY2023-24 (projection)

N/A

6. CARBON OFFSETS

Eligible offsets retirement summary

Offsets retired for Climate Active certification

Type of offset units	Eligible quantity (used for this reporting period)	Percentage of total
Verified Carbon Units (VCUs)	1,167	100%

Project description	Type of offset units	Registry	Date retired	Serial number (and hyperlink to registry transaction record)	Vintage	Stapled quantity	Eligible quantity retired (tCO ₂ -e)	Eligible quantity used for previous reporting periods	Eligible quantity banked for future reporting periods	Eligible quantity used for this reporting period	Percentage of total (%)
Floresta Verde REDD+ Project	VCU	Verra	19 Feb 2024	9166-72243697-72244280-VCS-VCU-1531-VER-BR-14-1953-01012017-31122017-1	2017		584	0	0	584	50.04%
Bundled Solar Power Project by Solararise India Projects PVT. LTD.	VCU	Verra	19 Feb 2024	10730-245054736-245055319-VCS-VCU-997-VER-IN-1-1762-26042018-31122018-0	2018		584	0	1	583	49.96%
Total eligible offsets retired and used for this report										1,167	
Total eligible offsets retired this report and banked for use in future reports									1		

Co-benefits

FLORESTA VERDE REDD+ PROJECT:

The project preserves 53,528 hectares in a critical region of the eastern amazon biome. A region where there is high deforestation risk. The project has quantifiable CCB benefits, as it provides full time employment, training and access for the families that live in and around the project area, to be self-empowered in a region where there are few job opportunities. The project also provides cookstoves with chimneys to help mitigate lung cancer and more efficiently burn fuel for cooking.

7. RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATE (REC) SUMMARY

Renewable Energy Certificate (REC) summary

N/A

APPENDIX A: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

N/A

APPENDIX B: ELECTRICITY SUMMARY

There are two international best-practice methods for calculating electricity emissions – the location-based method and the market-based method. Reporting electricity emissions under both methods is called dual reporting.

Dual reporting of electricity emissions is useful, as it provides different perspectives of the emissions associated with a business's electricity usage.

Location-based method:

The location-based method provides a picture of a business's electricity emissions in the context of its location, and the emissions intensity of the electricity grid it relies on. It reflects the average emissions intensity of the electricity grid in the location (State) in which energy consumption occurs. The location-based method does not allow for any claims of renewable electricity from grid-imported electricity usage.

Market-based method:

The market-based method provides a picture of a business's electricity emissions in the context of its renewable energy investments. It reflects the emissions intensity of different electricity products, markets and investments. It uses a residual mix factor (RMF) to allow for unique claims on the zero emissions attribute of renewables without double-counting.

For the true-up reporting year, electricity emissions have been set by using the **market-based approach**.

Market-based approach summary			
Market-based approach	Activity Data (kWh)	Emissions (kg CO ₂ -e)	Renewable percentage of total
Behind the meter consumption of electricity generated	0	0	0%
Total non-grid electricity	0	0	0%
LGC Purchased and retired (kWh) (including PPAs)	0	0	0%
GreenPower	447	0	0%
Climate Active precinct/building (voluntary renewables)	0	0	0%
Precinct/Building (LRET)	0	0	0%
Precinct/Building jurisdictional renewables (LGCS surrendered)	0	0	0%
Electricity products (voluntary renewables)	0	0	0%
Electricity products (LRET)	0	0	0%
Electricity products jurisdictional renewables (LGCs surrendered)	0	0	0%
Jurisdictional renewables (LGCs surrendered)	0	0	0%
Jurisdictional renewables (LRET) (applied to ACT grid electricity)	0	0	0%
Large Scale Renewable Energy Target (applied to grid electricity only)	3,569	0	19%
Residual Electricity	15,130	14,449	0%
Total renewable electricity (grid + non grid)	4,015	0	0%
Total grid electricity	19,145	14,449	0%
Total electricity (grid + non grid)	0	0	0%
Percentage of residual electricity consumption under operational control	100%		
Residual electricity consumption under operational control	15,130	14,449	
Scope 2	13,361	12,760	
Scope 3 (includes T&D emissions from consumption under operational control)	1,768	1,689	
Residual electricity consumption not under operational control	0	0	
Scope 3	0	0	.

Total renewables (grid and non-grid)	20.97%
Mandatory	18.64%
Voluntary	2.33%
Behind the meter	0.00%
Residual scope 2 emissions (t CO₂-e)	12.76
Residual scope 3 emissions (t CO₂-e)	1.69
Scope 2 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO₂-e)	12.76
Scope 3 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO₂-e)	1.69
Total emissions liability (t CO₂-e)	14.45

Figures may not sum due to rounding. Renewable percentage can be above 100%

Location-based approach summary						
Location-based approach	Activity Data (kWh) total	Under operational control			Not under operational control	
Percentage of grid electricity consumption under operational control	100%	(kWh)	Scope 2 Emissions (kgCO ₂ -e)	Scope 3 Emissions (kgCO ₂ -e)	(kWh)	Scope 3 Emissions (kgCO ₂ -e)
ACT	0	0	0	0	0	0
NSW	0	0	0	0	0	0
SA	0	0	0	0	0	0
VIC	19,145	19,145	16,273	1,340	0	0
QLD	0	0	0	0	0	0
NT	0	0	0	0	0	0
WA	0	0	0	0	0	0
TAS	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grid electricity (scope 2 and 3)	19,145	19,145	16,273	1,340	0	0
ACT	0	0	0	0		
NSW	0	0	0	0		
SA	0	0	0	0		
VIC	0	0	0	0		
QLD	0	0	0	0		
NT	0	0	0	0		
WA	0	0	0	0		
TAS	0	0	0	0		
Non-grid electricity (behind the meter)	0	0	0	0		
Total electricity (grid + non grid)	19,145					

Residual scope 2 emissions (t CO ₂ -e)	16.27
Residual scope 3 emissions (t CO ₂ -e)	1.34
Scope 2 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO ₂ -e)	16.27
Scope 3 emissions liability (adjusted for already offset carbon neutral electricity) (t CO ₂ -e)	1.34
Total emissions liability	17.61

Operations in Climate Active buildings and precincts

Operations in Climate Active buildings and precincts	Electricity consumed in Climate Active certified building/precinct (kWh)	Emissions (kg CO ₂ -e)
NA	0	0
Climate Active carbon neutral electricity is not renewable electricity. These electricity emissions have been offset by another Climate Active member through their building or precinct certification. This electricity consumption is also included in the market based and location based summary tables. Any electricity that has been sourced as renewable electricity by the building/precinct under the market based method is outlined as such in the market based summary table.		

Climate Active carbon neutral electricity products

Climate Active carbon neutral product used	Electricity claimed from Climate Active electricity products (kWh)	Emissions (kg CO ₂ -e)
NA	0	0
Climate Active carbon neutral electricity is not renewable electricity. These electricity emissions have been offset by another Climate Active member through their electricity product certification. This electricity consumption is also included in the market based and location-based summary tables. Any electricity that has been sourced as renewable electricity by the electricity product under the market-based method is outlined as such in the market based summary table.		

APPENDIX C: INSIDE EMISSIONS BOUNDARY

Non-quantified emission sources

The following emissions sources have been assessed as relevant, are captured within the emissions boundary, but are not measured (quantified) in the carbon inventory. They have been non-quantified due to one of the following reasons:

1. **Immaterial** <1% for individual items and no more than 5% collectively
2. **Cost effective** Quantification is not cost effective relative to the size of the emission but uplift applied.
3. **Data unavailable** Data is unavailable but uplift applied. A data management plan must be put in place to provide data within 5 years.
4. **Maintenance** Initial emissions non-quantified but repairs and replacements quantified.

Relevant non-quantified emission sources	Justification reason	
	True-up emissions boundary	FY2023-24 Projection emissions boundary
Water	NA	Immaterial

Data management plan for non-quantified sources

There are no non-quantified sources in the emission boundary that require a data management plan.

APPENDIX D: OUTSIDE EMISSIONS BOUNDARY

Excluded emission sources

The below emission sources have been assessed as not relevant to this organisation's operations and are outside of its emissions boundary. These emissions are not part of the carbon neutral claim. Emission sources considered for relevance must be included within the certification boundary if they meet two of the five relevance criteria. Those which only meet one condition of the relevance test can be excluded from the certification boundary.

Emissions tested for relevance are detailed below against each of the following criteria:

1. **Size** The emissions from a particular source are likely to be large relative to the organisation's electricity, stationary energy and fuel emissions.
2. **Influence** The responsible entity has the potential to influence the reduction of emissions from a particular source.
3. **Risk** The emissions from a particular source contribute to the organisation's greenhouse gas risk exposure.
4. **Stakeholders** Key stakeholders deem the emissions from a particular source are relevant.
5. **Outsourcing** The emissions are from outsourced activities previously undertaken within the organisation's boundary, or from outsourced activities typically undertaken within the boundary for comparable organisations.

No emission sources have been excluded from this assessment



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