

**GOLDEN DEEPS LIMITED**  
**ACN 054 570 777**  
**(Company)**

**CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**  
**FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2023**

This Corporate Governance Statement is current as at 28 September 2023 and has been approved by the Board of the Company on that date.

The Company's Board is committed to a high standard of corporate governance practices, ensuring that the Company complies with the Corporation's Act 2001 (Cth), ASX Listing Rules, Company Constitution and other applicable laws and regulations.

This Corporate Governance Statement discloses the extent to which the Company has, during the financial year ending 30 June 2023, followed the recommendations set by the ASX Corporate Governance Council in its publication Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations – 4<sup>th</sup> Edition (**Recommendations**). The Recommendations are not mandatory, however where a Recommendation has not been followed that fact is disclosed together with the reasons for the departure.

Due to the current size and nature of the existing Board and the magnitude of the Company's operations, the Board does not consider that the Company will gain any benefit from individual Board committees and that its resources would be better utilised in other areas as the Board is of the strong view that at this stage the experience and skill set of the current Board is sufficient to perform these roles. Under the Company's Board Charter, the duties that would ordinarily be assigned to individual committees are currently carried out by the full Board under the written terms of reference for those committees.

For more information on the corporate governance policies adopted by the Company please refer to the corporate governance section of our website: <https://www.goldendeeps.com/corporate/corporate-governance/>

<b>RECOMMENDATIONS (4<sup>TH</sup> EDITION)</b>	<b>COMPLY</b>	<b>EXPLANATION</b>
<b><i>Principle 1: Lay solid foundations for management and oversight</i></b>		
<b>Recommendation 1.1</b> (a) A listed entity should have and disclose a board charter which sets out the respective roles and responsibilities of the Board, the Chair and management, and includes a description of those matters expressly reserved to the Board and those delegated to management.	YES	The board charter details the functions and responsibilities of the Board and management, including matters reserved for the Board, and is included in the corporate governance section on the Company's website.

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<p><b>Recommendation 1.2</b></p> <p>A listed entity should:</p> <p>(b) undertake appropriate checks before appointing a director or senior executive or putting someone forward forelection as a Director; and</p> <p>(c) provide security holders with all material information in its possession relevant to a decision on whether or not to elector re-elect a Director.</p>	YES	<p>The Company undertakes appropriate checks before appointing a person or putting forward to shareholders a candidate for election or re-election as a Director and provides shareholders with all material information in its possession relevant to a decision on whether to elect or re-elect a Director.</p>
<p><b>Recommendation 1.3</b></p> <p>A listed entity should have a written agreement with each Director and senior executive setting out the terms of their appointment.</p>	NO	<p>The Company a written agreement with each Director and senior executive but these were not in place throughout the year ended 30 June 2023.</p>
<p><b>Recommendation 1.4</b></p> <p>The Company Secretary of a listed entity should be accountable directly to the Board, through the Chair, on all matters to do with the proper functioning of the Board.</p>	YES	<p>The Company Secretary is accountable directly to the Board, through the Chair, as to the proper functioning of the Board.</p>
<p><b>Recommendation 1.5</b></p> <p>A listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have and disclose a diversity policy;</p> <p>(b) through its board or a committee of the board set measurable objectives for achieving gender diversity in the composition of its board, senior executives and workforce generally; and</p> <p>(c) disclose in relation to each reporting period:</p>	PARTIALLY	<p>(a) The Company has amended its Diversity Policy to a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Policy provides a framework for the Company to establish, achieve and measure diversity objectives, including in respect of gender diversity. The Diversity Policy is available on the Company's website.</p> <p>(b) The Board has set measurable gender diversity objectives and disclosed these in its 2023 Annual Report but this has not been in place throughout the year ended 30 June 2023.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the measurable objectives set for that period to achieve gender diversity;</li> <li>(ii) the entity's progress towards achieving those objectives; and</li> <li>(iii) either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(A) the respective proportions of men and women on the Board, in senior executive positions and across the whole workforce (including how the entity has defined "senior executive" for these purposes); or</li> <li>(B) if the entity is a "relevant employer" under the Workplace Gender Equality Act, the entity's most recent "Gender Equality Indicators", as defined in the Workplace Gender Equality Act.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>If the entity was in the S&amp;P / ASX 300 Index at the commencement of the reporting period, the measurable objective for achieving gender diversity in the composition of its board should be to have not less than 30% of its directors of each gender within a specified period.</p>		<p>The Company is not in the S&amp;P/ASX 300 Index at the commencement of the reporting period.</p>
<p><b>Recommendation 1.6</b></p> <p>A listed entity should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) have and disclose a process for periodically evaluating the performance of the Board, its committees and individual Directors; and</li> <li>(b) disclose for each reporting period whether a performance evaluation has been undertaken in accordance with that process during or in respect of that period.</li> </ul>	<p>YES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) The Company's processes for evaluating the performance of the Board and its Directors are disclosed on the corporate governance section of the Company's website.</li> <li>(b) The Company now undertakes formal performance evaluation in respect of the Board and its individual Directors.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Recommendation 1.7</b></p> <p>A listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have and disclose a process for evaluating the performance of its senior executives at least once every reporting period; and</p> <p>(b) disclose for each reporting period whether a performance evaluation has been undertaken in accordance with that process during or in respect of that period.</p>	YES	<p>(a) The Company's processes for evaluating the performance of senior executives are disclosed on the corporate governance section of the Company's website.</p> <p>(b) Staff performance reviews were undertaken during the past financial year.</p>
<b>Principle 2: Structure the Board to be effective and add value</b>		
<p><b>Recommendation 2.1</b></p> <p>The Board of a listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have a nomination committee which:</p> <p>(i) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent Directors; and</p> <p>(ii) is chaired by an independent Director, and disclose:</p> <p>(iii) the charter of the committee;</p> <p>(iv) the members of the committee; and</p> <p>(v) as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or</p> <p>(b) if it does not have a nomination committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs to address Board succession issues and to ensure that the Board has the appropriate balance of skills, knowledge, experience, independence and diversity to enable it to discharge its duties and responsibilities effectively.</p>	YES	<p>The Company has a small Board consisting of three Directors. The Board considers it desirable to use the full complement of knowledge, expertise and experience of all its Directors in making decisions and performing the functions usually associated with a Nomination Committee.</p> <p>The Company's processes pertaining to board succession, skills, knowledge, experience, independence and diversity are outlined in its 2023 Annual Report.</p>

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<p><b>Recommendation 2.2</b></p> <p>A listed entity should have and disclose a Board skills matrix setting out the mix of skills that the Board currently has or is looking to achieve in its membership.</p>	PARTIALLY	The Company has a board skills matrix that it has disclosed in its 2023 Annual Report. This matrix has not been in place throughout the year ended 30 June 2023.
<p><b>Recommendation 2.3</b></p> <p>A listed entity should disclose:</p> <p>(a) the names of the Directors considered by the Board to be independent Directors;</p> <p>(b) if a Director has an interest, position or relationship of the type described in Box 2.3 of the ASX Corporate Governance Principles and Recommendations (4th Edition), but the Board is of the opinion that it does not compromise the independence of the Director, the nature of the interest, position or relationship in question and an explanation of why the Board is of that opinion; and</p> <p>(c) the length of service of each Director</p>	YES	<p>The three current Directors are considered independent. The Company has disclosed the names of its Directors, their position, relevant interests or associations in the Company's 2023 Annual Report in its Directors Report. The length of service of each Director is as follows:</p> <p>Michael Rodriguez – appointed 30 November 2018.</p> <p>Michael Norburn – appointed 4 October 2006.</p> <p>Michael Scivolo – appointed 23 July 2012.</p>
<p><b>Recommendation 2.4</b></p> <p>A majority of the Board of a listed entity should be independent Directors.</p>	YES	The three current directors are considered to be independent.
<p><b>Recommendation 2.5</b></p> <p>The Chair of the Board of a listed entity should be an independent Director and, in particular, should not be the same person as the CEO of the entity.</p>	YES	The Chairperson is independent and is not the same person as the Company's CEO.

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<p><b>Recommendation 2.6</b></p> <p>A listed entity should have a program for inducting new Directors and for periodically reviewing whether there is a need for existing directors to undertake professional development to maintain the skills and knowledge needed to perform their role as Directors effectively.</p>	YES	An induction program will be provided to any new directors if and when a new director is appointed. Professional development opportunities are provided to the Directors as and when needed.
<b>Principle 3: Instil a culture of acting lawfully, ethically and responsibly</b>		
<p><b>Recommendation 3.1</b></p> <p>A listed entity should articulate and disclose its values.</p>	YES	<p>(a) The Company and its subsidiary companies are committed to conducting all of its business activities fairly, honestly with a high level of integrity, and in compliance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations. The Board, management and employees are dedicated to high ethical standards and recognise and support the Company's commitment to compliance with these standards.</p> <p>(b) The Company's values are set out in its Code of Conduct and are available on the Company's website. All employees (if any) are given appropriate training on the Company's values and senior executives will continually reference such values.</p>
<p><b>Recommendation 3.2</b></p> <p>A listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have and disclose a code of conduct for its Directors, senior executives and employees; and</p> <p>(b) ensure that the Board or a committee of the Board is informed of any material breaches of that code.</p>	YES	<p>(a) The Company's Code of Conduct applies to the Company's Directors, senior executives and employees (as applicable).</p> <p>(b) The Company's Code of Conduct is available on the Company's website. Any material breaches of the Code of Conduct are reported to the Board or a committee of the Board.</p>
<p><b>Recommendation 3.3</b></p> <p>A listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have and disclose a whistleblower policy; and</p> <p>(b) ensure that the Board or a committee of the Board is informed of any material incidents reported under that policy.</p>	YES	The Company's Whistleblower Protection Policy is available on the Company's website. Any material breaches of the Whistleblower Protection Policy are to be reported to the Board or a committee of the Board.

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<p><b>Recommendation 3.4</b></p> <p>A listed entity should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) have and disclose an anti-bribery and corruption policy; and</li> <li>(b) ensure that the Board or committee of the Board is informed of any material breaches of that policy.</li> </ul>	YES	<p>The Company's Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption Policy is available on the Company's website. Any material breaches of the Anti- Bribery and Anti-Corruption Policy are to be reported to the Board or a committee of the Board.</p>
<b>Principle 4: Safeguard the integrity of corporate reports</b>		
<p><b>Recommendation 4.1</b></p> <p>The Board of a listed entity should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) have an audit committee which: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) has at least three members, all of whom are non- executive Directors and a majority of whom are independent Directors; and</li> <li>(ii) is chaired by an independent Director, who is not the Chair of the Board, and disclose: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(iii) the charter of the committee;</li> <li>(iv) the relevant qualifications and experience of the members of the committee; and</li> <li>(v) in relation to each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>(b) if it does not have an audit committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs that independently verify and safeguard the integrity of its corporate reporting, including the processes for the appointment and removal of the external auditor and the rotation of the audit engagement partner.</li> </ul>	YES	<p>The Company has a small Board consisting of three Directors. At this stage, the Company has not established an Audit Committee and the Board prefers to use the full complement of knowledge, expertise and experience of all Directors in making decisions regarding the Company's audit and the Company's external auditors. All three Directors are financially literate.</p> <p>The Company's processes it employs that independently verify and safeguard the integrity of its corporate reporting, including the processes for the appointment and removal of the external auditor and the rotation of the audit engagement partner, are outlined in its 2023 Annual Report.</p>

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<p><b>Recommendation 4.2</b></p> <p>The Board of a listed entity should, before it approves the entity's financial statements for a financial period, receive from its CEO and CFO a declaration that the financial records of the entity have been properly maintained and that the financial statements comply with the appropriate accounting standards and give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the entity and that the opinion has been formed on the basis of a sound system of risk management and internal control which is operating effectively.</p>	YES	CEO and CFO declarations are provided to the Board for each financial statement for a financial period.
<p><b>Recommendation 4.3</b></p> <p>A listed entity should disclose its process to verify the integrity of any periodic corporate report it releases to the market that is not audited or reviewed by an external auditor.</p>	YES	The Company's annual accounts and half year accounts are subject to audit and review respectively by its independent auditor. The information in the Company's quarterly reports, which are not subject to audit or review, are reviewed against the Company's operations results released during the quarter and any internally generated monthly reports provided to the Board to ensure that the Company is satisfied that each report is materially accurate, balanced and provides investors with appropriate information.
<b>Principle 5: Make timely and balanced disclosure</b>		
<p><b>Recommendation 5.1</b></p> <p>A listed entity should have and disclose a written policy for complying with its continuous disclosure obligations under listing rule 3.1.</p>	YES	The Company has established written policies for complying with continuous disclosure obligations under the ASX Listing Rules which are disclosed within the Company's Disclosure Policy on the Company's website.
<p><b>Recommendation 5.2</b></p> <p>A listed entity should ensure that its board receives copies of all material market announcements promptly after they have been made.</p>	YES	Under the Company's Continuous Disclosure Policy all members of the Board receive material market announcements promptly after they have been made.
<p><b>Recommendation 5.3</b></p> <p>A listed entity that gives a new and substantive investor or analyst presentation should release a copy of the presentation materials on the ASX Market Announcements Platform ahead of the presentation.</p>	YES	All substantive investor or analyst presentations are released on the ASX Markets Announcement Platform ahead of such presentations.



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<b>Principle 6: Respect the rights of security holders</b>		
<b>Recommendation 6.1</b> A listed entity should provide information about itself and its governance to investors via its website.	YES	The Company provides information about itself and its governance to investors via its website at <a href="http://goldendeeps.com">goldendeeps.com</a> .
<b>Recommendation 6.2</b> A listed entity should have an investor relations program that facilitates effective two-way communication with investors.	YES	The Company has designed and implemented an investor relations program to facilitate effective two-way communication with investors. The program is set out in the Company's Disclosure Policy and Corporate Governance Policy disclosed on its website.
<b>Recommendation 6.3</b> A listed entity should disclose how it facilitates and encourages participation at meetings of security holders.	YES	Shareholders are encouraged to participate at all general meetings and AGMs of the Company, and meetings are held at a reasonable time and place to facilitate attendance. Notice of meeting documents are placed on the ASX and company website. Shareholders who cannot attend meetings can submit proxies and may ask questions or provide comments ahead of meetings.
<b>Recommendation 6.4</b> A listed entity should ensure that all substantive resolutions at a meeting of security holders are decided by a poll rather than by a show of hands.	YES	All substantive resolutions at security holder meetings are decided by a poll rather than a show of hands.
<b>Recommendation 6.5</b> A listed entity should give security holders the option to receive communications from, and send communications to, the entity and its security registry electronically.	YES	Shareholders are given the option to receive communications from, and send, communications to the Company and its share registry electronically.

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<b>Principle 7: Recognise and manage risk</b>		
<p><b>Recommendation 7.1</b></p> <p>The Board of a listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have a committee or committees to oversee risk, each of which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent Directors; and</li> <li>(ii) is chaired by an independent Director, and disclose:</li> <li>(iii) the charter of the committee;</li> <li>(iv) the members of the committee; and</li> <li>(v) as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or</li> </ul> <p>(b) if it does not have a risk committee or committees that satisfy (a) above, disclose that fact and the process it employs for overseeing the entity's risk management framework.</p>	YES	<p>Given the size and composition of the current Board it believes that no efficiencies are to be gained by establishing a separate Risk Committee. During the Reporting Period, responsibility for overseeing the Company's risk management rested with the Board. The Company's Risk Management Policy is disclosed within its Corporate Governance Policy on the Company's website.</p> <p>During the Reporting Period the full Board reviewed and where necessary amended its risk management and in so doing identified or confirmed business risks, assessed the likelihood and materiality of these risks and developed and implemented measures to mitigate these risks.</p> <p>The Company's processes it employs to manage and mitigate risk are outlined in its 2023 Annual Report.</p>
<p><b>Recommendation 7.2</b></p> <p>The Board or a committee of the Board should:</p> <p>(a) review the entity's risk management framework at least annually to satisfy itself that it continues to be sound and that the entity is operating with due regard to the risk appetite set by the Board; and</p> <p>disclose in relation to each reporting period, whether such a review has taken place.</p>	YES	<p>Due to the size and nature of its operations the Company's Board performs the function of a Risk Committee.</p> <p>The Company's processes it employs to manage and mitigate risk are outlined in its 2023 Annual Report.</p>

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<p><b>Recommendation 7.3</b></p> <p>A listed entity should disclose:</p> <p>(a) if it has an internal audit function, how the function is structured and what role it performs; or</p> <p>(b) if it does not have an internal audit function, that fact and the processes it employs for evaluating and continually improving the effectiveness of its governance, risk management and internal control processes.</p>	YES	<p>The Board works collectively to identify and manage operational, financial and compliance risks which could prevent the Company from achieving its objectives.</p> <p>The Company's processes it employs to perform the internal audit function are outlined in its 2023 Annual Report.</p>
<p><b>Recommendation 7.4</b></p> <p>A listed entity should disclose whether it has any material exposure to environmental or social risks and, if it does, how it manages or intends to manage those risks.</p>	YES	<p>The Company, as a predominantly exploration company rather than an economic producer, has no material exposure to economic, environmental or social sustainability risks.</p> <p>The Board actively monitors the environment within which the Company operates for material exposure to risks and considers its options to respond to these risks on a case-by-case basis.</p>

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<b>Principle 8: Remunerate fairly and responsibly</b>		
<p><b>Recommendation 8.1</b></p> <p>The Board of a listed entity should:</p> <p>(a) have a remuneration committee which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) has at least three members, a majority of whom are independent Directors; and</li> <li>(ii) is chaired by an independent Director, and disclose:</li> <li>(iii) the charter of the committee;</li> <li>(iv) the members of the committee; and</li> <li>(v) as at the end of each reporting period, the number of times the committee met throughout the period and the individual attendances of the members at those meetings; or</li> </ul> <p>(b) if it does not have a remuneration committee, disclose that fact and the processes it employs for setting the level and composition of remuneration for Directors and senior executives and ensuring that such remuneration is appropriate and not excessive.</p>	YES	<p>Given the size and composition of the current Board, it believes that no efficiencies are to be gained by establishing a separate Remuneration Committee.</p> <p>The Company's processes it employs to perform the function of a remuneration committee are outlined in its 2023 Annual Report.</p>
<p><b>Recommendation 8.2</b></p> <p>A listed entity should separately disclose its policies and practices regarding the remuneration of non-executive Directors and the remuneration of executive Directors and other senior executives.</p>	YES	<p>The Company's policies and practices regarding the remuneration policies and practices for its directors and other senior executives is set out in the Remuneration Report of the Company's Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2023.</p>

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<p><b>Recommendation 8.3</b></p> <p>A listed entity which has an equity-based remuneration scheme should:</p> <p>(a) have a policy on whether participants are permitted to enter into transactions (whether through the use of derivatives or otherwise) which limit the economic risk of participating in the scheme; and</p> <p>(b) disclose that policy or a summary of it.</p>	YES	<p>The Company has a Securities Trading Policy, which can be found on the Company's website, that encourages Key Management Personnel to be long term traders of the Company's securities, prohibits short term trading (with exceptions) and provides guidelines to prevent insider trading.</p>
<b><i>Additional recommendations that apply only in certain cases</i></b>		
<p><b>Recommendation 9.1</b></p> <p>A listed entity with a director who does not speak the language in which board or security holder meetings are held or key corporate documents are written should disclose the processes it has in place to ensure the director understands and can contribute to the discussions at those meetings and understands and can discharge their obligations in relation to those documents.</p>	N/A	
<p><b>Recommendation 9.2</b></p> <p>A listed entity established outside Australia should ensure that meetings of security holders are held at a reasonable place and time.</p>	N/A	
<p><b>Recommendation 9.3</b></p> <p>A listed entity established outside Australia, and an externally managed listed entity that has an AGM, should ensure that its external auditor attends its AGM and is available to answer questions from security holders relevant to the audit.</p>	N/A	