

# LOWEST PRICES WIDEST RANGE BEST SERVICE



#### LOWEST PRICES ARE JUST THE BEGININING . . .

#### ANALYST'S PRESENTATION

**Pacific International Hotel** 

May 14, 2003

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- INDUSTRY & MARKET OVERVIEW
- BUSINESS OVERVIEW
- BBC/HWH INTEGRATION
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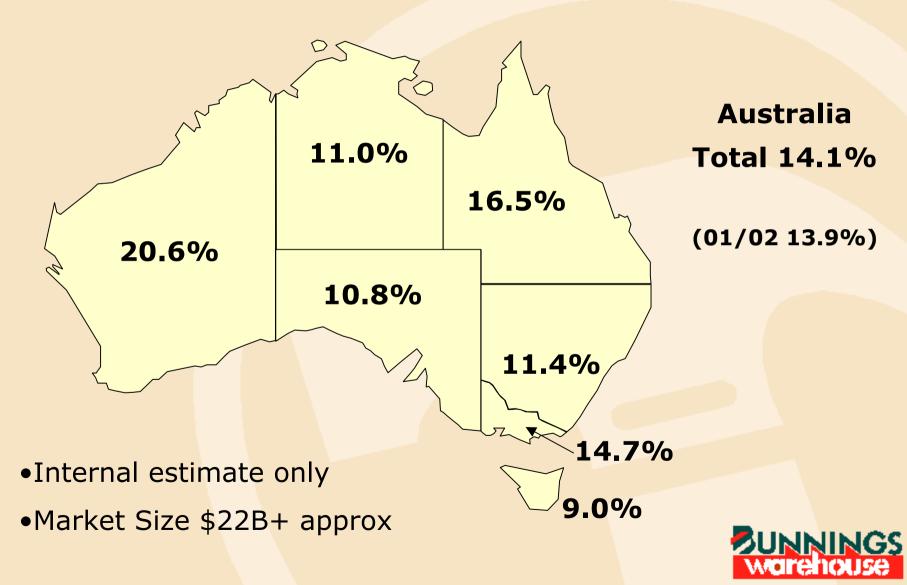


### **INDUSTRY ANALYSIS**

- Australian market size \$22B+ approx.
- Growth slowing
- Competitors:
  - Big W
  - K-Mart
  - The Warehouse
  - Specialists
  - Hardware (M10 and Danks)



#### **MARKET SHARE – 2003 (estimated)**



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#### **BUSINESS OVERVIEW**

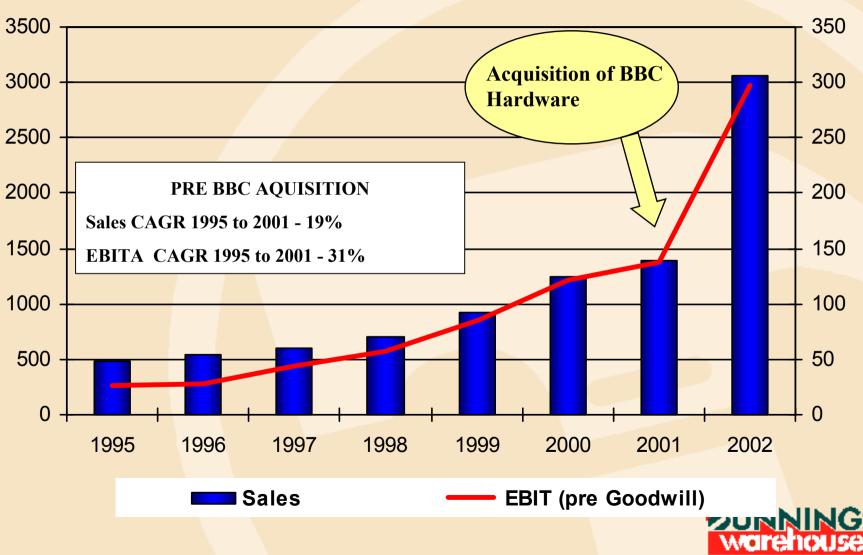
- Significant Milestones 10 years
- 1993 purchased McEwans
- 1994 acquired by Wesfarmers
- 1994 commenced Warehouses (50+ openings)
- 2001 purchased Hardwarehouse/BBC

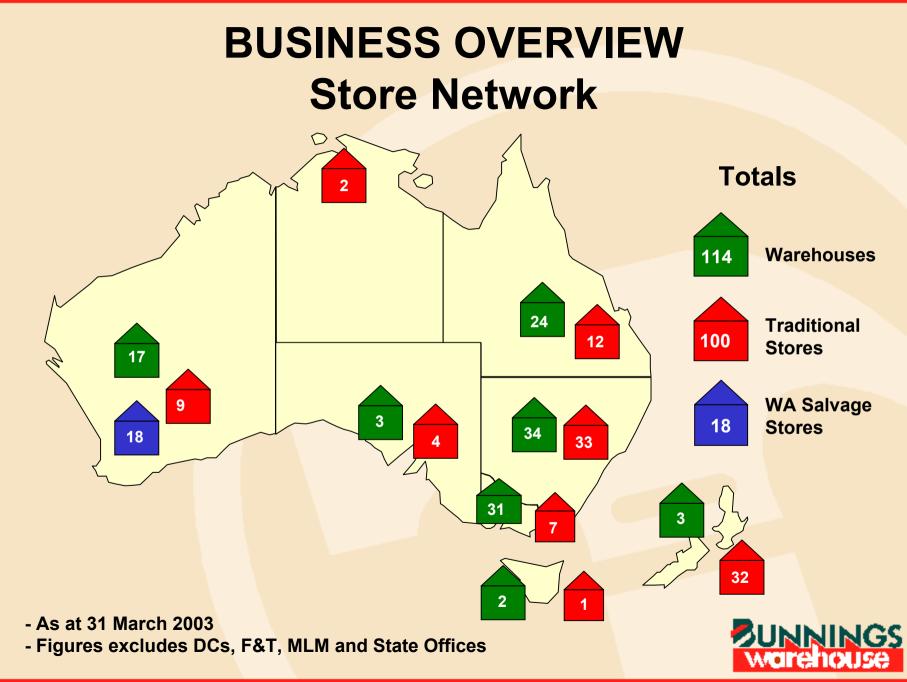


#### BUSINESS OVERVIEW Sales & EBITA history

Sales (\$m)

EBITA (\$m)





#### **BUSINESS OVERVIEW**

- Store Network
- Brand & Market Position
- Strong Performance Team Culture
- Warehouse Formula
- Strong Merchandising Marketing Skills



#### **BUSINESS OVERVIEW**

- Property, Store Layout & Development Capabilities
- Effective Recruitment & Training Programs
- Employee Turnover
- Strong track record of growth in sales & profits



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#### **BBC/HWH INTEGRATION UPDATE (18 mths)**

- Network Rebranding & Stage 1 Merchandising
- Induction 12,000 Team Members
- Re-structure "all" Management Teams
- Head Office Rationalisation
- 17,000m<sup>2</sup> Distribution Centre Smithfield



#### **BBC/HWH INTEGRATION UPDATE (18 mths)**

- BPOS Conversion in Australia
- Admin Processes Procedures Policies
- Low Volume Accounts Closure 42,000
- Synergy Benefits Exceeded Targets
- 59 Closures & 11 Openings



#### **BBC/HWH INTEGRATION ISSUES (ongoing)**

- Range reviews
- Inventory management
- Culture
- Team member development (NSW)
- Operational and Merchandising improvements



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- Store network move toward warehouse
  Mix
  - Dedicated trade outlets
  - Traditional store network "conversions"
  - Continue warehouse openings



**Warehouse Store Openings** 

**Under Construction - 8** 

Committed opening program 8-12 per year continued network restructure i.e. closings as appropriate

(Closure to date – 59)



	7000 series	<u>9000 series</u>
No. of Bays	970	1136 (+17%)
Significant addition	nal range	
- Garden & L	eisure	20%
- Decorator		43%
- Heavy ben	ch tools	-
- Flooring		91%
- Plumbing		27%
- Promotiona	al & Seasonal	20%
Average sale		



A significant opportunity exists within current network through upgrade

- BWH & former HWH upgrades
- Traditional store upgrades & conversions



Major Works Program 02/03 - 03/04

**Refit – former HWH** 

Garden 23 locations cost \$16.1m Electrical 37 locations cost \$10.3m



### **B2 Electrical Department Before**



#### **B2** Electrical Department After



#### **Warehouse Store Upgrades**

- 7-14 per annum
- Continuous improvement & learning
- Merchandise range
- Tool Shop/Paint/Garden/Services



- **Traditional Store Conversions "Carlingford"**
- 03/04 12 planned
- 30-40% lift in sales
- 8-12,500 additional sku's



#### **Carlingford** (before)





#### **Carlingford** (after)



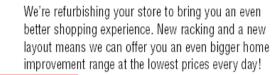


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#### **THIRD QUARTER RESULT**

MARCH QTR (\$m)	2003	2002	Inc (Dec)
Revenue	868.5	781.1	11.2%
EBITA	78.2	76.3	2.5%
Amortisation	12.5	13.1	( <mark>4.5%)</mark>
EBIT	65.7	63.2	3.9%
EBITA/Sales Ratio	9.0%	9.8%	(0.8%)



#### THIRD QUARTER YTD RESULT

MARCH YTD (\$m)	2003	2002	Inc (Dec)
Revenue	2,650.1	2,323.6	14.1%
EBITA	273.9	222.1	23.3%
Amortisation	37.2	35.5	4.9%
EBIT	236.7	186.6	26.8%
EBITA/Sales Ratio	10.4%	9.6%	0.8%



#### **THIRD QUARTER RESULTS**

- Store on store growth ~9%
  - mixed results region cash & credit
- Cash store on store growth +10%
  - Market has softened
  - Results okay in difficult trading environment



#### **THIRD QUARTER RESULTS**

- Trade sales disappointing
  - Low volume account closure
  - Non strategic poor return businesses rationalised
    - MLM/Cairns Roof/F&T/Plaster/ Kitchens & Appliances
  - Sales transfer isolated locations
  - Easter Shutdown 11 days



#### **THIRD QUARTER RESULTS**

- Clearance activity in March
- Inventory write-downs

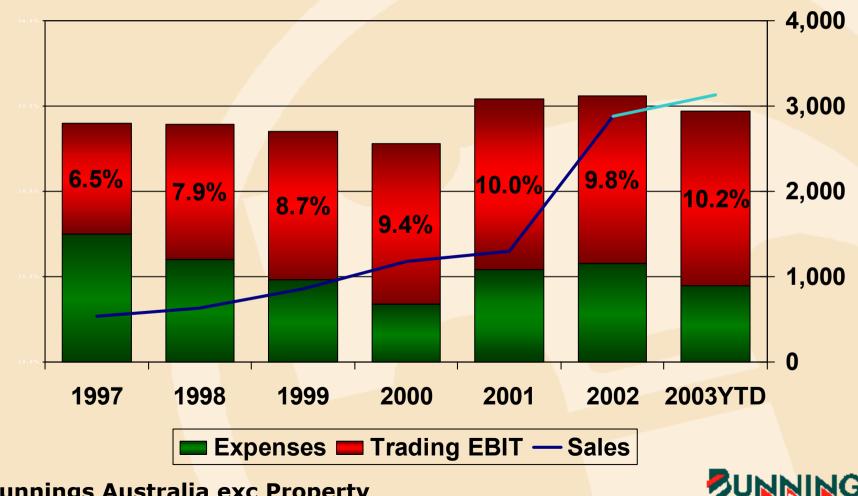


#### **PRODUCTIVITY MAP – BUNNINGS AUSTRALIA**

Exp & EBIT %

Sales \$M

warehouse



**Bunnings Australia exc Property** 

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#### **OUTLOOK & PRIORITIES**

 Slower growth in domestic building trade sector whilst DIY and renovation market growing



#### **STRATEGIES**

- Consistency of offer (range, service, price)
- Store network development
- Reducing costs and better use of working capital
- Attracting developing retaining the right people
- Safety
- Systems improvements



## OUTLOOK & PRIORITIES (FUTURE) Summary

- Demanding integration
- Greater focus on continuous improvement
- Greater focus on development of store network
  - openings & re-merchandising
- Greater focus on costs



# **QUESTIONS?**







### THANK YOU



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