

# Investor Briefing

**Full year results to 31 March 2020**

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# Agenda

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# Business update



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# How we're responding to COVID-19



## Supporting our people to ensure their safety and wellbeing

- Offices closed globally and all staff working from home
- Remote working technology, communication tools and wellbeing support
- Restrictions on travel and in-person events, cancelled Xerocon Sydney 2020, fully virtual annual general meeting



## Helping customers and partners with immediate needs

- Xero Central as our main customer support centre, with a business continuity hub for live webinars and other targeted resources at [central.xero.com/s/business-continuity](https://central.xero.com/s/business-continuity)
- A dedicated customer response team available 24/7 for case-by-case guidance
- Deferral of planned price rise
- Ensuring quality and continuity of Xero's cloud-based platform



## Prioritised product development

- Extending pilot access of Short-term cash flow and Business Snapshot features to all Business Edition customers
- Simplifying and automating payroll and tax changes to help small business with reporting data, proving eligibility for and accessing government stimulus benefits
- In-product prompts and reminders to help stay on top of government initiatives

# The COVID-19 environment

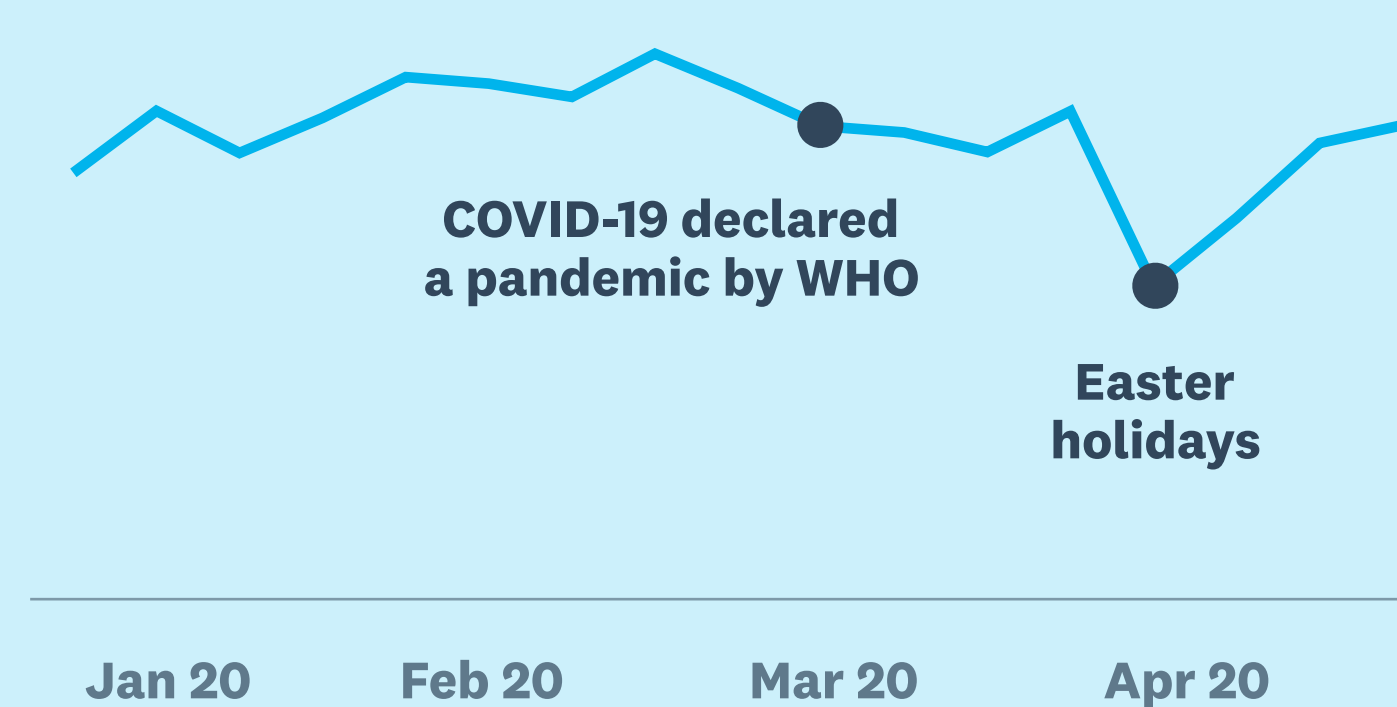
## What are we seeing?

Overall, Xero usage levels have remained relatively steady during 2020 calendar year, as measured by subscriber login activity

Subscriber additions slowed towards the end of March 2020. All regions impacted with UK to a greater extent

Initial analysis of Australian subscribers indicates sectors most impacted were hospitality, and arts and entertainment

### Weekly login activity YTD



Weekly total subscriber logins for first full seventeen weeks of the 2020 calendar year

## What are we hearing?

Xero voice-of-customer surveys indicate most have been significantly impacted by COVID-19, with many foreseeing a negative business outlook

Main concerns of small business customers:

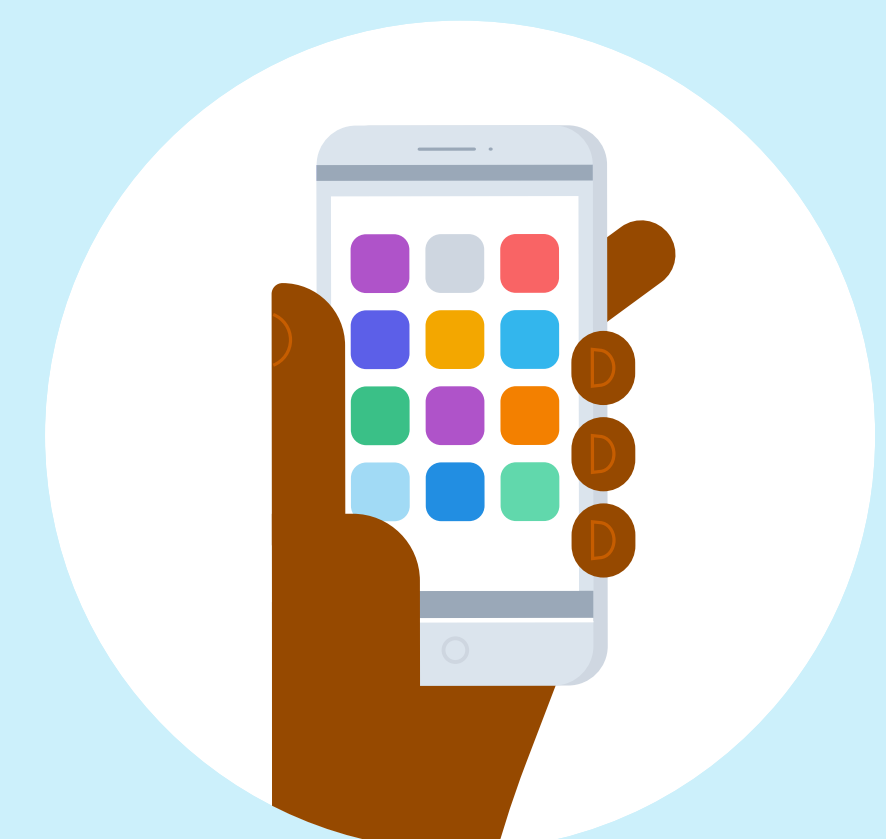
- Managing cash flow
- Digital tools and the need for rapid up-skill
- Retaining and motivating staff
- Work-life balance



## What are customers doing?

Some actions small businesses are taking:

- Business continuity planning, protecting employees
- Managing cash flow and capital resources, accessing government stimulus packages
- Widespread adoption of digital tools such as videoconferencing and e-commerce platforms
- Adapting and pivoting business models and services to respond to new market dynamics



# Continued global growth drives FY20 results

## SUBSCRIBERS

**2.285m**

+ 467,000 YOY

## ARPU

**\$29.93**

+ 2% YOY (-1% in  
constant currency)

## AMRR

**\$820.6m**

+ 29% YOY (25% in  
constant currency)

## TOTAL LIFETIME VALUE

**\$5.5b**

+ \$1.2b YOY

## OPERATING REVENUE

**\$718.2m**

+ 30% YOY (29% in  
constant currency)

## EBITDA

**\$137.7m**

+ \$64.6m YOY

## NET PROFIT AFTER TAX

**\$3.3m**

+ \$30.5m YOY

## FREE CASH FLOW

**\$27.1m**

+ \$20.7m YOY

# Xero's global footprint

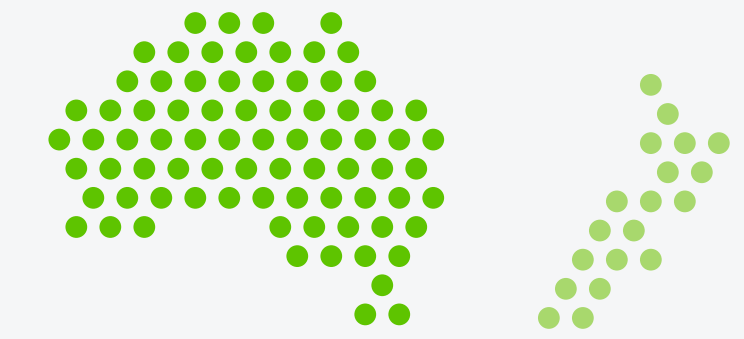


FY20	<b>Australia</b>		<b>New Zealand</b>		<b>United Kingdom</b>		<b>North America</b>		<b>Rest of World</b>	
Subscribers	<b>914k</b>	<b>+26%</b>	<b>392k</b>	<b>+12%</b>	<b>613k</b>	<b>+32%</b>	<b>241k</b>	<b>+24%</b>	<b>125k</b>	<b>+51%</b>
Revenue	<b>\$320m</b>	<b>+23%</b>	<b>\$116m</b>	<b>+19%</b>	<b>\$184m</b>	<b>+54%</b>	<b>\$55m</b>	<b>+25%</b>	<b>\$43m</b>	<b>+43%</b>
<b>&gt;50% cloud adoption<sup>1</sup></b>					<b>&lt;20% cloud adoption<sup>1</sup></b>					

<sup>1</sup> Estimated adoption rates across English speaking addressable cloud accounting markets, based on publicly available data



# Australia and New Zealand highlights



## Australia

- Single Touch Payroll accelerated digitisation of payroll compliance
- Enterprise partnership announced with RSM Australia, a leading national accounting firm
- Enhanced partnership with Square to further embed payment and PoS transactional features and functionality
- Launched Xero NAB Payments to help automate multiple bill payments, and received a Canstar Innovation Excellence Award for 2020
- Revenue growth of 25% YOY constant currency

	FY20	YOY change
Subscribers	<b>914k</b>	<b>+26%</b>
Net additions	<b>188k</b>	<b>+31%</b>
Revenue	<b>\$320m</b>	<b>+23%</b>



## New Zealand

- Continued positive ARPU trends driven by emphasis on additional platform solutions and product upsell
- Strong traction from new roadshow approach to include direct small business engagement contributed to >1,500 small business attendees at roadshows nationwide, a near threefold increase YOY
- Launched 2019 Small Business Wellbeing Report and extended the Xero Assistance Programme to an estimated 850,000 Kiwis

	FY20	YOY change
Subscribers	<b>392k</b>	<b>+12%</b>
Net additions	<b>41k</b>	<b>-18%</b>
Revenue	<b>\$116m</b>	<b>+19%</b>



# International highlights



## United Kingdom

- Making Tax Digital (MTD) continued to contribute to performance
- Launched first phase of Xero Tax, activating proven ANZ compliance product strategy
- Investment in readiness for Open Banking
- Two awards won for Xero Expenses (AccountingWeb Software Excellence Awards, Digital Accountancy Awards 2019)
- Revenue growth of 50% YOY constant currency

	FY20	YOY change
Subscribers	613k	+32%
Net additions	150k	-1%
Revenue	\$184m	+54%

## North America

- Continued growth in estimated partner channel capacity to almost 1.5 million small businesses
- Signed new partnership agreements with number of large national accounting firms in both Canada and the US
- New Toronto office strengthening presence in Canada
- Revenue growth of 19% YOY constant currency

	FY20	YOY change
Subscribers	241k	+24%
Net additions	46k	+5% <sup>1</sup>
Revenue	\$55m	+25%

<sup>1</sup> excludes acquired Hubdoc subscribers in FY19

## Rest of World

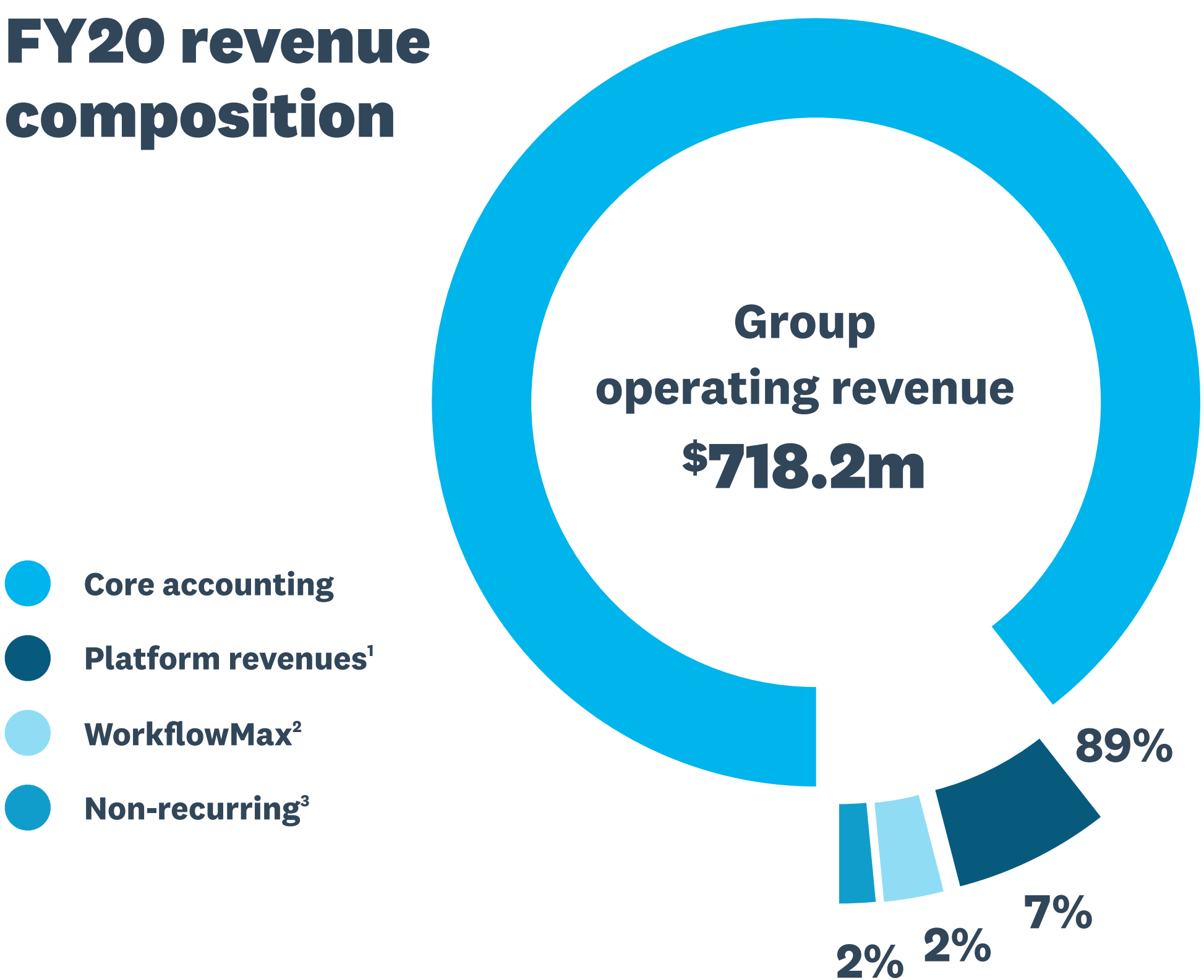
- Launch of e-invoicing by Singapore Government from January 2020 a catalyst for SME digitisation
- Enterprise partnership with leading Malaysian accounting firm YYC Advisors to migrate SME clients onto Xero
- Strong progress in South Africa, executing the partner-led market development playbook
- Revenue growth of 36% YOY constant currency

	FY20	YOY change
Subscribers	125k	+51%
Net additions	42k	+68%
Revenue	\$43m	+43%

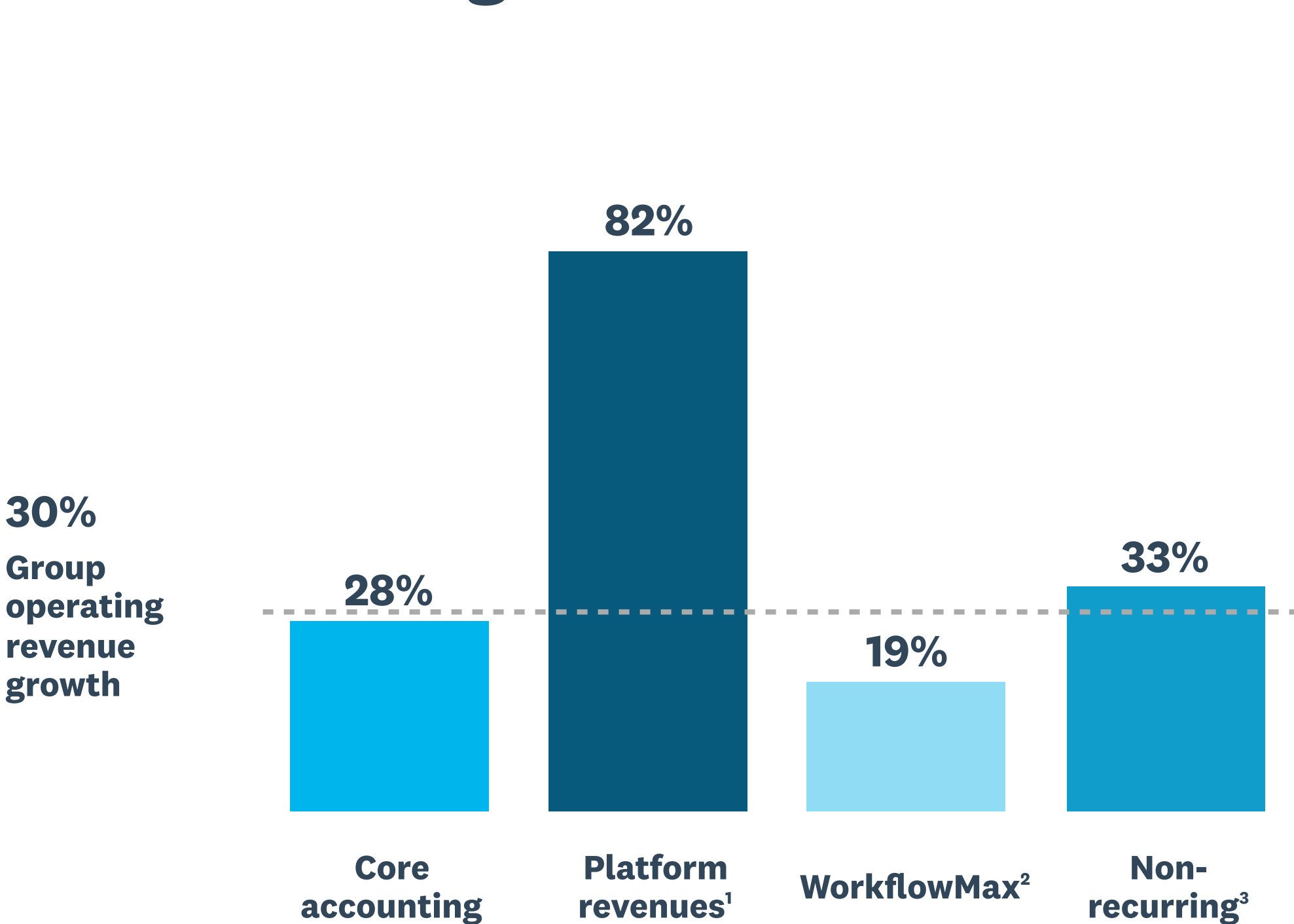


# Driving growth through the platform

## FY20 revenue composition



## FY20 revenue growth YOY



<sup>1</sup> Platform revenues include revenue derived from related services, including adjacent products (such as Hubdoc), add-ons with incremental revenue (such as payroll and expenses modules), payments and revenue share agreements with partners

<sup>2</sup> Revenues relating to WorkflowMax, online workflow and job management software

<sup>3</sup> Non-recurring includes revenue from events (such as Xerocons and roadshows), and other non-subscription or platform services



# Investing in great products, leveraging the ecosystem



## Code-free accounting

Hubdoc bundled into all Business Edition plans globally

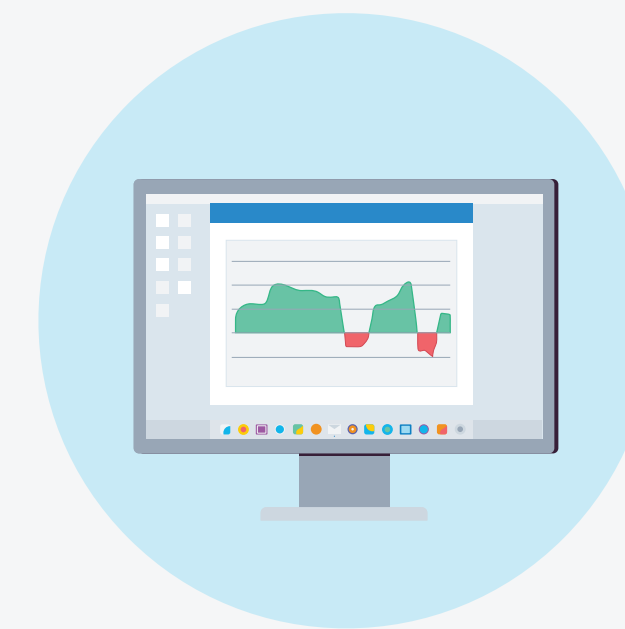
- Single sign-on with access from inside Xero
- Smarter, faster data capture from bills, receipts and other sources
- Less manual data entry and coding reduces errors, saves time
- Simpler bank reconciliation process



## Integrated tax prep and filing

Xero Tax launched at no extra cost through Partner Program in UK

- Features include single sign-on, multi-user review, e-signing, auto tax adjustments
- Completed Corporation Tax and Accounts Production for micro entities, and small companies abridged accounts
- Preparing for MTD for Income Tax (personal tax, trusts, partnerships and estates)



## Better business and cash flow insights

Business Snapshot and Short-term cash flow pilots being extended to all Business Edition customers

- Business Snapshot provides a simplified, quick-access financial metrics dashboard
- Short-term cash flow projects a 30-day bank balance to help with cash flow management decisions



## Industry recognition

Xero recognised as a leader in the IDC MarketScape: Worldwide SaaS and Cloud-Enabled Small Business Finance and Accounting Applications 2020 Vendor Assessment<sup>1</sup>

Read more at [xero.com/about/investors/idc-report](https://xero.com/about/investors/idc-report)

<sup>1</sup>doc #US45837020, April 2020



# Payments and access to capital



## Receiving payments

- Get paid by customers faster, and with more ways to pay
- Streamlining automatic payments and facilitating settlement of invoices on the spot or through direct debit
- Enhanced functionality like Stripe feed and daily sales summaries in Square
- Point-of-sale integration for richer transactional data with Square in Australia
- Extension of GoCardless partnership to North America



## Paying bills

- Bank agnostic solution in the UK through TransferWise
- Automating bill payment processes, simplifying repetitive manual tasks
- Reducing chances of human error
- Seamless and more secure processes, eg direct connection to NAB avoids handling of ABA files
- Transaction-based, tiered pricing plans



## Access to capital

- Better ways to access capital through ecosystem partners
- Options for invoice financing, lines of credit and cash advances, medium to long-term financing
- Working with wide range of established providers and new model fintech offerings



# Financial results



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# Managing COVID-19 financial risks

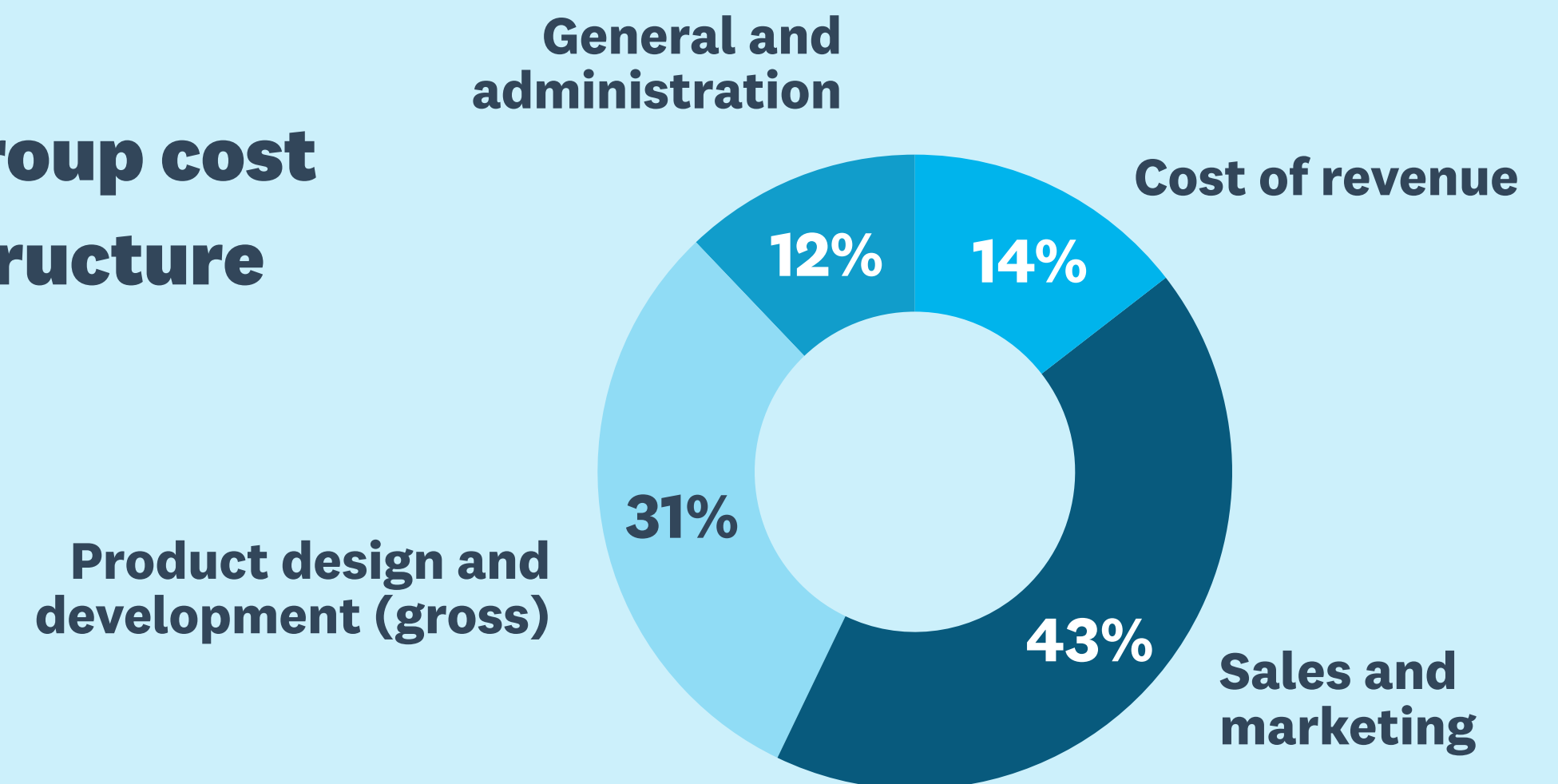


## Scenario planning

Rigorous stress testing of revenue, spending and investment outlook under a range of scenarios by market, considering:

- **Gross subscriber additions:** Impact of macro conditions and lead indicators external to Xero, eg web traffic, trials, business closures and new business creation rate
- **Subscription cancellations and churn:** Customer sentiment and small business performance indicators
- **Other revenue contributors:** Eg Xerocon and other events

## Group cost structure



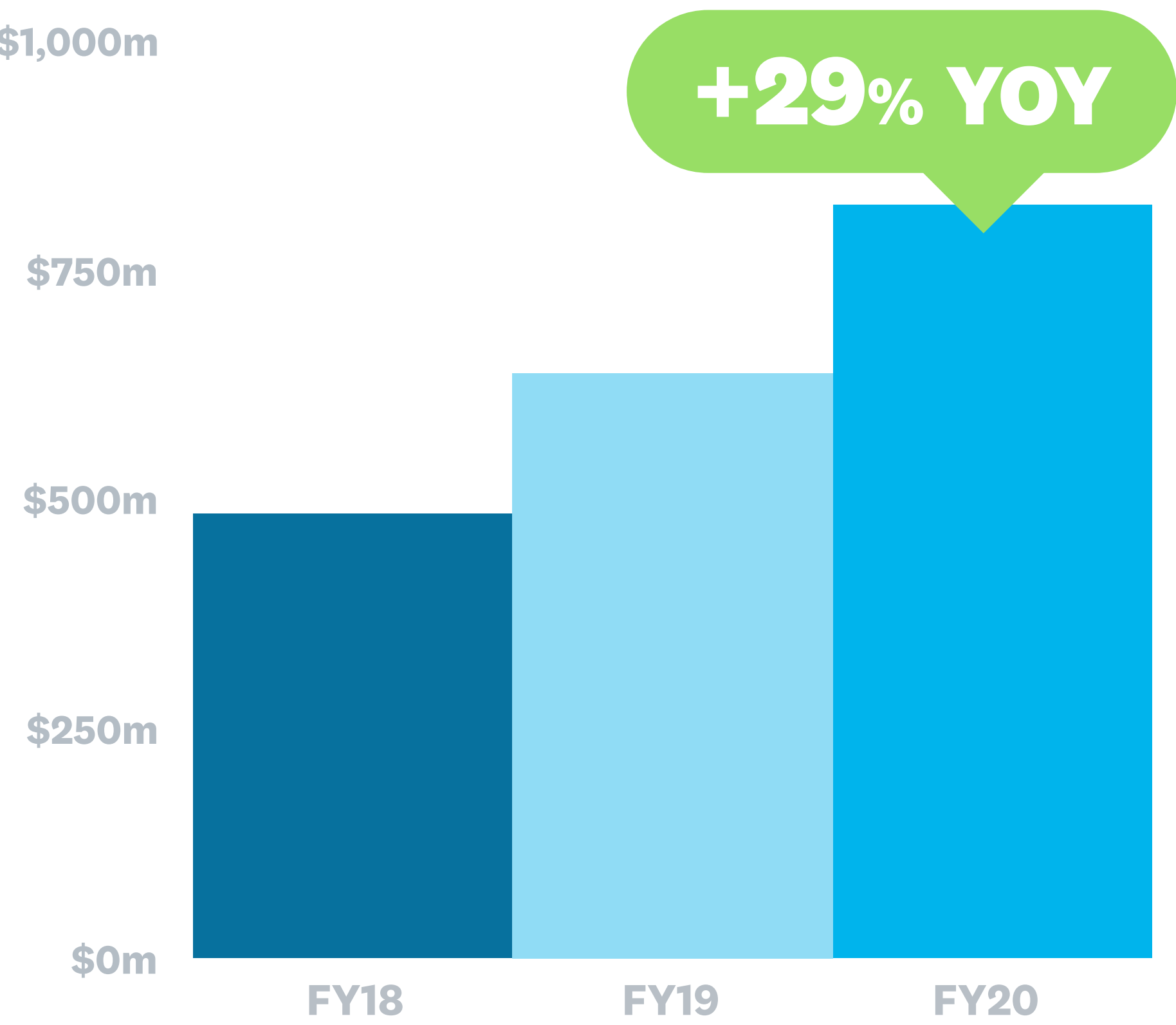
## Focus on costs and capital allocation

Identification of fixed and variable cost base elements:

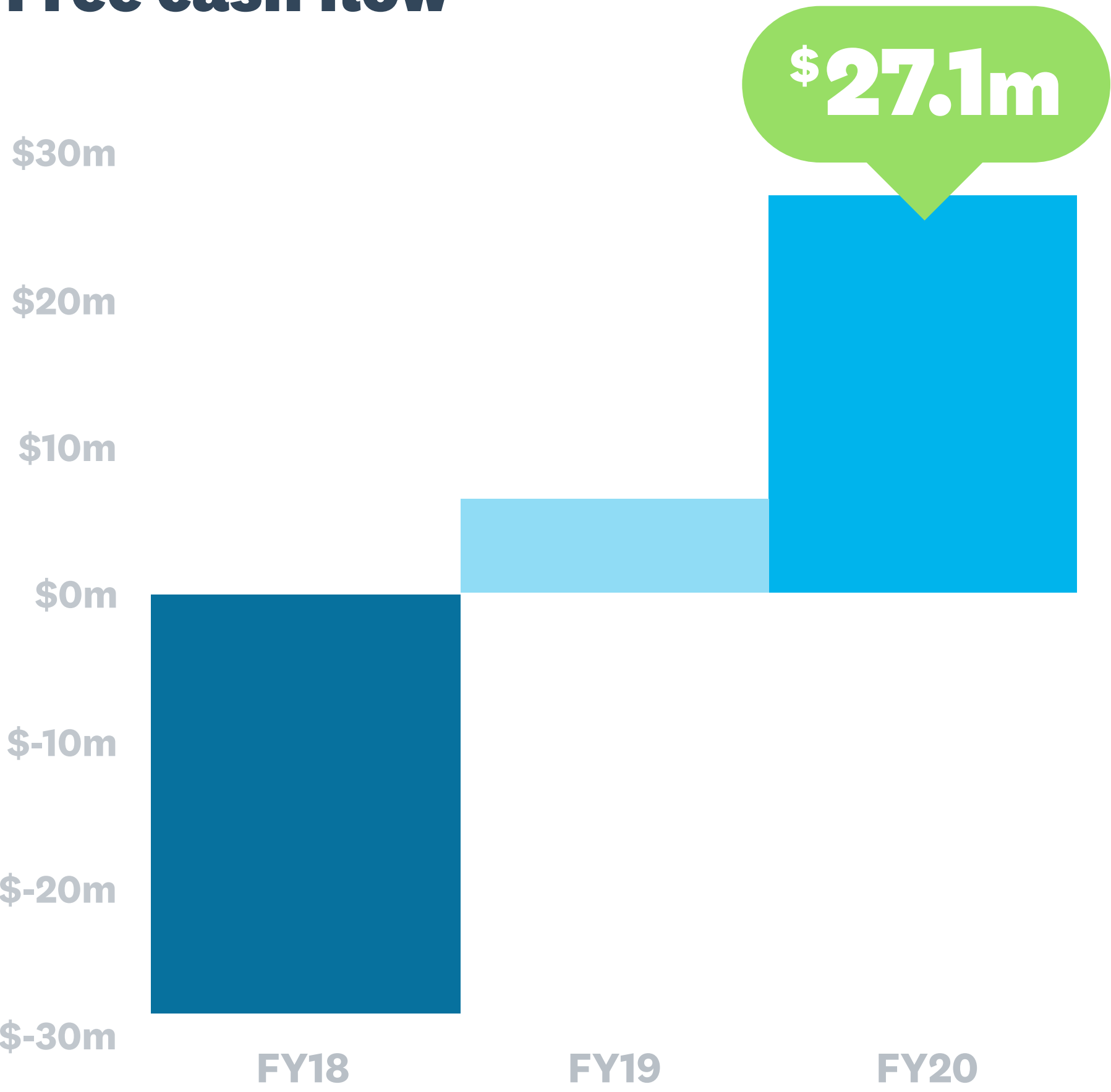
- **People:** Selective approach to staff-related costs including hiring, compensation and travel
- **Workplace:** Support for extended office closures and work-from-home arrangements
- **Procurement:** Reassessment of vendor agreements
- **Capital allocation:** Capital allocation and resource planning necessary to support and reprioritise strategic investment planning

# Strong top-line trends maintained with further free cash flow improvement

Annualised monthly recurring revenue



Free cash flow





# Total available liquid resources of \$686 million

Positive free cash flow result in FY20 of \$27.1m, equivalent to 3.8% of operating revenues

Operating cash flow increased 46% to \$166.6m for FY20, an improvement of \$52.4m from \$114.2m in FY19

Net cash position at 31 March 2020 was \$111.5m (comprising cash and short-term deposits less term debt) compared to \$100.6m at 31 March 2019

Total available liquid resources, inclusive of \$150m of undrawn committed debt facilities, of \$686m

## Movement in net cash position

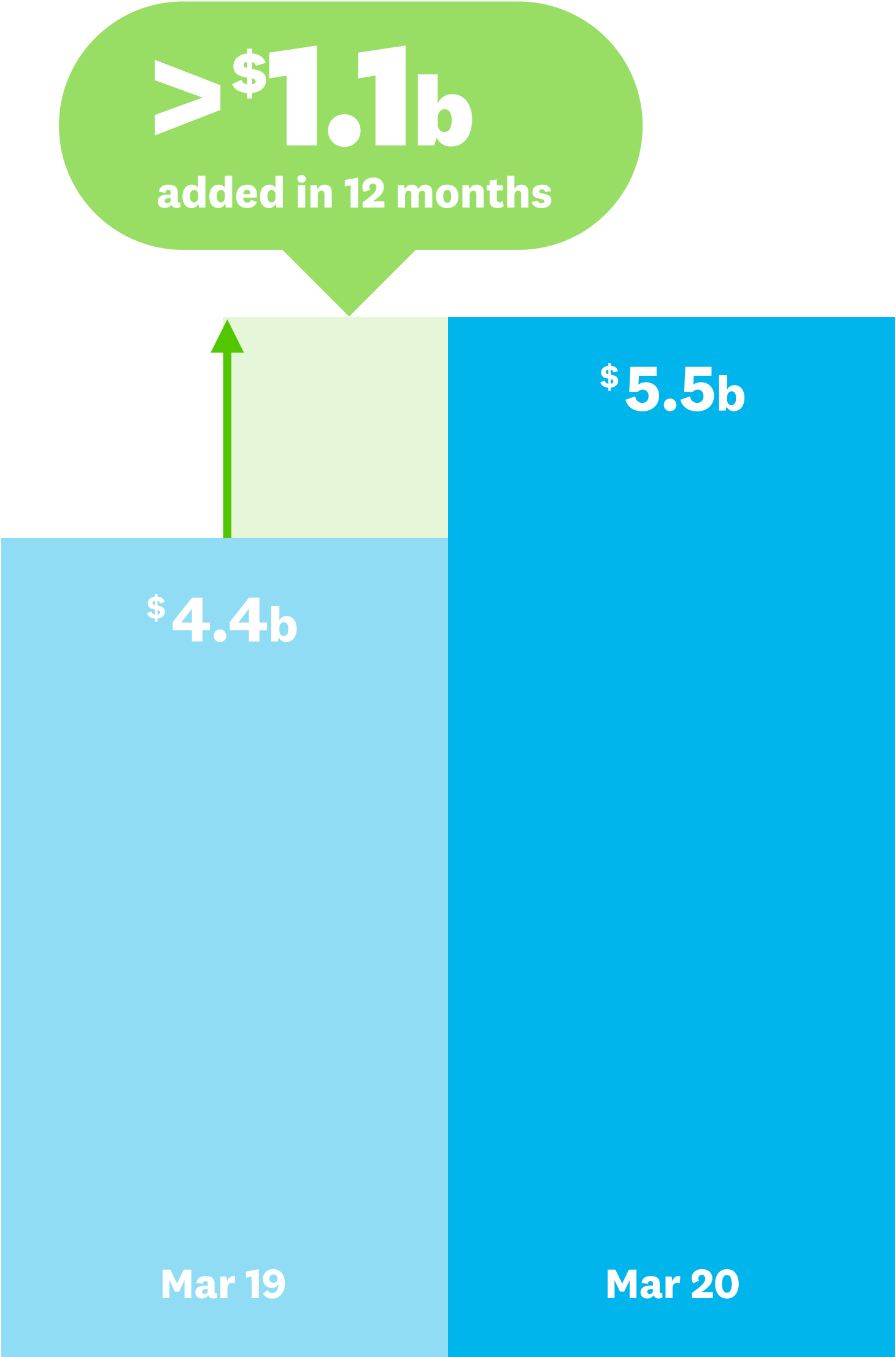
	FY19 (\$000s)	FY20 (\$000s)	YOY change (\$000s)
Cash and cash equivalents	121,527	108,027	(13,500)
Short-term deposits	336,819	428,052	91,233
<b>Total cash and short-term deposits</b>	<b>458,346</b>	<b>536,079</b>	<b>77,733</b>
Convertible notes – term debt liability	(357,731)	(424,587)	(66,856)
<b>Net cash</b>	<b>100,615</b>	<b>111,492</b>	<b>10,877</b>

# 27% uplift in lifetime value

	March 2020	Progress from March 2019
ARPU	\$29.93	↑
Churn %	1.13%	↓
Gross margin	85%	↑
LTV per subscriber	\$2,422	1% <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> LTV per subscriber growth in nominal terms. 0.6% decrease in constant currency terms based on exchange rates at 31 March 2019

## Total subscriber lifetime value (LTV)





# Unit economics and track record of value creation

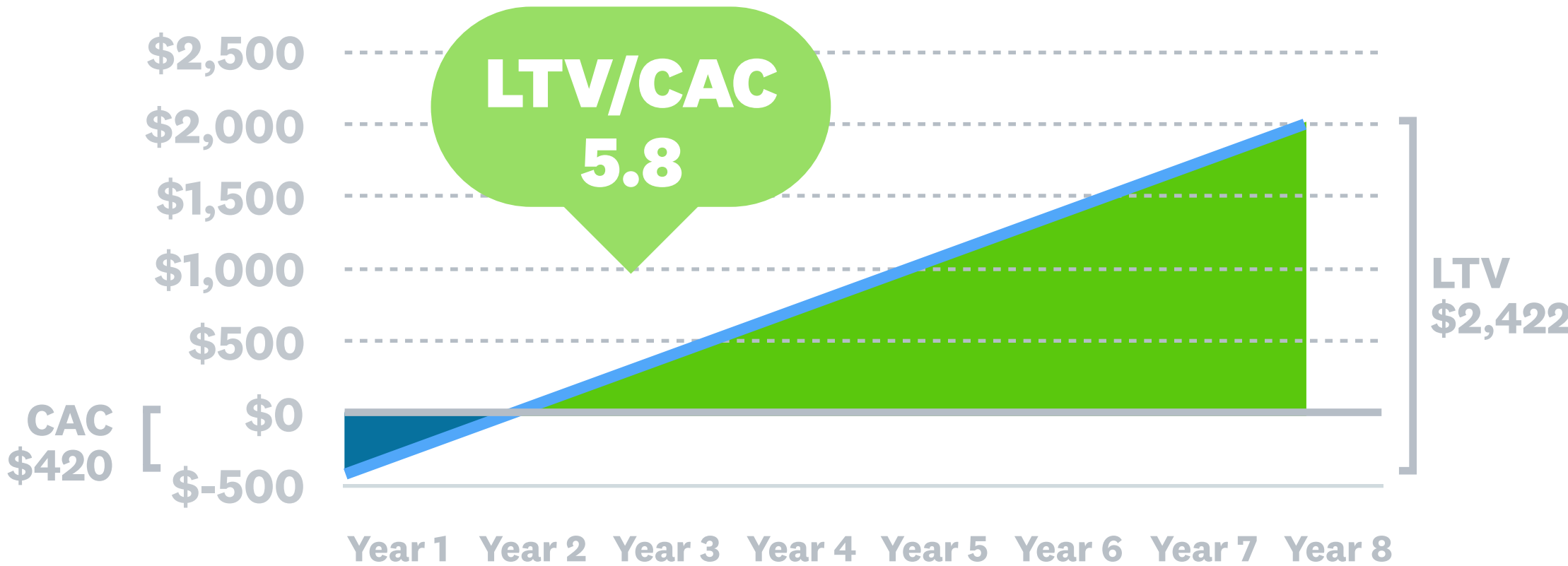
Compelling SaaS unit economics:

CAC months	14.0
MRR churn	1.13%
LTV/CAC	5.8
LTV	\$2,422

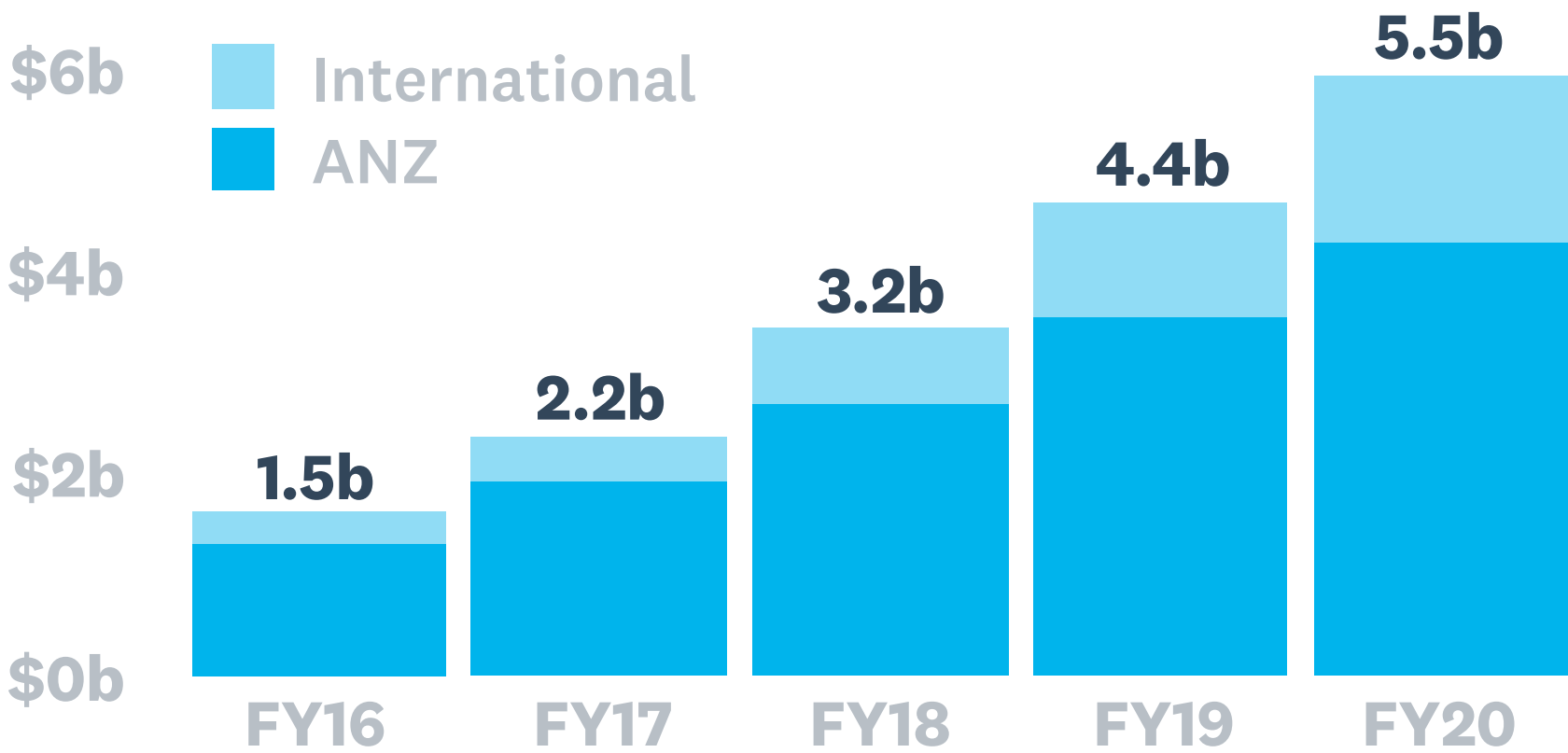
Strong track record of value creation:

- >\$1.1 billion LTV added in 12 months
- LTV grew 1.7x in last 2 years
- FY16 to FY20 CAGR for LTV was 34% for ANZ and 52% for International

Value of a Xero subscriber  
at 31 March 2020



Total lifetime value

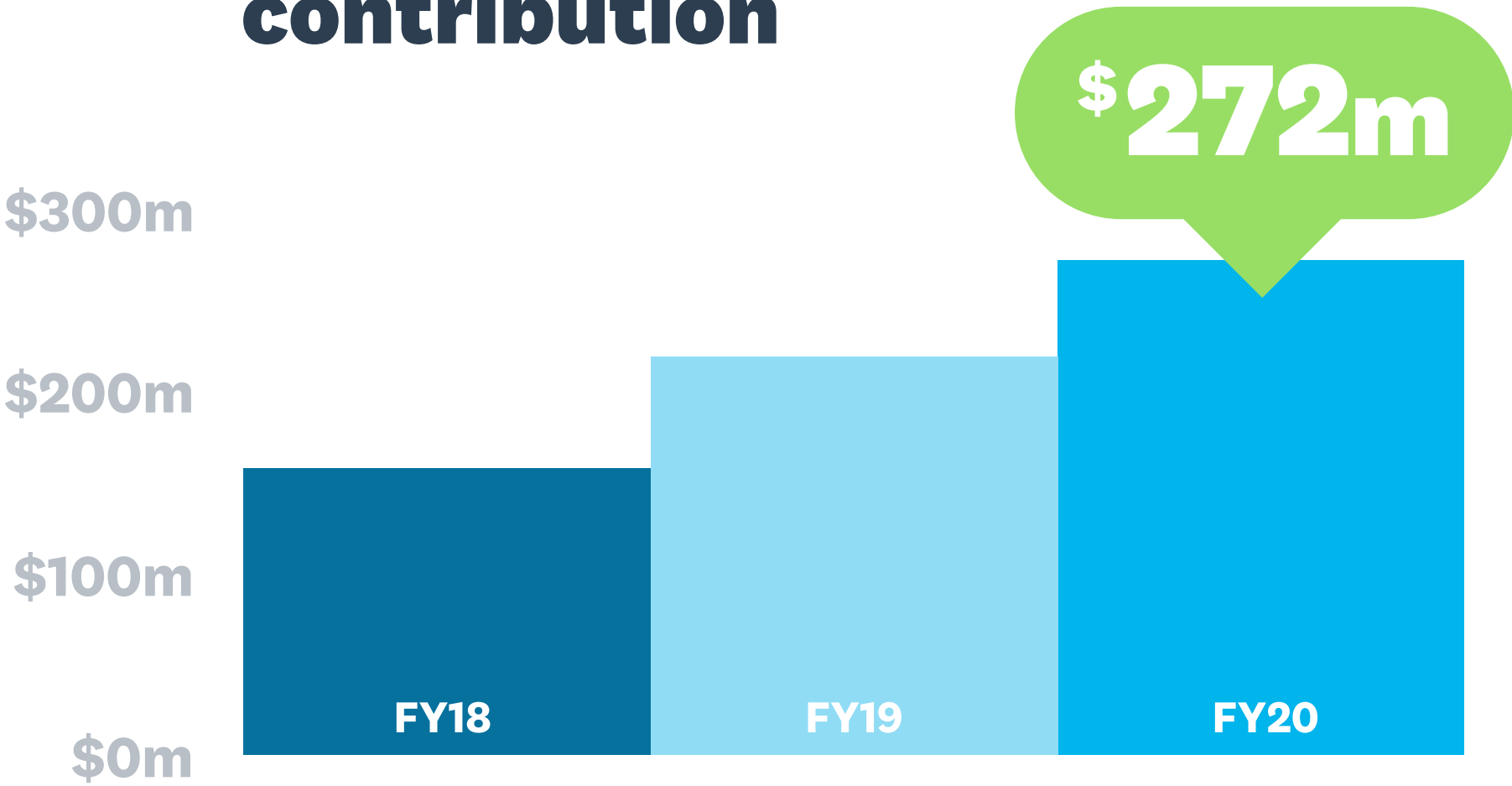


# Contribution margins positive in both segments

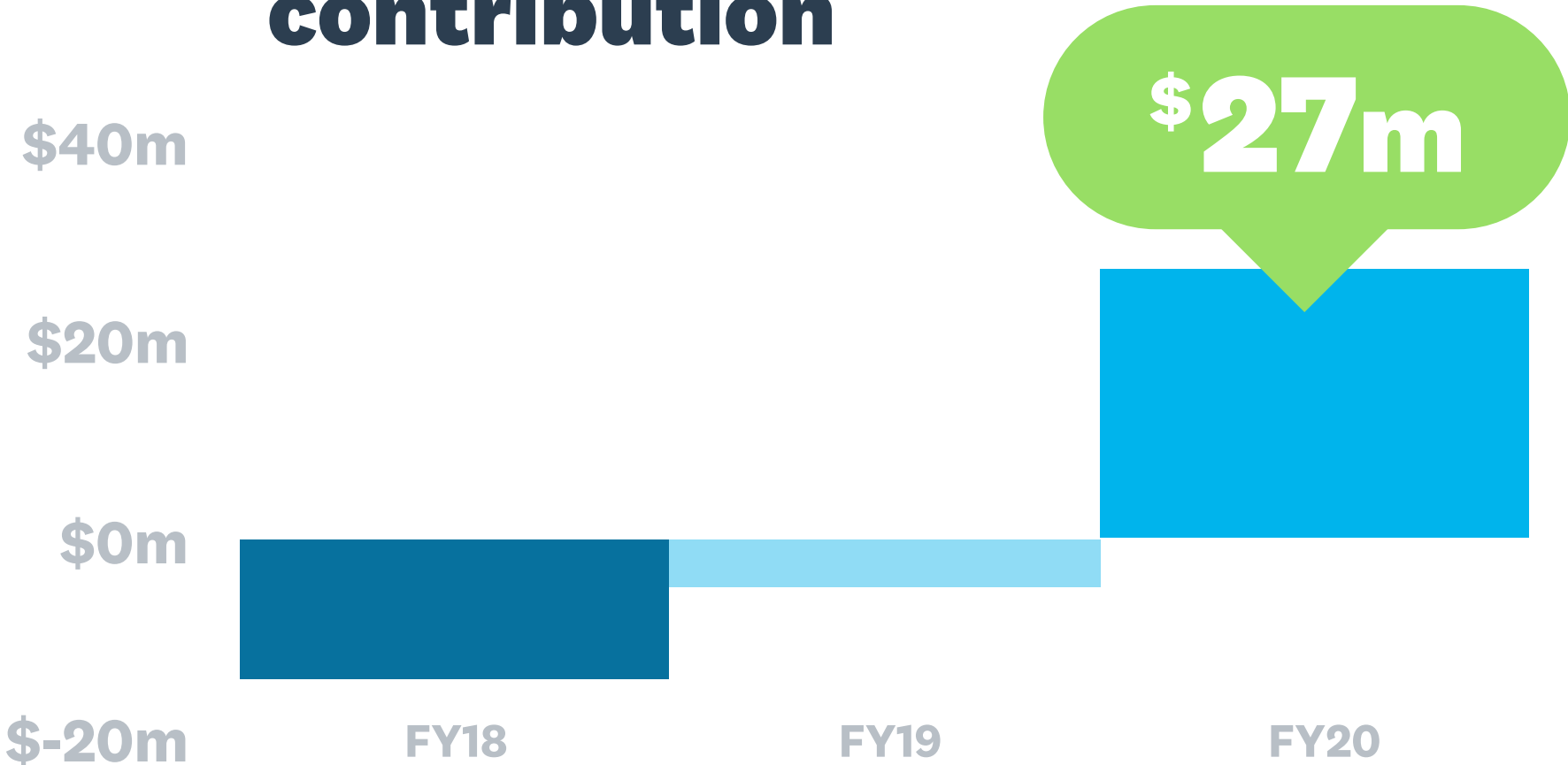
Australia and New Zealand contribution improved 24% YOY, exceeding revenue growth of 22% YOY due to continued operating discipline and scale benefits

International full year contribution positive for the first time in FY20 as scaling and CAC efficiencies offset continued investment to drive subscriber additions

Australia and New Zealand contribution



International segment contribution





# Financial performance

Operating revenue growth of 30% YOY (29% constant currency), driven primarily by subscriber growth across all markets combined with modestly positive ARPU trends

EBITDA improved \$64.6 million YOY, resulting in a 6.0pp increase in EBITDA margin over the period as the business continues to benefit from scale and efficiency improvements

EBITDA excluding impairments increased by 52% YOY while EBITDA margin, excluding impairments, increased by 2.8pp

Achieved first time full year net profit of \$3.3 million

	FY19 (\$000s)	FY20 (\$000s)	YOY change (%)
Total operating revenue	552,819	718,231	30%
Gross profit	461,904	611,649	32%
Gross margin	83.6%	85.2%	+1.6pp
Sales & marketing costs	248,014	312,852	26%
Product design & development	137,795	178,258	29%
General & administration	66,072	88,980	35%
EBITDA	73,171	137,743	88%
EBITDA excl. impairments	91,775	139,170	52%
EBITDA margin	13.2%	19.2%	+6.0pp
EBITDA margin excl. impairments	16.6%	19.4%	+2.8pp
Net profit/(loss) after tax	(27,143)	3,336	NM
Net profit/(loss) after tax excl. impairments	(8,539)	4,763	NM

# Progress on scale and operating efficiency

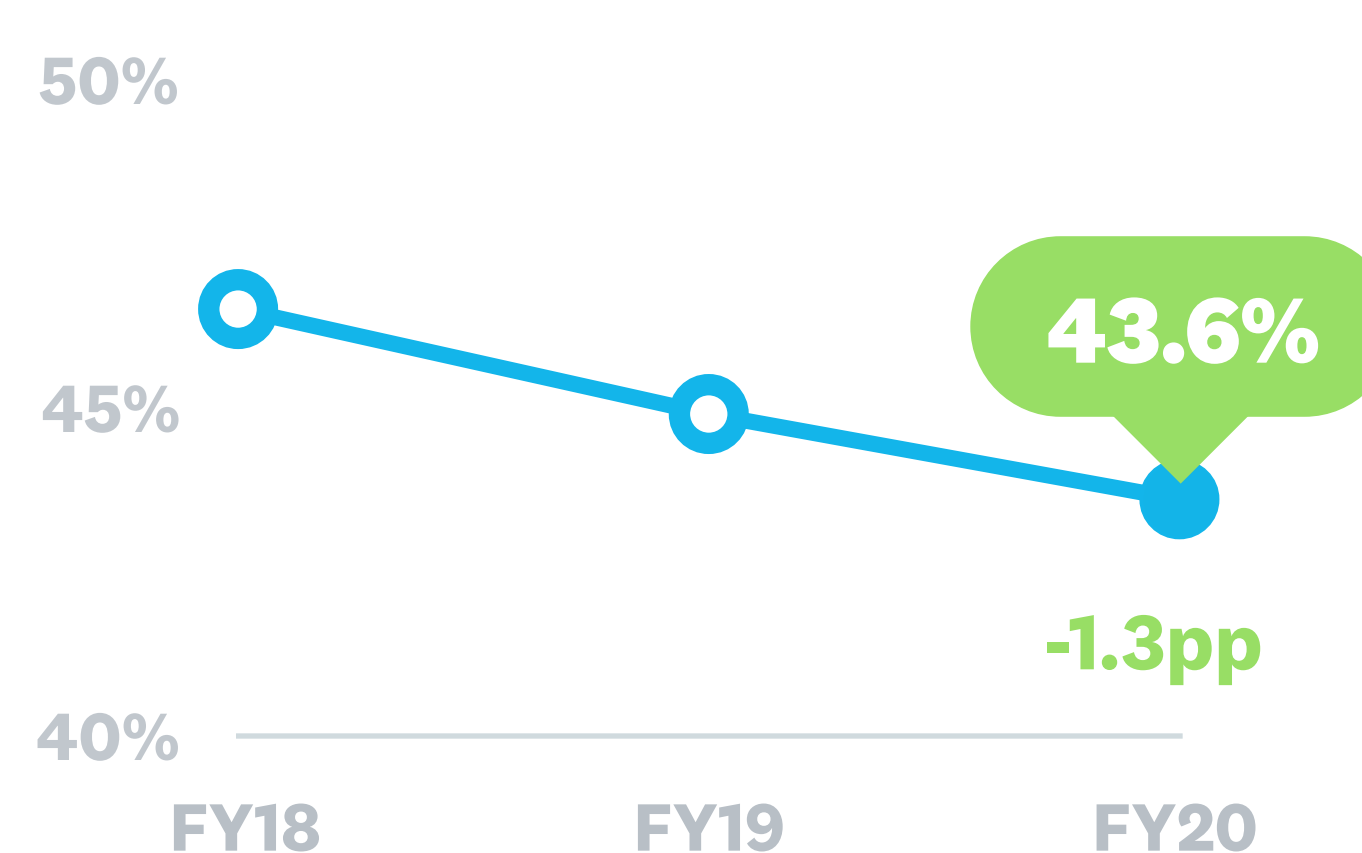
## Gross margin



Both Australia and New Zealand and International segments saw positive gross margin trends

Gross margin improvement powered by efficiencies in cloud hosting and other platform-related benefits which are driving further improvements to customer service quality at a lower cost

## CAC as % of revenue



Sales and marketing costs increased by 26% YOY which was lower than growth in operating revenue in FY20. This resulted in a 1.3pp improvement YOY in CAC as percentage of revenue

## Product costs including opex and capex as % of revenue<sup>1</sup>



Product investment level stabilised and will continue to support longer-term strategic priorities and related technological needs. Hubdoc and Instafile were acquired and successfully embedded into the product portfolio over FY19 and FY20

<sup>1</sup> Net of government grants



# Strategy update



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# Strategic trends

**Adoption of cloud technologies**

**Digitisation of tax and compliance**

**Innovation in financial services**

**Post COVID-19 small business economy**





# Strategy on a page

WHY WE EXIST	<div><div><b>Purpose</b> Make life better for people in small business, their advisors and communities around the world</div><div><b>Vision</b> To be the most insightful and trusted small business platform</div></div>
VALUES	<div><div> <b>#Human</b></div><div> <b>#Challenge</b></div><div> <b>#Team</b></div><div> <b>#Ownership</b></div><div> <b>#Beautiful</b></div></div>
STRATEGIC PRIORITIES	<div><div><b>Drive cloud accounting</b></div><div><b>Grow small business platform</b></div><div><b>Build for global scale and innovation</b></div></div>
OUTCOMES	<div><div><b>Our Customers</b> Customers and partners are more successful and confident on Xero</div><div><b>Our People</b> Our people are doing the best work of their lives</div><div><b>Xero</b> Long-term value creation by becoming the small business platform of choice</div></div>

# Areas of planned strategic investment

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES	 <b>Drive cloud accounting</b> 	 <b>Grow small business platform</b>	 <b>Build for global scale and innovation</b> 
AREAS OF PLANNED INVESTMENT	 Best-in-class cloud accounting for small business  Extend access and distribution to serve all small businesses  Serve small businesses with multi-lingual editions	 Small business needs beyond accounting and compliance  Payments and access to capital  New applications leveraging data, AI and machine learning	 Attract, inspire and retain world class talent  Robust technology to drive innovation at speed  Optimised operational and financial structure
IMPACT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increased adoption of cloud accounting within Xero's existing markets</li><li>• Extension into new segments and geographies</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increased platform revenue contribution</li><li>• Increased attach and usage of ecosystem apps and financial services products</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Improved scale and efficiency indicators</li><li>• Revenue from new product launches</li><li>• Disciplined capital allocation</li></ul>



# Social and environmental impact



## Business Support and Communities

Launch of Xero Assistance Programme in New Zealand and partnership with Beyond Blue in Australia



## Diversity & Inclusion

Included in 2020 Bloomberg Gender-Equality Index



## Environment

Completed retrospective 100% carbon offset for FY19 footprint through three internationally recognised environmental and conservation projects



# Outlook

While Xero has performed strongly in FY20, trading in the early stages of FY21 has been impacted by the COVID-19 environment. The continued uncertainty surrounding COVID-19 means it would be speculative for us to say anything more at this time on its potential impact on our expected performance for FY21.

Xero's ambition is to be a long-term oriented, high-growth business. We continue to operate with disciplined cost management and targeted allocation of capital. This allows us to remain agile so we can continue to innovate, invest, support our customers, and respond to opportunities and changes in our operating environment.





# Q&A



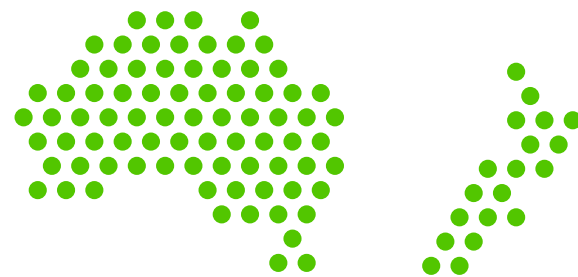


# Appendix





# SaaS metrics summary



		ANZ		International		Group	
		FY19	FY20	FY19	FY20	FY19	FY20
	ARPU	\$30.66	\$29.83	\$27.21	\$30.05	\$29.25	\$29.93
	CAC months	9.4	9.7	18.3	18.1	13.6	14.0
	MRR churn	0.85%	0.84%	1.55%	1.59%	1.10%	1.13%
	Subscribers	1,077,000	1,306,000	741,000	979,000	1,818,000	2,285,000
	LTV per sub	\$3,075	\$3,058	\$1,413	\$1,573	\$2,398	\$2,422
	LTV/CAC	10.7	10.6	2.8	2.9	6.0	5.8
	Total LTV	\$3.31b	\$3.99b	\$1.05b	\$1.54b	\$4.36b	\$5.53b

# COVID-19: How we're helping

## Case study – Xero Central

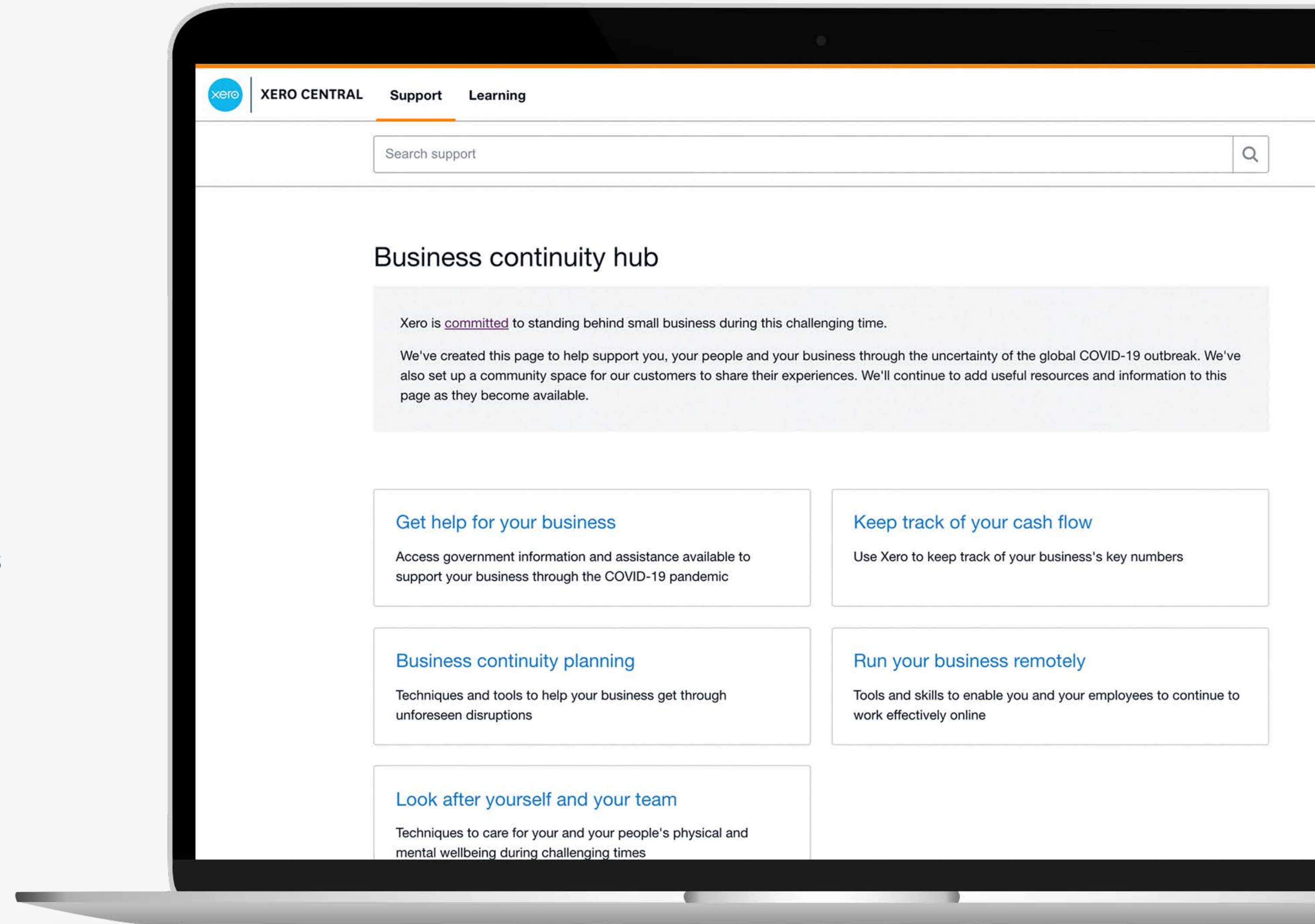
### Business continuity hub

Customised with relevant content for user region

Access to live webinars, guides and other resources on topics like latest government initiatives, managing cash flow, business continuity planning, running a business remotely and wellbeing

Contact details for our dedicated, 24/7 customer response team for case-by-case assistance

Read more at [central.xero.com/s/business-continuity](https://central.xero.com/s/business-continuity)





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## Case study – Australia

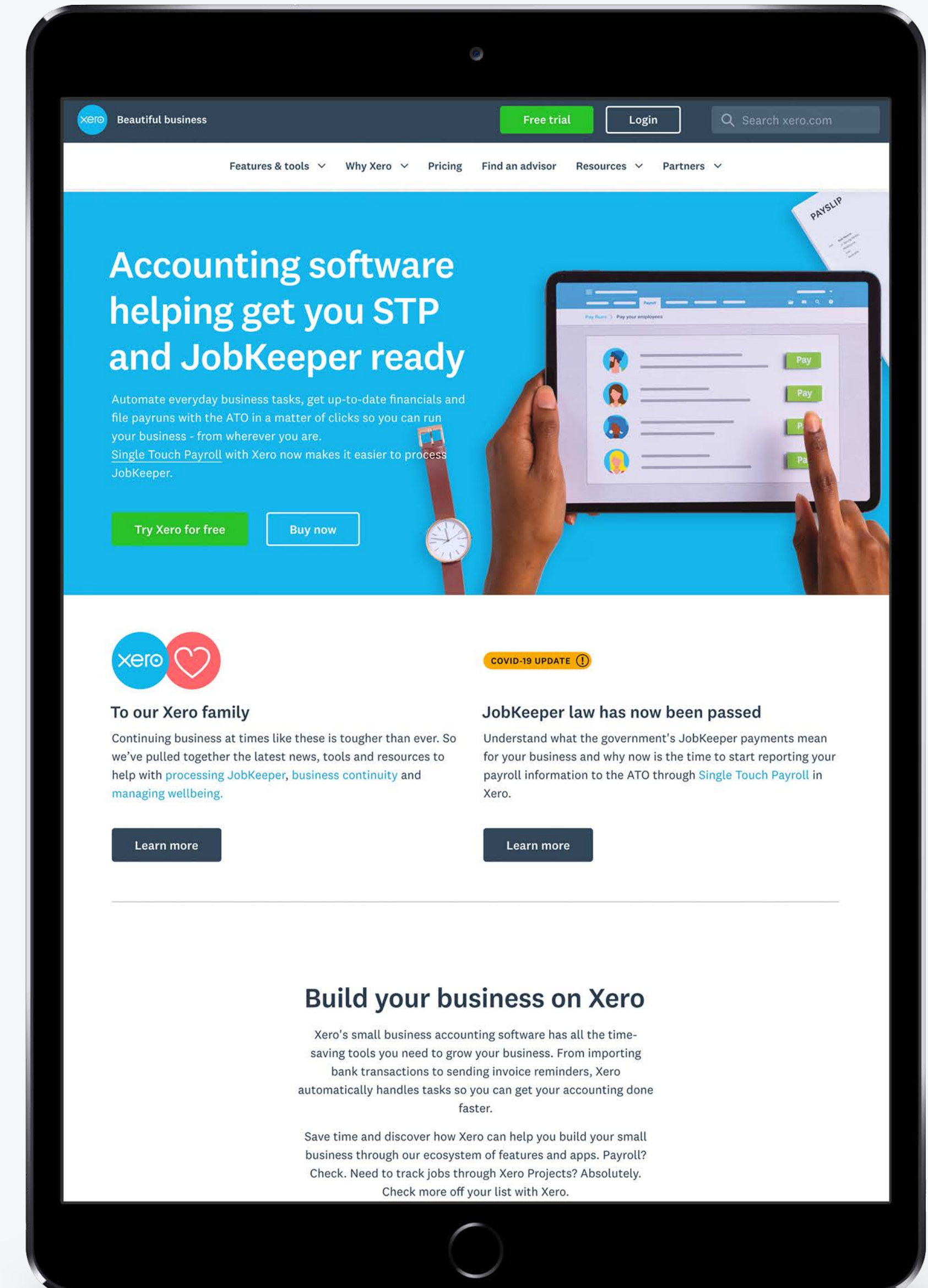
### JobKeeper & Xero Payroll

Employee eligibility calculator based on eligibility criteria and employee data within Xero Payroll

Enrolment of employees directly with the ATO and pay runs incorporating JobKeeper payment top-up as a pay item within the allowances category, and ability to file directly with ATO through STP

Ongoing GST reporting and declaration of continued eligibility

Read more at  
[central.xero.com/s/article/Account-for-COVID-19-government-support-in-Xero-AU](https://central.xero.com/s/article/Account-for-COVID-19-government-support-in-Xero-AU)



# Glossary

## Subscribers

Subscriber means each unique subscription to a Xero-offered product that is purchased by an accounting partner or an end user (small business subscriber) which is (or is available to be) deployed. Subscribers that have multiple subscriptions to integrated products on the Xero platform are counted as a single subscriber

## AMRR

Annualised monthly recurring revenue (AMRR) represents monthly recurring revenue at 31 March, multiplied by 12. It provides a 12 month forward view of revenue, assuming any promotions have ended and other factors such as subscriber numbers, transaction volumes, pricing and foreign exchange remain unchanged during the year

## ARPU

Average revenue per user (ARPU) is calculated as AMRR at 31 March divided by subscribers at that time (and divided by 12 to get a monthly view)

## Churn

Churn is the value of monthly recurring revenue (MRR) from subscribers who leave Xero in a month as a percentage of the total MRR at the start of that month. The percentage provided is the average of the monthly churn for the previous 12 months

## Constant currency

Constant currency comparisons for revenue are based on average exchange rates for the 12 months ended 31 March 2019. Comparisons for ARPU, AMRR and LTV are based on exchange rates at 31 March 2019

## Lifetime value (LTV)

LTV is the gross margin expected from a subscriber over the lifetime of that subscriber. This is calculated by taking the average subscriber lifetime (1 divided by churn) multiplied by ARPU, multiplied by the gross margin percentage. Group LTV is calculated as the sum of the individual segment LTVs, multiplied by their respective segment subscribers, divided by total Group subscribers

## CAC months

Customer Acquisition Cost (CAC) months are months of ARPU to recover the cost of acquiring each new subscriber. The calculation is sales and marketing costs for the year excluding the capitalisation and amortisation of commissions paid to sales people, less conference revenue (such as Xerocon), divided by gross new subscribers added during the same period, divided by ARPU

## Liquid resources

Liquid resources comprises cash and cash equivalents, short-term deposits including proceeds from convertible notes, and undrawn committed debt facilities

## Free cash flow

Free cash flow is defined as cash flows from operating activities less cash flows used for investing activities excluding cash used for acquisitions of, and investments into, businesses and strategic assets

## Finweb

Financial web

## SBP

Share-based payments

## TAM

Total addressable market

## GAAP

Generally accepted accounting principles



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