

Wellington Regional Stadium Trust

DRAFT Statement of Trustees Intent

For the year ending 30 June 2012

INTRODUCTION

The Trustees submit their Statement of Intent to the Wellington City and Wellington Regional Councils in the year that New Zealand hosts the Rugby World Cup, with the Trust working closely with tournament organisers and the Regional Coordinating Committee to host the five pool and the two quarter final games to be held in Wellington. It is particularly satisfying for the Trust to have made a major contribution to the successful tender process that saw the International Sevens retained in Wellington until 2016.

The energies of the Trust for 2011 will be on delivering an outstanding Rugby World Cup in Wellington and our Strategic Planning for the next five years will focus on the requirements of our patrons beyond the World Cup including planning for major enhancements to the Stadium.

OBJECTIVES AND NATURE OF ACTIVITIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN

The objectives of the Wellington Regional Stadium Trust (the Trust) as set out in the founding Trust Deed established by the Wellington City and Greater Wellington Regional Councils ('the Councils') are as follows:

- To own, operate and maintain the Stadium as a high quality multi-purpose sporting and cultural venue.
- To provide high quality facilities to be used by rugby, cricket and other sports codes, musical, cultural and other users including sponsors, event and fixture organisers and promoters so as to attract to the Stadium high quality and popular events for the benefit of the public of the region.
- And to administer the Trust assets and the Stadium on a prudent commercial basis so that it is a successful, financially autonomous community asset.

These objectives and the outcomes required to achieve them are set out in more detail in the Five-year Strategic Plan which can be found on page 15.

The Councils also have general objectives for the Trust. These are that it should:

- Have a partnership approach with the Councils and their entities;
- Have a regional focus where this is appropriate;
- Appropriately acknowledge the contribution of Councils;
- Achieve maximum effectiveness and efficiency of, and concentrated focus on service delivery;
- Operate at breakeven after depreciation expense.

The Councils' objective for the Trust to operate at breakeven is superseded by the Trust Deed requirement for the Trust to be financially autonomous. The Trust must make significant surpluses to ensure it can meet loan repayments on its commercial banking facilities and provide for the capital expenditure required to maintain the Stadium to world's best standards.

To meet its responsibilities under the Trust Deed and the general objectives of the Councils, the Trust has a number of initiatives, procedures and strategies that ensure these obligations are met.

The three key objectives of the Trust remain unchanged:

- Continue to have a full and balanced event calendar
- Maintaining and enhancing the facility
- Achieving a level of profitability that provides for continuing capital expenditure and meets debt reduction obligations

The various issues raised by the Councils for consideration in the SOI can be considered as elements of these three main objectives, and these are discussed further below.

EVENTS

Providing a full and balanced event calendar that attracts both residents of the region, and visitors from further afield is the *raison d'être* for the Stadium's existence.

This links well with the Wellington City Council's vision for Wellington as Creative Wellington – Innovation Capital. The strategic goal of the Council in achieving that vision that directly relates to the business of the Stadium is

“attracting sport events, concerts, cultural festivals and other major events”

The continuing focus of the Trust is on securing a long term schedule of regular sporting, non-sporting and community events that complements the programmes provided by the anchor codes of rugby, cricket and football.

The Stadium has a full and comprehensive sporting events calendar and we work closely with rugby, cricket and football to ensure that we can accommodate their full seasons. This gets particularly difficult in the summer when the football and cricket requirements clash with our principal concert booking period. To date we have been successful in accommodating all parties and expect to be able to continue to do so. We have clearly defined booking periods and priority booking rights for the key sports codes.

It is a fundamental part of our operation that we engage with Councils and Positively Wellington Tourism when trying to secure major events for the City. We also have good working relations with other city venues. The development of Wellington Venues Ltd will improve coordination and cooperation and we think the presence of our Chief Operating Officer on the Board of Wellington Venues Ltd will further secure and enhance our working relationships with the venues and the Councils.

Rugby

We expect from 2011 there will be a significant public interest in the Super Rugby competition as the Rugby World Cup 2011 draws near, and particularly with the increase of local derbies. There will be six Hurricanes home games in 2011 and two home games hosted by other unions within the franchise. This is good for the Stadium as it will increase support for the Hurricanes from the constituent unions. In 2011 the Super Rugby competition will start on 13 February to accommodate the Rugby World Cup. From 2012 the intention is to start the competition in March.

Football

Following the outstanding success of the All Whites at the Football World Cup, the high profile of football continues in the capital. Football has become a major sporting code for us and for the city. The key is the Phoenix and the very strong support they have developed locally. Proposed changes to the A-League schedule with the competition starting in October should help increase attendance from 2012 and assist with event scheduling.

Rugby League

Rugby League remains an important target for us. We will continue to target one or two league games per year, especially internationals. We will continue to work on opportunities to bring games from the NRL competition to Wellington, provided that these opportunities are financially viable.

Cricket

Twenty/20 appears to be the game of the future and we are well positioned to take advantage of the popularity of the game. We understand that the international tour programme is close to being finalised, and the support of the domestic Twenty/20 competitions is encouraging. New Zealand Cricket will be putting considerable energy into capitalising on that popularity and securing international teams for New Zealand.

Attendance

It is the role of the hirer of the Stadium to advertise the event and promote attendance. The Trust's contribution is to provide a world class facility and an outstanding patron experience. We constantly try to improve the quality of the facility and the quality of the service, and it is pleasing to note that in a major survey of attendants at sport events, the Westpac Stadium is rated Number 1 across all the key sporting and non-sporting venues in the country. The biggest impact on attendance is team performance, especially by securing home semis and finals. The development of new local heroes will also attract crowds.

The Rugby World Cup is an opportunity for Rugby to grow its attendance as we expect a good performance by the All Blacks and a corresponding increase in attendance at Super Rugby.

It is a fact of life that from time to time attendance will fluctuate. By providing a wide variety of events we have a natural hedge against a fall in attendance by any one sport.

Concerts

We will continue to seek out outdoor concerts which will attract large stadium crowds. In December 2010 we hosted Bon Jovi which attracted a good crowd beyond our initial expectations. The cancellation of the Neil Diamond concert for logistical reasons was disappointing.

We recognise the need to take a commercial risk on some concert promotions if this becomes necessary, as we have done in the past.

Wellington is seen by promoters as a city which continually provides full support to events by delivering both the city resources and the Stadium experience. International promoters recognise that we “punch above our weight” in terms of attendance and ticket sales. We must continue to enhance this reputation.

AFL

AFL games are also on our radar and we monitor developments of this very popular Australian sport. We are the only major venue in New Zealand that can host a full AFL match, and we believe that with the AFL’s desire to expand and the interest of their clubs in opening new markets they will have an interest in playing games in New Zealand. We pursue these opportunities on a continuing basis.

Members and Corporate Boxes

Corporate Boxes licences and memberships are coming up for renewal in December 2014.

The Trust plans to conduct a range of research activities to understand what the members and box holders want, both in terms of the nature of the offer and the price prospective members and box owners will pay. Research will include identifying membership offerings in other stadia in New Zealand and Australia. Once that research is completed and the new offering decided a comprehensive sales and marketing plan will be implemented. We expect the new offering to go to members in 2013.

We are also looking to improve our service to members and box holders over all areas of our business during this period.

Community Events

The Trust hosts a full range of community events where these can be fitted into our regular events programme and do not clash with the priority booking rights of our principal tenants. We host community events ranging from school sports days,

recycling of electronic equipment, through to training days for Police and Armed Forces. The Trust is also keen to provide annual support to a recurring community event at the Stadium should this opportunity arise.

Rugby World Cup 2011

The Trust is very conscious of the need to present a world class facility, an outstanding patron experience and memorable events for both the Rugby World Cup in 2011 and the Cricket World Cup in 2015. These events present a major opportunity for the region to share in the economic benefits delivered by these top quality international events and will enhance the reputation of the Stadium as a sporting facility providing an experience equivalent to the best in the world.

The Trust is a member of the Wellington Regional Coordination Group and meets regularly with that group. We are regular participants in groups established by Rugby New Zealand 2011 to sort out the operational aspects of the Tournament.

Because of our location, and the fact that until recently, we have been the only completed and operational venue, we have received many visits from groups, international and local.

We work with a variety of groups, local and central government officials and agencies covering all aspects of Rugby World Cup operations including environmental issues, security and assisting tournament organisers and other venues obtain match day experience.

The Stadium has been ready to host the Tournament since the bid was made in 2005. We have no major capital projects to undertake prior to the Tournament.

Competition in the stadia market

After the Rugby World Cup 2011:

- Eden Park will have a capacity of 50,000,
- AMI Stadium have built a new stand, and will have a capacity of 36,000; and
- Dunedin will have built a new stadium, with a roof, with a capacity of 20,000 permanent seats.

Each of these venues will be under considerable pressure from their local authority and local community to secure major events to justify the significant investment by stakeholders in these new developments.

The Trust will still need to compete aggressively and market its own advantages as the best stadium, in the best city. We recognise that we may need to take some risks to secure events and we have the resources to manage those risks. Our record of success with concerts will enable us to secure our share of that business.

MAINTAINING AND ENHANCING THE FACILITY

To ensure that both patrons and hirers enjoy coming back to events at the Stadium, we must continually maintain and enhance the facility. Maintenance programmes and related costs at the Stadium are impacted by the harsh environment created by its location between the sea, a commercial port and railway yards.

The main tool for managing assets and maintenance is the asset management plan which is reviewed annually by management and every three to four years by Opus International Consultants. The Trust also seeks specialised external advice where necessary to ensure that any maintenance issues are dealt with appropriately. This process has worked extremely well for 11 years and we will continue to be assertive about keeping our maintenance up to date. The Trust carries out preventative and reactive maintenance programmes, and staff meet regularly to manage facility related issues.

Stadium Master Plan

The Stadium is developing a long term capital development plan to ensure that we maintain a stadium in accordance with worlds' best practice, and continue to provide an outstanding patron experience for the patrons.

We have completed consultation with user groups and key stakeholders and are developing design concepts with Populous, an international architectural firm that specialises in stadium design. These concepts and the associated designs will be considered by the Trustees and then there will be a further round of consultation. This is a long term project and implementation will be subject to available funding and our ability to undertake projects without undermining the stadium operation.

Turf

The Stadium has a fully natural turf without reinforcement which is managed to ensure that we present a quality playing surface for all our hirers. We must present an international standard playing surface for each event while accommodating concerts in a busy schedule. The present focus is on meeting the turf standard required for RWC 2011, which we currently exceed.

The Stadium was closed for five weeks for a turf renovation in 2010 and there will be a similar turf renovation in March and April 2011. This will ensure we present the best possible surface for the RWC 2011.

The turf farm contractor at Palmerston North is an important part of the turf management plan, ensuring we have replacement turf available on a continuing basis. The Trust will also continue to monitor developments in reinforced turf technology and evaluate whether these developments are a suitable solution for the Stadium.

Basin Reserve

The Trust provides turf management services to the Basin Reserve Trust under a long term arrangement with the Basin Reserve Trust and WCC. The Trust is committed to providing an international quality playing surface at the Basin and on going pitch reports consistently rate

the Basin Reserve as New Zealand's number one cricket ground. The Trust will continue to maintain the Basin to that standard.

SUSTAINED LEVEL OF PROFITABILITY

A principal objective of our Trust deed is the requirement to be financially autonomous and we have met that objective since we commenced operation in 2000.

The Trust must continue to achieve a level of profitability that allows for capital expenditure and the repayment of debt. While results in recent years have been strong, it must be noted that achievement of above average surpluses is event-dependent and the occurrence or attendance at one-off type events is the difference between an average year and an exceptional year. Budgets are always prepared on the basis of known and anticipated events at the time of preparation, and the final outcome can be quite different.

Current economic conditions provide an additional challenge in this area, but the Trust is currently well placed having already diversified its revenue streams where possible and with success. We are experiencing reduced spending on hospitality at events and a market that is more selective about purchasing tickets to events. This is in line with worldwide economic trends. A reflection of that trend is that corporates in New Zealand are saving their hospitality budgets for spending at the RWC.

Functions and car parking revenues have increased providing significant recurring non-event revenues, which reduce the reliance on event income alone.

The Trust is also well ahead of bank requirements for its debt repayment. This funding remains available for drawdown if necessary.

Management will continue to keep a strong control on costs and will maximise event and non event day revenues.

The effect of the recession has been felt in the fall in attendance, reduced food and beverage spend, and with some signage contracts not being renewed.

Our budgeting and business planning includes a thorough review of all our costs.

**WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL & WELLINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL
COMMUNITY OUTCOMES**

Both the City and Regional Councils have developed outcomes that are their overall 10-year aspirations for the city and the region.

The Stadium makes a major contribution to those outcomes as noted below:

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| More liveable / Quality lifestyle | The Stadium hosts a high number of quality events, well attended by people of Wellington thereby enhancing the quality of life of its citizens. |
| Stronger sense of place | Since opening the Stadium has become a well loved and unique part of Wellington that the residents of the region are proud of. |
| More compact | The Stadium's location next to the transport hub, and close to the central city, and the Courtenay Place entertainment area ensures that events connect directly to the city and add to the vibrancy of the city centre. The location adjacent to the Railway Station gives easy access to the region. |
| More eventful | The Stadium has a very full and comprehensive events calendar including some of Wellington's signature events – such as the Sevens, concerts, major sporting events, which differentiates the city from Auckland and Christchurch. Renewal of the Sevens contract until 2016 assists in securing that point of difference |
| More inclusive | The variety of sporting events, concerts, non-sporting events, community events, and social functions see the Stadium offer something for all residents of the region. |
| More actively engaged | The range of events at the Stadium brings the community together, and it hosts some of the best attended events in New Zealand. Events provide fundraising opportunities for community groups, and school children have opportunities with supporting roles at events. |
| Better connected / Essential services | Use of public transport is actively encouraged for patrons attending events. On non-event days the car park is a valuable cheap parking facility on the edge of the city centre, encouraging people to come to town, but not take their cars into the city centre. |
| More sustainable | The Stadium is a long term asset of the region, and is maintained in accordance with world's best practice. The Stadium has a programme of energy conservation, waste recycling and encourages the use of biodegradable or recyclable packaging to minimise the impact on the environment. |

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| Safer | The Stadium contributes to the safety of the region by maintaining family friendly policies for event management, ensuring liquor licence requirements are met in close liaison with local authorities and the police. Security levels at events are maintained to internationally recognised standards to ensure patron safety. |
| Healthier | The opportunity to see top level sports people in action at Stadium events inspires junior players to keep participating. The Stadium provides the venue for events such as the Sport Wellington school sports day and marathon events. Many events provide discounted or free entry for children. |
| More prosperous | The Stadiums' contribution to the economy of the region is well documented in various economic impact reports. Major events attract a significant number of visitors to Wellington. The development of the Stadium has also encouraged commercial development in the immediate vicinity improving values in the Stadium precinct. |
| More competitive | The Stadium significantly enhances the region's reputation as a good place to live by attracting events that are unique to the city. |
| More entrepreneurial and innovative | The Stadium works with the City Council, Positively Wellington Tourism and promoters to bring special events to Wellington that enhances its reputation as the Events Capital of New Zealand. |

WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL – GENERAL OBJECTIVES FOR THE TRUST

Wellington City Council has general objectives for Council Controlled Organisations. The Trust meets these objectives in the following ways:

Partnership Approach

The Trust works in partnership with the Wellington City Council, Wellington Regional Council and other CCOs including a close working relationship with Council officers of both Councils responsible for promoting and facilitating major events, traffic management and resource and building consents. Positively Wellington Tourism assists with promotion of events and we communicate with local hotel groups to ensure they have a high level of understanding of what is happening at the Stadium.

Regional Focus

The Trust is very conscious of its responsibilities to the Region and acknowledges the support it gets from outside greater Wellington. Events such as Sevens, concerts and Rugby Tests attract 50% or more attendance from outside the Wellington region. Our major fan base is the lower half of the North Island.

Contribution of Councils

The Trust will ensure that the contribution of Councils in supporting the operation of the Stadium and in securing major events is properly recognised in public announcements, promotions and marketing. It is also very important that the Councils' willingness and ability to provide support to events is promoted internationally. The Trust is in regular communication with event promoters to ensure they understand the assistance that is available to bring events to Wellington.

Maximise effectiveness and efficiency of service delivery

The Trust regularly conducts performance reviews with its customers to improve service to patrons. Rugby, football and cricket events are given rigorous reviews particularly after international events. We are acknowledged as providing a high level of services by our major hirers. We contribute positively to assisting all hirers in the delivery of events.

PERFORMANCE REPORTING

Performance Measures

The key performance indicators agreed with the Wellington City Council and Wellington Regional Council are:

- Revenue – total, and event
- Net surplus (deficit)
- Net cash flow
- Liquidity ratio
- Bank borrowing to total assets
- Interest cover (on an annual basis)
- Capital expenditure
- Events held and attendance numbers
- Patron and hirer satisfaction

We have reviewed these indicators and believe these are appropriate to the purpose of the Council's monitoring the Trust performance. They are reported on by the Trustees in their six monthly report.

Reporting

The Trustees will present a six monthly report to both Councils, which will include a written report on agreed key performance indicators and financial statements for the period. The Trust will provide a formal briefing to both Councils, twice a year, on activities to date and review the outlook.

Audited financial statements will also be available on completion of the annual audit.

The Trustees will inform the Councils of any significant expected obligations or contingent liabilities to third parties.

Major Transactions

There are no major transactions likely to occur in the planning period that are not identified in the Business Plan.

Any particularly contentious transactions will be brought to attention of the Council at the earliest opportunity.

Accounting Policies

General accounting policies of the Trust are set out in Appendix 4. These policies are consistent with the policies applied in the previous year.

OTHER POINTS RAISED BY COUNCILS

Litigation

To protect the Trusts' rights under the Building Act 1992, the Trustees filed a claim against the contractors for weather-tightness and in respect of the deterioration of the external cladding. This claim was resolved by negotiation and the appropriate remedial works are now being undertaken. The Trust share of the costs of the remedial work will be met within existing budgets.

Risk Management

The Trust completed a further full risk management assessment in 2009, facilitated by our insurance brokers, Marsh Limited. This assessment identified some areas where we needed to review our processes and adopt procedures to manage risks, which we have done.

The major task was the updating of the Business Continuity Plan. This has been done with assistance from a risk management consultant. We have conducted staff training and desk top exercises to test the plan for the benefit of staff. We are confident we have a robust plan well understood by staff and Business Continuity will now be a annual feature of staff training.

The Trust's five key risks:

- Researching and planning Stadium membership renewals
- Corporate Box renewals
- Maintaining Stadium to Worlds Best practice
- Impact of proposed redevelopment on stadium operations
- Continuing recession and its affect on ticket and hospitality sales

Communication and Access To Information

The Trust enjoys a positive and open relationship with both of its settlers, and both settlers have representation on the board of Trustees. The Trustees confirm they intend to continue to operate on a "no surprises" basis with communication of any significant event likely to impact on either party made as soon as possible. This has worked well in the past.

Governance

The Board of Trustees is responsible for the proper direction and control of the Trust's activities. This responsibility includes such areas of stewardship as the identification and control of the Trust's business risks, the integrity of management information systems and reporting to stakeholders. While the Board acknowledges that it is responsible for the overall control framework of the Trust, it recognises that no cost effective internal control system will prevent all errors and irregularities. The system is based on written procedures, policies and guidelines, and an organisational structure that provides an appropriate division responsibility, sound risk management and the careful selection and training of qualified personnel.

The Board has two Standing Committees that focus on specific areas of the Board's responsibilities. These Committees are the Finance & Risk Committee and the Audit Committee. The Board is also represented on the Catering Performance Committee, whose membership includes management from the Trust and the holder of the catering license. It is chaired by an independent chairperson. The Board is also represented on the Deloitte Club Members Committee, also chaired by an independent.

Both the Board and the Finance Committee generally meet on a monthly basis. The Audit Committee meets at least annually. The Catering Performance Committee and the Members Committee meet half yearly.

The policy of the Board has been that the Chairman conducts an interview with each Board member prior to the expiry of their term. Each new Board member undertakes an extensive induction program to familiarise the new appointee with the Stadium, its operation and Board issues. Given the experience of the current Board it has been deemed that a Board development program is not necessary.

At the first meeting of the new financial year, the Chairman of the Audit Committee conducts a review of the Chairman's performance.

Other Compliance Matters

Appendix 3 lists a number of other items that are required to be included in the Statement of Intent.

CONCLUSION

The intent of the Trustees is to continue to operate the Stadium so that it provides a full and balanced event calendar for the public of the Wellington region, in a well-maintained facility, and the Trust achieves a level of profitability that provides for continuing capital expenditure and meets its debt reduction obligations.

While there are challenges ahead, the Trust is confident that it is well placed to meet these and to continue to provide a facility that is well used and enjoyed by many.



For the Trustees
Paul Collins
Chairman

APPENDIX 1:

CURRENT TRUSTEES OF WELLINGTON REGIONAL STADIUM TRUST

| Name | Appointed until: |
|----------------------|--|
| Paul Collins (Chair) | 30 June 2012 |
| David Bale | 30 June 2011 |
| Elizabeth Dawson | 30 June 2011 |
| Susan Elliot | 30 June 2011 |
| Sir John Anderson | 30 June 2012 |
| Christopher Moller | 30 June 2012 |
| Christopher Laidlaw | formal declaration of results of GWRC 2013 elections |
| John Morrison | formal declaration of results of WCC 2013 elections |

**APPENDIX 2:
FIVE YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN TO JUNE 2016**

| Objectives | Outcomes | Level of Risk | Mitigation |
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| <p>1. To be viewed by residents of the greater Wellington region as a valued and essential city and regional asset.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive outcome to surveys of Wellington region residents by the Wellington City Council • Ratepayers recognise that their contribution to the funding of the Stadium produces significant economic benefits to the region. • Event schedule includes events that bring economic benefit to the region. • Stadium supports city initiatives to secure events that enhances the city's reputation as an events city. | <p>Low</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A full and balanced event calendar. • Positive patron experience. |
| <p>2. To operate the best venue in New Zealand as measured by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patron Satisfaction • Match Allocation • Attraction of special events • Return to hirers • World best practice. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular attendance and consistently higher patronage than other NZ venues. • Positive outcome for regular surveys conducted of key stakeholders. • Events are profitable to users to encourage bookings. | <p>Medium-Low</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facility the correct size for its market. • Developing a master plan covering stadium development for the next 15 years |

| Mitigation | Level of Risk | Outcomes | Objectives |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong financial position. • Secure event and non-event revenue. | Low | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Profitable Stadium able to meet annual loan repayments and banking covenants and able to invest in Stadium enhancements. | 3. To remain financially autonomous. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current codes Rugby, Cricket and Football provide balance. • History of securing and delivering successful, well attended events. | Medium | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and sustain a programme of regular annual events which meet the needs of the promoters and satisfies the demands of the local market. • Identify the competition from new and redeveloped stadia post Rugby World Cup 2011 and meet competition by maintaining a comprehensive event schedule. | 4. To sustain event programmes by hosting regular quality events so that the Stadium continues to be a significant part of the region's entertainment scene and meet the requirements of the promoters. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plans well advanced. • Good Wellington programme. • Local Councils committed to providing a good visitor experience | Low | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirements of Rugby NZ 2011 are met and all stakeholders are satisfied with venue experience. • Work cooperatively with the region to maximise the benefits and legacy from RWC 2011. | 5. To deliver an outstanding Rugby World Cup experience for those matches hosted at this venue. |

| Objectives | Outcomes | Level of Risk | Mitigation |
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| 6. To maintain and enhance the facility. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a Stadium Master Plan to ensure that the facility continues to meet standards of world's best practice and competition from new and redeveloped stadia post 2011. • Comprehensive Asset Management Plan in place to ensure maximum economic value obtained out of the assets and the facility remains the premier New Zealand Stadium. • Continuing enhancements to meet to provide patrons with a stadium experience that meets their expectations. | Low | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long term plan for significant investment in the facility. |
| 7. To maintain playing surfaces at Westpac Stadium and the Basin Reserve to international standard. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best possible playing surface achieved at Westpac Stadium recognising its multi-use status. • Playing surface at both venues meets sporting code requirements | Low | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Well developed plans for managing turf at both venues and additional back up turf at turf farm. |
| 8. To manage the environmental impact of Stadium operations. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The environmental impacts of Stadium operations are minimised. | Low | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with GWRC to manage environmental impacts. |

| Objectives | Outcomes | Level of Risk | Mitigation |
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| 9. To develop and grow the Function Centre business. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Function centre becomes one of the leading venues in Wellington for private functions. | Low | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Well established business offering lower cost options. |
| 10. To grow non event revenues. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create independent revenue streams to reduce dependence on events. | Low | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Substantial car parking income to be allowed by Councils restrictions. |
| 11. To be a good employer and provide personal development opportunities to employees. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Satisfied staff achieving their full potential and enjoying their work. | Low | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Very low staff turnover. |
| 12. To be recognised as a good neighbour by Thorndon and Highland Park residents. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Positive support for our activities and no justified complaints from residents about management of noise and lights. | Low | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good relationship with community liaison group. |
| 13. Meet realistic requests to host Community events. Continue to support and encourage existing events. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community use encouraged for non-profit events that do not conflict with Stadium operations. Stadium contractors provide support for selected community events. | Low | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We accommodate most requests. |
| 14. To meet the Trust's public accountability requirements. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fulfil all reporting requirements and keep public of the region informed of objectives and outcomes of operation. | Low | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current reporting exceeds requirements. |

NATURE AND SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES

| Objectives | Outcomes |
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| <p>Essential City & Regional Asset</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valued and essential city and regional asset. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wellingtonians understand the benefits the Stadium brings to the region both economic and enhancing the city as a place to live. Wellingtonians appreciate that the Stadium provides a variety of events and activities for their enjoyment. Economic benefits are delivered to the region. The Trust has a masterplan for future development |
| <p>Best Venue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that the quality and friendly management and administration of events, provide efficient booking, arrival, attendance and departure processes for patrons using the stadium and providing an outstanding stadium experience to the patron. Efficient delivery of high quality food and beverage service in all catering areas | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide quality, user friendly public booking systems with easy access for the patrons. Access control systems in accordance with world's best practice Good transport plans with publicity that advises patrons on the most effective use of cars, buses, trains and ferries Queuing times at entrance gates meet KPI's set for stadium ticketer. Adequate supply of quality food, beverages and merchandise with queuing times that meet KPIs set for the caterer |

| Outcomes | Objectives |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High standard of service provided to corporate boxes and members • Good crowd control and behaviour standards • Prompt response to incidents and unsocial behaviour • Effective alcohol management plans that ensure that all patrons enjoy Stadium hospitality and the Stadium meets its host responsibility requirements under its liquor license • Continuous improvement of Stadium facilities to keep up with world best practice standards. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver positive patron experience • Ensure that the venue is profitable to hirers to encourage return bookings. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hirer profitability will come from higher attendances and public satisfaction with Stadium experience | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of regular event programmes and quality fixtures that attract regular attendances from region. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our reputation as an international concert venue is enhanced by the promoters and artists who use the Stadium | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure Wellington gets share of “superstars”. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revenue earning opportunities of the Stadium are maximised and non event revenues reduce reliance on events. • Operate accounting and financial management systems to control costs and produce timely and accurate reports. • Stadium is a successful financially autonomous community asset able to service its commercial loans. | <p>Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximise revenue. • Manage costs. • Manage facility on a commercially prudent basis. |

| Objectives | Outcomes |
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| <p>Events Programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish regular events programme. • Work with principal users to attract additional major events. • Attract other international sporting events. • Work with concert promoters to ensure high quality events at Stadium. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create full programme within the constraints of competing and seasonal events. • Communicate with Rugby, Cricket, and Football and review requirements and minimise clashes. • Seek opportunities to host international events for Rugby League. • Secure concerts and non sporting events that can be successfully accommodated in the Wellington market. • Undertake professional marketing of venue to promoters in NZ and overseas. • Work with WCC Events staff and Positively Wellington Tourism to identify events that can be developed and held at the Stadium. |
| <p>Rugby World Cup 2011</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a facility and match day operation that meets requirements of Rugby World Cup organisers. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work closely with Regional coordination groups to assist in maximising the benefit of RWC to the region. • Complete identified enhancements prior to RWC 2011. • Successful operation of venue for Rugby World Cup matches. • Each match meets the standard required by RNZ 2011. |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual internal review of Asset management plan. • External review of asset management plan at least every five years. • Independent specialist appraisal of any significant issues identified, and rectification as soon as practicable with focus on exterior cladding and roof. • A Stadium Master Plan so that the Stadium continues to meet world best practice. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular planned preventative and reactive maintenance to ensure Stadium is maintained to a standard that meets world's best practice. • Continuous enhancement of the facility to ensure the Stadium is at cutting edge of world best practice. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turf management plan developed for Stadium that provides a surface suitable for multi-use nature of venue. • Have sufficient back up turf available to meet all needs • Playing surface meets requirements of sporting codes. • Playing surface and wicket enhances quality of cricket for international and domestic games. • For the Basin Reserve, develop a long term ground maintenance programme with Wellington City Council, Basin Reserve Trust, Cricket Wellington and New Zealand Cricket. | <p>Turf management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain quality of playing surface and wickets to international standards. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Efficient management of energy, recycling, minimisation of waste and reduction of environmental impacts through sourcing of products and patron education. | <p>Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with Greater Wellington Regional Council, Wellington City Council and contractors to implement and maintain systems to manage environmental issues and improve practice. |

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| <p>Function Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grow Functions and out catering. • Improve quality of service and functions. • Enhance facilities to meet needs of a function centre. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase recurring revenues for Trust. • Satisfied customers come back for more events. • Facilities continue to meet needs of function organisers and function guests. |
| <p>Non Event Revenues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop commuter car parking. • Secure existing signage contracts and create new signage product. • Maintaining and developing non event day revenue streams. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased and regular use of car park. • Secure independent revenue stream. • Continue to maximise non event day revenue. |
| <p>Good Employer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide staff training and development programme. • Ensure job satisfaction for staff. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On the job and structured training provided to meet requirements of job. • Happy staff achieving the job satisfaction they want. |
| <p>Good Neighbour</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage crowd noise, parking and traffic in accordance with resource consent requirements. • Encourage responsible behaviour by patrons arriving and leaving the venue. • Be a pro-active participant in Community Liaison Group. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comply with all requirements of District Plan and resource consent. • Minimal effect on neighbours from noise, parking and lights. • Residents and businesses operating in close proximity to Stadium are satisfied with Stadium management. • Neighbours understand what is happening and are consulted on all relevant matters. |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Host community events and activities that realistically fit into events calendar. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stadium accommodates a programme of community events and activities to the benefit of the region. • Stadium contractors provide support for selected community events. |
| <p>Public Accountability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fulfil all reporting requirements of the Funding and Trust Deeds. • Fulfil all statutory responsibilities, and obtain unqualified audit report. • Ensure timely reporting to WCC and GWRC. • Support WCC and GWRC initiatives that are consistent with the policies and objectives of the Trust. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that the processes are observed in such a way that WCC, GWRC and the Wellington region public are aware of the Stadium's broad objectives and the outcome of its operations. • Ensure WCC and GWRC are fully informed about Stadium operational and financial performance. • Current initiatives that are supported by the Trust are: • Councils' 10 Year Aspirations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • we contribute to all aspirations identified by the two Councils. • Creative Wellington Innovative Capital <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • as host of arts/culture events where they can be accommodated. • Events Capital <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using events fund to bring major acts to Wellington that promote visitor numbers and economic benefit to the region. • Positively Wellington Tourism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • assisting to maximise visitor numbers to Wellington and promotion of events. |

APPENDIX 3: OTHER ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE STATEMENT OF INTENT

Ratios

The ratio of Trust Funds to Total Assets is expected to be:

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| 30 June 2012 | 74% |
| 30 June 2013 | 77% |
| 30 June 2014 | 80% |

The ratio of total Trust Assets to Trust Liabilities is expected to be:

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| 30 June 2012 | 381% |
| 30 June 2013 | 435% |
| 30 June 2014 | 510% |

Trust Funds are defined as the residual interest in the assets of the Trust after the deduction of its liabilities.

Assets are defined as service potential or future economic benefits controlled by the Trust as a result of past transactions or other past events.

Liabilities are defined as future sacrifices of service potential or of future economic benefits that the Trust is presently obliged to make to other entities as a result of past transactions or other past events.

Distributions to Settlers

Section 5 of the Trust Deed sets out the powers of the Trustees regarding the income of the Trust.

The Trust is required to pay surplus funds to the Wellington City Council and Wellington Regional Council in reduction of their limited recourse loans after meeting costs, liabilities and debt reductions and after allowing for the appropriate capital expenditure and transfers to reserves.

The Trust does not expect to have surplus funds available for repayment in the years covered by this Statement of Intent.

No other distributions to settlers are intended to be made.

Investments in other organisations

The Trustees currently have no intention of subscribing for, purchasing or otherwise acquiring shares in any other company or other organisation.

Compensation from local authority

There are no activities for which the Trust seeks compensation from any local authority.

Trust's estimate of the commercial value of settlor's investment in the Trust
Not applicable

Other matters as set out in the Funding Deed

Significant Third Party Obligations

There are no significant third party obligations other than those disclosed in the Financial Statements.

Relevant Legislation

The Trustees confirm that the Trust will comply with all relevant legislation affecting the conduct of this business.

APPENDIX 4: STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Reporting Entity and Period

Wellington Regional Stadium Trust Incorporated (the Trust) is a charitable trust established by the Wellington City Council ('WCC') and Greater Wellington Regional Council ('GWRC'). The Trust is domiciled in New Zealand.

The Trust is responsible for the planning, development, construction, ownership, operation and maintenance of the Westpac Stadium, Wellington, as a multi-purpose sporting and cultural venue.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Charitable Trust Act 1957. The Trust is also a charitable entity under the Charities Act 2005, registration CC10754.

For the purposes of financial reporting the Trust is a public benefit entity.

Statement of Compliance and Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with New Zealand generally accepted accounting practice, applying the Framework for Differential Reporting for entities adopting the New Zealand equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (NZ IFRS), and its interpretations as appropriate to public benefit entities that qualify for and apply differential reporting concessions.

The Trust qualifies for Differential Reporting exemptions as it has no public accountability and it does not qualify as large under the criteria set out in the Framework for Differential Reporting. Details of the differential reporting exemptions applied will be listed in the annual financial statements.

The financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars. The functional currency of the Trust is New Zealand dollars. The financial statements are prepared on the historical cost basis except for interest rate swaps and the limited recourse loans.

The accounting policies set out have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements

Revenue

Revenue is recognised when billed or earned on an accrual basis.

License Fees and Sponsorship Revenues

Corporate box holders and stadium members are required to pay an annual license fee. These items are recorded as revenue in advance, and amortised on a straight line basis over the period covered by the license fee. Signage properties are also sold on an annual basis, with the revenue being recognised on a straight line basis over the term of the contract.

Amortisation of Membership and Corporate Box and Sponsorship Funding

The development of the Stadium was partially funded by the sale of stadium club memberships, corporate boxes and sponsorship properties. The term of the memberships and corporate box licenses is 15 years. The terms of the sponsorship agreements range from one year to ten years. Payment for these items has been received and recorded as revenue in advance. This funding is amortised as revenue on a straight-line basis over the term of the agreement.

Interest

Interest income is accrued using the effective interest rate method.

Rental income

Rents are recognised on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

Expenses

Expenses are recognised when the goods or services have been received on an accrual basis.

Interest

Interest expense is accrued using the effective interest rate method. The effective interest rate exactly discounts estimated future cash payments through the expected life of the financial liability to that liability's net carrying amount. The method applies this rate to the principal outstanding to determine interest expense each period.

Taxation

As a Charitable Trust, the Trust meets requirements for exemption from income tax and accordingly no provision for income tax is recorded in the financial statements.

All items in the financial statements are exclusive of GST, with the exception of receivables and payables, which are stated as GST inclusive.

Financial Instruments

The Trust classifies its financial assets and financial liabilities according to the purpose for which they were acquired. The Trust determines the classification of its investments at initial recognition and re-evaluates this designation at every reporting date.

Non Derivative Financial Instruments

Non derivative financial instruments comprise trade and other receivables, cash and cash equivalents, loans and borrowings, and trade and other payables.

Non derivative financial instruments are recognised initially at fair value plus, for instruments not at fair value through profit and loss, any directly attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition non-derivative financial instruments are measured as described below.

A financial instrument is recognised if the Trust becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial assets are derecognised if the Trust's contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial assets expire or if the Trust transfers the financial asset to another party without retaining control or substantially all risks and rewards of the asset. Regular way purchases and sales of financial assets are accounted for at trade date. Financial liabilities are derecognised if the Trust's obligations specified in the contract expire or are discharged or cancelled.

Financial Assets

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash balances and call deposits with up to three months maturity. These are recorded at their nominal value.

Trade and other receivables are stated at their cost less impairment losses.

Financial Liabilities

Financial liabilities comprise trade and other payables and borrowings, and are all classified as other financial liabilities. Financial liabilities with duration more than 12 months are recognised initially at fair value less transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

Amortisation is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income as is any gain or loss when the liability is derecognised.

Financial liabilities entered into with duration less than 12 months are recognised at their nominal value.

Derivative Financial Instruments

Derivative financial instruments are recognised at fair value as either assets or liabilities. The Trust does not hold any derivatives that qualify for hedge accounting. Derivatives that do not qualify for hedge accounting are classified as held for trading financial instruments with fair value gains or losses recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income. Fair value is determined based on quoted market prices.

Employee Entitlements

Employee entitlements that the Trust expects to be settled within 12 months of balance date are measured at undiscounted nominal values based on accrued entitlements at current rates of pay. These benefits are principally annual leave earned but not yet taken at balance date, and bonus payments.

No provision for sick leave is accrued, as past experience indicates that compensated absences in the current year are not expected to be greater than sick leave entitlements earned in the coming year.

Other Liabilities & Provisions

Other Liabilities and provisions are recorded at the best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the obligation. Liabilities and provisions to be settled beyond 12 months are recorded at their present value.

Leases

Leases where the lessor effectively retains substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the leased items are classified as operating leases. Payments made under these leases are expensed in the Income Statement in the period in which they are incurred. Payments made under operating leases are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease. Lease incentives received are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income as an integral part of the total lease payment.

Finance leases transfer to the Trust as lessee substantially all the risks and rewards incident on the ownership of a leased asset. Initial recognition of a finance lease results in an asset and liability being recognised at amounts equal to the lower of the fair value of the leased property or the present value of the minimum lease payments. The capitalised values are depreciated over the period in which the Trust expects to receive benefits from their use.

Property, Plant and Equipment

Recognition

Expenditure is capitalised as property, plant and equipment when it creates a new asset or increases the economic benefits over the total life of an existing asset and can be measured reliably. Costs that do not meet the criteria for capitalisation are expensed.

Measurement

Items of property, plant and equipment are initially recorded at cost.

The initial cost of property, plant and equipment includes the purchase consideration and those costs that are directly attributable to bringing the asset into the location and condition necessary for its intended purpose. Subsequent expenditure that extends or expands the asset's service potential and that can be measured reliably is capitalised. Borrowing costs are not capitalised.

Impairment

The carrying amounts of property, plant and equipment are reviewed at least annually to determine if there is any indication of impairment. Where an asset's recoverable amount is less than its carrying amount, it will be reported at its recoverable amount and an impairment loss will be recognised. The recoverable amount is the higher of an item's fair value less costs to sell and value in use. Losses resulting from impairment are reported in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Disposal

Gains and losses arising from the disposal of property, plant and equipment are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income in the period in which the transaction occurs.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on all property, plant and equipment, with certain exceptions. The exceptions are land, some aspects of the pitch category and assets under construction (work in progress). Depreciation is calculated on a straight line basis, to allocate the cost or value of the asset (less any residual value) over its useful life. The estimated useful lives of the major classes of property, plant and equipment are as follows:

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| Land | indefinite |
| Pitch | 15 years to indefinite |
| Buildings | 10 to 70 years |
| Replay screen & production equipment | 3 to 25 years |
| Fitout | 5 to 50 years |
| Fittings | 5 to 20 years |
| Plant & machinery & equipment | 2 to 70 years |

The residual values and useful lives of assets are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each balance date.

Work in progress

The cost of projects within work in progress is transferred to the relevant asset class when the project is completed, and then depreciated.

Statement of Cash Flows

The statement of cash flows has been prepared using the direct approach. Operating activities include cash received from all income sources of the Trust; record the cash payments made for the supply of goods and services and include cash flows from other activities that are neither investing nor financing activities. Investing activities relate to the acquisition and disposal of assets. Financing activities relate to activities that change the funding structure of the Trust.

Changes in Accounting Policies

There have been no changes in accounting policies.

