

Quarterly Review – Wellington Zoo Trust

Wellington Zoo Trust has presented its report for the quarter ended 31 December 2004 for review. A summary of key findings is presented below and the report is attached.

Highlights: achievements

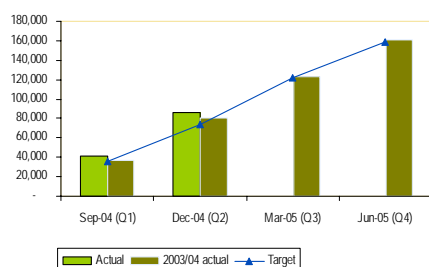
- Visitor numbers reached 45,440 in the second quarter and were 17.4% above the five year average and 7% higher than the same period the previous year. 54% of the full year visitor numbers have been achieved in the first six months.
- The Trust opened its new Scaly Nursery exhibit and the new Meerkat exhibit was completed.
- The permanent roving guide programme proved to be popular with visitors and received positive survey feedback.

Activities during the year

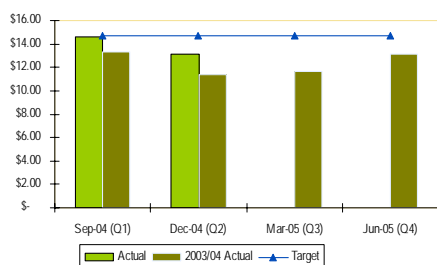
- A number of new species were acquired during the quarter including Cichlids, African Clawed Toads, Wellington Tree Wetas, Maroon Bellied Conure, Common Grey Geckos, Barn Owls and Chinchillas as well as additions of 2 lion cubs and 2 Asian Small Clawed Otters.
- The long range development plan for the Zoo was presented to Council officers during the quarter.
- Expenditure in the first six months on the Capital works programme has been \$165k of \$1,567k budgeted for capital projects. The major development this year is the upgrade of the chimpanzee enclosure. Tenders for this upgrade will not be let till all the funding is secured and the Trust is committed to securing this in 2004/05.

Performance

Wellington Zoo visitor numbers
(cumulative)



Council subsidy per Wellington Zoo visitor



Macro Key Performance Indicators

The following KPI's have been agreed as part of the Statement of Intent as required by the Local Government Act 2002

Measure	Annual Target	Quarter Target	Quarter Actual
Number of visitors per year	158,700	37,921	45,440
Number of school visits	12,300	-	5,695
Number of Sleepovers	3,700	-	1,785
Conservation Programme managed species	27%	27%	38%
Animal wellbeing – compliance	Comply	Comply	Yes
Learning outcomes	>90%	>90%	100%
Average Subsidy / customer	<\$14.70	<\$14.70	13.16
Average retail income/ transaction	\$7.95	-	\$9.23
Average income per visitor generated by "Trust activity"	>\$9.90	-	\$9.63

- The subsidy / customer is based upon the operating grant from WCC
- The retail income / transaction relates to actual purchases
- The average income per visitor is based *all other non WCC income*

Financial Commentary

- Income and expenditure reflect favourable variances. The surplus of \$90k is better than expected. Other income from grants and sponsorship and from the Close Encounters programme is 33% above budget, while general expenses are 10% below budget.
- Capital work in progress forms a major part of the non current assets within the balance sheet. The report notes that special funding may be required to repair damaged sewer lines.

Statement of Financial Performance

For the quarter ended 31 December 2004

\$'000	Q2		YTD		FY
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
Income	1,035	1,018	1,979	1,957	4,001
Expenditure	945	999	1,929	1,996	4,001
Operating surplus	90	19	50	(39)	-
Operating Margin	9%	2%	3%	-2%	-

Statement of Financial Position

As at 31 December 2004

\$'000	YTD	2003/04	FY
	Actual	Actual	Budget
Current assets	340	-	-
Non-current assets	511	-	-
Current liabilities	552	-	-
Non-current liabilities	79	-	-
Equity	221	-	-
Current ratio	0.62 : 1	-	-
Equity ratio	26%	-	-

Statement of Cash Flows

For the quarter ended 31 December 2004

\$'000	YTD	2003/04	FY
	Actual	Actual	Budget
Operating	(166)	-	-
Investing	17	-	-
Financing	-	-	-
Net	(149)	-	-
Closing balance	148	-	-

Note: FY Budgets are as approved in the Business Plan.

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Profile – Wellington Zoo Trust

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History of Wellington Zoo

Nearly 100 years old - the oldest zoo in New Zealand

Wellington Zoo was founded in April 1906 when a young lion was presented to Wellington City by the Bostok and Wombwell Circus. The lion, named 'King Dick', after Prime Minister Richard Seddon, who had died that year, was initially housed at Wellington's Botanic Gardens along with a small collection of animals. In 1907 the City Council developed a part of Newtown Park into New Zealand's first zoo. The Zoo grew rapidly, and by 1912 around 500 animals were housed in cages, aviaries and a huge sea lion pool.

Wellington Zoological Society

This society was largely responsible for the early growth and development of the Zoo through its donations of large numbers of animals and plants. The Second World War slowed down the Zoo's development until the 1950s, when the Zoo's role was to entertain the public with elephant rides, performing goats and chimpanzee tea parties.

Modern approach

In line with changing attitudes, modern zoos around the world now provide more natural environments for their animals. Wellington Zoo has extensively redeveloped the tiger, monkey, lion, chimpanzee and baboon enclosures over the past 20 years. On the Tropical River Trail visitors are surrounded by a rainforest habitat, separated only by a moat from three species of primates.

Wellington Zoo is committed to a future in conservation and education. It is actively involved in international captive breeding programmes for both native and exotic endangered species. The aim is to maintain sufficient genetic diversity to sustain viable breeding populations. Equally important is the Zoo's role in raising visitors' awareness of the importance of the conservation of its resident species through keeper talks, signage and other activities.

Entity Data

Established	2003	
Board	Neale Pitches (Chair) Lee Parkinson Denise Church Frances Russell Phillip Meyer Cr Celia Wade-Brown	<i>Term expires:</i> 31 Dec 05 31 Dec 05 31 Dec 05 31 Dec 07 31 Dec 07 Oct 07
CEO	Alison Lash	
Balance date	30 June	
Number of FTE staff		
Website	www.zoo.wcc.govt.nz	
Type of entity	Council-settled Trust	
LGA designation	CCO	
By reason of	Board control: all trustees appointed by Council	
Council interest	\$3,113 (\$2,392 direct grant)	
Type of interest	Ownership of land & buildings	