

KARORI WILDLIFE SANCTUARY TRUST

REVIEW OF 2006/07 ANNUAL REPORT

1. Introduction

The Karori Wildlife Sanctuary Trust (KWST) has submitted its audited annual report for the year to 30 June 2007.

2. Key Issues

Council officers are working with KWST to prepare a funding deed to enable the Trust to draw down on the approved \$8 million limited recourse loan to be provided by Council

3. Performance

a. Financial

The key points to note from the below financial statements are:

- An operating surplus of \$713k compared to a budgeted surplus of \$96k and a surplus of \$356k in 2005/06. This results from a combination of revenue similar to last year and ahead of budget (despite a reduction in the Council grant), and a reduction in costs. The cost savings result from projects postponed pending a final decision on the visitors centre and some staff vacancies in the conservation/operation.
- Cash and bank balances at 30 June 2007 of \$931k were an improvement of \$424k on the 2006 year end balance.

Statement of Financial Performance

\$ '000	FY Actual	FY Budget	2005/06 Actual
Income	2,498	2,091	2,425
Expenditure	1,785	1,995	2,069
Operating surplus	713	96	356

Statement of Financial Position

\$ '000	FY Actual	FY Budget	2005/06 Actual
Current assets	1,164	264	534
Non current assets	2,839	2,868	2,692
Current liabilities	650	355	486
Non current liabilities	1,200	1,200	1,300
Equity	2,153	1,536	1,440
Current ratio	1.8 : 1	0.7:1	1.1 : 1
Equity ratio	53%	49%	44%

Statement of Cash Flows

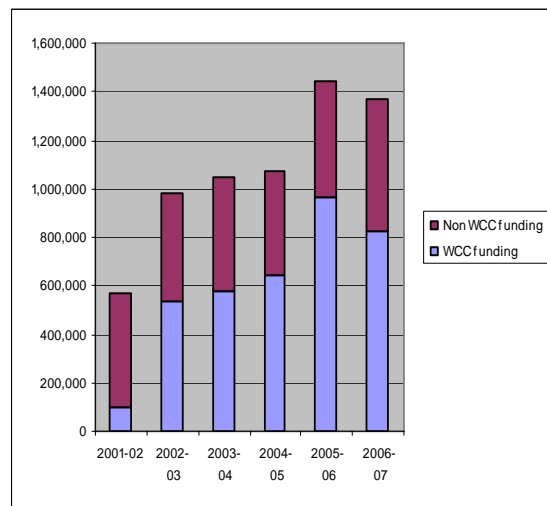
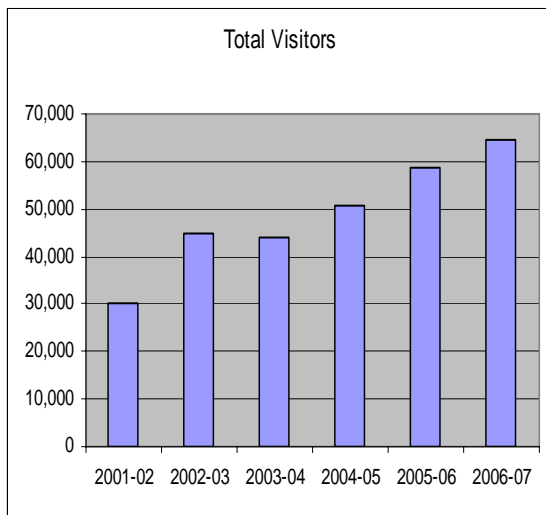
\$ '000	FY Actual	FY Budget	2005/06 Actual
Operating	878	178	392
Investing	(355)	(348)	(94)
Financing	108	(100)	(92)
Net	631	(271)	206
Closing balance	1,129	227	497

Note: the Trust's financial statements have been prepared using NZ IFRS and comparatives for the previous year have been restated to NZ IFRS accordingly.

b. KPI's

The performance measures generally show an upward trend:

- Visitors for 2006/07 were up 9% on the previous year at 64,348
- Memberships increased 1.5% to 5,489
- School visits increased negligibly – 1,200 student visits were cancelled as a result of bad weather
- Non-Council project funding increased from \$480k in 2005/06 to \$545k in 2006/07 though the amount funded by Council was less than budgeted for in Council's annual plan



4. Key items from the year

- In June 2007 KWST was awarded funding of \$6.5 million from the Significant Community-based Projects Fund towards the development of the Visitor and Education Centre

- The Sanctuary won the 2007 (Dominion Post) Green Gold Award, highlighting excellence in sustainable business practices and the Ministry for the Environment Green Ribbon Award recognising urban sustainability.
- The reintroduction of the Cook Strait giant weta to the mainland for the first time plus signs that the tuatara are mating on the mainland for the first time in 200 years

5. Governance

During the year, founding trustees Jim Lynch and Helen Ferner retired following completion of twelve years service, the maximum allowable. In addition, Judith Aitken and Faye Schaefer resigned and Professor Charles Daugherty was appointed. The trustees who served during the year were:

Richard Bentley, Chairman
 Peter Allport
 Andy Foster
 Stephen Fuller
 Catherine Judd
 Peter Love
 Jim Lynch
 Dr Colin Miskelly
 Noel Todd
 Professor Charles Daugherty
 Jim Lynch (retired)
 Helen Ferrer (retired)
 Judith Aitken (retired)
 Faye Schaefer (resigned)

6. Comments Regarding Council

The Trust gratefully acknowledges the ongoing support of Council as a major strategic partner.

7. Future Plans / Issues

A major focus for the 2007/08 year will be progressing the Visitor and Education Centre project which commenced in June this year and is scheduled for completion in late 2009.

8. Conclusion

The Trust has completed another successful year with a steady increase in visitor numbers underpinning a strong financial result. The securing of funding for the Visitor and Education Centre project should assure the future viability of the sanctuary.