

REVIEW OF WELLINGTON MUSEUMS TRUST 2006/07 ANNUAL REPORT

1. Introduction

The trustees of Wellington Museums Trust have submitted their audited annual report for the year to 30 June 2007.

2. Key Issues

Following three years of operating deficits, the Trust has no cash reserves. However, the Trustees plan to commence addressing this in the coming 2007/08 year following a substantial increase in the core annual funding grant from Council.

3. Performance

a. Financial

Statement of Financial Performance

\$ '000	FY Actual	FY Budget	2005/06 Actual
Income	7,973	7,686	7,285
Expenditure	8,172	7,887	7,381
Operating surplus	(199)	(201)	(96)

Statement of Financial Position

\$ '000	FY Actual	FY Budget	2005/06 Actual
Current assets	539	395	428
Non current assets	5,186	5,111	5,476
Current liabilities	809	500	694
Non current liabilities	263	288	358
Equity	4,653	4,718	4,852
Current ratio	0.7 : 1	0.8 : 1	0.6 : 1
Equity ratio	81%	86%	82%

Statement of Cash Flows

\$ '000	FY Actual	FY Budget	2005/06 Actual
Operating	321	251	312
Investing	(146)	(150)	(368)
Financing	(75)	(67)	(68)
Net	100	34	(124)
Closing balance	139	45	39

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.

Operating expenditure some 3.5% over budget was offset by a corresponding increase in revenue so that the Trust achieved its financial budget target for the year.

b. KPIs

	Actual	Target
Attendance Targets		
City Gallery	168,648	150,000
Capital E	124,812	115,000
City & Sea Museum	90,807	85,000
Plimmers Ark	67,910	80,000
Colonial Cottage	2,093	2,700
Cable Car Museum	208,589	220,000
Subsidy per visitor	\$8.50	\$9.01
Retail Income per visitor	\$1.50	\$1.15

4. Key items from the year

The long awaited upgrade and expansion of the City Gallery has been approved.

The Capital E National Arts Festival in March was a huge success generating more than 34,000 in ticket sales.

The City & Sea museum attracted record visitor numbers of over 90,000.

A benchmarking review of performance undertaken by the Trust concluded that the Trust operations rated favourably compared to other New Zealand galleries and museums and some similar Australian facilities.

5. Governance

Quentin Hay and Peter Cullen were appointed trustees during the year. The current trustees are:

Bill Brien (Chair)
Vivienne Beck
Peter Blades
Peter Cullen
Quentin Hay
Simon Marsh
Helen Ritchie

6. Comments Regarding Council

The Annual Report records trustee's gratitude to the Council for the substantial increase in future annual core funding grants. The Councils support of the planned extension to the City Gallery is also acknowledged as is the excellent working relationship that exists between the Trust and Council officers.

7. Future Plans / Issues

The significant items on which attention will be focused in the coming year include:

- progressing the upgrade/expansion of the City Art Gallery;
- formalising recommendations to Council in relation to the future of Plimmers Ark;
- generation of additional funding for Capital E;
- relocating and improving the Trust's collection store;
- the Trust CEO, John Gilberthorpe has given notice of his intention to retire. It is important that the new CEO understands what Council's cultural strategy is and how the Trust can contribute to Council outcomes.

8. Conclusion

The Trust has had another successful year including the staging of a number of highly successful exhibitions. The Trust also successfully achieved its financial targets despite rising costs. The upgrade/extension of the City Gallery is eagerly anticipated.