



Basin Reserve Trust

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1. **OVERVIEW**

The three month period under review generally represents the busiest period of operation for the Basin Reserve, as this is the period of heaviest cricket activity.

The Trust has been active as follows:

Change of Trustee

Mr Glenn McGovern resigned from the Trust on 31 December 2011, after a period of service of over six years. He has been replaced, effective 1 January 2012, by Sir John Anderson.

Sir John is a Wellington City Council appointee to the Trust.

Trust Meetings

The Trust met formally on 29 February, as part of its bi-monthly meeting programme.

Cricket Programme

The period under review witnessed the bulk of the domestic cricket programme being played at the Basin Reserve. The venue also hosted the NZ v South Africa test match in March 2011. Despite poor weather in the lead-up to the game, and the first two days being weather-affected, the crowd totaled 11,000, a very satisfactory result.

In addition to the test match, the ground also hosted 12 international team training sessions, involving the NZ men's and women's teams, South Africa (men's), and the touring England women's team.

The playing schedule allowed for use of the ground by local amateur cricket teams as well in March. The venue hosted the local final of the Gillette Cup, the symbol of schoolboy cricket supremacy, as well as the annual Governor General's XI match, which pits a team of former first-class cricketers against the GG's XI, which consists of a player from each college team throughout Wellington.

Finally, on the last day of club cricket this past summer, the Basin played host to 12 teams of Year 3 cricketers, playing modified games on the outfield, and thrilling parents, grandparents and family members whom attended to support.

Museum Stand

The Museum Stand was assessed by the Wellington City Council, and this resulted in the building being served with a "yellow sticker" in February. Initially this did not materially impact the operation of the stand, however following further engineering advice regarding the roof structure in particular and its vulnerability in a moderate earthquake, the Council and the Trust agreed to close the stand to spectators until further investigative work could be conducted. The stand therefore was out of use for spectators during the South Africa v NZ test match.

Since this time therefore the Trust has regularly engaged with Council officers and engineers, and other key stakeholders, regarding the future options in respect of the Museum Stand. This dialogue is ongoing while the Trust determines the most appropriate future for the stand.

Asset Maintenance

While the heavy cricket programme restricted somewhat the ability to undertake maintenance works, several projects were either started or continued during the period under review.

Venue Visits

The Trust welcomed formal visits to the ground, to consider playing and off-field facilities, from representatives of the proposed AFL match to be staged in Wellington, as well as the CEO of the Cricket World Cup 2015.

2. OPERATIONS

2.1 *Performance Analysis*

Events

- 2 x 4-day first class cricket matches
- 1 x 1-day first class cricket match
- 3 x Twenty20 first class cricket matches
- 1 x 5-day international test match
- 12 x international team training sessions
- 1 x local college match (Gillette Cup final)
- 1 x Governor General's XI match
- 1 x Year 3 cricket festival morning (12 teams)

2.2 *Performance Measures*

The actuals against budget are attached. The KPI's are trending to budget, with the obvious variation being the crowd numbers.

The decrease in patrons can be explained by three factors:

- (a) At the time of drafting the 2010-11 SOI the Basin Reserve was anticipating the HRV Cup Twenty20 competition to be played after the New Year, when in fact two of Wellington's five matches were played in December (as reflected last quarter when crowd attendance was 5,000 above budget). So, an equalization of the crowd figures has now occurred over the extended timeframe;
- (b) Poor weather impacted both the lead-up and the first two days of the test match between NZ and South Africa. An overall crowd figure of 11,000 represented a strong return given that the first two days were so impacted. Had better weather blessed the event, the Trust is confident that some 5,000 – 6,000 additional spectators would have been achieved; and
- (c) Also at the time of drafting the SOI, the Summerset music festival was included in the figures. This event in fact did not proceed for the 2011-12 summer.

The corresponding crowd figure from the third quarter last year (2010-11) was boosted significantly by the "Fill the Basin" charity event in March, and the hosting of the Summerset music festival, also in March 2011.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial accounts are attached.