



Basin Reserve Trust

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C.C.O. Monitoring Subcommittee**

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1. **OVERVIEW**

The period under review was extremely busy, due in particular to the domestic cricket programme and the Vector Wellington Orchestra concert, which attracted a crowd estimated at 4,000 people.

After a break of several years women's cricket featured heavily on the calendar for two weeks in late January and early February. The Basin was to host a women's international One Day International (ODI) between NZ and Australia, however the match was abandoned due to rain. The Basin also hosted the final of the State League women's cricket competition, and the final of the State League Twenty20 competition, both games featuring Wellington and Canterbury, over the same weekend.

Cricket Wellington achieved the largest crowds of both the State Shield and State Twenty20 competitions nationwide, meaning that 3,100 supporters attended the State Shield matches and 5,400 people attended the State Twenty20 matches (this notwithstanding that one match was washed out). Included among those figures was a bumper Waitangi Day crowd of 2,700 at a Twenty20 match.

Planning and preparation was also undertaken for a hot air balloon event at Easter (mid-April), and the annual Summerset music event to be held one week later.

The Basin was also under preparation for the Indian test match, due to be hosted in early April.

2. **OPERATIONS**

2.1 ***Performance Analysis***

Events

- One women's ODI (NZ v Australia)
- One women's domestic one-day grand final (State League)
- One women's domestic Twenty20 grand final (State League Twenty20)
- Four domestic first-class 50 over matches
- Four domestic first class Twenty20 cricket matches
- One four-day first class cricket match
- Vector Wellington Orchestra music concert

Venue Hireage

Venue hireage was heavily committed to the cricket programme, with little room for weekend hireage through the summer season. Notwithstanding this

Perhaps of particular note was the Women's Cricket 75th Jubilee Dinner, held in the Long Room on the eve of the women's ODI in early February. This dinner attracted approximately 100 guests, from all across the country in celebrating 75 years of women's cricket in Wellington.

Venue Operations

Venue operations are in hand with no major issues to report. Vandalism continues to be a constant frustration, particularly graffiti and damage to the fences. During the period under review three persons were arrested by Police inside the venue, having taken the heavy roller for a "joyride" around the pedestrian walkway around 2.00am one night, damaging the picket fence in the process. Another incident was a car crash which resulted in major damage to the perimeter fence, for which the driver was charged with dangerous driving.

Notwithstanding these regular challenges the Basin coped very well with the heavy programme of activity over the three month period, particularly given the late confirmation for the two women's cricket finals, and the requirement for an international-standard wicket and ground for the ODI. Further, the Orchestra event was managed within a period of poor weather, requiring a significant degree of co-operation and attention to, firstly, deliver the event and, secondly, to return the ground quickly to the appropriate condition to host a first-class match one week later.

A number of maintenance issues highlighted by the recently-completed Asset Condition Survey were attended to during this period.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial accounts are attached, along with commentary on variances.

Performance targets as below. The variance in regards to the event days is attributed to the very late hosting of the international test match, in early April as against it being budgeted for March and therefore within the third quarter reporting period. Similarly the Somerset music festival was initially budgeted for the third quarter, but was not hosted until mid-April (fourth quarter). The test match included 7 events days (5 days of cricket and 2 practice days), while the Somerset festival included 4 pre-event days, one event day, and one post-event day. These events will be captured in the Trust's fourth quarter report.

BRT – 3rd quarter 2008-09 Performance Targets

	Actual Q3 2008/09	Budget Q3 2008/09	Variance Q3 2008/09	Actual YTD 2008/09	Budget YTD 2008/09	Variance YTD 2008/09	2008/09 Budget Full Year	2007/08 Actual Prev Year
Performance Targets								
Events	13	14	(1)	22	25	(3)	31	29
Event days	16	27	(11)	35	47	(12)	52	56
Turf presentation at international standard							annual	
Financial results within budget							annual	
Strategic Plan completed							annual	
Business Plan completed							annual	
Asset management plan completed							annual	
Quarterly and annual reports completed							annual	