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WELLINGTON REGIONAL STADIUM TRUST

BUSINESS PLAN

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Executive Summary

Current Plan

In this second full year of operation, it is necessary to build on the progress made in the first year and secure a long-term event schedule, particularly sporting events, and to grow revenues.

Our immediate focus needs to be on consolidating our sports event schedule, growing our existing revenues and achieving a genuine quality improvement in the management of all activities in this Stadium. To achieve this our focus will be on:

- Doing things smarter
- Reducing our operating costs
- Continuous improvement in catering quality and service
- Focusing on rugby league and soccer program
- Growing income from existing revenue streams
- Enhancing the facility to ensure revenue streams are maintained or increased
- Pursuing the renewal of current signage revenue and selling the remaining signage properties
- Securing concerts or other non-sporting events.

Concerts will be a major focus over the next two to three years. With a lack of touring artists to Australia and New Zealand and the weakness in the Australian dollar, the opportunities are limited over the next twelve months. Stadium management will look at alternative events and event development opportunities during the current year.

Over the next five years the Trust must look to secure new events that will become annual events for the city and to grow non-event based revenue. This helps reduce the dependence on sporting events and concerts.

Other Stadia

Last year in the Business Plan we noted the operating problems experienced by Stadium Australia in Sydney and Colonial Stadium in Melbourne. In the past twelve months we note that Stadium Australia has publicly acknowledged its financial problems with significant debt and lack of events. The A\$460m Colonial Stadium is expected to lose \$40m this financial year. The £660m Wembley Stadium project also appears to be in difficulty and has been compared by some commentators to the Millennium dome as the next white elephant.

Comparatively, the WestpacTrust Stadium is a low cost, low debt, high utilisation venue and it is important that we maintain and secure that position.

Focus for 2001/2002

The key items in the plan are:

Events

Rugby League - Expand NRL Club match to 3-4 games per year over the next two years.

Secure Wellington as preferred alternative venue for Tests.

Soccer - Secure 2-3 Kingz games in 2003 and beyond

• AFL - Secure AFL event for further year.

Concerts - Target one major and one smaller concert per year.

Exhibition - Maximise the number of exhibition days

• Functions - Focus on private function business to achieve revenue targets in 2001/2002.

Operations

 Catering
 Continuous improvement in members areas, Corporate Boxes and hospitality areas

Expand range of food on concourse

Improve concourse signage

Hosting - Continue to develop friendly assistance to all patrons

■ Turf - Continue to develop turf to accommodate all events and manage turf damage.

 Access Control - Institute access control for Members and Box holders and develop a plan for fully-automated access control of the ground.

Confirmed and Unconfirmed Events

The nature of our business is that events are not confirmed at the time of preparation of the Business Plan. The current status of events included in the plan are:

	2001/2	2002/3	2003/4
Confirmed	22	18	12
Unconfirmed	11	20	31
Total Events	33	38	43

Tax Status

In conjunction with the Wellington City Council and the Wellington Regional Council, the Trust is seeking a Declaratory Judgement from the High Court to confirm its status for tax and local government purposes. If this decision confirms that the Trust is not a LATE we will apply for reinstatement of our charitable tax-exempt status. If the Trust is a LATE further approaches will be made to Government to resolve the tax issues.

Financial

The projected net surpluses for the next three years are:

	2001/2 \$m	2002/3 \$m	2003/4 \$m
Revenue	11.61	12.93	14.71
Operating Costs	4.93	5.53	5.44
Operating Surplus	6.68	7.40	9.27
Interest & Depreciation	5.82	5.74	5.61
Net Surplus	.86	1.66	3.66

	2001/2	2002/3	2003/4
	\$m	\$m	\$m
Surplus cash at the end of each year after meeting loan repayments	1.36	1.41	2.72

Achievement of plan will ensure the Trust remains profitable, it pays its loans and has surplus cash to meet its ongoing needs.

Basin Reserve

The Basin Reserve will continue to host the full schedule of domestic cricket and will now also host two cricket tests this year.

It has also been used for club rugby in the winter season.

The principal focus of the Basin Reserve is:

- Continue to maintain the ground to international standard, including the wicket block and practice wickets.
- Upgrade ground maintenance and equipment.
- Commence renovation of the cricket wicket.
- Completion of deferred maintenance work in accordance with the agreement with the Wellington City Council

Longer Term Strategies

Event Development

Identify events that could become recurring events and assist with their development to establish them as long-term events for Wellington and the Stadium. These events will be both sporting and non-sporting events and should complement our existing core events.

Revenue Growth

To develop those areas of the Stadium with potential to grow revenue streams which would include better utilisation of existing hospitality areas and development of unutilised space. This will include:

- Development of public facility on the concourse for events, tours and memorabilia displays.
- Additional food & beverage outlets
- Improved facilities in members and public areas

Non-Event Revenue

To develop non-event revenue to reduce dependence on existing events schedule including:

- Additional tenancies
- Expand catering services
- Increased utilisation of car park

Conclusion

The year ahead presents a new set of challenges; the Trust believes it is well placed to meet these and to continue to build on the success of the Stadium.

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Paul Collins Chairperson

Wellington Regional Stadium Trust

13 September 2001

STRATEGIC PLAN FOR FIRST FIVE YEARS – UPDATED APRIL 2001

Objectives	Outcomes
 To operate the best venue in New Zealand as measured by: Patron Satisfaction Match Allocation Attraction of special events Attendance Return to hirers 	 Regular attendance and consistently higher patronage than other NZ venues. Preferred venue for NZ Cricket One Day games and Rugby because of atmosphere and popularity with patrons. Rugby League, AFL and Soccer events held on an annual basis. Events profitable to users to encourage bookings. To secure the Sevens for a further 3 years. To be a key venue for the Rugby World Cup.
2. To place Stadium in strong financial position.	Profitable Stadium with substantial debt reduction.
To be recognised as a good neighbour by Thorndon and Highland Park residents.	No complaints from residents about management of noise, lights and parking
4. To increase event programmes by adding regular quality events so that the Stadium become a significant part of the region's entertainment scene.	 Develop a program of regular annual events. Seek to have a regular programme of events 40 regular event days within 5 years, including exhibitions.
5. To develop and grow the Function Centre business.	Function centre becomes leading venue in Wellington for private functions.
6. To be a good employer and provide development opportunities to employees.	Satisfied staff achieving their full potential and enjoying their work.
7. Maintain the Basin Reserve as an international cricket ground and increase revenue.	 Basin Reserve as the home of test cricket and the Wellington base for domestic cricket becomes the premier cricket ground in New Zealand. Increase revenues and reduce operating costs
8. Maximise use of facility	 Additional tenants located at the Stadium. Increase non-event revenues. Stadium becomes centre for sports related organisations.
9. To meet the Trust public accountability requirements.	Fulfil all reporting requirements and keep public of the region informed of objectives and outcomes of operation.

NATURE AND SCOPE OF ACTIVITES

Objectives:	Outcomes:
Best Venue	
 Ensure that the quality and friendly management and administration of events, provides an efficient booking, arrival, attendance and departure processes providing full satisfaction to the patron. 	 Provide quality, user-friendly booking systems with easy access for the public. Good transport plans with publicity covering cars, buses, trains and ferries. No delays at entrance.
Efficient delivery of high quality food and beverage service.	Adequate supply of quality food, beverages and merchandise with acceptable queuing times. Good crowd control and behaviour standards.
 Ensure that venue is profitable to hirers to encourage return bookings. 	Hirer profitability will come from higher attendances and public satisfaction with Stadium experience.
 Provision of regular event programs and quality fixtures that attract regular attendances from region. 	Variety of program sports and cultural events catering for community events.
 Ensure Wellington gets share of "superstars". 	
Budget	
Maximise revenue	Full revenue earning opportunities of the Stadium are achieved.
Manage costs.	Good accounting systems to control costs.
	Timely and accurate reports.
Good Neighbour	
 Manage crowd noise, parking and traffic in accordance with resource consent requirements. 	 Implement all requirements of Resource Consent. Communicate activities to residents.
 Encourage responsible behaviour by patrons arriving and leaving the venue. 	 Residents and businesses operating in close proximity to Stadium are satisfied with Stadium management. Minimal affect from noise, parking and lights.

Objectives:	Outcomes:
Good Neighbour Cont'd	
Be a pro-active participant in Community Liaison Group	
Events Programme	
Establish regular events programme.	Communicate with Rugby and Cricket and review requirements.
 Work with principal users to attract additional major events. 	Capitalise on opportunities for growth and discuss with other Codes, particularly rugby league, soccer and AFL.
 Encourage a regular home base for other sporting codes at the Stadium. 	
Work with concert promoters to ensure high quality events at Stadium.	Maximise the number of concerts held at the Stadium by 2003 to achieve desired financial returns.
Work with the City, other venues and events promoters to ensure Stadium facilities are part of regular convention offering.	Establish joint marketing opportunities with Totally Wellington, Te Papa and other Wellington venues.
Promote the venue specifically as part of Wellington's convention promotion.	 Attract major conferences to Wellington. Undertake professional marketing of venue to promoters in NZ and overseas. Ensure Stadium facilities are in convention centre promotions.
Function Centre	
Grow non-event business including functions and out catering.	Increased and continuing revenues for Trust.
Improve quality of service and function	Satisfied customers come back for more events.
Provide facilities that meet needs of function centre	Facilities meet needs of function.
Good Employer	
Provide staff training and development program	Training provided to meet requirements of job.
	 Staff trained in all aspects of job requirements.
Ensure job satisfaction for staff	 Happy staff achieving the job satisfaction they want.

Objectives:	Outcomes:
Basin Reserve	
Maintain quality of wickets.	Wicket enhances quality of cricket for international and domestic games.
Maintain facility.	Preventative maintenance programme established and maintained.
Increase sale of advertising and naming rights.	Increase sale of advertising at ground. Naming rights sold.
Increase hireage.	Promotion of non-event day hire.
Maximise Use of Venue	
Increase number of tenants at the Stadium.	Sports related organisers run their business from the Stadium.
	Generate additional and continuing revenue stream.
	Stadium becomes centre for Wellington sports organisations.
Public Accountability	
Fulfil all reporting requirements of the Funding and Trust Deeds.	• Ensure that the processes are observed in such a way that the WCC, the WRC and the Wellington region public are
• Fulfil all statutory responsibilities.	aware of the Stadiums broad objectives and the outcome of its operations.
• Ensure timely reporting to the WCC and WRC.	
Obtain unqualified audit report.	

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Financial Position

Indicative five-year forecast of the financial position of the Trust is set out on page 15.

Capital Expenditure

The significant capital expenditure for the next five years is set out on page 19 and 20 under Stadium Enhancements.

Performance Targets

The financial performance targets are set out in pages 13 to 15.

Other performance targets are set out on page 9.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES INTENT

Objectives and Nature of Activities to be Undertaken

These are set out on pages 5 to 8 of the Strategic Plan.

The particular focus for the next 12 months is on securing a long-term schedule of regular sporting events that complements the programmes provided by rugby and cricket.

The Trust aims to establish the Stadium as the pre-eminent venue in New Zealand for major concerts by focusing on high quality acts (noting the limited number of touring performers capable of filling the Stadium).

Management will focus on improving services to major hirers and patrons to maintain the high level of satisfaction and enjoyment that patrons get out of Stadium events.

The Trust will also be looking to assist in the development of new events that become regular and unique events on the Wellington Events calendar.

Ratio of Trust Assets to Liabilities

The ratio of total Trust assets to liabilities (excluding unsecured limited recourse loans of \$40 million) as at 30 June 2002 is expected to be 1.68:1.

Accounting Policies

General accounting policies applied to the financial information and the Business Plan are set on pages 11 and 12. These are consistent with the policies applied in the previous year.

Performance Targets

The key performance indicators agreed with the Wellington City Council and Wellington Regional Council are:

- Net surplus (deficit)
- Net cash flow
- Liquidity ratio
- Bank borrowing to total assets
- Capital expenditure
- Events held
- Attendance
- Basin Reserve number and days used

Progress against these targets will be reported by the Trustees in their Six Monthly Report.

Half Yearly Reporting

The Trustees will present a Half Yearly Report to both Councils, which will include a written report on agreed key performance indicators and financial statements for the period.

Audited financial statements will also be available on completion of the annual audit.

The Trustees will inform the Councils of any significant expected obligations or contingent liabilities to third parties.

Significant Third Party Obligations

There are no significant third party obligations.

Relevant Legislation

The Trustees confirm that the Trust will comply with all relevant legislation affecting the conduct of this business.

Matters agreed between Councils and Trustees

The Councils have not supplied any additional objectives or outcomes they believe are desirable for the Trust.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Reporting Entity

The reporting entity is the Wellington Regional Stadium Trust ('the Trust'), a charitable trust established by the Wellington City Council ('WCC') and Wellington Regional Council ('WRC') and registered under the Charitable Trust Acts 1957.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand.

Measurement base

The financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis.

Membership, Corporate Box and Sponsorship Funding

The development of the Stadium was partially funded by the sale of stadium club memberships, corporate boxes and signage and sponsorship properties. The term of the memberships and corporate box licenses is 15 years. The term of the signage and sponsorship agreements range from one year to ten years. Payment for these items has been received and recorded as revenue in advance. This funding is amortised as revenue on a straight-line basis over the term of the agreement. Amortisation of revenue from memberships and corporate boxes commenced from 1 January 2000. Where signage and sponsorship agreements were entered into prior to the opening of the Stadium, amortisation of revenue commenced from 1 January 2000.

Donations and Grants

Donations and Grants are recognised as revenue on receipt.

Income tax

The income tax expense charged against the net surplus for the year is the estimated liability in respect of that surplus and is calculated after allowance for permanent differences. The Trust uses the liability method of accounting for deferred taxation and applies this on a comprehensive basis. Future tax benefits attributable to tax losses or timing difference are only recognised when there is virtual certainty of realisation.

Because of the uncertainty over the tax status of the Trust the deferred tax liability has not been recognised in the financial statements.

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

The financial statements have been prepared exclusive of goods and services tax (GST) with the exception of receivables and payables, which are stated with GST included.

Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are initially stated at cost and depreciated as outlined below. Cost includes the purchase consideration, or fair value in the case of a donated asset, and those costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for its intended use.

Finance Leases

Leases where the Trust assumes substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are classified as finance leases. Assets acquired by way of finance lease are stated initially at an amount equal to the present value of the future minimum lease payments, and are depreciated as described below.

Operating Leases

Leases where the lessor effectively retains substantially all the risks and benefits of ownership of the leased items are classified as operating leases. Payments under these leases are charged as expenses in the periods in which they are incurred.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated on a straight line basis to allocate the cost or revalued amount of an asset, less any residual value, over its useful life. The estimated useful lives of fixed assets are as follows:

Pitch	Indefinite – 15 years
Stadium Buildings	50 years
Replay screen & production equipment	15 years
Fitout	5-50 years
Fittings	5-10 years
Plant & machinery & equipment	3-50 years

Receivables

Receivables are valued at anticipated realisable value. An estimate is made for doubtful debts based on a review of all outstanding amounts at year-end. Bad debts are written off during the period in which they are identified.

Financial Instruments

The Trust is party to financial instruments as part of its normal operations. These financial instruments include bank accounts, money market deposits, debtors, creditors, loans and interest rate swaps. The Trust has interest rate swap instruments with off-balance sheet risk for the primary purpose of reducing its exposure to interest rates. For interest rate swap agreements the differential to be paid or received is effectively accrued as interest rates change and is recognised as a component of interest expense over the life of the agreement. Apart from interest rate swaps, all financial instruments are recognised in the statement of financial position and all revenues and expenses in relation to financial instruments are recognised in the statement of financial performance. Except for interest rate swaps, all financial instruments are stated at fair values.

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE THREE YEARS ENDING 30 JUNE 2004

	2001/2 \$m	2002/3 \$m	2003/4 \$m
Revenue			
Events	4.14	5.29	7.00
Corporate Box Licence Fees	2.73	2.83	2.91
Other	0.81	0.90	0.81
Amortisation of Capital Fundraising	2.66	2.67	2.66
Signage and Sponsorships	1.17	1.13	1.13
Interest Revenue	0.10	0.11	0.20
Total Revenue	11.61	12.93	14.71
Less Operating Costs	4.93	5.53	5.44
Operating Surplus before interest & depreciation	6.68	7.40	9.27
Less: Interest	2.53	2.45	2.31
Depreciation	3.29	3.29	3.30
Net Surplus	0.86	1.66	3.66

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS FOR THE THREE YEARS ENDING 30 JUNE 2004

	2001/2 \$m	2002/3 \$m	2003/4 \$m
Cashflows provided from operating activities	8.51	9.99	11.89
Cashflows applied to operating activities	(7.31)	(7.82)	(7.60)
Net cashflows from operating activities	1.20	2.17	4.29
Cashflows provided from Investing Activities	-	-	-
Cashflows applied to investing activities	(0.13)	(0.15)	(0.15)
Net cashflows from investing activities	(0.13)	(0.15)	(0.15)
Cashflows provided from financing activities	-	-	-
Cashflows applied to financing activities	(0.78)	(2.08)	(3.03)
Net cashflows from financing activities	(0.78)	(2.08)	(3.03)
Net increase (decrease in cash)	0.29	(0.06)	1.11
Interest Revenue	0.10	0.11	0.20
Opening balance brought forward	0.97	1.36	1.41
Cash at year end	1.36	1.41	2.72

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE FIVE YEARS ENDING 30 JUNE 2006

	30-Jun 2002 \$m	30-Jun 2003 \$m	30-Jun 2004 \$m	30-Jun 2005 \$m	30-Jun 2006 \$m
Equity					
Retained Surpluses	9.48	11.14	14.79	17.40	20.19
Represented by:					
Current Assets	2.66	2.70	4.01	3.40	1.95
Less Current Liabilities	3.32	3.24	3.21	3.28	3.36
Working Capital	(0.66)	(0.54)	0.80	0.12	(1.41)
Fixed Assets	119.16	116.01	112.86	109.71	106.56
Less Non-current Liabilities					
Bank Term Loans	32.15	30.15	27.15	23.15	18.15
Corporate Box, Membership and Signage in Advance and Other Sundry Liabilities	36.87	34.18	31.72	29.28	26.81
Unsecured Limited Recourse Loans	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00
Net Assets	9.48	11.14	14.79	17.40	20.19

NB: Five years of information is provided in accordance with requirements of Strategic Plan

PROJECTED EVENTS SCHEDULE

12 months ending 30 June

CONFIRMED	2002	2003	2004
Rugby Union	10	10	8
Cricket	1	1	2
Other Sporting Events	2	1	1
Other Stadium Events / Concerts	2	~	-
Exhibition Days	5	5	-
Basin Reserve	2	1	1
Total Confirmed	22	18	12
UNCONFIRMED			
Rugby Union	-	3	5
Cricket	-	1	-
Other Sporting Events	1	4	8
Other Stadium Events / Concerts	1	2	3
Exhibition Days	9	9	14
Basin Reserve	-	1	1
Total Unconfirmed	11	20	31
Grand Total	33	38	43

KEY ASSUMPTIONS

CAPITAL RAISING

Financing

Current interest rates are:

\$15 million fixed at 7.45% (inclusive of margin and line fees) \$7.5 million fixed at 7.52% (inclusive of margin and line fees) Balance \$11.15 million floating at 6.79% at present Average budgeted for total borrowing 7.5%

Loan repayments are scheduled on:

30 th June 2002	\$1.5 million
30 th June 2003	\$2 million
30 th June 2004	\$3 million

Signage

Year One	\$800,000
Year Two	\$1,000,000
Year Three	\$1.200.000

Sundry Income and Fundraising

Additional income generated from grants, donations and additional hospitality and other fundraising opportunities.

Year One	\$200,000	
Year Two	\$200,000	
Year Three	\$ 50,000	

Stadium Enhancements

30 th June 2002	\$125,000
30 th June 2003	\$150,000
30 th June 2004	\$150,000

All enhancements are subject to funds being available at the time and a detailed schedule of the enhancement plan is attached.

Events

Events assumed to take place as set out on the attached schedule. The unconfirmed events are included in the Business Plan.

Food and Beverage Spends

The food and beverage spends are based on actual spends achieved last year.

Merchandise

Commission on sales ranging from 10-15%.

Functions and Exhibitions

14 exhibition days per year.

Food and beverage spend is \$1.50 per head with attendances of 10,000 per day. \$15,000 rental per day.

Functions

Budgeted revenue for 2002 of \$343,750.

Corporate Boxes Licences

Licence fee received on all 52 boxes that are sold and four boxes that are leased for one to three years. Four boxes converted to Corporate Club with annual revenues of \$264,000. The other nine boxes are available for casual hire and budgeted to raise revenues of:

2002	\$253,500
2003	\$419,000
2004	\$611,300

Replay Screen

Budgeted revenue for the three years of between \$200,000 - \$245,000.

Car Park

500 car parks available for the public.

350 pre sold on annual basis.

50% of the balance are occupied for each event at average of \$20.00 per park.

Assume average \$2,700 - \$3,000 per month received for non-event day car parking.

Bus Parking

Assumed that bus parking costs are reduced in discussion with Port Company and through changes to Resource Consent from July 2002.

Operating Expense

Based on previous year costs with adjustments made for known increases or reductions.

Depreciation

Consistent with previous year.

Taxation

No provision is made for taxation because of carry forward losses and assumption that tax status will be favourably resolved.

STADIUM ENHANCEMENTS

Budgeted Enhancements 2001/2002

 Food delivery/members lounges 	45,000
Additional furniture	10,000
Function centre equipment	40,000
Basin Reserve wicket upgrade	10,000
Interior décor	10,000
Vehicle trailer for waste	10,000
TOTAL INCLUDED IN BUDGET	\$125,000
Enhancements subsequent years (some projects may be bought forward if funding available)	
Protection to corridors	10,000
Development of concourse public bar	150,000
• Interior decor (\$10,000 pa)	40,000
Car park converted to Pay & Display	60,000
• Office Equipment (\$10,000 pa)	40,000
Turf Equipment	120,000
Raised covers	21,000
 Basin Reserve Equipment Outfield irrigation Scoreboard Refurbishment 	50,000 80,000 20,000 20,000 \$611,000

Enhancements Under Consideration and Requiring Funding Support

These projects will only be undertaken if there is a sound business case and/or funding can be arranged.

		Estimated Cost \$
•	Additional Passenger lift	180,000
•	Purchase of temporary seats to increase capacity by 5000	1,500,000
•	Concourse sealing to improve presentation and facilitate cleaning	115,000
•	Sealing concrete in bowl to waterproof, improve presentation and facilitate cleaning.	275,000
•	Turnstiles for public access to ground	400,000