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**PERFORMANCE REPORT OF THE**

**NEW ZEALAND GAME BIRD HABITAT TRUST  
BOARD**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
AUGUST 31<sup>st</sup> 2018**

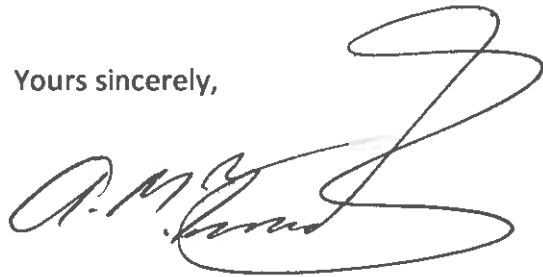
19 November 2018

**Hon Eugenie Sage**  
Minister of Conservation  
Parliament Buildings  
**WELLINGTON**

Dear Minister

I have the honour to submit, pursuant to Section 150(3) of the Crown Entities Act 2004, the Performance Report and Financial Statements of the New Zealand Game Bird Habitat Trust Board for the year ended 31 August 2018.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Tannock', written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned below the text 'Yours sincerely,'.

Andy Tannock  
Chairman  
New Zealand Game Bird Habitat Trust Board

## **NEW ZEALND GAMEBIRD HABITAT TRUST BOARD**

### **Members of the Board**

Andy Tannock	Chairman
John Cheyne	
Ian Hogarth	
Susan King	
Steve Scragg	
Mark Sutton	

The Board was appointed for a three year term from 23 March 2017.

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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

### **Introduction:**

The financial year for the New Zealand Game Bird Habitat Trust Board spans from 1 September to 31 August. My report therefore covers this period for 2017/2018.

The purpose of the Game Bird Habitat Trust Board is to enhance New Zealand's game bird habitat and to improve the habitat of other wildlife. Its primary function is to disperse, by way of grants, income received from the proceeds of the New Zealand Game Bird Habitat Stamp programme administered by the New Zealand Fish & Game Council.

The game bird habitat stamp and artwork programme raises funds for game bird habitat conservation initiatives. The stamp is launched each year to coincide with World Wetlands Day on 2nd February. The artwork on which the stamp is based features a different game bird or associated bird species each year. The stamp, limited edition prints of the artwork, first day covers and a miniature sheet of stamps available are produced through NZ Post. These products are sold both in New Zealand and internationally. The stamp is also used to endorse game bird hunting licences with \$3 on each licence sold representing the hunter's contribution towards this conservation fund. During the year, the Game Bird Habitat Trust began an exercise to evaluate any other options that may exist for raising additional funding from the stamp programme.

### **Game Bird Habitat Stamp**

The 2018 Habitat Stamp featured the Mallard Duck (*anas platyrhynchos*), a gamebird that can be found just about anywhere that water is present in both urban and rural locations. This year's stamp showcased a painting by Karen Baddock.

At its August 2018 meeting, the Trust Board agreed to recommend to the New Zealand Fish and Game Council that the species to be depicted on the 2020 habitat stamp should be the paradise shelduck.

### **NZ Gamebird Habitat Trust Board:**

The Game Bird Habitat Trust Board is appointed by the Minister of Conservation for a three-year term. The current Board, appointed in March 2017 consists of Andy Tannock (Chairperson), John Cheyne (DU nominee), Susan King (DG of Conservation nominee), and Ian Hogarth, Mark Sutton and Steve Scragg (Fish and Game nominees). The current Board's three-year term expires on 31 March 2020.

In the financial year of 1 September 2017 to 31 August 2018 the Trust Board held its annual meeting in Wellington on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018. A telephone conference call was also held on 20 June to enable Board members to follow-up initial consideration of pre-circulated grant applications with a view to obtaining further detail before final decisions were made at the August 2018 meeting of the Board.

## Habitat Grant Criteria

The following priorities have been adopted by the Trust Board in descending order for determining the allocation of grant funds:

1. Game bird habitat with hunting opportunities on public land or private land with a high level of secured protection (for example QEII Covenant, Conservation and Fish a& Game Covenant, regionally protected private land, etc).
2. Game bird habitat only (without hunting opportunities) on public land or private land with a high level of secured protection (for example QEII Covenant, Conservation and Fish a& Game Covenant, regionally protected private land, etc).
3. Significant game habitat with, or without, hunting opportunities on private land which does not have secured protection.
4. In all cases, restoring or enhancing existing habitat to higher production will be given priority over creating new habitat.

## 2018 Habitat Grant Applications:

Grant applications close each year on 30<sup>th</sup> June. After seeking further information on some applications these are then considered at the Board's August meeting. This year the Board considered 21 applications for funding assistance which were assessed against established criteria set by the Board. Funding was allocated to the following 14 projects subject to a range of conditions for a total of \$86,000:

1	Tim & Belinda WHITE <b>Cootes Pond</b> Referee: Matt Kavermann \$1,000	Wellington	5	Kevin Hutchinson Waikato RiverCare Incorp Auckland/Waikato <b>Hickey Farm Project</b> Referee: David Klee \$10,000	
2	Allan & Robina JOHNSTON <b>Johnston's Wetlands</b> Referee: Erin Garrick \$12,000	Southland	6	Ian MOORE Taranaki <b>Takahuri Native Restoration</b> Referee: Glenn Maclean \$5,000	
3	Malcom MacKenzie Southland <b>MacKenzie's Wetlands</b> Referee: Erin Garrick \$10,000		7	Grant Syme, Hayward Farm Wellington <b>Ed's Wetland</b> Referee: Matt Kavermann \$10,000	
4	Mark & Anna CLEMENTS <b>Talamah Taise</b> Referee: Matt Kavermann \$5,000	Wellington	8	Tim FORDE Hawke's Bay Farm Forestry Hawke's Bay <b>Lake Rotohirawa</b> Referee: Nathan Burkepile \$7,000	

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| <p>9 Warwick WILSON Hawke's Bay<br/><b>Wairangi Wetland Complex</b><br/>Referee: Nathan Burkepile<br/>\$7,000</p> <p>10 Bruce INWARDS Auckland/Waikato<br/><b>Lake Karaka, South Head</b><br/>Referee:<br/>\$5,000</p> <p>11 Robert &amp; Lil POULTON Hawke's Bay<br/><b>Longview Wetland Complex</b><br/>Referee: Nathan Burkepile<br/>\$5,000</p> | <p>12 Rick HUNTER Hawke's Bay<br/><b>Long Island Wetland Complex</b><br/>Referee: Nathan Burkepile<br/>\$4,000</p> <p>13 Joe MURPHY Hawke's Bay<br/><b>Murphy Wetland</b><br/>Referee: Nathan Burkepile<br/>\$8,000</p> <p>14 Tony Flynn Taranaki<br/><b>Cote Brook</b><br/>Referee: Allan Stancliff<br/>\$2,000</p> |
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### **Major Projects:**

The Trust Board has continued to focus on selected 'major projects' that it believes warrant committing larger funding allocation to enable and demonstrate restoration and development opportunity that might be followed by others. It is hoped that these projects might attract sponsorship support to allow them to be managed and retained into the future.

To date, the Trust Board's major projects have featured the Para Wetland adjacent to Highway 2 between Blenheim and Picton, the Takitakitoa Wetland that abuts the Taieri River near Henley Dunedin, the Underwood Wetland near Dargaville and the JK Donald Block on the shores of Lake Wairarapa.

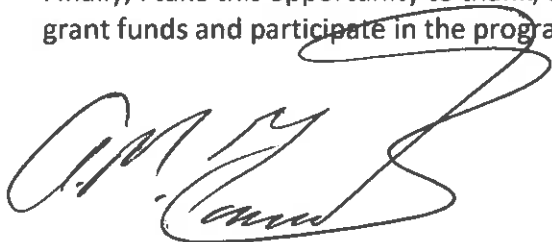
At its August 2018 meeting the Trust Board agreed to fund Stage 1 of the Underwood Wetland project up to a sum of \$75,000. This agreement was reached following a report from John Cheyne who visited the site in 2017.

Involvement in the JK Donald Wetland remains an \$18,000 commitment to be reviewed on an annual basis. Delays in starting this project are due to uncertainty between interested parties on their various roles and responsibilities.

### **Voluntary Board and its support staff:**

My special thanks are extended to fellow Trust Board members who undertake their duties on a voluntary basis, along with the support from Fish and Game staff for maintaining the Board's focus during the year.

Finally, I take this opportunity to thank, and indeed continue to encourage, applicants to apply for grant funds and participate in the programme.



Andy Tannock  
Chairperson  
New Zealand Gamebird Habitat Trust Board

**New Zealand Game Bird Habitat Trust Board**  
**Performance Report**  
**For the year ended**  
**31 August 2018**

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# New Zealand Game Bird Habitat Trust Board

## Entity Information

For the year ended  
31 August 2018

Legal Name of Entity:	The New Zealand Game Bird Habitat Trust
Type of Entity and Legal Basis (if any):	The New Zealand Game Bird Habitat Trust is a charitable organisation established under the Wildlife Amendment Act 1993. The New Zealand Game Bird Habitat Trust is a Fifth Schedule Crown Entity as defined by the Public Finance Act 1989.
Registration Number:	CC33828

### Entity's Purpose or Mission:

The New Zealand Game Bird and Habitat Trust Board was set up to enhance New Zealand's game bird habitat and as a second priority to improve the habitat of other wildlife. It's primary function is to disperse by way of grants, income received from the proceeds of the New Zealand Game Bird Habitat Stamp programme, administered by Fish and Game New Zealand.

### Entity Structure:

The parent and ultimate controlling party of the Trust is the NZ Game Bird Habitat Trust Board. Trust Board members are elected for a 3 year term, with the current board sitting until 31 October 2019. The members provide their time for free. Administrative support is provided by NZ Fish and Game Council staff.

### Main Sources of the Entity's Cash and Resources:

Revenue is earned from the Game Bird Habitat Stamp Programme.

- \$3 from each game license fee is allocated to the Habitat Stamp
- Revenue from sale of stamps
- Interest

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# **New Zealand Game Bird Habitat Trust Board**

## **Statement of Service Performance**

### **For the Year Ended 31 August 2018**

The Statement of Service Performance sets out the objectives, targeted outcomes and performance measures set by the New Zealand Game Bird Habitat Trust and documents the outputs achieved.

#### **OBJECTIVE 1**

##### **TARGETED OUTCOME**

**The Trust Board conducts its business in a cost-effective and an efficient manner.**

##### ***Performance Measure***

- At least one meeting of the Trust Board to be held during the year to consider grant applications.
- Other business promoting the funding and development of game bird habitat is developed as necessary.

##### ***Output***

- *One telephone conference call between all Board members was conducted on 18 July 2018.*
- *One meeting of the Trust Board was held during the financial year on 31 August 2018 to consider grant applications.*

#### **OBJECTIVE 2**

##### **TARGETED OUTCOME**

**Distribution of funds to approved Game Bird Habitat projects or projects to benefit game bird habitat protection performance measures.**

##### **Performance Measure**

- Application forms for grants made available and invitations for applications promoted.



- Referees' reports on applications obtained where necessary.
- Successful applications entered in the Habitat Grant Register and appropriate monitoring procedures initiated.

### **Output**

- *The Trust Board and grants awarded in 2017 were promoted in the Fish & Game NZ Special Game Issue No 46 of the magazine published in March 2018.*
- *Applications for new grants were sought with a close-off date of 30 June for consideration in the 2018 grant period.*
- *Twenty-one grant applications were received for the 2018 grant period complete with referees' reports.*
- *Fourteen grants totalling \$86,000 were approved by the Board at its August 2018 meeting.*
- *Monitoring of past grants were undertaken and the grant register updated.*

## **OBJECTIVE 3**

### **TARGETED OUTCOME**

**Recommend to New Zealand Fish and Game Council the species to feature on the Game Bird Habitat stamp, the face value of the stamp and the cost of the licence validating stamps for licence holders.**

### **Performance Measure**

- Select the bird species and recommend the face value and the fee payable by licence holders for stamps used to validate the Game Bird Hunting licence.

### **Output**

- *The paradise shelduck was chosen to feature in the artwork for the 2020 New Zealand Game Bird Habitat Collection.*
- *The cost of the licence validating stamp for game licence holders was recommended to be increased by \$1.*



# New Zealand Game Bird Habitat Trust Board

## Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the year ended  
31 August 2018

	Note	Actual 2018 \$	Budget 2018 \$ (Unaudited)	Actual 2017 \$
<b>Revenue</b>				
Revenue from providing goods and services	1	119,587	94,000	122,013
Interest, dividends and other investment revenue		25,857	32,000	25,373
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>145,444</b>	<b>126,000</b>	<b>147,386</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Costs related to providing goods or services	2	33,195	30,000	28,550
Grants and donations made	2	49,146	86,000	42,609
Other expenses	2	12,339	9,100	12,115
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>94,680</b>	<b>125,100</b>	<b>83,274</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year</b>		<b>50,764</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>64,112</b>



# New Zealand Game Bird Habitat Trust Board

## Statement of Financial Position

As at  
31 August 2018

	Note	Actual 2018 \$	Actual 2017 \$
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Bank Accounts and Cash	3	50,857	129,450
Debtors and Prepayments	3	110,852	107,482
Interest Receivable	3	14,284	13,745
Investments	3	850,488	698,831
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>1,026,481</b>	<b>949,508</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>1,026,481</b>	<b>949,508</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Creditors and Accrued Expenses	3	42,085	15,876
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>42,085</b>	<b>15,876</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>42,085</b>	<b>15,876</b>
<b>Total Assets less Total Liabilities (Net Assets)</b>		<b>984,396</b>	<b>933,632</b>
<b>Accumulated Funds</b>			
Accumulated surpluses or (deficits)	4	984,396	933,632
<b>Total Accumulated Funds</b>	4	<b>984,396</b>	<b>933,632</b>



**New Zealand Game Bird Habitat Trust Board**  
**Statement of Cash Flows**

For the year ended  
31 August 2018

	Actual 2018 \$	Actual 2017 \$
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>		
<b>Cash was received from:</b>		
Receipts from providing goods or services	116,217	91,682
Interest, dividends and other investment receipts	25,318	25,250
Net GST	-	2,456
<b>Cash was applied to:</b>		
Payments to suppliers	(32,059)	(37,015)
Donations or grants paid	(33,888)	(42,609)
Net GST	(2,524)	-
<b>Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>	<b>73,064</b>	<b>39,764</b>
<b>Cash flows from Investing and Financing Activities</b>		
<b>Cash was provided from:</b>		
Receipts from the purchase of investments	(151,657)	-
<b>Net Cash Flows from Investing and Financing Activities</b>	<b>(151,657)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Increase / (Decrease) in Cash</b>	<b>(78,593)</b>	<b>39,764</b>
<b>Opening Cash</b>	<b>129,450</b>	<b>89,686</b>
<b>Closing Cash</b>	<b>50,857</b>	<b>129,450</b>
<b>This is represented by:</b>		
<b>Bank Accounts and Cash</b>	<b>50,857</b>	<b>129,450</b>



# **New Zealand Game Bird Habitat Trust Board**

## **Statement of Accounting Policies**

**For the year ended**

**31 August 2018**

### **Basis of Preparation**

New Zealand Game Bird Habitat Trust Board ("The Trust") has elected to apply PBE SFR-A (PS) Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting - Accrual (Public Sector) on the basis that it has total annual expenses of equal to or less than \$2,000,000. All transactions in the Performance Report are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. The Performance Report is prepared under the assumption that the entity will continue to operate in the foreseeable future.

### **Presentation Currency**

These financial statements are presented in New Zealand dollars. All financial information presented in New Zealand dollars has been rounded to the nearest dollar.

### **Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

The Trust is registered for GST. All amounts are recorded exclusive of GST, except for Debtors and Creditors which are stated inclusive of GST.

### **Revenue Recognition**

Revenue is measured at the fair value of consideration received or receivable.

Contributions from the game license sales and managed stamp sales are recorded as revenue as they are earned in accordance with the substance of agreement between NZ Fish & Game Council. Interest on investment is recorded as revenue as it is earned during the financial period.

### **Income Tax**

The New Zealand Game Bird Habitat Trust Board is a public authority and consequently exempt from the payment of income tax under CW 31(2)

### **Bank Accounts and Cash**

Bank accounts and cash in the Statement of Cash Flows comprise cash balances, cheque and savings accounts.

### **Debtors and Prepayments**

Debtors and prepayments are initially measured at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any provisions for impairment.

### **Investments**

Investments comprise investments in term deposits with banks. Deposits with banks are initially recorded at the amount paid. If it appears that the carrying amount of the investment will not be recovered, it will be written down to the expected recoverable value.



# **New Zealand Game Bird Habitat Trust Board**

## **Statement of Accounting Policies con't**

**For the year ended  
31 August 2018**

### **Creditors and Accrued Expenses**

Creditors represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Trust Board prior to the end of the financial year which are unpaid. Creditors are recorded at the amount of cash required to settle those liabilities. The amounts are unsecured and are usually paid within 30 days of recognition.

### **Capital Management**

The Trust 's capital is accumulated surpluses from trading. The Trust manages its revenue, expenses, assets and liabilities prudently, retaining funds to meet future requirements in order that the objectives of the ultimate charitable group are met. The Trust has no external third party imposed capital management requirements.

### **Changes in Accounting Policies**

There have been no changes in accounting policies since the last date of the last financial statements.



**New Zealand Game Bird Habitat Trust Board**  
**Notes to the Performance Report**  
**For the year ended**  
**31 August 2018**

<b>Note 1: Analysis of Revenue</b>	<b>Actual 2018 \$</b>	<b>Actual 2017 \$</b>
<b>Revenue from providing goods and services</b>		
Income from Licence Sales	99,991	100,425
Income from Stamp Sales	19,596	21,588
<b>Total</b>	<b>119,587</b>	<b>122,013</b>
<b>Interest, dividends and other investment revenue</b>		
Interest	25,857	25,373
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,857</b>	<b>25,373</b>





# New Zealand Game Bird Habitat Trust Board

## Notes to the Performance Report

For the year ended

31 August 2018

<b>Note 2: Analysis of Expenses</b>	<b>Actual 2018 \$</b>	<b>Actual 2017 \$</b>
<b>Costs related to providing goods or services</b>		
Production	23,195	12,820
Programme Administration	10,000	15,730
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,195</b>	<b>28,550</b>
<b>Grants and donations made</b>	<b>49,146</b>	<b>42,609</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>49,146</b>	<b>42,609</b>
<b>Other expenses</b>		
Accounting Fees	2,102	2,157
Audit Fees	4,500	4,500
Consultation Fees	1,770	-
Trust Board Meeting Expenses	3,531	5,098
General	436	360
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,339</b>	<b>12,115</b>



# New Zealand Game Bird Habitat Trust Board

## Notes to the Performance Report

For the year ended

31 August 2018

<b>Note 3 : Analysis of Assets and Liabilities</b>	<b>Actual 2018 \$</b>	<b>Actual 2017 \$</b>
Cheque Account Balance	50,857	49,414
Savings Account Balance	-	80,036
<b>Total</b>	<b>50,857</b>	<b>129,450</b>
<b>Debtors and Prepayments</b>		
NZ Fish and Game Council	110,852	107,482
<b>Total</b>	<b>110,852</b>	<b>107,482</b>
<b>Interest Receivable</b>		
Interest Receivable on Term Deposits	14,284	13,745
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,284</b>	<b>13,745</b>
<b>Investments</b>		
Term Deposit Westpac 12	645,592	645,592
Term Deposit Westpac 14	54,860	53,239
Term Deposit Westpac 15	80,036	-
Term Deposit Westpac 16	70,000	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>850,488</b>	<b>698,831</b>
<b>Creditors and Accrued Expenses</b>		
Creditors	32,806	-
Accruals	4,500	8,573
GST Payable	4,779	7,303
<b>Total</b>	<b>42,085</b>	<b>15,876</b>



# New Zealand Game Bird Habitat Trust Board

## Notes to the Performance Report

For the year ended  
31 August 2018

<b>Note 4: Accumulated Funds</b>	<b>Actual 2018 \$</b>	<b>Actual 2017 \$</b>
<b>Balance as at 1 September</b>	933,632	869,520
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	50,764	64,112
<b>Total Accumulated Funds 31 August 2018</b>	<b>984,396</b>	<b>933,632</b>

<b>Note 5 : Commitments and Contingencies</b>	<b>Actual 2018 \$</b>	<b>Actual 2017 \$</b>
<b>Commitments</b>		
<b>Commitments to provide Grants</b>	<b>163,117</b>	<b>137,097</b>

### Contingent Liabilities and Guarantees

There are no contingent liabilities or guarantees as at balance date (2017 - nil)

<b>Note 6: Related Party Transactions</b>	<b>Actual 2018 \$</b>	<b>Actual 2017 \$</b>
<b>New Zealand Game Bird Habitat Stamp Fee</b>	<b>110,852</b>	<b>107,482</b>

New Zealand Fish and Game collects from each Fish and Game Council the Game Bird Habitat stamp fee. The fee is (\$3 inc GST) from the sale of every Game Bird Licence sold from the most recently completed financial year. This fee is restricted in the use for the purpose of improving New Zealand's game bird habitat and secondarily to improve the habitat of other wildlife.

### Note 7: Events after the balance date:

There were no events that have occurred after the balance date that would have a Report. (2017-Nil)



## Independent Auditor's Report

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### TO THE READERS OF NEW ZEALAND GAME BIRD HABITAT TRUST FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND STATEMENT OF SERVICE PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2018

The Auditor-General is the auditor of New Zealand Game Bird Habitat Trust Board (the "Trust"). The Auditor-General has appointed me, Brent Kennerley, using the staff and resources of Grant Thornton, to carry out the audit of the financial statements and the Statement of Service Performance of the Trust, on his behalf.

#### Opinion

We have audited:

- the financial statements of the Trust on pages 4 to 12, that comprise the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 August 2018, the Statement of Comprehensive Income and Cash Flows Statements for the year ended on that date and the notes to the financial statements that include accounting policies and other explanatory information; and
- the Statement of Service Performance of the New Zealand Game Bird Habitat Trust, on pages 2 to 3.

In our opinion:

- the financial statements of the Trust, on pages 4 to 12:
  - present fairly, in all material respects:
    - its financial position as at 31 August 2018; and
    - its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended; and
  - comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standards Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting – Accrual (Public Sector); and
- the Statement of Service Performance of the New Zealand Game Bird Habitat Trust, on pages 2 to 3:
  - presents fairly, in all material respects, the New Zealand Game Bird Habitat Trust performance for the year ended 31 August 2018, including for each class of reportable outputs:
    - its standards of performance achieved as compared with the forecasts included in the budget approved by the Council for the financial year; and

- its actual revenue and expenses as compared with the forecasts included in the budget approved by the Council for the financial year; and
- o complies with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand.

Our audit was completed on 19 November 2018. This is the date at which our opinion is expressed.

The basis for our opinion is explained below. In addition, we outline the responsibilities of the Council and our responsibilities relating to the financial statements and the Statement of Service Performance and we explain our independence.

#### Basis for our opinion

We carried out our audit in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, which incorporate the Professional and Ethical Standards and the International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Responsibilities of the auditor section of our report.

We have fulfilled our responsibilities in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Responsibilities of the Council for the financial statements and the Statement of Service Performance

The Trustees are responsible on behalf of the Trust for preparing financial statements and a Statement of Service Performance that are fairly presented and comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand.

The Trustees are responsible for such internal control as it determines is necessary to enable it to prepare financial statements and a Statement of Service Performance that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements and the Statement of Service Performance, the Trustees are responsible on behalf of the Trust for assessing the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. The Trustees are also responsible for disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting, unless there is an intention to merge or to terminate the activities of the Trust, or there is no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Trustees' responsibilities arise from the Public Finance Act 1989, the Crown Entities Act 2004, and the Conservation Act 1987.

## Responsibilities of the auditor for the audit of the financial statements and the Statement of Service Performance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and the Statement of Service Performance, as a whole, are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit carried out in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements are differences or omissions of amounts or disclosures, and can arise from fraud or error. Misstatements are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the decisions of readers taken on the basis of these financial statements and the Statement of Service Performance.

For the budget information reported in the financial statements and the Statement of Service Performance, our procedures were limited to checking that the information agreed to the Trust's budget approved by the Trustees.

We did not evaluate the security and controls over the electronic publication of the financial statements and the Statement of Service Performance.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. Also:

- We identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and the Statement of Service Performance, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- We obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control.
- We evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Trustees.
- We evaluate the appropriateness of the reported performance information within the Trust's framework for reporting performance.
- We conclude on the appropriateness of the use of the going concern basis of accounting by the Trustees and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements and the Statement of Service Performance or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Trust to cease to continue as a going concern.
- We evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements and the Statement of Service Performance, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements and the Statement of Service Performance represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Council regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Our responsibilities arise from the Public Audit Act 2001.

#### Other Information

The Trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the performance report but does not include the financial statements and the statement of service performance, and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements and the statement of service performance does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of audit opinion or assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements and the statement of service performance, our responsibility is to read the other information. In doing so, we consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements and the statement of service performance or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on our work, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### Independence

We are independent of the Trust in accordance with the independence requirements of the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, which incorporate the independence requirements of the Professional and Ethical Standard 1 (Revised): *Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners* issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.

Other than the audit, we have no relationship with or interests in the Trust.



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