



Basin Reserve Trust

Statement of Service Performance

2018/19

Introduction

The iconic Basin Reserve has a rich history. The first game of cricket was played at the Basin on 11 January 1868, making it is the oldest cricket ground in New Zealand. The ground not only hosts cricket games, but sporting fixtures of every variety. It has hosted national events and competitions including VE Day celebrations, Royal Tours, exhibitions, Scout jamborees, concerts and festivals. In 1998, the Basin Reserve was listed as a Heritage Area, becoming the first sports ground to receive such a designation and further enhancing its heritage significance. The Basin is also home to the William Wakefield Memorial that was erected in 1882 and commemorates one of Wellington's founders, William Wakefield.

The Basin Reserve plays a role in assisting Wellington City Council to achieve the recreation and leisure participation aims signalled in the 2018-28 Ten Year Plan and the "Living WELL" Wellington Sport & Active Recreation Strategy. The redevelopment will reposition the Basin as New Zealand's premier cricket venue and help attract national and international events to Wellington.

The day to day management of the Basin Reserve is undertaken by Cricket Wellington under a management agreement with the Basin Reserve Trust (BRT). This Statement of Service Performance highlights the achievements of the Trust for the period July 2018 to June 2019.

Objectives

The objectives of the trust are stated in the Trust Deed as agreed between the Wellington City Council and the BRT and are highlighted below:

1. to manage, administer, plan, develop, maintain, promote and operate the Basin Reserve for recreation and leisure activities and for the playing of cricket for the benefit of the inhabitants of Wellington
2. to establish a long-term policy for the further development of the Basin Reserve as a recreational facility and as a facility for the playing of cricket, other sports and as a venue for other community-based activities;
3. to enter into management agreements and other contracts that are necessary or desirable to achieve the objects of the Trust;
4. to promote and co-ordinate the raising of funds to assist the management, administration, maintenance planning, promotion and further development of the Basin Reserve;
5. generally, to do all acts, matters and things that the Trustees consider necessary or conducive to further or attain the objects of the Trust set out above for the benefit of the public of Wellington;
6. to operate as a successful undertaking, managed on a not-for-profit basis;
7. to preserve and enhance the significant and recognised heritage value of the Basin Reserve; to comply with all legislative and regulatory provisions relating to its operation and performance including statutory and general Council objectives for Council controlled organisations, and to acknowledge the Councils contribution where appropriate

2018/19 Highlights

There were a number of significant highlights during the 2018/19 year, they include

- Over 100 Community Junior Club Rugby and Junior Girls Club Football Games
- A successful Beers at the Basin event, showing the best craft breweries, local wineries, street

food and music to a sold-out crowd of 5,800

- Blackcaps Test Matches vs Sri Lanka in December 2018 and Bangladesh in March 2019
- A wide range of corporate functions and conferences with 53 held throughout the year
- The Wellington City Council Vigil for the victims of the Christchurch Terror Attacks
- Super Smash men's and women's T20 double headers and the "Fill the Basin" event that attracted the largest crowd in the history domestic women's cricket and the largest men's crowd since 2011
- Night Noodle Markets attracting a crowd of approximately 80,000 people despite a very wet spell of weather

2018/19 Performance

In-line with the objectives of the Trust Deed and the 2018/19 Statement of Intent the BRT performed well in 2018/19 exceeding the majority of its targets. The table below provides a comparison between 2018/19 targets and actuals.

Measure	2018/19 Targets	2018/19 Actuals
Community Events Days	20	28
Cricket Events Days	44	44
Other Sports Events Days	20	25
Practice facility usage (Days)	100	100
Functions	25	53
Numbers attending events	41,000	134,858 [^]
Event Income (\$)	234,800	258,282
Council Operating Grant [^] (\$)	408,967	416,900
Cash subsidy (grant) per attendance (\$)	9.97	3.09

[^] The hosting of the WCC Vigil and the Night Noodle Markets significantly increased attendance

Events Days, Practice Days and Functions

The Basin Reserve continues to be a very well utilised sporting venue. In 2018/19, the Basin Reserve hosted 97 event days, 100 practise days and 53 functions. An overview of the wide range of events is outlined below;

Other Sport Events

In recent years the BRT has repositioned the Basin as a multi-sport venue providing year-round access to the community. Through a partnership with Wellington Rugby and Capital Football, 12 junior rugby and 12 junior girls football events were held during the winter months. Over 100 games were played with just under 5,000 children involved with many more parents and caregivers enjoying, from the side-lines, their children playing on the Basin Reserve.

On 8 December 2018 the Basin held the annual Scottish Night of Miles which featured 500 athletes.

Community Events

The BRT was pleased to be able to support the Wellington City Council vigil on 17 March 2019 for the victims of the Christchurch Terror Attacks. The Trust was approached about the opportunity to host the event nine hours before it was due to commence. With the support of the Council events team and Cricket Wellington the Trust was able to meet the Council's operational requirements for the vigil that saw approximately 12,000 people attend the Council's event to recognise those who lost their lives in the tragic events on 15 March.



The Wellington City Council Vigil

The Beers at the Basin, a popular festival that showcases Wellington's craft beer industry, was held on 1 December 2018. This event is now an annual feature on the BRT's event calendar attracting a sell-out crowd of 5,800 people.



Beers at the Basin

The BRT continues to support its local community with use of the ground enabling neighbouring school's cross-country events to take place. A wide range of community cricket events were also held

including the boys and girls Primary School and Secondary School finals, Governor Generals XI game and junior cricket field days.

Domestic Cricket

As the home of Cricket Wellington and the home ground of the Wellington Firebirds in the Plunket Shield, Ford Trophy and Men's Super-Smash, as well as the Wellington Blaze in the Hallyburton Johnston Shield and Women's Super-Smash, the Basin Reserve features a busy schedule of games and practise days. In total 34 games of Domestic Cricket were held in 2018/19 and 100 practise days.

A key feature of the 2018/19 season was the Super Smash men's and women's double headers. Cricket Wellington also delivered a hugely successful "Fill the Basin" event on 6 January 2019 that attracted the largest crowd in the history domestic women's cricket and the largest men's crowd since 2011 (outside of finals). The day showcased the Basin to a wide audience and attracted the largest television viewing audience of the 2018/19 Super Smash season.



Fill the Basin

International Cricket

The Basin Reserve hosted two Blackcaps Test Matches. This included the first Test of the New Zealand summer vs Sri Lanka, 15 – 19 December. The Basin pitch received a good rating from the International Cricket Council (ICC) and a strong crowd of 10,877 attended over four days (one day was lost to rain). The second game saw the Blackcaps beat Bangladesh in the second Test Match of the series, held from 8 – 12 March. The Basin pitch again received a good rating from the ICC and New Zealand Cricket was happy with the event delivery and venue presentation for both Test matches.

Functions

The BRT has contracted Black and Gold Events (a division of the Wellington Hospitality Group) to manage and promote the recently refurbished Norwood Room and Long Room in the RA Vance Stand as a venue for conferences, meetings, weddings, celebrations, Christmas functions and team building workshops. In total 53 functions were held in 2018/19.

Basin Reserve Redevelopment

Key redevelopment projects that were progressed in 2018/19 include;

- Completion of the northern entrance enhancing the entry to the Basin Reserve and improving spectator safety whilst also providing a functional area for the sale of food and beverage
- Completion of the players pavilion providing world class player viewing and changing facilities

for umpires. The new pavilion also contains much needed physio and drug testing rooms (to meet ICC standards). The pavilion was officially opened by Mayor Justin Lester before the Sri Lankan Test in December 2018.

- Although not part of the redevelopment of the ground, the Trust replaced the old netting in the off-field practice cage improving safety at trainings for players and coaches.
- Completion of stage one of the southwest terraces with the removal of the Brierley Pavilion and levelling of the area to create a flat grassed area for children to play on. It is anticipated that this area will be developed into a permanent children's play area with new designs being investigated. New timber bleachers were also installed with the surrounding area re-asphalted.
- The earthquake strengthening and redevelopment of the Museum Stand commenced in May 2019. The stand will be seismically strengthened and refurbished so that the 1,000-seat grandstand can be returned to service in February 2020. The building will also continue to provide a home for the New Zealand Cricket Museum and is being developed to provide Cricket Wellington administration offices.

An update on future projects is as follows;

- Council's plans for the upgrade of the embankment, toilet blocks and the perimeter fence and ground entrances are on hold pending discussions with the Get Welly Moving project.
- The BRT is progressing initial planning for replacement floodlights and is confident of securing funding so that the consenting process for replacement floodlights can commence in 2019/20.

Wellington Regional Stadium Trust (WRST) Turf Services Partnership

The BRT continued its positive partnership with the WRST. Under an Agreement the WRST provides turf management services that ensures that the Basin Reserves outfield, wicket blocks and practice wickets are maintained to international standards.

Governance

The Trust Deed establishes the BRT under the Charitable Trusts Act 1957 for the purposes of managing and administering the Basin Reserve. Wellington City Council has appointed the BRT to manage the Basin Reserve under a Management Deed. These two key documents set out how the BRT will manage the Basin Reserve.

The BRT is governed by a Board comprising four Trustees, two appointed by Cricket Wellington and two by Wellington City Council. The Board meet at least four times a year and appoint subcommittees as appropriate to fulfil its obligations. The Trustees set the strategic direction for the BRT and approve the Statement of Intent and the Annual Business Plan. The Trustees monitor the organisational performance and ensure that the Trust has appropriate policies and procedures to mitigate its risks (including compliance with the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015).

Trust Membership

- Alan Isaac (Chair) (appointed by Wellington City Council)
- Mike Horsley (appointed by Cricket Wellington)
- Councillor Fleur Fitzsimons (appointed by Wellington City Council)
- John Greenwood (appointed by Cricket Wellington)