



Track Users Code

Remember the 3 respects:

1

RESPECT EACH OTHER

- Expect walkers, riders, runners, dogs and wildlife.
- Listen and look out for each other.
- Give way to slower track users.
- Be cautious near corners and blind spots.
- Be mindful of vulnerable track users with different levels of mobility, vision and hearing, particularly the elderly and the very young.
- Keep devices and headphones at low volume.

Walkers/Runners



- Expect riders, runners and dogs.
- Be mindful of other track users approaching, especially from behind.
- Keep to the left where possible.

Riders



- Expect walkers, riders, runners, dogs and wildlife.
- Alert other track users when approaching, especially from behind.
- Slow down and be prepared to stop when passing other users.
- Do not ride on walking only tracks.

Dog walkers



- Expect riders, runners, other dogs and wildlife.
- Dogs not allowed on all tracks. Check track signage.
- If in dog walking area, use <2m lead.
- Clean up after your dog. Penalties apply.

2

RESPECT THE TRACK

- Keep to the formed track.
- Don't modify tracks or make new ones.

3

RESPECT THE PARK

- Respect heritage, including the historic tracks.
- Allow others quiet enjoyment of the Park.
- Follow Leave No Trace principles – Took it in? Take it out.
- Do not disturb flora and fauna.
- Start with clean boots and bikes.
- Have a plan and tell someone where you're going.
- Be prepared for the conditions and the weather.
- Be prepared for emergencies.
- Do not enter restricted areas in drinking water catchments.



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Wellington Park Management Trust

Hon William Hodgman MP
Minister for Parks

Dear Minister

In accordance with the requirements of section 75 of the *Wellington Park Act 1993* and section 27 of the *Financial Management and Audit Act 1990*, I am pleased to submit, for presentation to Parliament, the Annual Report of the Wellington Park Management Trust for the year ending 30 June 2018.

The report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Wellington Park Act 1993* and the *Financial Management and Audit Act 1990*.

Yours sincerely



Dr Christine Mucha
Chairperson

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The Year at a Glance: 2017 – 2018

Park Management

During 2017-18 the Trust completed a review of the structure and operation of the Wellington Park Office. The recommendations included expanding the role of Park Ranger into one of Education and Regulations Coordinator (ERC) and employing a new staff member to help prepare a Visitation and Recreation Strategy for the Park.

The Trust has completed a scoping study for a Visitation and Recreation Strategy for the Park. Preparation of the Strategy is a high priority initiative in the Trust's Strategic Plan for 2017 – 2021, and an important action in the *Wellington Park Management Plan 2013*.

The Trust has completed a Strategic Risk Management Policy, Framework and Risk Register. This identifies the organisational risks that may affect the key functions of the Trust and ensures they are either reduced or there are effective strategies in place to manage them.

A number of new policies and procedures to assist with Management of the Park have been developed including:

- Related Parties Disclosures Policy and Procedures
- Remote Piloted Aircraft (drone) Usage Policy and Permit Application Procedures
- Recruitment Policy and Procedures (HR policy).
- Event Application and Approval Procedures
- Resolution of Issues in the Workplace Policy and Procedures (HR policy)
- Visitor Risk Management Policy and Strategy

Visitation

Wellington Park is the third most visited attraction in the State after Salamanca Market and MONA according to the Tasmania Visitor Survey. The Survey recorded 331,139 interstate and overseas visitors aged 14yrs or older visiting kunanyi / Mount Wellington between July 2017 and June 2018. This is a 1.3% increase on the corresponding period in the previous year.

Major Planning Initiatives

A master plan and detailed design for improvements to the Fern Tree Park Visitor Entry Node area has been completed and approved by both the Trust and Hobart City Council. The master plan covers the Fern Tree Park, Fern Tree Bower and Silver Falls areas.

The Trust and Hobart City Council are revising the 2008 master plan for The Springs area. The revision of the master plan is being undertaken concurrently with a feasibility study into a Council-funded visitor centre at The Springs.

Storm Damage to Park Infrastructure

The storm on Thursday 10 May 2018 dumped 236 mm of rain on kunanyi / Mount Wellington. The Park was closed for a number of days following the storm until Park Management Agency staff could assess the damage to walking tracks, fire trails and other infrastructure. Most damage was relatively minor and the Park was progressively reopened in the weeks following the storm. A few tracks and fire trails sustained significant damage and remain closed. Repairs to these track and fire trails are underway and should be completed in time for summer.

Visitor and User Improvements

Construction of new facilities in the Park and maintenance of existing visitor facilities is the responsibility of the various Park Management Agencies (Hobart and Glenorchy City Councils, Parks and Wildlife Service) although proposed works need to be approved by the Trust.

Works to benefit Park users included:

- Repair and upgrading of the Organ Pipes and Pinnacle Tracks which together comprise one of the 60 Great Short Walks in Tasmania.
- Planning and approval of a new shared use track, the Strickland Falls Connector, to link the Rivulet Track with the end of the Middle Island Fire Trail.

- Improvements to wayfinding and interpretation signs in the Park.
- Resealing the car parking area at the middle Springs and turning the former overflow parking area into full time parking.
- New and upgraded walking tracks at The Springs, including clearing of the perimeter path around the historic former Exhibition Gardens.
- Placement of a temporary toilet block at The Springs during the peak summer tourist season.
- Rerouting and hardening the track from Thark Ridge to the Devils Throne by the Friends of Wellington Park.
- Maintenance and repairs to the tracks in the Glenorchy Mountain Bike Park.
- Various other walking track improvements including hardening of wet areas and clearing encroaching vegetation.
- Revising and reprinting the popular Wellington Park walking track brochure.

The Trust has completed the initial consultation and scoping phase for development of a smart phone and tablet 'app' for Wellington Park and is currently exploring a number of funding options for the project.

More commercial tour operators have been licensed to operate in the Park including a new shuttle bus service that will start in late October 2018.

Track Users Code (see cover)

In consultation with Park user groups the Trust has developed a new Track Users Code of Conduct that expands the Riders Code of Conduct in the Wellington Park Bike Strategy to include all track users. The Track Users Code conveys a message of 3 'respects' (respect each other, respect the track, respect the Park) and aims to encourage respectful and responsible use of shared use tracks by walkers, runners and bike riders.

Pinnacle Road Closures

Hobart City Council operates a proactive strategy for closing Pinnacle Road when conditions are unsafe for users. Closures are triggered by overnight temperature forecasts provided by the Bureau of Meteorology.

Events

As well as the annual Point to Pinnacle fun run, the Park was also used for a round of the Tasmanian gravity enduro mountain bike race and the Australian Mountain Running Association held its national championships in the Park with around 70 participants.

The Trust contributed historic items and provided information to the Kingston Branch of the State Library of Tasmania for an exhibition on kunanyi / Mount Wellington.

Heritage Protection

The Trust, in partnership with the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre, undertook the second of an ongoing program of Aboriginal heritage (site) surveys in recently burnt areas of the Park in autumn 2018. The survey was undertaken by the Trust's Cultural Heritage Coordinator in liaison with the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre, who also arranged for aboriginal community volunteer participation in the survey.

Following the major update of the Wellington Park historic heritage data base in 2016-17, a review of endorsed 'sites' and 'precincts' was undertaken in 2017-18 and a revised list of historic 'sites and precincts' within Wellington Park was approved by the Trust in September 2017. The Trust intends to nominate sites considered to have a high priority, and are well documented, for listing on the Tasmanian Heritage Register.

The Trust, in conjunction with the Park Management Agencies, is preparing a policy for the management of the extant non-public historic huts in Wellington Park. Routine use and structural monitoring has also been initiated for selected huts and one hut has been temporarily closed due to safety issues.

The Trust is also preparing a visitor management plan for the former Exhibition Gardens at The Springs to coincide with the re-opening of the Garden's perimeter path.

Regulations Awareness Program

One fine was issued for dumping of rubbish and 14 conditional cautions and 8 informal cautions for minor or first time offences. There were 79 offences recorded from offence reports or motion sensor camera footage where offenders could not be identified.

There were 19 dog-related offences detected in 2017-18 compared with 27 in 2016-17 and 16 in 2015-16. The decrease from last year is considered to be due to more targeted patrolling and better awareness of the regulations regarding dog walking.

There were 42 recorded instances of mountain bike riding on walking only tracks in 2017-18, up from 11 in 2016-17 and 19 in 2015-16, all in the Hobart City Council management area. The increase in detections is largely due to the use of surveillance cameras, but shows that some riders are ignoring the regulations.

Thirty one offences relating to unauthorised vehicle use (motorcycle or quad bike or 4WD) were detected in the Glenorchy and Parks and Wildlife Service management areas, up from 13 in 2016-17 but down from 60 in 2015-16. Detections were mostly by motion sensor cameras.

There have been complaints from walkers about inappropriate bike rider behaviour on some shared use tracks. The new Track Users Code, and the education program that is accompanying its rollout, should help to reduce instances of poor behaviour.

The use of hidden motion sensor cameras has improved the Trust's ability to detect offences. Although they may not provide enough information to identify the persons involved, they allow the Education and Regulations Coordinator to identify and target problem areas. No pre-planned 'stings' were undertaken during the 2017-18 financial year.

Fire Management

There were no fires reported in the Park during 2017-18.

The Trust is working with the Tasmania Fire Service Fuel Reduction Unit and the Park Management Agencies to plan strategic fuel reduction and other bushfire management activities within the Park.

One planned burn of approximately 50 hectares was carried out in the Glenorchy City Council area of the Park in autumn. The burn was organised by the Tasmania Fire Service Fuel Reduction Unit and Glenorchy City Council, and carried out with the assistance of local TFS brigades.

The Wellington Park Bushfire Management Working Group met in December 2017 and June 2018 to coordinate bushfire management and other works in the Park. It includes representatives of the Park Management Agencies

as well as TasNetworks, TasWater, the Friends of Wellington Park bushcare group, and the Tasmania Fire Service.

General fire management activities are carried out by Park Management Agencies in accordance with the Wellington Park Fire Management Strategy (2006) currently undergoing a major revision.

Some of the fire trails in the Park sustained substantial damage during the severe weather event on 10 May 2018. Park Management Agencies are working to ensure that all fire trails are usable by the start of the 2018-19 fire season.

Volunteer Participation

Volunteer bushcare groups continued to assist the Park Management Agencies and TasNetworks with weed control in the Park during 2017-18.

A clean up Australia Day team organised by Hobart City Council worked in the pinnacle area and collected 207 kg of rubbish, 6kg of recycling, \$100 cash, and 5 kg of curiosities, including an old Cascade can.

The Trust is particularly grateful to the volunteers who have done so much to control weeds and remove rubbish in the Park.

Community Involvement

Activities included:

- Ongoing community involvement in the Regulations Awareness Program and educational activities, including promotional events, interpretation walks and school presentations.
- Planning support and assistance to the Fern Tree and Friends of Wellington Park bushcare groups.
- Continued support for the Heritage Volunteer Network. This comprises community members with a keen and active interest in the history and heritage of Wellington Park, but with a focus on kunanyi / Mount Wellington.
- Continued response to requests from members of the public and researchers for information in relation to the natural values, history and heritage of Wellington Park and environs.
- Educative/interpretative presentations by the Education and Regulations Coordinator to a variety of school groups both in classrooms and within the Park.

Administration of Wellington Park

A Complex Reserve

Wellington Park, at 18,250 hectares, is one of the largest areas of reserved land outside of the Tasmanian World Heritage Area and offers certain challenges to its land managers due to its popularity with locals and visitors, diverse ecosystems, heritage values, drinking water catchments and proximity to rural and urban areas. The Park has unique natural and cultural qualities, and includes the icons of kunanyi / Mount Wellington, forming the backdrop to Tasmania's capital city, and Sleeping Beauty, visible from the Huon Valley.

Wellington Park comprises fourteen separate parcels of land with classifications and ownership including Crown land (managed by the Parks and Wildlife Service), freehold land (held by the two city councils of Hobart and Glenorchy) and Crown land vested in the City of Hobart for water supply purposes.

The Park was originally proclaimed under purpose-made legislation due to internal complexities in land tenure and mixed ownership, and the desire to provide for a co-operative management approach. These matters have historically presented major hurdles in attempting any form of broad or 'whole of Park' management, and it is testimony to the role of the Trust, and the commitment and goodwill of the various landowners and Trust member agencies, that significant progress has been made.

Wellington Park Act 1993

The Wellington Park Act 1993 (the Act) is purpose-made to deal with the complexities of land tenure within the Park. The Act allows for the establishment and constitution of the Trust, and for the preparation of a statutory management plan.

During the first part of 2017-18, the Act was administered by the Honourable Elise Archer, Minister for Environment and Parks and after the State Government elections in March 2018 by the Premier, the Honourable William Hodgman, as Minister for Parks.

The purposes for which the Park is set aside are indicated in Part 2, s5 of the Act as follows:

- (a) the provision of recreational and tourism uses and opportunities consistent with the purposes specified in paragraphs (b) to (e);
- (b) the preservation or protection of the flora and fauna contained in or on the land;
- (c) the preservation or protection of the natural beauty of the land or of any features of the land of natural beauty or scenic interest;
- (d) the preservation or protection of any features of the land being features of historical, Aboriginal, archaeological, scientific, architectural, or geomorphological interest;
- (e) the protection of the water catchment values of the land.

Wellington Park Management Trust

The Wellington Park Management Trust (the Trust) is an independent Management Authority for Wellington Park, established pursuant to the Act. It has functioned in this capacity since November 1993. Its primary role is to provide a co-operative and effective management and planning structure for this unique and diverse peri-urban reserve.

The objectives and functions of the Trust as set out in Part 3, s11 of the Act are:

- (a) to provide for the management and maintenance of Wellington Park in a manner that is consistent with the purposes for which it is set aside;
- (b) to give effect to any management plan in force for Wellington Park;
- (c) to prepare plans with a view to their submission to the Governor for approval as management plans for Wellington Park and to keep under review the provisions of management plans;
- (d) to ensure that any development undertaken in Wellington Park is consistent with the purposes for which it is set aside and with any management plan;
- (e) when required to do so by the Minister, to advise on any development proposed for Wellington Park;
- (f) to carry out, or arrange for the carrying out of, research and other activities that appear to it to be desirable in connection with the administration of the Act;
- (g) to be the managing authority for Wellington Park;
- (h) to perform such other functions as are imposed on it under this or any other Act.

Vision

The Trust's Vision for the Park (originally adopted in 2006) seeks to provide a consistent and values-based approach to the management of the Park.

For Wellington Park to be a special place, accessible and enjoyed by all for its prominent landscape, natural and cultural diversity, and community value.

The Vision highlights the Trust's desire that the Park be accessible to all who want to enjoy it.

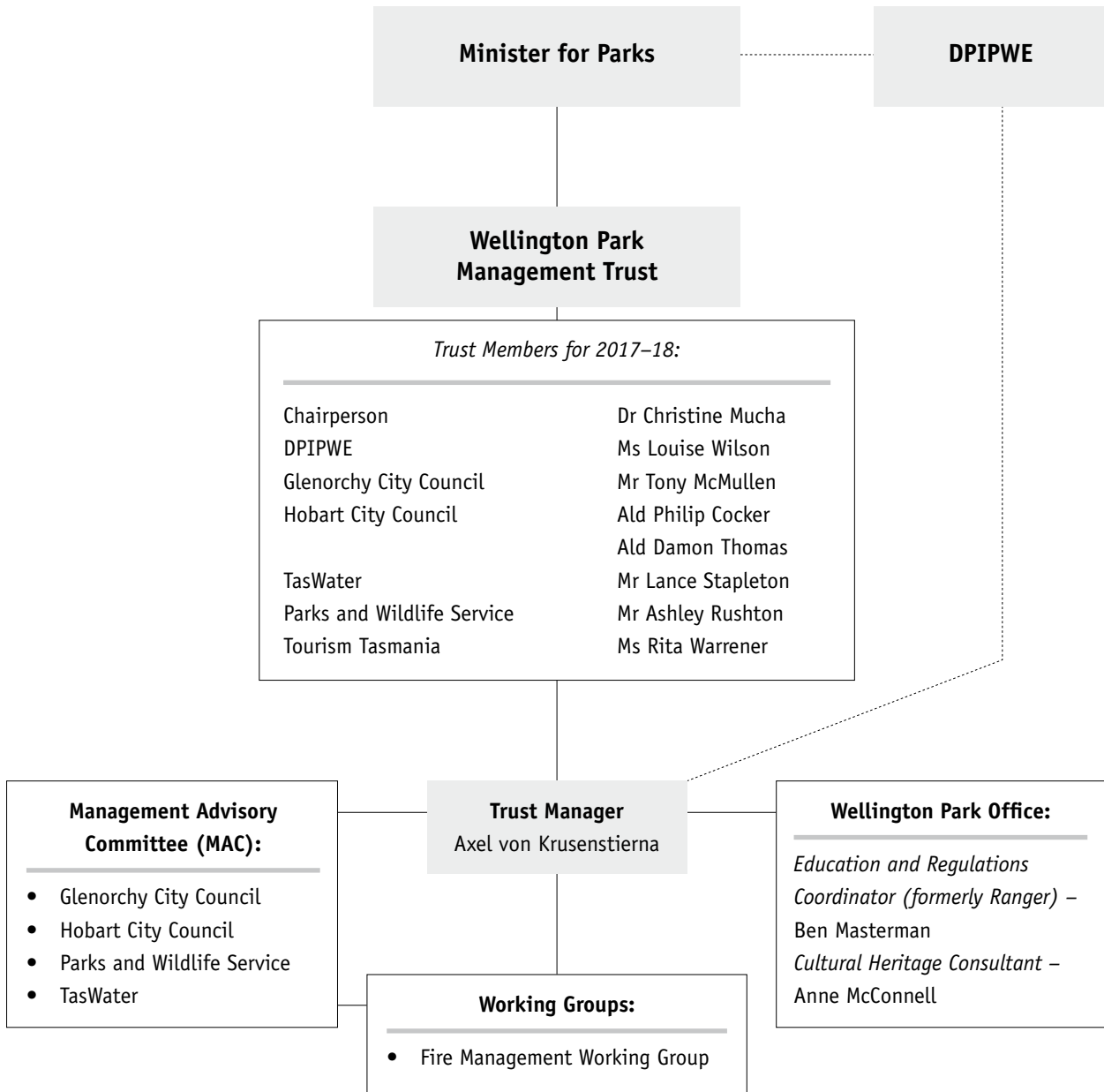
Mission

The Trust's mission statement in the Management Plan is:

To preserve the natural, cultural, recreational, tourism and drinking water qualities of Wellington Park for their own value and for the safe enjoyment of all people.

This will be achieved through outstanding management, sympathetic development and a co-operative relationship with our communities.

Wellington Park Management Trust Organisational Structure



SUPPORT

The Wellington Park Office is located at the Hobart Council Centre. The Office receives administrative support from the Council, and strategic and technical support from all member agencies as required.

The Trust Manager is supported by the Management Advisory Committee (MAC) which includes representatives of the Park's 4 management agencies.

Trust Membership

The membership of the Trust is specified in section 10 of the Act and comprises an independent Chairperson together with: the Director-General of Lands (or nominee); the Director of National Parks and Wildlife and the chief executive officer of Tourism Tasmania (or their nominees); two representatives nominated by Hobart City Council; and one nominee each from Glenorchy City Council and TasWater.

The Trust therefore includes the two Councils that own land in the Park, the government agencies responsible for administering the Act and managing Crown land in the Park, and the water supply authority with catchments and infrastructure in the Park. Tourism Tasmania is represented on the Trust due to the significant role the Park has as a major tourist destination and its potential for future sustainable development.

The Chairperson of the Trust is an independent appointment made by the responsible Minister in accordance with the Act. The current Chairperson is Dr Christine Mucha. The nominees of the Trust member organisations specified in the Act are appointed by the Minister. Trust membership details and a meeting attendance record for the year are provided in Appendices 2 and 3.

The Wellington Park Act 1993 does not provide for the appointment of a deputy to the Chairperson.

During 2017-18 Ms Jennifer Fry and Mr Mark Jones were newly appointed as the deputy members for the Director of National Parks and Wildlife and chief executive officer of Tourism Tasmania's nominees respectively.

Following the suspension of Glenorchy City Council by the Minister for Local Government on 8 February 2017, Council's member and deputy, both councillors, did not attend Trust meetings. Although they were still technically members of the Trust, they could not represent Council while suspended. In September 2017 the Minister appointed a temporary member and deputy to represent Council on the Trust until the status of the councillors was resolved. Following the dismissal of the Council by the Minister for Local Government and subsequent election of a new Council, Alderman Melissa Carlton OAM was appointed the member for Glenorchy City Council on 12 May 2018.

Trust Meetings

The Trust's meeting schedule is decided at the beginning of each year. The Trust may also hold additional meetings to deal with issues that require a quick decision. These meetings may be held partly or completely by teleconference. During 2017-18 there were 5 scheduled meetings and one additional meeting. Summaries of Trust meeting minutes are made available to the public on the Wellington Park website. Appendix 3 summarises the meeting attendance record of each member and deputy member for the 6 meetings during 2017-18.

Governance Policy

The functions of the Trust and the roles and responsibilities of its members are described in the Trust's Governance Policy, first approved in 2016-17 and reviewed annually. The Governance Policy also details general governance and meeting processes.

Risk Management

The Trust approved a Strategic Risk Management Policy and Framework on 21 September 2017. The Risk Management Policy and Framework identifies the organisational risks that could affect the key functions of the Trust. A risk register was also developed to analyse identified risks and determine the controls that will be implemented to ensure risks are either minimised or there are effective strategies in place to manage them.

Wellington Park Office

The Trust is supported by the Wellington Park Office (WPO) located in the Hobart Council Centre. The WPO plays an important role in preparing planning strategies and protocols, Park regulations awareness and compliance, facilitating regional projects, co-ordinating the management actions carried out by Trust member agencies, and ensuring a regional and co-operative approach to land management within the Park. During 2017-18 staff in the WPO consisted of:

Mr Axel von Krusenstierna – Manager (FTE 1)
Mr Ben Masterman – Ranger (FTE 0.6)

The Trust also engaged a heritage consultant, Ms Anne McConnell, to co-ordinate the Trust's Cultural Heritage Management Program.

The Trust Ranger (now Education and Regulations Coordinator) works closely with, and receives operational support from, the Parks and Wildlife Service and Park Management Agency Authorised Officers.

The Trust also employs various consultants, project-based staff and research assistants as required.

Human Resources Policies and Work Health and Safety

The Trust has developed a suite of human resources policies and, as a Person Conducting a Business or Undertaking (PCBU), approved a Work Health and Safety (WHS) policy and a suite of WHS procedures.

WHS issues with Trust staff are dealt with as they arise and discussed in general at fortnightly supervision meetings between the Manager and Education and Regulations Coordinator, and at office team meetings approximately every 2 months. A WHS report is a standing item on the agenda of each Trust meeting and is included in monthly office activity reports to the Trust.

During 2017-18 there have been no notifiable or lost time injuries to Trust staff. WHS incidents for the year are summarised on page 28.

Two new policies were developed and approved in 2017-18 to extend the Trust's suite of human resources policies:

- Recruitment Policy and Procedures
- Resolution of Issues in the Workplace Policy and Procedures

Existing human resources policies were reviewed and revised.

Park Management Agencies

The Park Management Agencies are Hobart City Council, Glenorchy City Council, the Parks and Wildlife Service and TasWater. The first 3 are responsible for on-ground works within their respective areas in the Park as shown in Appendix 1. TasWater has a statutory responsibility for drinking water supply and, whilst continuing to maintain infrastructure within the Park, contributes significantly as a land manager to ensure the sustainability of the drinking water catchments in the Park.

Section 27(1) of the *Wellington Park Act 1993* stipulates:

"It is the duty of all owners or occupiers of land in Wellington Park to exercise their functions and powers and to use and manage the land in a manner that is consistent with the purposes for which it is set aside and with any management plan."

The Trust, via the Wellington Park Management Plan, ensures that all works undertaken within the Park are consistent with the purposes for which the Park is set aside.

As well as undertaking on-ground management of their areas of the Park, the Park Management Agencies contribute technical and management expertise to the overall management of the Park. In particular, the Parks and Wildlife Service offers substantial conservation knowledge and experience and Hobart City Council provides general administrative and technical support, and office space. The Trust also receives substantial operational and administrative support from the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment and technical support for the Trust's geographical information system. The Wellington Park Office is also assisted by the Office of the Secretary (DPIPWE) for matters relating to the Department and Ministerial liaison. The Trust remains extremely grateful for this level of support.

Partnership Agreements

The Trust has established partnership agreements with Park Management Agencies to ensure the ongoing management of the Park and support for the Wellington Park Office. The agreements take the form of five-year Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs), which formalise administrative, strategic and financial contributions to the Trust as well as the Trust's assistance to the agencies including strategic planning, heritage management, a regulations awareness program and co-ordination of management throughout the Park. The MoUs demonstrate the strong commitment of member agencies to the implementation of the Management Plan and also provide for the employment of project-based officers to develop planning policy and to initiate implementation of related actions.

Administrative contributions from the agencies also assist with the development and maintenance of a marketing and promotional framework, incorporating the Trust's website, information sheets, and various public activities.

Park Management Committees and Working Groups

The Trust may, under section 12 of the Act, establish committees for the purpose of advising it on the management and planning of Wellington Park, or on other such matters affecting the performance of its functions.

The Trust first created a Management Advisory Committee (MAC) in 1994. It continued to function intermittently till 2012. The MAC was re-established in 2015-16 under new Terms of Reference to provide management and technical advice to the Trust Manager. The MAC also functions as a steering committee for projects where a specific steering committee has not been approved by the Trust.

The MAC currently includes nominated representatives of Hobart and Glenorchy City Councils and the Parks and Wildlife Service. TasWater and Tourism Tasmania are sent meeting agendas and may attend if there are issues they wish to provide advice on. The MAC meets approximately 3 weeks before each scheduled Trust meeting but may be consulted at other times.

Other issue-specific working groups and steering committees are formed on a needs basis by the Manager. During 2017-18 these included the: Bushfire Management Working Group; Fern Tree Park Visitor Node Master Plan Steering Committee, and the Springs Specific Area Master Plan Steering Committee.

Trust Representation on other Committees

The Trust, via the Manager or other staff, was represented on the following external committees: Glenorchy Mountain Bike Park Association Inc, Southern Fire Management Area Committee and the Greater Hobart Recovery Committee formed to coordinate the response to the floods on 10 May 2018. The Trust Manager was chairperson of the Hobart Fire Management Area Committee during 2017-18 and a member of the Greater Wellington Range Bushfire Mitigation Strategy steering committee.

Financial Resources

The State Government's recurrent financial contribution to the Trust is supplied via the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment and has remained at the same level with no CPI adjustment since the 1998-99 financial year. In the past the Trust has been able to make up the shortfall from interest received on held cash, and administrative components of various grants, however these sources of income are also declining. On the Trust's request the Minister agreed to increase the State Government's recurrent financial contribution starting in the 2018-19 financial year. The Trust is very grateful for this increase in funding.

The Trust's Memoranda of Understanding with TasWater, Hobart City Council, Glenorchy City Council, and the Parks and Wildlife Service provide substantial administrative, strategic and financial contributions to the Trust to assist in the co-ordination of management throughout the Park. The consultant Cultural Heritage Coordinator and Education and Regulations Coordinator positions are funded via these agreements. Hobart City Council, in particular, supplies considerable administrative, technical and operational support as well as hosting the Trust office. Glenorchy City Council supplies technical support for the Trust's heritage database, and the DPIPWE provides spatial information for use by the Trust. The Trust remains extremely grateful for this level of support, and is increasingly reliant upon the delivery of such assistance from member agencies.

The Trust receives a small amount of income from fees, fines and the sale of publications. Larger projects are generally funded jointly with one or more Park Management Agencies.

The Trust's financial statement for the 2017-18 financial year and the Independent Auditor's report are attached as Appendix 4 as required by the *Audit Act 2008*.

The Trust is grateful for the high degree of co-operation and resourcing from the respective land owning and managing agencies noted above. The Trust also thanks the State Government for its on-going support.

Community Contributions and Consultation

The Trust has worked hard to maintain its profile as an active and efficient management agency for Wellington Park. It is crucial that the community understands the Trust's role as the strategic planning and approval body, and its relationship to its member and landowning agencies.

The Trust recognises the enormous amount of good will, energy and resources that are contributed by both the community and management agencies to ensure that the Park is protected and maintained as a special place for everyone.

There are many community individuals and groups who directly contribute to the ongoing planning and management of the Park. In particular, the Trust acknowledges the on-ground efforts of the various Bushcare and Landcare groups voluntarily undertaking land management activities in the Park, and the volunteers who assist in maintenance of the Glenorchy Mountain Bike Park.

When required the Trust establishes and facilitates internal reference committees and working groups to implement its participatory planning approach, and is also represented on relevant external community committees.

Strategic Plan

The Trust continues to implement the program set out in its 5 year Strategic Plan approved in February 2017. The Strategic Plan sets out a number of organisational goals and the strategies the Trust will employ to:

- Meet its responsibility "to provide for the management and maintenance of Wellington Park in a manner that is consistent with the purposes for which it is set aside" (section 11(1)(a) of the *Wellington Park Act 1993*).
- Achieve the Key Desired Outcomes and the management objectives of the *Wellington Park Management Plan 2013*.

Strategic Review

The Trust has completed a review of the structure and operation of the Wellington Park Office (WPO), particularly its role in implementing the Strategic Plan. This was the second stage of a strategic review commenced in August 2016 which included a roadmap for the implementation of the Trust's Strategic Plan.

The consultant's recommendations for improving the operations of the WPO were:

- Shift and expand the Park Ranger's role to one that is more education and awareness focused under the new title of "Education and Regulations Coordinator".
- Reduce the risk to the Trust from critical person dependencies through ensuring more than one staff member can carry out the basic functions of the WPO and including provision of a suitable person to act as Trust Manager, if required, in the Trust's MoU's.
- Employ a new part-time staff member to project manage preparation of a Visitation and Recreation Strategy for the Park.
- Engage a communications consultant to assist the Education and Regulations Coordinator.

Use and Development in the Park

Wellington Park Management Plan 2013

The Management Plan is the principal planning document for Wellington Park, and ensures a strong unified vision for stakeholders, and a set of realistic and achievable objectives for the Park's long-term management.

Following a comprehensive review of the *Wellington Park Management Plan 2005* and assessment of a draft revised plan using the process set out in the Act, the *Wellington Park Management Plan 2013*, came into effect on 1 January 2014 (refer Annual Report 2013-14). The Management Plan was amended in October 2015 to increase the size of the Pinnacle Specific Area.

The Management Plan provides that commercial uses and developments may be considered in The Springs and Pinnacle Specific Areas in relation to.

- Tourist Operations e.g. visitor centre, interpretation centre, viewing shelter and ancillary uses to the provision of these including limited associated retail;
- Food Services e.g. cafe, restaurant and take-away food premises; and
- Transport Depot and Distribution e.g. bus terminal, council depot, other Potential Transport Modes (including shuttle buses; cable cars and aerial ropeways; and funicular rail and cable rail systems).

Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 (LUPAA)

The interrelationship between the *Wellington Park Act 1993* and LUPAA was first formalised in 2003. In December 2013 Parliament approved an amendment to s 52A of LUPAA to remove the requirement for any application for a LUPAA permit to have the written permission of the Trust. This change was incorporated into the Management Plan.

The process for approving uses and developments in the Park is explained in Chapter 8 and illustrated in Appendix 3A of the Management Plan. During 2017-18 the works proposed to implement the recommendations of the Fern Tree Park Visitor Entry Node Master Plan and a proposed new shared use track to link the Rivulet Track to the

Middle Island Fire Trail were assessed by Hobart City Council under LUPAA. Both projects were approved by Council and the Trust.

Major Planning Initiatives 2017 – 2018

Fern Tree Park Visitor Node Master Plan

The Trust, in collaboration with Hobart City Council, prepared a master plan for the entry point to the Park at Fern Tree. The *Wellington Park Management Plan 2013* has an objective to prepare master plans for key Wellington Park entry points and visitor nodes, including Fern Tree Park and Fern Tree Bower.

Fern Tree Park is one of three key entrances to Wellington Park and has long been an important recreational area for the people of Hobart and particularly the Fern Tree Community. On occasions when Pinnacle Road is closed due to snow, Fern Tree is Wellington Park's major entrance point. It is also the main Park entry accessible by public transport.

While the main focus of the master plan is Fern Tree Park, it also includes the extent of the Silver Falls Loop and the key sites within this area – including Fern Tree Bower, Silver Falls, Fern Glade entrance car park, Pipeline Track and all of the physical, cultural and recreational connections between them.

The master plan was endorsed by Hobart City Council on 11 May 2017 and by the Trust at its meeting on 2 August 2017. Detailed construction plans to implement the master plan have been approved.

Springs Specific Area Master Plan

The Wellington Park Management Plan considers that: "The Springs remains the most appropriate location for a visitor centre and should be the focal point for visitor services and facilities; this approach reflects the current policy position of the Hobart City Council, which seeks to develop visitor facilities and services at The Springs before considering major developments elsewhere in the Park."

Hobart City Council is conducting a feasibility study into a Council-funded visitor centre at The Springs. Council and the Trust also agreed to revise the now out of date master plan for the Springs Specific Area to provide clear guidelines for future development and protection of the heritage and other values of the area. Consultants have been engaged to revise the Springs Specific Area Master Plan and ensure that it includes provision for a visitor centre should Council decide to proceed with that project. The initial round of community consultation for the revised master plan was completed in 2017-18.

Project Approvals

The Management Plan provides for exempt uses and developments (those that do not require approval from the relevant planning authority), and applies a performance-based approach to other proposals that must meet the requirements and standards contained in the Management Plan. Apart from routine, general maintenance or emergency works, all proposals for use and development, including those listed in the Management Plan as Exempt, require the submission of a Park Activity Assessment (PAA) to the Trust to ensure that any associated impacts on Park values are addressed.

A permit is required under the *Wellington Park Regulations 2009* for all uses and developments that are in contravention of the *Regulations* (e.g. disturbing vegetation or soil within the Park). This applies irrespective of whether a use or development may be exempt from requiring a LUPAA permit or a PAA.

The Trust approved the following PAAs within the Park during 2017-18:

- Erection of a temporary mast for the Broadcast Australia transmitter at the Pinnacle to allow for an upgrade of the main transmitter.
- Clearing and surfacing the perimeter path around the historic former Exhibition Gardens at The Springs.
- Maintenance work on the lower section of Montrose Trail.
- Repair and upgrade of Pinnacle Track including replacement of the water pipe supplying The Springs.
- Rerouting a section of the Devils Throne Track onto a more stable alignment.
- Repairs to the Zig Zag Fire Trail following the heavy rainfall event on 10 May 2018.

Permits for minor works that did not require a PAA included:

- Resealing the car parking area at the middle Springs and installation of wheel stops and a parking advisory sign.
- Replacement of signs on the Mount Connection Track.
- Removal of landslide debris and repair of the Tolosa Fire Trail.
- Repairs to tracks within the Glenorchy Mountain Bike Park damaged in the heavy rainfall event on 10 May 2018.
- Cleaning of roadside drains at the Springs.
- Vehicle caution signs on walking tracks crossing or ending on Pinnacle Road.
- Snow closure warning signs on Pinnacle Road.
- Replacement and updating of signs along the Brushy Hill Fire Trail.
- New and updated signs along the Organ Pipes Track.
- Repairs to the shoulders of Pinnacle Road damaged in the heavy rainfall event on 10 May 2018.
- Replacement of route markers on the Lost World Track.
- Placement of temporary warning signs during repainting of the WIN television transmitter tower.
- Installation of a temporary toilet block at the Springs.
- Placement of extra chicanes at the top of Radfords Track.
- Rehabilitation of an unauthorised mountain bike track in the Glenorchy Mountain Bike Park.

The Trust has drafted a number of 5-year permits for Park Management Agencies to allow routine, general maintenance and emergency works to proceed without reference to the Trust.

Providing for Visitors

Wellington Park is the third most visited attraction in the State after Salamanca Market and MONA according to the Tasmania Visitor Survey. The Survey recorded 331,139 interstate and overseas visitors aged 14 years or older visiting kunanyi / Mount Wellington between July 2017 and June 2018. This is a 1.3% increase on the corresponding period in the previous year and shows that approximately 1 in 4 interstate and overseas visitors to Tasmania also visited Wellington Park. This survey does not include visitors who arrive on cruise ships or the many residents of Hobart and other communities near the Park who also use it for a bush walk, bike ride, picnic, walking the dog, admiring the view or any of the other attractions the Park offers.

Visitation and Recreation Strategy

Preparation of a Visitation and Recreation Strategy is a high priority initiative in the Trust's Strategic Plan for 2017 – 2021, and an important action in the *Wellington Park Management Plan 2013*. Stage 2 of the strategic review of the Wellington Park Office recommended engaging a new part-time staff member to project manage preparation of a Visitation and Recreation Strategy for the Park. The Strategy will guide future planning and development to cater for the existing and future needs of Park users and visitors. It will set out a management approach to providing a high quality and satisfying visitor experience that is environmentally and socially sustainable and ensures the protection of Park values into the future.

The Strategy will identify the tourism and recreation needs and opportunities that can be sustainably provided in the Park, and provide recommendations and actions to realise these opportunities for the next 10 years. The Trust has prepared a scoping document for the Visitation and Recreation Strategy and is currently seeking funding for the project.

Visitor Risk Management

The Trust's Strategic Risk assessment identified preparation of a policy and framework for managing the various risks to visitors in the Park as a high priority. The *Wellington*

Park Management Plan 2013 also notes the importance of informing visitors of the various safety hazards in the Park. Although the Trust and Park Management Agencies owe a duty of care to visitors to avoid foreseeable risks, the Trust is aware that many visitors come to the Park to be in a rugged natural environment with the challenges it offers.

The Trust has approved a visitor risk management policy and strategy and is currently developing the framework for implementing it in the Park. In the interim the Trust and Park Management Agencies have sought to improve visitor awareness of the hazards they may encounter in the Park and advise them how to prepare for a visit to the Park, particularly in winter.

Wellington Park 'app'

The Trust has completed the initial consultation and scoping phase for development of a smart phone and tablet 'app' for Wellington Park and is currently exploring a number of funding options for the project.

It is envisaged that the 'app' will complement the Wellington Park website and provide Park visitors with a range of activity-specific information including interpretation, route-finding information, emergency alerts and access information, helping to facilitate a safer, more informed and enjoyable visitor experience. There have been discussions with Destination Southern Tasmania on how the proposed 'app' would fit in with similar regional and state-wide initiatives.

Disabled Access

Improvements to disabled access to the Park at Fern Tree are included in the Fern Tree Park Visitor Node Master Plan. However, it is not possible to make the entry point and its facilities fully accessible due to the constraints of the site and some disabled persons will require assistance. Disabled access at The Springs is being addressed in the revision of the master plan for the area.

Until its closure in early 2018 the operators of the Collinsvale store had delegated authority to issue permits

for vehicle access to the Myrtle Forest Picnic Area for people with disabilities. Permits are now issued directly by the PWS.

Commercial Visitor Services

Commercial operations within the Park are facilitated via the Parks and Wildlife Service, providing a 'one-stop' Commercial Visitor Service (CVS) for the licensing of commercial activities on lands managed by the Trust, PWS and Sustainable Timber Tasmania. The Trust's guidelines ensure that the Trust can apply its own assessment criteria and procedures whilst remaining part of the broader arrangement.

In May 2018, the CVS advised that there were 124 businesses licensed to conduct commercial operations in the Park, 6 more than the previous financial year. Most tour operators just take visitors to the summit lookouts but others offer activities such as guided bushwalks, mountain bike tours, rock climbing and abseiling.

The CVS requires all commercial operators, except base transport services (where transport only is provided), to have appropriate tourism industry accreditation when offering tourism services. The intent is to ensure high quality management and delivery of tourism services within the Park, and is supported by the Tourism Industry Council, Tasmania.

The Trust has also licenced a small café in a converted shipping container at The Springs. The café operates under the name of "Lost Freight" and is popular with bushwalkers and bike riders. It also provides Park information to tourists and other Park visitors.

Pinnacle Road Shuttle Bus

Early in 2018 Hobart City Council asked for expressions of interest from tour operators for operation of a private timetabled bus service on Pinnacle Road. A shuttle bus service is supported by the Wellington Park Sustainable Transport System (2009). Council have selected a preferred operator who has been issued with the commercial operator's licence to run the service in the Park.

Before next winter the operator will be issued with a permit to operate a service on Pinnacle Road when it is closed due to ice and snow. This part of the service will be subject to safety restrictions to ensure it operates

safely and visitors are not left stranded in severe weather conditions.

Pinnacle Road Snow Management

Visitor access to the summit of kunanyi / Mount Wellington may be restricted when snow and or ice makes Pinnacle Road impassable or dangerous. Management of Pinnacle Road during snow periods is undertaken by the Hobart City Council in accordance with the Trust's Pinnacle Road Snow Management Strategy (originally adopted in 2002 and reviewed annually). The Council provides outstanding support for road and traffic management issues during road closures, and is itself supported by Tasmania Police.

The Snow Management Strategy aims to provide a workable compromise between the needs of management agencies to have the Road open as quickly and as safely as possible, and the desires of the community to access snow play areas. A key focus is the improvement of available information regarding road conditions and the reasoning behind management decisions, and the need to ensure visitors can plan ahead and be prepared for extreme conditions. Information is available from: the City of Hobart website; the Pinnacle Road Information Line; the electronic message sign on Huon Road; and media announcements. Hobart City Council has a dedicated information page on its website which provides up-to-date information on the location of road closures and the distance from the closure to snow. The page also provides real-time images from two cameras positioned in the pinnacle area.

Improved weather forecasting has allowed more accurate prediction of ice and snow on Pinnacle Road. This has allowed Council to adopt a more proactive road closure strategy. Although this has resulted in an increase in the frequency of closures, it has reduced the risk of accidents on Pinnacle Road.

Recreation

Bush Walking

The use, development and promotion of the walking track network within the Park are one of the fundamental management priorities for the Trust. The Trust, in conjunction with its Park Management Agencies, has

continued the implementation of the Walking Track Strategy, endorsed by the Trust in June 2003.

Hobart City Council has undertaken works to rejuvenate the Organ Pipes and Pinnacle Tracks which together comprise one of the 60 Great Short Walks in Tasmania. These historic tracks had become badly degraded over time and the works have made the tracks safer and easier to use while preserving their heritage values. Council has also upgraded the link tracks at The Springs and constructed a new track linking the middle Springs picnic area to the start of the North South Track and cleared the historic permitter path around the former Exhibition Gardens in preparation for resurfacing the track and opening it to the public.

The Trust has reprinted (with updates and corrections) its popular bushwalking information brochure. This is available free on the Wellington Park website, from the Lost Freight café at The Springs and from the Trust's information stands in Service Tasmania, the Tasmanian Travel and Information Centre, and the Fern Tree Tavern.

A reroute of the track from the Thark Ridge Track to Devils Throne to avoid wet areas was carried out by the Parks and Wildlife Service and the Friends of Wellington Park volunteers with further work planned for 2018-19. The Friends of Wellington Park have also undertaken vegetation clearing along the Collins Bonnet and Mount Connection Tracks.

The Myrtle Forest Trail has remained closed as it is badly overgrown and there are issues with the section of the Trail that crosses private property now that the landowner is living on site. It is hoped that the issues will be resolved and the track cleared and re-opened.

Many of the walking tracks in the Park were damaged during the severe weather event on 10 May 2018 in which 236 mm of rain fell on kunanyi / Mount Wellington. The Park was closed for a number of days until Park Management Agency staff could assess the damage. Thankfully most damage was relatively minor and the Park was progressively reopened in the weeks following the storm. A few tracks sustained significant damage, including the North South Track, Myrtle Forest Track and Lost World Track. Repairs to these track are underway and it is hoped they will be completed in time for summer.

The Nomenclature Board has approved name changes to a number of walking tracks in the Park. The changes include new names for previously unnamed tracks and trails,

removal of duplicate names and clarification of the extent of previously named sections of tracks and trails. The approved names are on the LIST and included in the new edition of the Wellington Park Recreation Map and the Trust's bush walking information leaflet.

Bike Riding

The Trust has continued the implementation of the Wellington Park Bike Strategy (2000, ammended 2012). The Strategy provides the basis for the Trust to manage the multiple forms of bike riding available within the Park. The constant development in bike technology and changes in rider preferences provides a challenge for the Trust to explore new opportunities for riding within the Park.

The Trust facilitated and subsequently endorsed the Greater Hobart Mountain Bike Master Plan (2011) (GHMBMP). The aim of the plan was to create a regional network of bike trails and infrastructure in the south of the State. The recommendations in the GHMBMP for new mountain bike tracks and conversion of existing walking tracks to shared use were included in the Wellington Park Bike Strategy in 2012 with the provision that any conversion of existing walking tracks to shared use be subject to consideration of environmental and cultural impacts and issues, public safety and proposed mitigation strategies prior to final approval

Conversion of walking tracks to shared use has included works by the Park Management Agencies to prepare tracks for shared use including clearing vegetation to improve sight lines, widening narrow sections of track and installing devices such as chicanes to slow riders on steeper sections of track.

Hobart City Council carried out a detailed feasibility study for a bike only, downhill only track between the Big Bend car park and Junction Cabin. The study concluded that the likely usage of the track would not justify the high cost of construction and the project did not proceed further.

Hobart City Council has received State government funding to construct a number of mountain bike tracks recommended in the Wellington Park Bike Strategy including formalising the unauthorised "Drops Track" construction of a shared use track linking Rivulet Track and Middle Island Fire Trail and a climbing track between Main Fire Trail and Junction Cabin. Works to formalise the Upper Luge Track will be included in the project. The first stage of the project, the Strickland Falls Connector, linking Rivulet Track to Middle Island Fire Trail has been approved.

Track Users Code *(see cover)*

The Trust approved a Riders Code of Conduct in 2000 as part of the Wellington Park Bike Strategy. As the number of shared use tracks, and therefore the potential for conflict between user groups, has increased, the Trust saw a need for a revised code of conduct that emphasises the responsibility of all users to be respectful of other users and Park values.

The new Track Users Code conveys a message of 3 'respects' (respect each other, respect the track, respect the Park) to all Park users. In particular, the revised code aims to encourage respectful and responsible use of shared use tracks by walkers, runners and bike riders.

The new code is based on research into similar codes in other reserves and underwent a community engagement process which included bushwalking, trail running and mountain bike groups and associations as well as the wider community.

Horse Riding

The Trust continues to provide opportunities for horse riding within the Park, however access is by permit only. This approach resolves the need for specialised horse access gates, which may provide openings for other unwanted access e.g. trail bikes. The Trust has delegated the management of the permit system to the Parks and Wildlife Service. Short-term permits are available for one-off use, whilst long-term permits may be obtained for regular users. Riding opportunities and a code of conduct are contained in the Horse Riding Information Sheet, endorsed by the Australian Trail Horse Riders Association. During the year 7 long-term horse riding permits were issued or renewed.

Four Wheel Driving

The Park offers opportunities for recreational four wheel drive vehicle access by permit. The all-day journey along the East West Trail offers a unique experience in a wild area, with spectacular views and technical challenges, and is advertised on many local and interstate recreation brochures.

The Park's recreational vehicle permit system is managed by the Parks and Wildlife Service under delegated authority. Trails are closed during wet periods and winter months to ensure the ongoing sustainability of the trail surface. During 2017-18 the East West Trail was open to

recreational vehicles from late October 2017 to late April 2018. Over the season, 33 permits were issued for a total of 82 vehicles (up from 27 and 79 respectively in 2016-17). One permit (1 vehicle) was from interstate (NSW), with the remainder being issued to Tasmanian users.

Rock Climbing

Rock climbing is popular in the Park, most notably on the Organ Pipes on the eastern face of kunanyi / Mountain Wellington and to a lesser extent at the Lost World on Mount Arthur. Climbing is usually undertaken by individual and small groups. Licences have been issued to allow commercial climbing and abseiling tours within the Park.

Jefferys Track Upgrade

The Trust provided in principle support for a proposal by Huon Valley Council and Derwent Valley Council to undertake a feasibility study into upgrading Jefferys Track. Jefferys Track is currently a very rough four wheel drive trail but is an important access route to the western part of the Park, particularly for fire management. The study will look at the feasibility of constructing a sealed road along the route and includes an initial upgrading the Track to allow access for the study. The feasibility study has received funding from the State government but work has not commenced.

Interpretation

The Trust continues to encourage interpretive activities through Hobart City Council's Bush Adventures Program. The Ranger also provided a number of educative/interpretive presentations for a variety of school and university groups both in classrooms and within the Park. Importantly, these events provided opportunities for local students to engage with the Park and to form an appreciation of the area for the future.

Looking to the future, the Ranger, in his expanded role as Education and Regulations Coordinator, will continue to develop interesting activities and opportunities in the Hobart and Glenorchy management areas to raise community awareness of Wellington Park's unique values.

Marketing and Promotion

Park activity and information sheets are distributed in the field upon request or in response to offences and can also be downloaded from the Wellington Park website.

The popular bush walking information brochure is provided free to visitors and covers the most popular walks on the eastern slopes of kunanyi / Mount Wellington. This brochure has just undergone a major revision to emphasise safety and ensure that visitors are prepared and equipped for the conditions they may encounter in the Park.

The Trust continued to maintain two customised information display stands, located at the Hobart Service Tasmania shop and Fern Tree Tavern. Maps and information sheets are also distributed by the Tasmanian Travel and Information Centre in Davey Street and by the operator of the cafe at The Springs.

Events

A number of organised events were held in the Park during the year including the annual Point to Pinnacle fun run and a gravity enduro mountain bike event, round 3 of the annual Tasmanian gravity enduro series. There have also been a number of smaller local mountain bike events in the Glenorchy Mountain Bike Park.

The Australian Mountain Running Association held its national championships in Wellington Park on Sunday 8 April with around 70 participants.

The Trust has developed an event application and approval process to ensure that events are run safely and with minimal impacts on Park values.

Regulations Awareness Program

The *Wellington Park Regulations 2009* (the Regulations) are provided for under section 79 of the Act to support effective implementation of the Management Plan and to govern on-ground activities within the Park. The Regulations take precedence over any local government by-laws and regulations that might otherwise apply in the Park.

The Regulations Awareness Program (RAP), now in its sixteenth year, engages agency staff, other authorities and the community in the protection and promotion of the Park's values. The Trust has continued to encourage community involvement in management of the Park, and has maintained strong connections to various community groups and Park users. Ongoing support from Trust member agencies, Tasmania Police and the community, has been integral in raising community awareness of Park values and the Regulations.

The Trust employs an Education and Regulations Coordinator (ERC) to oversee the Regulations Awareness Program (RAP) throughout the Park. The ERC works with Authorised Officers (appointed under the *Wellington Park Act 1993*) and other field staff from Park Management Agencies to ensure enjoyment of the Park by all users. The ERC shares data with and receives assistance from Hobart, Glenorchy and New Norfolk Police in tracking down and dealing with offenders. All Police officers are Authorised Officers under the Act.

During 2017-18 9 new Authorised Officers were trained and appointed, including 1 from Glenorchy City Council and 8 from Hobart City Council. Authorised Officer guidelines and communication notes continue to be reviewed and revised in line with the Trust's Work Health and Safety Policy and Procedures, and in light of experience gained from compliance activity in the Park by the ERC, Authorised Officers and agency field staff. The ERC communicates routinely with Authorised Officers and field staff to exchange data and intelligence, update compliance procedures and share information about activities in the Park.

The ERC engages with Park users and the wider community to increase awareness of the Park's values and compliance with the Regulations. The program is devised with guidance and assistance from representatives of agencies with responsibilities in the Park, and in accordance with

the directions and priorities of the RAP Communications Plan. Awareness-raising activities include: presentations to school and university groups in the Park and sometimes on campus; regulatory and educational messages to all Park users including field staff, advocacy groups, user groups and clubs; commercial tour operators and local businesses (e.g. bike shops); maintenance of the Wellington Park website and updating promotional brochures; preparing media articles and radio interviews; attendance at community events; organising Park promotional and educational opportunities; Authorised Officer training and co-ordination; assistance at bushcare/trackcare working bees, and responding to public enquiries.

The ERC has responded to complaints from walkers about dangerous mountain bike rider behaviour on some tracks by patrolling known and potential hotspots and engaging with the rider community through RAP presentations and media/social media communications to inform them of the Trust's expectation regarding the use of shared use tracks. A key part of this campaign was the revision of the Riders Code of Conduct (2000) into a new Track Users Code (see cover), which was endorsed by the Trust in early 2018. New signs featuring the Code will be installed at key entry points and trackheads in Spring 2018. Eye-catching yellow 'reminder' triangle symbol will be also be installed at key points along shared use tracks.

Unauthorised drone use for recreational filming has been detected several times in 2017-18. The ERC has responded to this growing trend by developing a mini awareness raising campaign beginning with a sign plan for 'No Drones in Wellington Park' signs and stickers, which will be installed in Spring 2018 at key locations at The Springs and the pinnacle. The Trust has developed a policy on drone use in the Park which allows permits to be issued for the use of drones for Park management, research, commercial and other filming but only when flown by a person with a Remote Pilot Licence issued by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority and public liability insurance.

Social media apps such as Facebook and Instagram, and fitness apps such as Strava and TrailForks continue to be valuable tools in learning about and communicating with Park users. Monitoring these allows the ERC to quickly respond to issues such as illegal tracks or undesirable images/videos (e.g. dogs at the Pinnacle), as well as to

broadcast and promote news and events from agencies and user groups active in the Park.

To assist with monitoring track use the ERC regularly uses motion-sensing 'trail' cameras to monitor usage of tracks and fire trails in the Park. By reviewing still and video images gathered over a sample period the ERC has been able to create a detailed snapshot of track use showing user activity (walking, running, riding), number, direction of travel and frequency. This information is used by the Trust and agencies to assist with strategic and operational management.

Simple infrared counters are installed at numerous locations and monitored seasonally by the ERC and Hobart City Council staff. Glenorchy City Council and the Parks and Wildlife Service also use motion sensor cameras and infrared counters in their management areas, both for surveillance and usage data gathering purposes.

During 2017-18 the ERC spent approximately 510 hours patrolling the Park, predominantly by vehicle and on foot, and occasionally by mountain bike. Given the difficulty of patrolling 18 250 ha of Park, the ERC focuses on areas and 'hotspots' identified through experience, requests from management agencies, and reports from users, field staff, Authorised Officers and Park neighbours.

Infringements of the Regulations

In total the ERC issued and one full penalty Prescribed Infringement Notice (PIN) (2 penalty units) for rubbish dumping; 14 conditional cautions and 8 informal cautions for minor or first time offences. There were 79 offences recorded from offence reports or motion sensor camera footage where offenders could not be identified.

There were 19 dog-related offences detected in 2017-18 compared with 27 in 2016-17 and 16 in 2015-16. Two were walking a dog on tracks where dog walking is not permitted, 17 were for not having a dog on a lead. Nine offenders received informal cautions; 10 were observed on surveillance cameras and could not be identified or communicated with.

There were 42 recorded instances of mountain bike riding on walking only tracks in the Hobart City Council management area in 2017-18, compared with 11 in 2016-17. The increase in detections is largely due to the use of surveillance cameras, but also suggests some riders are ignoring the regulations. The re-opening of a closed and

rehabilitated unauthorised mountain bike track between the North South Track and the Middle Island Fire Trail may also be further evidence of this trend. Four offenders received informal cautions; 8 received Conditional Cautions; 30 were recorded on motion sensor cameras and not able to be identified or communicated with.

During 2017-18 thirty-one offences relating to unauthorised vehicle use (motorcycle, quad bike or 4WD) were recorded, compared with 13 in 2016-17. None of the offenders could be identified or communicated with. Several were observed at a distance by the ERC or reported by Authorised Officers or members of the public; the majority were recorded on motion sensor cameras.

There were 6 recorded instances of walkers contravening no-access signs when the Pinnacle and Organ Pipes Tracks were closed during construction works. The individuals could not be identified but investigation suggested 4 were visitors from interstate and 2 were locals.

Sporadic vandalism of gates and signs occurred during 2017-18, mostly in the Parks and Wildlife Service and Glenorchy City Council management areas. Several small trees were uprooted for firewood at The Springs. All detected instances of vandalism are recorded in a database to guide future management decisions and regulatory activities.

Permits Issued

The Trust may issue permits for activities prohibited under the *Wellington Park Regulations 2009*. Commonly issued permits cover construction activities, scientific research and recreational access provided for in the Management Plan. The Trust also issues permits for commercial filming and photography in the Park including the use of remote piloted aircraft (drones).

In accordance with the Management Plan, the Trust has delegated the issuing of permits for recreational four wheel drive vehicles and horse riding on permitted trails within the Park to the Parks and Wildlife Service. Glenorchy City Council has been delegated authority to issue vehicle access permits to the Glenorchy Mountain Bike Park.

The number of permits issued under the Wellington Park Regulations in 2017-18 compared to the previous year are:

Activity	2017-18	2016-17
Maintenance and construction works	28	31
Fuel reduction burns	2	3
Scientific research	9	16
Commercial filming	21	18
Use of a remote piloted aircraft (drone)	9	8
Recreational vehicle access ¹	33 (for 82 vehicles)	27 (for 79 vehicles)
Non-recreational vehicle access	5	5
Glenorchy Mountain Bike Park vehicle access ²	2	0
Horse riding ³	7	7
Camping	2	1
Placement of a temporary sign	4	2
Restricted area access	1	1

1 Issued by the PWS under delegated authority.

2 Issued by Glenorchy City Council under delegated authority.

3 These are mostly annual permits.

The Trust has provided the Tasmania Fire Service (TFS) with a standing permit for non-emergency access to the Park based on an agreed protocol. Under the permit the TFS can drive on fire trails in the Park at any time for training exercises and familiarisation after checking first with the relevant Park management agency.

Managing Park Values

The Trust has continued to implement various operational procedures for agencies undertaking works within the Park. These include the Vehicle Hygiene Protocol (to minimise the introduction and spread of weeds and plant pathogens throughout the Park) and the Working in Wellington Park Induction Kit (aimed at the Manager/Supervisor level, and those people with project management responsibilities).

These procedures are included in management agency standard operating procedures and project briefs for external contractors.

Cultural Heritage Management

The core coordinating role of the Trust in relation to cultural heritage is the development of policy for cultural heritage and the centralised management of cultural heritage data. Following from the major update of the Wellington Park historic heritage data base in 2016-17, a review of the Trust's endorsed 'sites' and 'precincts' was undertaken in 2017-18, and a revised list of historic 'sites and precincts' within Wellington Park was approved by the Trust in September 2017. The Trust intends to nominate sites considered to have a high priority that are well documented for listing on the Tasmanian Heritage Register.

Engagement with the Park Management Agencies and the community in relation to understanding and managing the cultural heritage values of the Park has continued as a core part of the Trust's heritage management program. This has been mainly achieved through meetings, discussions, field inspections, reviewing development and works proposals, and policy development.

An important coordinating policy initiative in 2017-18 was the development of management policy for the extant non-public historic huts on kunanyi/Mount Wellington. The Non-Public Extant Historic Hut Management Policy was progressed to initial draft stage during the year. The Cultural Heritage Coordinator also provided input into the revision of the Springs Master Plan including, with the Hobart City Council's Senior Cultural Heritage Officer, providing a heritage values familiarisation tour for the master plan consultants. Review of the 'Heritage Standards for Use and Development' for the Wellington

Park Management Plan to improve the effectiveness of the Plan in relation to cultural heritage protection was not progressed further in 2017-18 as the new State-wide Planning Scheme is yet to be finalised.

The Trust provided cultural heritage management advice to the Park Management Agencies for the following projects that affected heritage sites and precincts:

- Upgrading of visitor facilities at The Springs including the proposed upgrading of the track from the lower Springs to upper Springs, refurbishment of the lower Springs car park, extension of the water supply pipe to the lower Springs, vegetation control around the weather station and heritage information on the visitor information panel at the middle Springs. The Trust's Cultural Heritage Coordinator also carried out archaeological monitoring of excavations for the installation of visitor infrastructure at The Springs.
- Re-opening of the former Exhibition Gardens at The Springs through clearing the Garden's perimeter path: To support this project an Exhibition Gardens Visitor Management Plan was prepared in consultation with the Hobart City Council to guide visitor use, works and ongoing management. The perimeter path was cleared of vegetation by the Council under the supervision of the Trust's Cultural Heritage Coordinator, then mapped in detail and two small archaeological excavations undertaken to explore the nature of the original perimeter path. This work was followed by an investigation of options for path surfacing and approval of a trial of agreed options.
- Repairs to the Rock Cabin stone work.
- Proposed replacement of the road safety barriers and associated safety works on Pinnacle Road.
- Work to historic recreational tracks, including the upgrading of the historic Organ Pipes and Pinnacle Tracks, and new route marking for the Lost World Track.
- Conversions of historic tracks to shared use, specifically an assessment of the cultural heritage impacts of the trial conversion of the Pillinger Drive Track to shared use, additional chicanes for Radfords Track to improve walker safety, and rehabilitation of illegal bike tracks in the Glenorchy Mountain Bike Park.

- Upgrading of the Montrose Fire Trail and repairs to the Lenah Valley Fire Trail.
- Weed removal and consideration of historic heritage values in the Glenorchy City Council part of the Park.
- New development and works proposals, including the proposed Strickland Falls Connector Track and the taking of spoil from the Knights Creek Quarry.

A number of the above matters included field inspections and the Cultural Heritage Coordinator also provided cultural heritage site inductions for works at heritage sites. The Trust plans to undertake further cultural heritage awareness training for Park Management Agency staff as well as Bushcare and other volunteers.

The Trust's Cultural Heritage Coordinator also responded to a small number of information and management related queries from consultants, organisations and other members of the public about the cultural heritage and history of the Park. These included an overseas query in relation to the art work of Marianne North and local enquires about the status of the Mountain Festival, Aboriginal history and heritage school activities in the Park, the proposed cable car development and heritage impacts, and hut remains in the Park.

Members of the public continue to generously contribute new historical and site data to the Trust. In 2017-18 this included information on SAMA Hut from an original hut associate; information on Silver Falls (also known as Flora Falls) in the Collins Cap area; an historic timeline for Pillinger Drive–Pinnacle Road and, of particular interest and value, a transcription of the Mountain Park Ranger's notes during 1908-1920, which provide a rich detailed account of Park on-ground management over this period.

In November 2017, the monthly exhibition at the Kingston Branch of the State Library of Tasmania featured 'kunanyi / Mt Wellington'. The Trust loaned some historic items and prepared text and images on the special nature and general management of the Park, the geology, shape and historic naming of kunanyi / Mount Wellington. This was complemented by material on the historical use of kunanyi / Mount Wellington provided by Maria and John Grist.

The Trust continued its coordinating role in the following:

- Facilitation of the heritage advisory group for the Mountain Water Supply System which was created to provide a co-ordinated and strategic approach to the management of the System through its diverse membership, including the Trust, Hobart City Council,

TasWater, Heritage Tasmania and Cultural Heritage Practitioners Tasmania. The recently renamed 'Mountain Water Supply System Heritage Advisory Group' (MWSS HAG) had its annual meeting in June 2018. The primary management tool for the System is the 2012 Hobart Mountain Water Supply System Conservation Management Plan.

- Liaison with the Wellington Park 'Heritage Volunteer Network', an informal group of Hobartians with an active interest in the history and heritage of kunanyi / Mount Wellington, which was established in May 2014. Some members of this group continue to generously provide new historical and heritage information to the Trust (see above).

No major historic heritage assessments were undertaken in 2017-18. However, a small number of proposed track environmental impact assessments were undertaken by consultants, and Glenorchy City Council engaged a consultant to research and document the European history of key bushland areas in the Glenorchy municipality, including Wellington Park.

The routine inspections of selected huts and structural monitoring initiated by the Trust in 2016-17 have continued. The regular management presence appears to have encouraged greater care of the huts by users. The Scout Hut has been temporarily closed by the Glenorchy City Council pending repairs to improve safety. Works will be guided by a hut management policy which is in the process of being developed in consultation with the three Park Management Agencies (see above).

In relation to Aboriginal heritage the Trust has continued to work with the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre (TAC) where opportunities have arisen. This included a survey of recently burnt areas for Aboriginal heritage (primarily Aboriginal archaeological sites) organised by the Trust's Cultural Heritage Coordinator in partnership with the TAC.

Burnt area surveys have been found to be one of the few effective methods in Tasmania for locating Aboriginal sites in areas of native forest where there is a heavy cover of shrubs and leaf litter. The new information derived from the surveys is providing a better understanding of the Aboriginal past use and heritage of Wellington Park, which in turn assists the Trust in protecting the Aboriginal heritage of the Park and in managing Aboriginal values. These surveys are envisaged as part of an ongoing program of such surveys as areas are burnt under the Trust's planned burning program or by bushfires.

The Trust's Cultural Heritage Coordinator also participated in an on-site meeting organised by the Hobart City Council with the South East Tasmania Aboriginal Corporation (SETAC) in relation to the revision of The Springs Specific Area Master Plan.

Fire Management

There were no fires reported in the Park during 2017-18. One planned burn of approximately 50 hectares was carried out in the Glenorchy City Council area of the Park in autumn. The burn was organised by the Tasmania Fire Service Fuel Reduction Unit and Glenorchy City Council and carried out with the assistance of local TFS brigades.

The Trust works with the Tasmania Fire Service Fuel Reduction Unit and the Park Management Agencies to plan strategic fuel reduction within the Park. General fire management activities are carried out by Park Management Agencies in accordance with the *Wellington Park Fire Management Strategy (2006) (FMS)*. The FMS aims to protect life and property, and ensure the sustainability of natural systems and the Park's natural and cultural values. The FMS is undergoing a major revision which will take into account the recommendations of the Greater Wellington Range Zone 1 Bushfire Mitigation Strategy (GWRBMS). The GWRBMS covers the eastern part of the Park and looked at measures to mitigate large bushfires moving through the area covered by the Strategy.

The portion of the Park east of Jefferys Track is in the Hobart Fire Management Area which includes Hobart, Glenorchy, Clarence and part of Kingborough, Huon Valley and Derwent Valley Councils. The remainder of the Park is in the Southern Fire Management Area which covers most of southern Tasmania. The Manager represents the Trust on both committees and during 2017-18 was the chairperson of the Hobart Fire Management Area Committee.

Some of the fire trails in the Park sustained substantial damage during the severe weather event on 10 May 2018. Park Management Agencies are working to ensure that all fire trails are usable by the start of the fire season, but full repairs, particularly to badly damaged trails like the Big Bend Trail, East West Trail and Fryingpan Hills Fire Trail, may take some time.

Access to fire trails in the Park is controlled by locked gates. A security key system allows the emergency services and management agencies access to the gates. The Trust also has locks on some private gates on vehicle trails

leading into the Park. In some cases private landowners are provided with keys to these locks but the locks are configured so the key will only open the lock(s) the landowner needs for access. Damage to gates is an on-going problem with the gate at the western end of the East West Trail needing frequent repair and the gate at the eastern end of this trail also being damaged beyond repair and requiring replacement. Locks on other gates have been cut or damaged requiring replacement.

During the year the Manager attended and answered Park related questions at a "bushfire engagement" organised by Hobart City Council at the Fern Tree Community Centre.

The Manager convenes bi-annual meetings of the Bushfire Management Working Group attended by representatives of the Tasmanian Fire Service, Park Management Agencies, TasNetworks and the Friends of Wellington Park bushcare group. The working group provides a forum for information sharing, and allows agencies to plan co-operatively for fire management and operational issues. The Manager also attends meetings of the informal Hobart Fire Management Area local government fire officers forum.

The Trust continued to share digital geographic data with DPIPWE under a data sharing agreement between the agencies first signed in 2010. Under this agreement the Trust has access to geographic data from the LIST and provides the Department with data relevant to the Park which is then available for use by the Tasmanian Fire Service and other emergency services. Sensitive data relating to Wellington Park is held in a special emergency services section of the LIST and is not accessible by the general public. The data transfer takes place annually in October.

The Trust has a policy of closing the Park during periods of Extreme or Catastrophic fire danger in the Hobart area. The policy is implemented by closing Pinnacle Road as required and placing signs on the major entry points to the Park during the fire permit period warning visitors not to enter the Park on days of Extreme or Catastrophic fire danger. No Park closures were required during 2017-18 under this policy.

Water Quality and Catchments

Management of the Park's vital drinking water catchments remained a priority for the Trust during 2017-18. The catchments utilised for drinking water supply include:

- North West Bay River
- Humphreys Rivulet
- Southern Catchments (Pipeline Track off takes)
- Rocky Creek (supplying Crabtree)
- Stevensons Creek (supplying Mountain River).

Depending on rainfall Wellington Park may supply up to 20% of greater Hobart's drinking water. The Park is the only source of water for Fern Tree, Crabtree and Mountain River. The Trust has worked closely with TasWater to strategically manage the catchments for the long-term benefit of the community.

TasWater is preparing a Drinking Water Catchment Management Strategy for all catchments supplying the Hobart area. This Strategy will address the emerging water quality issues in the Park.

The Regulatory Awareness Program (RAP) has continued to play a vital role in educating the public and other Wellington Park users about which activities are permissible in the various drinking water catchment areas. The RAP is strongly supported by TasWater.

Threatened Species

There has never been a systematic survey of Wellington Park for threatened species, however incidental sightings by Trust and agency staff are reported to the Natural Values Atlas to build up a picture of the distribution of threatened species in the Park. Recently recorded threatened species include: Tasmanian devil, spotted-tail quoll and eastern barred bandicoot.

In June 2018 the Tasmania Fire Service Fuel Reduction Unit carried out an aerial search for eagle nests in the Knights Creek Catchment. No nests were located and a nest recorded in area in 1985 could not be found.

Weed Management

Park Management Agencies have continued in their efforts to reduce the incursion and spread of weeds through the Park. Large-scale weed control works are approved by the Trust via the Park Activity Assessment procedure, which includes a requirement for the approval of herbicide use, particularly within the Drinking Water Catchment Zone.

The main focus for weed control continues to be the Glenorchy Council management area, with further progress being made in the last year, particularly the treatment of infestations of Spanish heath in the Upper Merton area and on Goat Hills, and removal of scattered *Pinus radiata* saplings.

Weed control by Park Management Agencies is assisted by a number of community Landcare groups, including groups located at Fern Tree and Kangaroo Valley, and the Friends of Wellington Park, a Park-wide group focusing on remote weed populations and also assisting with walking track clearing and repair. The Friends of Wellington Park continued their long running projects to eradicate gorse in the part of the Park near Inglewood Road and Spanish heath on Goat Hills and the Upper Merton area.

Weed control was carried out alongside fire trails by the Parks and Wildlife Service, Hobart City Council and Glenorchy City Council, with the intent of preventing weed invasion through the Park and ensuring safe access during fire events.

The Trust continued to implement the actions contained in the Vehicle Hygiene Protocol, aimed at reducing the spread of weeds and other plant pathogens throughout the Park. The protocol provides practical guidance and procedures for management agencies and other Park users.

Feral Animals

Glenorchy City Council carried out a cull of feral goats outside the Park in the Goat Hills area in March 2017. Further goats have been spotted in the area and further culling is planned. There is also a population of feral goats in the western part of the Park but numbers are not known and there are no plans to control them at present.

There are also feral cats in the Park, though the size and extent of the population is unknown and there is currently no control program.

Lyrebirds (a native bird introduced to Tasmania in the 1930s) are established in the area around St Crispins Well on the Pipeline Track and have also been seen near Fern Tree. They are not currently considered a management issue.

There have been reports of deer in bushland near the Park but no confirmed sightings in the Park.

Rubbish

Hobart City Council organised a Clean up Australia Day team to target the pinnacle area. 155 community volunteers participated, including people from Bushcare, the Sandy Bay Scout Group, the Mt Stuart Scout Group and the Nepali Society of Tasmania. During three hours of work the volunteers collected 207 kg of rubbish, 6kg of recycling, \$100 cash, and 5 kg of curiosities, including an old Cascade can.

Other Activities

Park Boundary Change

There are a number of changes in the Park boundary recommended for investigation in the Wellington Park Management Plan. These include the area around Limekiln Gully Dam where a boundary change to move all of the Tolosa Quarry and the gun club firing range below Limekiln Gully Dam outside the Park is being investigated with Glenorchy City Council. These, and a number of other proposed boundary changes, require the approval of both houses of Parliament and a revision of the Wellington Park Management Plan. The Trust will pursue the boundary changes in conjunction with the next revision of the Wellington Park Management Plan.

The Trust also received requests from the public to consider incorporating the reserve around Floras Falls near Collins Cap into Wellington Park. This is currently a Crown Land Reserve and has about 25m of its boundary in common with the Park. The reserve has been listed for possible inclusion in the Park in the *Wellington Park Management Plan 2013* and its inclusion will be considered during the next revision of the Management Plan.

Right to Information

One request under the *Right to Information Act 2009* was received and determined during 2017-18.

Offers of Gifts and Benefits

A Trust employee received a gift card following a talk on Park values to a school group. The gift card was returned.

No other gifts or benefits were declared by Trust members or staff during 2017-18

Work Health and Safety

WHS Policy and Procedures

The Trust asked Worksafe Tasmania to review its WHS Policy and Procedures. The improvements recommended by WorkSafe were incorporated into a revised WHS policy and procedures which was approved by the Trust on 21 September 2017. The WHS Policy will be reviewed annually by the Trust.

The Trust regularly revises its Working In Wellington Park Induction Kit which is included in all works permits issued in the Park. The Trust also revised its Field Staff Checklist aimed at informing agency staff and contractors about working safely in the Park and protecting Park values.

WHS Incidents

There have been no WHS incidents involving Trust staff that are notifiable under the *Work Health and Safety Act 2012*.

Other WHS incidents are reported to the Trust monthly and discussed at each Trust meeting.

The following hazards and incidents were reported during 2017-18:

Summary of hazards and incidents

<i>Incident/Hazard</i>	<i>Number reported</i>	
	<i>2017-18</i>	<i>2016-17</i>
Lost time injury	none	none
Hazards identified through incident/near hit reports	1	none
Staff incidents reported	none	1
Visitor incidents reported	6	5
Contractor incidents reported	1	1

During 2017-18 there were no lost time injuries to Trust staff. Most staff incidents in this and the previous financial year have involved minor damage to equipment being used by Trust staff. The contractor incident involved helicopter pilot transporting a bag of gravel for track repairs accidentally releasing the load, there were no injuries and only minor damage to vegetation.

The visitor and contractor incidents reported are only those that Trust staff became aware of as there is currently no process for the agencies that might have information on WHS incidents (Police, Ambulance, Park Management Agencies etc.) reporting them to the Trust.

Appendix 2

Membership of the Wellington Park Management Trust

1 July 2017 – 30 June 2018

MEMBER	DEPUTY
Chairperson Dr Christine Mucha	(Deputy not provided for in the Act)
Director-General of Lands Ms Louise Wilson General Manager, Natural and Cultural Heritage, DPIPWE (Nominee of Director General of Lands)	Mr Ben Goodsir Director, Natural Heritage, DPIPWE
Glenorchy City Council Alderman Haydyn Nielsen (to 22 Nov 2017) (Nominee of Glenorchy City Council)	Alderman Stuart Slade (to 22 Nov 2017)
Mr Tony McMullen (temporary appointment from 12 September 2017 to 12 May 2018 ^a) General Manager	Mr Paul Garnsey (temporary appointment from 12 September 2017 ^a) Acting Director City Services & Infrastructure
Alderman Melissa Carlton OAM (from 12 May 2018) (Nominee of Glenorchy City Council)	
Hobart City Council Alderman Damon Thomas (Nominee of Hobart City Council)	Alderman Eva Ruzicka
Alderman Phillip Cocker (Nominee of Hobart City Council)	Alderman Bill Harvey
TasWater Mr Lance Stapleton Department Manager, System Performance & Productivity (Nominee of chief executive officer TasWater)	Mr Eamon Sullivan Program Manager, Price and Service Plan
Director Parks and Wildlife Service Mr Ashley Rushton Regional Manager Southern Tasmania (Nominee of Director of National Parks and Wildlife)	Ms Jennifer Fry (from 7 Sept 2017) Manager Visitor Strategy
Director Tourism Tasmania Ms Rita Warrener Policy and Industry Manager (Nominee of chief executive officer Tourism Tasmania)	Mr Mark Jones (from 7 Sept 2017) Chief Operating Officer

Notes: (a) Temporary appointment to the Trust under section 21(1)(d)(i) of the Acts Interpretation Act 1993. The appointments were made because, following the suspension of Glenorchy City Council on 8 February 2017, Aldermen Nielsen and Slade, whilst technically still members of the Trust, were not able to attend Trust meetings.

- Members and deputies may be appointed for a period not exceeding 3 years. A member's appointment may terminate if they no longer occupy the position under which they were appointed or they resign.

Appendix 3

Trust Meeting Attendance Record

1 July 2017 – 30 June 2018

The Trust held 5 scheduled meetings between 1 July 2017 and 30 June 2018, and one additional short meeting by teleconference.

MEMBER	Meetings Attended During 2017-18	Meetings During Membership
Chairperson		
Dr Christine Mucha	6	6
Director-General of Lands nominees		
Ms Louise Wilson	0	6
Mr Ben Goodsir (<i>deputy</i>)	4	6
Glenorchy City Council		
Alderman Haydyn Nielsen	0 ^a	2
Alderman Stuart Slade (<i>deputy</i>)	0 ^a	2
Mr Tony McMullen (<i>temporary member</i>)	1 (as observer) 2 (as member)	5
Mr Paul Garnsey (<i>temporary deputy</i>)	1	5
Alderman Melissa Carlton	1 (as observer)	0
Hobart City Council		
Alderman Damon Thomas	4	6
Alderman Eva Ruzicka (<i>deputy to Alderman Thomas</i>)	2	6
Alderman Philip Cocker	6	6
Alderman Bill Harvey (<i>deputy to Alderman Cocker</i>)	0	6
TasWater		
Mr Lance Stapleton	6	6
Mr Eamon Sullivan (<i>deputy</i>)	1 (as observer)	6
Director of National Parks and Wildlife nominees		
Mr Ashley Rushton	0	6
Mr Shane Breen (<i>deputy</i>)	1 ^b	1
Ms Jennifer Fry (<i>deputy</i>)	4	5
Chief Executive Officer Tourism Tasmania nominees		
Ms Rita Warrener	5	6
Mr Mark Jones (<i>deputy</i>)	0	5

a) Following the suspension of Glenorchy City Council on 8 February 2017, Aldermen Nielsen and Slade, whilst technically still members of the Trust, did not attend Trust meetings.

b) Mr Shane Breen attended the Trust meeting on 2 August as the new PWS deputy member had not been appointed.

Clause 3 of Schedule 3 of the Act entitles members who are not State Service officers or employees to remuneration and allowances

as determined by the Governor. These are specified in each member's Instrument of Appointment. During 2017-18 the Chairperson was paid an annual remuneration and Council Aldermen were paid a sitting fee based upon attendance.

Conflicts of Interest

No conflicts of interest with any items on the agenda for any of the Trust meetings were declared by Trust members during 2017-18.

Appendix 4

Financial Report 2017 – 2018



Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of Parliament

Wellington Park Management Trust

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

I have audited the financial report of the Wellington Park Management Trust (the Trust), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2018 and statements of comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and the statement of certification by the Chairperson.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial report:

- (a) presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Trust at 30 June 2018 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended
- (b) is in accordance with the *Wellington Park Act 1993* and Australian Accounting Standards.

Basis for Opinion

I conducted the audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of my report. I am independent of the Trust in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants* (the Code) that are relevant to my audit of the financial report in Australia. I have also fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

The *Audit Act 2008* further promotes the independence of the Auditor-General. The Auditor-General is the auditor of all Tasmanian public sector entities and can only be removed by Parliament. The Auditor-General may conduct an audit in any way considered appropriate and is not subject to direction by any person about the way in which audit powers are to be exercised. The Auditor-General has for the purposes of conducting an audit, access to all documents and property and can report to Parliament matters which in the Auditor-General's opinion are significant.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

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Responsibilities of Members of the Trust for the Financial Report

The members of the Trust are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, and the financial reporting requirements of the *Wellington Park Act 1993* and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the members of the Trust are responsible for assessing the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trust is to be dissolved by an Act of Parliament, or the members intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, 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 my 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.
- 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.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the members of the Trust.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the members of the Trust's use of the going concern basis of accounting 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 I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusion is based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Trust to cease to continue as a going concern.

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- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with the members of the Trust regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.



Rob Luciani
Director financial Audit services
Delegate of the Auditor-General

Tasmanian Audit Office

26 September 2018
Hobart

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Statement of Comprehensive Income For Year Ended 30th June 2018

	Note	2017/18 \$	2016/17 \$
REVENUE			
Grants - State Government	6	117,500	117,500
Grants - Other	6	178,020	164,243
Interest		5,520	5,461
Fines		270	532
Other		5,040	3,217
Total Revenue		306,350	290,953
EXPENSES			
Park Administration			
Advertising		488	350
Audit Fees		4,840	4,740
Chairperson Remuneration		8,000	8,000
Contractors and Consultants		16,591	21,150
Hobart City Council Administrative Support	5	29,214	28,557
Bad & Doubtful Debts		-	200
Depreciation		4,487	4,456
Donations		-	500
Employee Costs - Management		126,564	113,924
Employee Costs - Regulations Awareness		83,560	72,740
Miscellaneous		11,176	8,549
Sitting Fees		1,960	2,360
Stationery		2,325	1,802
Vehicle Expenses		8,413	9,852
Cultural Heritage Officer		16,308	23,646
Website Maintenance		2,171	1,356
		316,097	302,182
Management Strategies			
Fern Tree Master Plan		-	6,450
Multi-Day Walk		-	1,750
Springs Master Plan		9,936	-
		9,936	8,200
Park Management			
Mount Wellington Book		-	266
		-	266
Total Expenses		326,033	310,648
Surplus/(Deficit) for year		(19,683)	(19,695)
Other Comprehensive Income		-	-
Comprehensive Result		(19,683)	(19,695)

This statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of Changes In Equity As At 30th June 2018

	Note	2017/18 \$	2016/17 \$
Balance at beginning of period		284,436	304,131
Comprehensive Result		(19,683)	(19,695)
Balance at end of period		264,753	284,436

This statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of Financial Position As At 30th June 2018

	Note	2017/18 \$	2016/17 \$
ASSETS			
Current			
Cash	7	287,855	291,324
Stock on Hand		6,664	6,664
Receivables		1,700	3,189
		<u>296,219</u>	<u>301,177</u>
Non-Current			
Plant & Equipment at Cost		34,065	33,433
Less Accumulated Depreciation		15,463	10,976
		<u>18,602</u>	<u>22,457</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		314,821	323,634
LIABILITIES			
Current			
Employee Benefits Payables	8	21,644	16,972
		9,553	16,814
		<u>31,197</u>	<u>33,786</u>
Non-Current			
Employee Benefits	8	18,871	5,412
		<u>18,871</u>	<u>5,412</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		50,068	39,198
NET ASSETS		264,753	284,436
EQUITY			
Retained Earnings		264,753	284,436
TOTAL EQUITY		264,753	284,436

This statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of Cash Flows For Year Ended 30th June 2018

	Note	2017/18 \$	2016/17 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts			
Grants - State Government		118,250	118,250
Grants - Other		166,608	144,823
Interest		5,927	5,508
Other		12,738	7,770
		<u>303,523</u>	<u>276,351</u>
Payments			
Employee and Contracted Services Costs		282,580	257,716
Other		23,780	31,927
		<u>306,360</u>	<u>289,643</u>
NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	4	(2,837)	(13,292)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Payments for:			
Equipment purchases		632	-
		<u>632</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		(632)	-
NET INCREASE / (DECREASE) IN CASH HELD		(3,469)	(13,292)
Opening Cash Balance		291,324	304,616
Closing Cash Balance		<u>287,855</u>	<u>291,324</u>

This statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2018

1. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Wellington Park Management Trust (the Trust) is to deliver coordinated and effective management for Wellington Park to preserve the area's unique conservation and water catchment values while promoting appropriate tourism and recreation opportunities.

2. LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

The Trust was established by the Wellington Park Act 1993 as a Statutory Authority to facilitate and provide a cooperative land management structure for Wellington Park, one of the State's largest distinct areas of Reserved Land and a primary icon in terms of tourism.

The Park was proclaimed under specific legislation due to its complexities in land tenure and ownership. At present, Wellington Park comprises twelve separate parcels of land with classifications and ownership ranging from Crown land, freehold land (held by the two city councils of Hobart and Glenorchy) and land vested in the City of Hobart for water supply purposes. TasWater also has a statutory responsibility for bulk water supply to the Greater Hobart area and maintains infrastructure within the Park associated with this role. Electricity and telecommunications suppliers also maintain infrastructure within the Park associated with their role.

The Trust has resolved that it does not control either the constructed or natural assets within the Park, and accordingly has not recognised a value for those assets in its financial statements.

3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of Preparation

The financial report is a general purpose financial report and has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB). Compliance with the Australian Accounting Standards may not result in compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), as the Australian Accounting Standards include requirements and options available to not-for-profit organisations that are inconsistent with IFRS.

The Trust has analysed its purpose, objectives, and operating philosophy and determined that it does not have profit generation as a prime objective. Consequently, where appropriate, the Trust has elected to apply options and exemptions within Accounting Standards that are applicable to not-for-profit entities.

The financial report has been prepared on the accrual basis under the convention of historical cost accounting and does not take into account changing money values.

The financial report is presented in Australian dollars.

b) Revenue

Revenue is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefit will flow to the Trust, and the revenue can be reliably measured. Interest is credited to revenue as it accrues. In 2017/18 Other Revenue consisted of filming fees, fines and income from granting of operating licences.

c) Expenses

Expenses are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income when a decrease in future economic benefits related to either a decrease in an asset or an increase in a liability has arisen that can be measured reliably.

d) Cash

Cash consists of funds held in an account at the Tasmanian Public Finance Corporation.

e) Stock

Stock on hand at the reporting date comprise a number of publications which are held with an expectation of generating future sales. Stock is valued at cost.

f) Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment are valued at cost and consists of a vehicle as well as office equipment. The vehicle has been estimated to have a useful life of seven and a half years in line with the Australian Taxation Office Commissioner's cap for vehicles of this type and the office equipment a useful life of three years. All plant and equipment are estimated to have no residual value at the end of its useful life. Useful lives are reviewed annually and depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method.

g) Employee Benefits

The provision for employee benefits represents the amount which the Trust has a present obligation to pay resulting from employees' services provided up to the reporting date in respect of salaries, annual leave and long service leave.

Provisions made in respect of employee benefits which fall due wholly within 12 months after the end of the period in which the employees rendered the related service, are measured at their nominal values using remuneration rates expected to apply at the time of settlement. Other provisions are measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date. Discount rates used are those attaching to national government guaranteed securities at balance date which most closely

match the terms to maturity of the related liabilities. In determining “pre-conditional” long service leave entitlements, the amount of cash outflows required to be made by the Trust in the future have been estimated based on experience of similar not for profit entity trends.

Under current employment contracts there is no entitlement to payment of unused personal leave upon termination and so no provision has been made in this regard.

h) Comparative Figures

Where necessary, comparative information has been reclassified to achieve consistency in disclosure with current financial year amounts and other disclosures.

i) Taxation

The Trust is subject to both Goods and Services Tax (GST) and Fringe Benefits Tax (FBT). No FBT events were experienced by the Trust in the year. The Trust’s current payroll is below the annual threshold for Payroll Tax liability and is exempt from all other taxes.

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of expense. Receivables and payables in the balance sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

Cash flows are presented in the Statement of Cash Flows on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.

Commitments and contingencies are disclosed net of the amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority.

j) Change in Accounting Policies

The Trust has adopted the following new and revised Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board which are relevant to its operations and effective for the current reporting period:

AASB 2016-2 Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards – Disclosure Initiative Amendments to AASB 107. The amendment required additional disclosures to enable the reader to evaluate changes in liabilities arising from financing activities. These disclosures include both cash flows and non-cash changes between the opening and closing balance of the relevant liabilities. This standard has no impact because the Trust has no liabilities arising from financing activities.

k) New accounting standards for application in future periods

The AASB has issued new and amended Accounting Standards and Interpretations that have mandatory application dates for future reporting periods. The following summarises those future requirements, and their impact on the Trust:

AASB 9 Financial Instruments and the relevant amending standards (applies from 2018-19). The Standard is one of a series of amendments that are expected to replace AASB 139 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement. The main impact of the Standard is to change the requirements for the classification, measurement and disclosures associated with financial assets. The Trust members have assessed the impact of the new standard and concluded that there will be no financial impact due to the nature of the entity’s financial instruments.

AASB 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers (applies from 2019-20).

The standard introduces a five-step process for revenue recognition, with the core principle of the new standard being for entities to recognise revenue to depict the transfer of goods or services to customers in amounts that reflect the consideration (that is, payment) to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. Accounting policy changes will arise in the timing of revenue recognition, treatment of contracts costs and contracts which contain a financing element.

For the Trust there will be a significant effect in the treatment of all grants with sufficiently specific performance obligations, but where the conditions have yet to be fulfilled at year end. The Trust currently presents unexpended grant income in note 7. The Trust’s assessment is that \$123K of grants received and unexpended for the current year, would be deferred under AASB 15 and progressively recorded as income as performance obligations are fulfilled.

The Trust will apply the standard from 1 July 2019 and expects to use retrospective approach with cumulative catch-up with an adjustment to accumulated surpluses for the difference in accounting treatment on initial adoption.

AASB 16 Leases (applies from 2019-20).

AASB 16 introduces a single lessee accounting model and requires a lessee to recognise assets and liabilities for all leases with a term of more than 12 months, unless the underlying asset is of low value. A lessee is required to recognise a right-of-use asset representing its right to use the underlying leased asset and a lease liability representing its obligations to make lease payments. The Trust members have assessed the impact of the new standard and concluded that there will be no impact because no leases are in place.

AASB 1058 Income of Not-for-Profit Entities (applies from 2019-20).

AASB 1058 supersedes all the income recognition requirements relating to the Trust, previously in AASB 1004 Contributions. The timing of income recognition under AASB 1058 depends on whether a transaction gives rise to a liability or other performance obligation, or a contribution by owners, related to an asset (such as cash or another asset) received. AASB 1058 applies when the Trust receives volunteer services or enters into other transactions in which the consideration to acquire an asset is significantly less than the fair value of the asset, and where the asset is principally to enable the Trust to further its objectives. The Trust members have assessed the impact of the new standard and concluded that the impact will be minimal because no volunteer services are currently used and there are no transactions at significantly less than fair value.

All other Australian accounting standards and interpretations with future effective dates are either not applicable to the Trust’s activities or have no material impact.

4. RECONCILIATION OF 'NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES' TO SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR

	2017/18 \$	2016/17 \$
Surplus / (Deficit)	(19,683)	(19,695)
Add back Depreciation	4,487	4,456
(Increase) / Decrease in Receivables	1,489	(1,758)
(Increase) / Decrease in Stock	0	266
Increase / (Decrease) in Employee Benefits	18,131	(656)
Increase / (Decrease) in Payables	(7,261)	4,095
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	(2,837)	(13,292)

In 2017/18 the Trust has recorded a Deficit due to the recognition of pre-conditional long service leave and expenditure of Grant money which had been received in prior years – in particular the expenditure of funds associated with the revision of the Springs Specific Area Master Plan.

The increase in Employee Benefits reflects an increase in the provision for long service leave not previously recognised and an increase annual leave due at 30 June 2018.

The decrease in Payables reflects a decrease in trade creditors due at 30 June 2018.

5. SUPPORT PROVIDED BY TRUST MEMBER AGENCIES

In 2017/18 Trust member agency, the Hobart City Council, continued charging the Trust for the Administrative & Technical support provided to the Trust. This support which had previously been provided at no charge includes provision of office space, landline phone costs, computer supply and maintenance, local postage, photocopying, and general administration.

The charge for these support services was \$29,214 for which the Hobart City Council provided an equal and offsetting financial contribution. Both the cost and grant have been recorded in the 2017/18 Financial Statements.

6. GRANTS

	2017/18 \$	2016/17 \$
Grants - State Government		
Park Administration	117,500	117,500
	<u>117,500</u>	<u>117,500</u>
Grants - Other		
Fire Management Officer	21,586	21,101
Regulations Awareness Officer	78,028	76,274
Website Development	3,975	3,886
Cultural Heritage Officer	28,096	27,464
Interpretation	7,121	6,961
Springs Master Plan	10,000	-
Administration/Technical Support	29,214	28,557
	<u>178,020</u>	<u>164,243</u>

The Grants – State Government figure of \$117,500 includes \$7,500 from Trust member agency, the Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS).

The Grants – Other figure of \$178,020 comprises the following contributions: \$84,544 from the Hobart City Council, \$60,795 from TasWater and \$32,681 from the Glenorchy City Council (GCC). These figures and those in the above table are exclusive of applicable GST.

7. RESTRICTED ASSETS

The Trust has received a number of conditional grants. At 30 June 2018, the Trust is required to expend \$122,746 of its cash balance in the manner specified by the terms of these grants. These amounts being made up of:

Restricted Cash

Urban Renewal & Heritage Fund	76,000
Springs Master Plan	15,064
Website Development	8,962
Sustainable Transport System	15,000
Visitor Research	7,720
	<u>122,746</u>

8. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

	2017/18 \$	2016/17 \$
Accrued Wages and Salaries	5,886	6,600
Annual Leave	15,758	10,372
Long Service Leave (Pre-Conditional)	11,090	-
Superannuation	7,781	5,412
	<u>40,515</u>	<u>22,384</u>
Current	21,644	16,972
Non-Current	18,871	5,412
	<u>40,515</u>	<u>22,384</u>

9. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

a) Financial Risk Management

The Trust's financial instruments consist of a deposit with the Tasmanian Public Finance Corporation, accounts receivable and payable. Financial risk is managed by ensuring that investments are carried out in accordance with the Trust's 'Investment Policy Statement' endorsed in May 2010.

Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Trust if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations. The maximum exposure to credit risk is the carrying amount of recognised financial assets as disclosed in the Statement of Financial Position. The Trust does not have any material credit risk exposure.

Market Risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. The primary market risk that the Trust is exposed to is interest rate risk. A portion of cash held is subject to variable interest rates. Remaining financial assets and all financial liabilities are non-interest bearing. The Trust's exposure to interest rate risk in relation to cash held at bank is considered to be minimal.

An increase in variable rates of 100 basis points at the reporting date would result in a profit and an increase to equity of \$2,878 (2017 \$2,913). A decrease in variable rates of 100 basis points at reporting date would result in a loss and a decrease to equity of \$2,878 (2017 \$2,913). This analysis assumes all other variables remain constant. The analysis was performed on the same basis for 2017.

Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Trust will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Trust manages liquidity risk by monitoring cash flows. Exposure to liquidity risk is considered to be minimal.

b) Net Fair Value

The Trust considers that the carrying amount of its financial assets and liabilities approximate their fair value.

10. EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO BALANCE DATE

No events have occurred subsequent to balance date that would require adjustment to, or disclosure in, the financial report.

11. CONTINGENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

There were no material contingent assets or contingent liabilities at year-end.

12. KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

a) Responsible Persons

Names of persons holding positions of responsibility at any time during the year are:

Trust Members	Organisation	Title	Appointment	Expiry
Dr Christine Mucha		Independent Chairperson	23-Nov-17 (re-appointment)	30-Nov-18
Ms Louise Wilson	DPIPWE	Member	20-Jan-17	20-Jan-20
Ald Haydyn Nielsen	GCC	Member	1-Jan-16	31-Dec-18 (not able to carry out the duties of a member following suspension from GCC on 8-Feb-17; membership ceased when council was dismissed on 22-Nov-17)
Mr Tony McMullen	GCC	Temporary Appointment	12-Sep-17	Temporary appointment to expire on appointment of a new member for GCC
Ald Melissa Carlton	GCC	Member	12-May-18	31-Dec-20
Ald Damon Thomas	HCC	Member	22-Jan-18 (re-appointment)	31-Dec-20
Ald Philip Cocker	HCC	Member	1-Jan-16	31-Dec-18
Mr Lance Stapleton	TasWater	Member	20-Oct-15	19-Oct-18
Mr Ashley Rushton	PWS	Member	07-Sept-17 (re-appointment)	30-Jun-20
Ms Rita Warrenner	Tourism Tas	Member	07-Sept-17 (re-appointment)	30-Jun-20

Trust Deputy Members	Organisation	Title	Appointment	Expiry
Mr Ben Goodsir	DPIPWE	Deputy	20-Jan-17	20-Jan-20
Ald Stuart Slade	GCC	Deputy	1-Jan-15	31-Dec-17 (not able to carry out the duties of a deputy member following suspension from GCC on 08-Feb-17; membership ceased when council was dismissed on 22-Nov-17)
Mr Paul Garnsey	GCC	Temporary Appointment	12-Sep-17	Temporary appointment to expire on appointment of a new deputy member for GCC
Mr Eamon Sullivan	TasWater	Deputy	20-Oct-15	19-Oct-18
Ms Jennifer Fry	PWS	Deputy	07-Sept-17 (new appointment)	30-Jun-20
Mr Mark Jones	Tourism Tas	Deputy	07-Sept-17 (new appointment)	30-Jun-20
Ald Eva Ruzicka	HCC	Deputy to Ald Thomas	22-Jan-18 (re-appointment)	31-Dec-20
Ald Bill Harvey	HCC	Deputy to Ald Cocker	1-Jun-16	31-Dec-18
Manager: Axel von Krusenstierna				24/2/2014 - current

b) Key Management Personnel Compensation

	2017/18	2016/17
	\$	\$
Short-term employee benefits	107,350	101,669
Post-employment benefits	11,055	9,816
Chairperson Remuneration	8,000	8,000
Sitting fees	1,960	2,360
	128,365	121,845

Short-term employee benefits represent wage related benefits paid, payable or provided by the Trust to the Trust Manager while in the employ of the Trust. Post-employment benefits include superannuation paid or payable by the Trust for the Trust Manager while in the employ of the Trust. Amounts are calculated on an accruals basis.

13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**a) Transactions with other related parties**

The Trust has no material related party transactions with other related parties.

b) Loans and guarantees to/from related parties

The Trust has not entered into any loans or guarantees with related parties.

c) Commitments to/from related parties

The Trust has not entered into any commitments with related parties.

d) Transactions with related parties that have not been disclosed

Most of the entities and people that are related parties of the Trust live within greater Hobart. Therefore, on a regular basis, ordinary citizen transactions occur between the Trust and its related parties. Some examples are:-

- Permit Application Fees
- Licence fees
- Fines for breaches of Wellington Park Regulations

The Trust has not included these types of transactions in its disclosure where they occur on the same terms and conditions as those available to the general public.

The Trust has made full disclosure in the financial report of information concerning related party transactions in accordance with the Applicable Australian Accounting Standards and/or legislative requirements.

Certification

The accompanying financial statements of the Wellington Park Management Trust are in agreement with the relevant accounts, and records have been prepared on an accrual basis in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards to present fairly the financial transactions for the year ended 30 June 2018 and the financial position as at the end of the year.

At the date of signing, I am not aware of any circumstances which would render the particulars included in the financial statements misleading or inaccurate.



Dr Christine Mucha

Chairperson

Date: 13 August 2018



Vision

For Wellington Park to be a special place, accessible and enjoyed by all for its prominent landscape, natural and cultural diversity, and community value.

Mission

To preserve the natural, cultural, recreational, tourism and drinking water qualities of Wellington Park for their own value and for the safe enjoyment of all people.

This will be achieved through outstanding management, sympathetic development and a co-operative relationship with our communities.