

Wellington Park Management Trust

Annual Report | 2018 – 2019



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Hon Peter Gutwein MP
Minister for Environment, Parks and Heritage

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 2019.

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: 2018–2019

Park Management

During 2018-19 the Trust engaged a Project Manager to develop 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The *Wellington Park Regulations 2009* were automatically repealed on 1 April 2019. Prior to their expiry the Trust remade the regulations which came into force as the *Wellington Park Regulations 2019* on 27 March 2019.

A new Performance Development Management and Review Policy was developed and approved to complete the Trust's suite of human resources policies and procedures.

During 2018-19 the Trust held 6 scheduled and one additional meeting. Trust meeting minutes are made available to the public on the Wellington Park website following approval by the Trust at the subsequent meeting.

Visitation

Wellington Park is the third most visited attraction in the State after Salamanca Market and MONA according to the Tasmania Visitor Survey (TVS). The Survey recorded 333,687 interstate and overseas visitors aged 14yrs or older visiting kunanyi / Mount Wellington between July 2018 and June 2019. This is a 0.8% increase on the corresponding period in the previous year. The TVS does not include visitors who arrive on cruise ships or Hobart residents and other Tasmanians who visit the Park.

Overall visitation is difficult to quantify due to the large number of entry points and the fact that the Park directly adjoins Hobart suburbs and other popular reserves. Visitation to the Park is therefore likely to be considerably higher than the numbers derived from the TVS. Among other things, the forthcoming Visitation and Recreation Strategy will develop monitoring systems and processes to more accurately capture the full picture of visitation within the Park.

Major Planning Initiatives

Preparation of the Wellington Park Visitation and Recreation Strategy commenced in June 2019 with the employment of a part-time Project Manager. The project will develop a comprehensive Visitation and Recreation Strategy (VRS) to guide the sustainable provision of visitor services and facilities, management of visitor activities and guide access and circulation throughout and adjacent to Wellington Park. A 'co-design' approach has been adopted for the VRS, maximising the opportunities for landowners, community, business and government agencies to be engaged in the strategy's development. The planning process will utilise an 'adaptive management' approach, which will see management options and infrastructure changes trialled and evaluated over the next two-years. The participatory design of the planning process will maximise community and landowner ownership of the outcomes of the VRS and ensure that priority issues are addressed in a timely manner.

The revision of the master plan for The Springs area has been held over pending the outcomes of a Hobart City Council review of traffic and parking issues at the Springs and on Pinnacle Road and the 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 and damaged many of the walking tracks and fire trails in the Park. Although most tracks and trails were re-opened by the end of winter 2018, further repairs to these assets continued through 2018-19.

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:

- Completion of the repair and upgrading of the Organ Pipes and Pinnacle Tracks which together comprise one of the 60 Great Short Walks in Tasmania.
- Line marking along Pinnacle Road and the middle Springs car park, and resealing the car parking area at the pinnacle.
- New playground, track works, landscaping, picnic shelter, public toilet, carpark and associated road works at Fern Tree.
- Mountain bike track upgrades including the Drops Track and a new track linking the Bracken Lane Fire Trail with Rivulet Track.
- Rerouting a section of North-South Track at its crossing on the New Town Rivulet damaged during the flood on 10 May 2018.
- Installation of a temporary access toilet at The Springs.
- Installation of a new gas-fired barbeque and other improvements at the Chalet.
- Improvements to wayfinding and interpretation signs in the 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.
- Publication of a revised edition of the of the popular Wellington Park Recreation Map by TasMap.

More commercial tour operators have been licensed to operate in the Park including a private shuttle bus service that started operating in October 2018. The operator of the shuttle bus was also issued with a permit to operate a "snow tour" on Pinnacle Road when it is closed to the public due to snow.

Work Health and Safety

During 2018-19 there have been no notifiable or lost time injuries to Trust staff or contractors. The Trust's Work Health and Safety Policy and Procedures including the risk management register were reviewed and revised procedures approved by the Trust at its meeting in February 2019.

Visitor Risk Management

The Trust has approved a Visitor Risk Management Policy statement 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 safe visit to the Park.

Pinnacle Road Closures

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

Events

Following the remaking of the Wellington Park Regulations, the Trust has determined that events in the Park held by organisations that are not represented on the Trust and which are advertised and open to the public require a permit from the Trust.

The Aboriginal community group the Nayri Niara Centre for the Arts and Healing conducted a series of public ceremonial connective experience events in the Park.

The Ten Days on the Island Festival held one of its events "Bushland" at the upper Springs.

As well as the annual Point to Pinnacle fun run, the Park was also used for a number of privately organised trail running events that attract over 100 participants.

Heritage Protection

The second of an ongoing program of Aboriginal heritage (site) surveys, undertaken in May 2018, which included parts of the Park burnt in the Glen Dhu bushfire in 2013 and planned burns in 2017 and 2018, was reported in 2018-19. This survey program was established because surveys of burnt areas are one of the few effective methods in Tasmania for locating Aboriginal sites in areas of native forest. The program is being undertaken by the Trust in partnership with the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre. The new data from the two surveys undertaken as part of the program has significantly improved the understanding of the nature and location of Aboriginal archaeological sites in the Park. This has allowed a comprehensive, up-to-date site predictive assessment to guide decisions in relation to Aboriginal heritage protection and new use and development in the Park to be included in the recent report.

The Trust assisted Hobart City Council complete a Visitor Management Plan for the former Exhibition Gardens at The Springs to guide the re-opening of the Garden's perimeter path and ongoing new visitation.

The Trust, in conjunction with the Park Management Agencies, has developed to draft stage a policy for the management of the extant historic bush huts in Wellington Park which do not receive regular visitation. One hut remains temporarily closed due to safety issues, with routine and structural monitoring also continuing at select huts. These measures are assisting the Trust to manage the huts for safe use while also protecting their heritage values.

As public interest in the Park increases, there are increasing numbers of enquires about the history and heritage of the Park and an increasing number of heritage inspections and assessments required for new developments and works that will potentially impact on the Park's heritage sites and precincts. In 2018-19, the Trust responded to 12 public heritage enquiries and assessed or provided heritage advice on 21 new works proposals being undertaken by the Park Management Agencies, as well as two planning matters.

Regulations Awareness Program

During 2018-19 five conditional cautions and 5 informal cautions for minor or first time offences under the Wellington Park Regulations were issued. A total of 301 offences were recorded from offence reports or motion sensor camera footage where offenders could not be identified.

There were 18 dog-related offences detected in 2018-19 compared with 19 in 2017-18 and 27 in 2016-17. These included 5 for walking a dog on a track where dog walking is not permitted and 13 for not having a dog on a lead. The decrease is considered to be due to more targeted patrolling and a campaign by the Education and Regulations Coordinator to raise awareness of the regulations regarding dog walking.

There were 81 recorded instances of mountain bike riding on walking only tracks compared to 42 in 2017-18 and 11 in 2016-17. Although the increasing trend may reflect the Trust's increasing use of surveillance cameras, it is an ongoing problem that is being targeted through education using the new Track Users Code, engagement with user groups and enforcement.

There were 191 records of bike riders using illegally constructed tracks. These offences were all captured on motion sensor cameras and the riders were not identifiable. This was largely focussed on an illegal track between the North-South Track and the Middle Island Fire Trail which continues to be used despite efforts to close it.

Nineteen offences relating to unauthorised vehicle use (motorcycle or quad bike or 4WD) were recorded during 2018-19, compared with 31 in 2017-18. Five offenders received conditional cautions, 1 received an informal caution and 13 could not be identified and/or were unable to be communicated with. Detections were mostly by motion sensor cameras.

The use of hidden motion sensor cameras has improved the Trust's ability to detect offences. Although they may not always provide enough information to identify the persons involved, they allow the Education and Regulations Coordinator to identify and target problem areas.

There were 14 instances of vandalism recorded in 2018-19 including 9 instances of graffiti on gates, fences and signs, and 5 instances of malicious damage to gates, signs and a tree.

Fire Management

One small bushfire was started by a lightning strike near the summit of Tom Thumb on 16 January 2019. Local Tasmania Fire Service (TFS) brigades contained it to an area of around 5 ha. This is the first fire started by a lightning strike recorded in the Park. A number of fires were deliberately lit in the Park during a Total Fire Ban on 30 January and early the following day. These were promptly detected and extinguished by the TFS and are being investigated by the Police.

The Trust works with the Tasmania Fire Service Bushfire Risk Unit and the Park Management Agencies to plan strategic fuel reduction and other bushfire management activities within the Park. No planned burns were carried out in the Park during 2018-19. Two burns planned for autumn 2019 had to be postponed due to unfavourable weather conditions.

The Wellington Park Bushfire Management Working Group met in December 2018 and June 2019 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 heavy rainfall event on 10 May 2018. Park Management Agencies have completed repairs to most of the trails, but some badly damaged trails, including the Big Bend Trail, East West Trail and Fryingpan Hills Fire Trail, still need extensive repairs.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) which includes the Trust, Glenorchy and Hobart City Councils and the Parks and Wildlife Service is being developed to set out the agreed roles and responsibilities for the repair and ongoing maintenance of the Big Bend Trail. This is a strategically important fire trail connecting Pinnacle Road with the East West Trail.

The Trust has a policy of closing the Park during periods of Extreme or Catastrophic fire danger in the Hobart area. The Park was closed for two days under this policy during 2018-19.

Volunteer Participation

Volunteer bushcare groups continued to assist the Park Management Agencies and TasNetworks with weed control in the Park during 2018-19.

A Clean Up Australia Day team organised by Hobart City Council worked in the pinnacle area and collected 114.5 kg of rubbish including 11.5kg of recyclables.

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 about the values of the Park and their management by the Education and Regulations Coordinator to a variety of school and university 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 for the Park.

During 2018-19, the Act was administered 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 Regulations

Section 79 of the *Wellington Park Act 1993* provides for the making of regulations for the purposes of the Act and prescribes the provisions that the regulations may and may not include. *In accordance with the Subordinate Legislation Act 1992, the Wellington Park Regulations 2009* were automatically repealed on 1 April 2019. Prior to their expiry the Trust remade the regulations which came into force as the *Wellington Park Regulations 2019* on 27 March 2019.

After the new regulations came into force all internal and external delegations under section 14 of the *Wellington Park Act 1993* were revised and re-issued.

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.

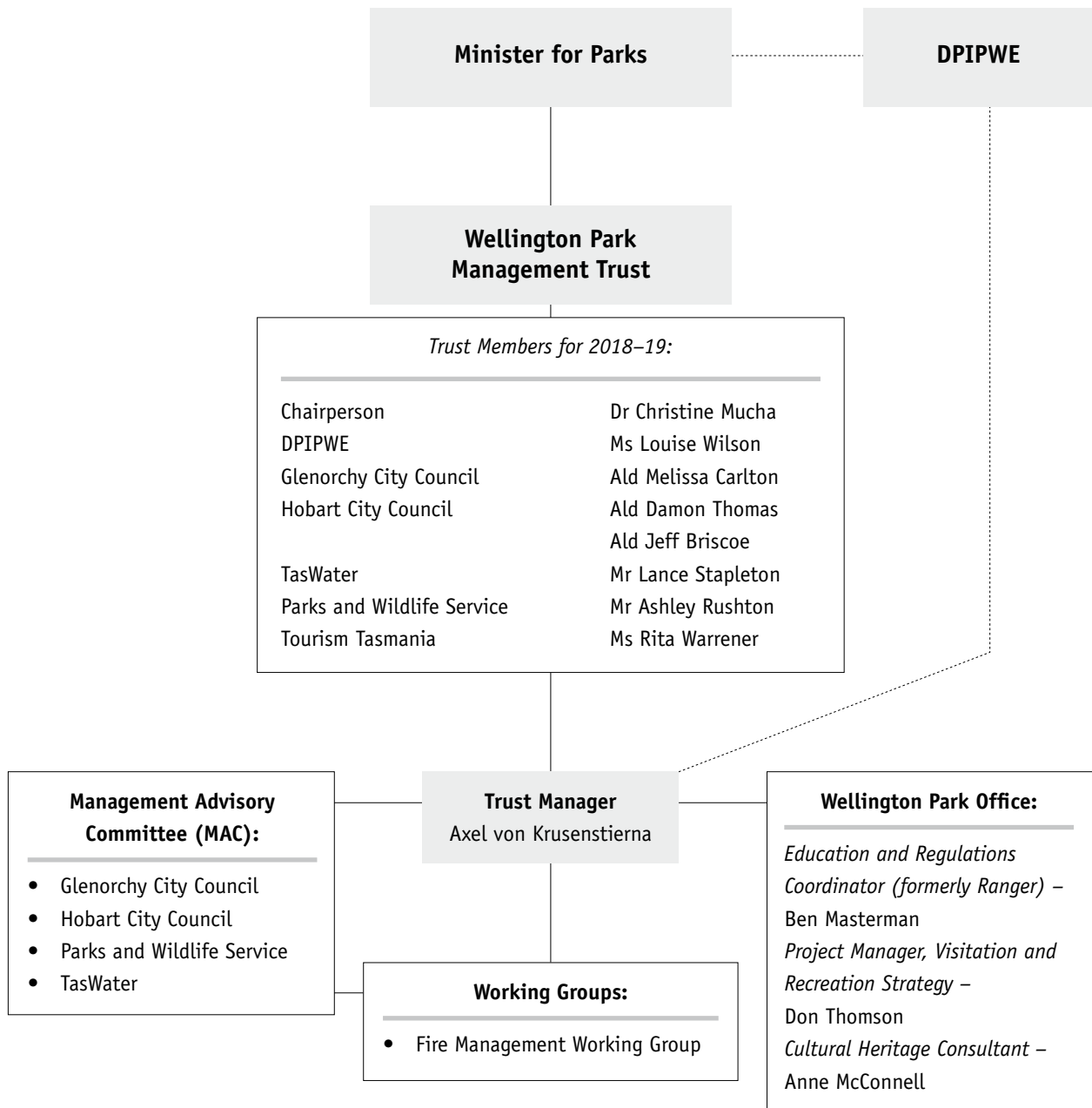
Mission

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 Hobart City Council, and strategic and technical support from all Trust 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.

Clause 5 of Schedule 3 of the *Wellington Park Act 1993* provides for the appointment of a deputy of each member of the Trust except the Chairperson. If a member of the Trust is unable for any reason to perform the duties of a member, the member's deputy may perform those duties and, when doing so, is deemed to be a member.

During 2018-19 one of the nominees of Hobart City Council, Alderman Philip Cocker, and Alderman Eva Ruzicka, the deputy to the second Hobart City Council member, did not stand for re-election to Council in the October 2018 local government elections and consequently their membership of the Trust expired when the new Council was elected. They were replaced by Alderman Jeff Briscoe and Alderman Tanya Denison respectively. The tenure of the other Hobart City Council deputy member, Alderman Bill Harvey, expired at the end of 2018 and he was replaced by the Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Helen Burnet. Mr Ted Ross and Mr Heath Woolley were newly appointed as the deputy members for the Glenorchy City Council and chief executive officer of TasWater's nominees respectively.

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 2018-19 there were 6 scheduled meetings and one additional meeting. Trust meeting minutes are made available to the public on the Wellington Park website following approval by the Trust at the subsequent meeting. Appendix 3 summarises the meeting attendance record of each member and deputy member for the 7 meetings during 2018-19.

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 every 2 years. The Governance Policy also covers general governance and meeting processes.

Disclosure of Interest

In accordance with the *Wellington Park Act 1993* and the Trust's Governance Policy, Trust members (and deputies) have an ongoing duty to disclose any direct or indirect interest, or related party interests, whether pecuniary or otherwise, they have in a matter being considered, or about to be considered, by the Trust as soon as it arises. Any disclosures of interest are recorded in the minutes of the meeting and, unless the Trust otherwise determines, the member must not be present during any deliberation or decision of the Trust with respect to that matter.

Disclosures of interests in Trust agenda items at Trust meetings during 2018-19 are noted in Appendix 3.

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. The Risk Management Policy and risk register are reviewed regularly.

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 2018-19 staff in the WPO consisted of:

Mr Axel von Krusenstierna – Manager (FTE 1)
Mr Ben Masterman – Education and Regulations Coordinator (FTE 0.8)

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

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

In June 2019 the Trust engaged Dr Don Thomson to project manage the preparation of a comprehensive and sustainable Visitation and Recreation Strategy for the Park. Dr Thomson commenced his employment on 2 July 2019.

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 2018-19 there have been no notifiable or lost time injuries to Trust staff or contractors. WHS incidents for the year are summarised on page 29.

A new Performance Development Management and Review Policy was developed and approved in 2018-19 to extend the Trust's suite of human resources policies. Human resources policies are reviewed and revised every 2 years.

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 advice to the Trust Manager. The MAC also functions as a steering committee for projects where a specific steering committee has not been required by the Trust.

The MAC currently includes nominated representatives of Hobart and Glenorchy City Councils and the Parks and Wildlife Service. TasWater is sent meeting agendas and may attend if there are issues it wishes 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 2018-19 these included the Bushfire Management

Working Group and the Springs Specific Area Master Plan Steering Committee. At the end of 2018-19 the Trust formed a steering committee to guide the preparation of a Visitation and Recreation Strategy for the Park. This committee includes representatives of Hobart and Glenorchy City Councils and the Parks and Wildlife Service.

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 until September 2018 and continues to represent the Trust on this 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 the Trust received a \$10,000 increase in 2018-19 and agreement that the contribution will be annually indexed to the Hobart CPI. The Trust is very grateful for this increase in funding.

The Trust also received a grant from the Parks and Wildlife Service to employ a Project Manager to develop a Visitation and Recreation Strategy for the Park.

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 Education and Regulations Coordinator and consultant Cultural Heritage 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 2018-19 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*.

Wellington Park Office Strategic Review

The Trust completed a review of the structure and operation of the Wellington Park Office (WPO) in February 2018.

Progress with the implementation of the Wellington Park Office Strategic Review was assessed at the Trust meeting in June 2019. Two of the 4 recommendations of the review have been successfully implemented and the third recommendation to reduce the risk from critical person dependencies has been reduced through the employment of an additional staff member. This risk will be further reduced through provisions in the Trust's MoU's with Park Management Agencies when these are renewed during 2019-20.

The fourth recommendation of the review, procurement of strategic communications assistance, has been provided for in the budget but has not been required at this stage.

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 2018-19 the following proposed works in the Park were assessed under LUPAA:

Assessed by Glenorchy City Council;

- drainage remedial works at the junction of Knights Creek Trail and Chapel Fire Trail
- realignment of a shared use track in the Glenorchy Mountain Bike Park

Assessed by Hobart City Council;

- playground, track works, landscaping, picnic shelter, public toilet, carpark and associated road works at Fern Tree
- mountain bike track upgrades including the Drops Track and a new track linking the Bracken Lane Fire Trail with Rivulet Track
- temporary access toilet at The Springs.

All these proposals were approved by the respective Councils and the Trust.

In accordance with section 8.5.5 of the Wellington Park Management Plan the Trust received a referral of a planning permit application for a cableway and associated facilities, infrastructure and works. The Trust provided Council with a response noting that it had not received an application for a permit under the *Wellington Park Regulations 2019*, for the portion of the proposed development in Wellington Park.

Major Planning Initiatives

Fern Tree Park Visitor Entry 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.

The master plan was endorsed by Hobart City Council on 11 May 2017 and by the Trust at its meeting on 2 August 2017. The Trust provided a permit for the portion of the works to implement the master plan that are within Wellington Park on 6 July 2018. Stage 1 of the works are due for completion in November 2019. Stage 2 of the works is due to start in October 2019.

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 and the Trust 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 were engaged to revise the Springs Specific Area master plan in 2017-18.

Concurrently Council is conducting a feasibility study into a Council-funded visitor centre at The Springs. The revision of the master plan for The Springs area has been held over pending the outcomes of a Hobart City Council review of traffic and parking issues at The Springs and on Pinnacle Road and the feasibility study into a Council-funded visitor centre.

Project Approvals

The Wellington Park Management Plan provides for exempt uses and developments (those that do not require approval from the relevant planning authority under LUPAA), 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 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 2018-19:

- Implementation of the Fern Tree Park Visitor Node Master Plan including redevelopment of Fern Tree Park and a new car park and park entry in the old quarry on the side of Huon Road.
- Construction of a new shared use track to link the Rivulet Track to the Middle Island Fire Trail.
- Management of flood warning pluviometers in the Glenorchy City Council managed part of the Park including removal of one pluviometer, relocation of a second and vegetation clearing around a third.
- Temporary reinstatement of an old access track to form part of the boundary for a planned burn in the Limekiln Gully catchment.
- Upgrading of the Drops Track and construction of a new bicycle only track between Rivulet Track and the Bracken Lane Fire Trail.
- Repairs to Scout Hut including removal of recently added material by helicopter.
- Improvement works to the stormwater drain on Knights Creek Trail at its junction with Chapel Fire Trail.
- Clearing of a fuel break on the Park boundary with adjoining dwellings at Fern Tree.
- Installation of a temporary access toilet at The Springs.
- Repair of storm damage and partial re-alignment of Gully Track in the Glenorchy Mountain Bike Park.
- Repair of storm damage to the Myrtle Forest Track.

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

- Rerouting of the North-South Track at its crossing on the New Town Rivulet.
- Resurfacing a damaged section of Knights Creek Trail.
- Replacement of the gate at the eastern end of the East West Trail.
- Temporary interpretation signs on Pinnacle Track.
- Construction of the Chalet connector track and improvements to the Chalet.
- Hardening of an approximately 30 m long section of South Wellington Track.

- Installation of shuttle bus stop signs along Pinnacle Road.
- Removal of dangerous trees along the Pipeline Track.
- Removal of landslip debris caught in the safety fence on the Pipeline Track.
- Removal of dangerous trees along Pinnacle Road.
- Replacement of wayfinding and regulatory signs at the Chalet.
- Line marking along Pinnacle Road and the middle Springs car park.
- Repair of flood damage and route marking on the Lost World Track.
- Erection of direction signs and a marquee for a trail running event.
- Erection of temporary barriers and safety signs during painting of the WIN TV transmission tower.
- Erection of warning signs for removal of 2 trees at Fern Tree Park.
- Resurfacing the perimeter path in the former Exhibition Gardens at The Springs.
- 10 Days on the Island Festival audio art installation “bushlands” at The Springs.
- Weed spraying (by drone) at the Tolosa quarry.
- Warning signs for track closures and project information for the upgrade of Fern Tree Park.
- Erection of a memorial plaque on the side of the Chalet to commemorate the opening of the rejuvenated Great Short Walk.
- Temporary toilets at the Fern Glade Track car park during works on Fern Tree Park.
- Resealing the pinnacle car park
- Repair of storm damage to fire trails in the Hobart City Council management area.
- Replacement of the gate at the Pillinger Drive entry to the Bracken Lane Fire Trail.
- Widening of the access road to the overflow car park at The Springs and installation of no parking signs.
- Installation of wayfinding signs at The Springs.
- Removal of vegetation to create a fuel break to reduce the bushfire risk to dwellings adjoining the Park boundary at Fern Tree.
- Operation of a snow tour bus beyond a closed gate on Pinnacle Road.

Following the remaking of the Wellington Park Regulations the Trust is preparing 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.

Approval to Issue a Licence

In accordance with section 32 of the *Wellington Park Act 1993*, the Trust approved the issuing by the Parks and Wildlife Service of a Licence to Occupy the land in the Park along the route of a private access road to a private property within the Park at Moss Beds. The Trust also issued the owners of the property with a permit to allow them to maintain the access road.

Exploratory activities by the Mount Wellington Cableway Company

At the request of the Minister for State Growth the Trust provided comments on a draft Authority to Enter Land under the *Cable Car (kunanyi / Mount Wellington) Facilitation Act 2017*. The Authority to Enter, issued by the Minister for State Growth, allows the Authorised Persons to carry out the activities listed in the Authority without the consent of the landowner or a permit from the Trust under the Wellington Park Regulations, but subject to the conditions of the Authority.

At the request of the Mount Wellington Cableway Company the Trust has provided it with a preliminary list of the issues set out in the Wellington Park Management Plan 2013 that would need to be covered in a Park Activity Assessment for the construction and operation of a cable car development in Wellington Park.

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 333,687 interstate and overseas visitors aged 14 years or older visiting kunanyi / Mount Wellington between July 2018 and June 2019. This is a 0.8% 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 (VRS)

Preparation of a VRS 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 VRS 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 VRS 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.

Dr Don Thomson was appointed in June 2019 as the Project Manager for the VRS, on a part-time (0.6 FTE) basis. A steering committee for the project has been formed comprising representatives from Hobart and Glenorchy City Councils and the Parks and Wildlife Service.

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 statement 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.

Disabled Access

Improvements to disabled access to the Park at Fern Tree are included in the approved works to implement 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.

A temporary disabled access toilet has been installed at The Springs. Further disabled access at The Springs is being addressed in the revision of the master plan for the area.

Hobart City Council has purchased a "TrailRider" a purpose-built wheelchair that can handle rough terrain with the assistance of 2 operators. Hire of the TrailRider is free and it is currently approved for use on the Pipeline and Silver Falls Tracks between Fern Tree Park and Silver Falls.

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 2019, the CVS advised that there were 248 businesses licensed to conduct commercial operations in

the Park, 124 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.

In addition to the licences issued by the CVS, the Trust has issued 6 licences to businesses that only operate in Wellington Park. These include e-bike, abseiling and walking tours, a shuttle bus, trail running events and 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.

A short-term licence was also issued to the YMCA for a mountain bike ride through the Park as part of its school holiday programme.

Pinnacle Road Shuttle Bus

A private timetabled bus service started operating between downtown Hobart and the summit of kunanyi / Mount Wellington on 22 October 2018. A shuttle bus service is supported by the Wellington Park Sustainable Transport System (2009). In June 2019 the operator of the shuttle bus was issued a permit to operate a “snow tour” service on Pinnacle Road when it is closed due to ice and snow. The “snow tour” service is 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 (see cover photo). The Council provides outstanding support for road and traffic management issues during road closures, and is

itself supported by Tasmania Police. An annual meeting attended by Council, the Tasmania Police, the Trust and Broadcast Australia (operators of the broadcasting facilities at the summit) is held to discuss and agree on inter-agency procedures for rescues on Pinnacle Road and snow closure procedures.

The snow management procedures aim to provide a workable compromise between the needs of Hobart City Council to have Pinnacle Road open as quickly and as safely as possible, and the desires of the community to access snow play areas. To allow visitors to plan ahead and be prepared for extreme conditions information is available from: the Wellington Park and City of Hobart websites; 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. This Strategy will be subsumed into the new Visitation and Recreation Strategy.

During 2018-19 Park Management Agencies completed repairs to the many walking tracks in the Park that were damaged during the severe weather event on 10 May 2018 during which 236 mm of rain fell on kunanyi / Mount Wellington.

Hobart City Council has completed 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 also commenced construction of a shared use track linking Rivulet Track (a fire trail) with the southern end of the Middle Island Fire Trail.

The Friends of Wellington Park have also undertaken vegetation clearing and track hardening along some of the more remote tracks in the Park including the Mount Connection Track, the tracks to Trestle Mountain and Mount Marian and the Thark Ridge Track.

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.

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. The Trust also assisted TASMAPP prepare a new edition of the popular Wellington Park Recreation Map.

Bike Riding

The Trust has continued the implementation of the Wellington Park Bike Strategy (2000). The Strategy was revised in 2012 to include the recommendations of the Greater Hobart Mountain Bike Master Plan (2011) and again in 2018 to include the new 'unnamed' bike track, being constructed by Hobart City Council between the Bracken Lane Fire Trail and Rivulet Track, and formalisation of the Drops Track as a downhill only, bike only track. The Strategy provides the basis for the Trust to manage the multiple forms of bike riding available within the Park. The constant development of bike technology and changes in rider preferences provides a challenge for the Trust to explore new opportunities for riding within the Park. New tracks and track conversions recommended in the Bike Strategy are subject to an assessment of environmental and cultural impacts and issues, public safety and proposed impact mitigation strategies prior to final approval.

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 are included in the project. Construction of the Strickland Falls connector, linking Rivulet Track to Middle Island Fire Trail, and works to formalise the Drops Track are underway. In addition a 2 directional, bike only track running roughly parallel to the Drops Track has been approved.

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 renewed.

Four Wheel Driving

The Management Plan allows recreational four wheel drive vehicle access on certain fire trails 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. Due to damage to the East West Trail during the severe storm in May 2018 and access issues on the Collins Cap and Ringwood Trails it was decided not to issue any permits for recreational four wheel drive access during 2018-19.

It is anticipated that remediation works on the East West Trail will be completed over the 2019-20 financial year.

Rock Climbing

Rock climbing is popular in the Park, most notably on the Organ Pipes on the eastern face of kunanyi / Mount 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 has 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 repairs to some of the worst sections of the trail. 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 Education and Regulations Coordinator also provided a number of educative/interpretative 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 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 is regularly improved and updated.

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 operators of the cafe at The Springs and the Pinnacle Road shuttle bus.

Events

Following the remaking of the Wellington Park Regulations the Trust has determined that events in the Park held by organisations that are not represented on the Trust and which are advertised and open to the public require a permit from the Trust. The Trust has developed an event application and approval process to ensure that events are run safely and with minimal impacts on Park values.

Aboriginal Cultural Events

During 2018-19 the Nayri Niara Centre for the Arts and Healing conducted a series of public ceremonial connective experience events in the Park. Each event had a particular theme and were well attended.

Sports and other Events

A number of organised sports events were held in the Park during the year including the annual Point to Pinnacle fun run and a series of trail running events. There have also been a number of smaller local mountain bike events in the Glenorchy Mountain Bike Park.

The Ten Days on the Island Festival held one of its events "Bushland" at the upper Springs from 22 to 24 March 2019.

Regulations Awareness Program

The *Wellington Park Regulations 2019* (the Regulations) are provided for under section 79 of the *Wellington Park Act 1993* 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), administered by the Education and Regulations Coordinator (ERC) and now in its seventeenth year, unites staff from management agencies and other authorities along with members of the community in activities designed to promote and protect the Park's values. The Trust continues to involve the community in management of the Park. Its strong connections to various Park users and community groups, combined with support from authorities and member agencies, continue to be effective in raising community awareness of Park values and the Regulations that help protect them.

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.

At 30 June 2019 there are 22 Authorised Officers trained and appointed by the Trust: 16 from Hobart City Council, 5 from Glenorchy City Council and 1 from TasWater. This is in addition to all Police Officers and Rangers within the meaning of the *National Parks and Reserves Management Act 2002* and the *Nature Conservation Act 2002* who are automatically Authorised Officers. During 2018-19 no new Authorised Officers were trained, however existing Authorised Officers were provided with an information session on the changes to the Wellington Park Regulations.

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 in the course of undertaking compliance activities in the Park.

The ERC continued to engage with Park users and the wider community to increase awareness of the Park's values and compliance with the Regulations. Awareness-raising activities included: 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 concerns from walkers about discourteous, inconsiderate or unsafe mountain bike rider behaviour on some shared use tracks with enforcement and education measures including patrolling the tracks, designing and installing signage, and disseminating messages about appropriate shared use behaviour via the Trust website and user group websites and Facebook groups.

The Track Users Code, approved in early 2018 (see the 2017-18 Annual Report), has been installed on prominent signs at key entry points. Reminder signs in the form of yellow hazard triangles have been installed temporarily along shared use tracks and will be made permanent over the coming year.

Unauthorised recreational drone use has continued to be detected or reported occasionally in 2018-19. The ERC has continued an awareness and enforcement campaign involving patrols of hotspots, dissemination of drone related information via the Trust website, and installation of temporary 'No Drones in Wellington Park' signs and stickers at key locations. The wording, design and location of signage will be finalised in 2019-20. The Trust has maintained a policy on drone use in the Park that is consistent with Parks and Wildlife Service policy, allowing 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.

Motion-sensing 'trail' cameras continue to be used to help 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 2018-19 the ERC spent approximately 480 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 5 conditional cautions and 5 informal cautions for minor or first time offences during 2018-19. Overall there were 301 offences recorded from offence reports or motion sensor camera footage where offenders could not be identified.

There were 18 dog-related offences detected in 2018-19 compared with 19 in 2017-18 and 27 in 2016-17. These included 5 for walking a dog on track where dog walking is not permitted and 13 for not having a dog on a lead. Two offenders received informal cautions; 10 were reported or observed on surveillance cameras and could not be identified.

In 2018-19 there were 81 recorded instances of mountain bike riding on walking only tracks compared to 42 in

2017-18 and 11 in 2016-17. Although the increasing trend may reflect the Trust's increasing use of surveillance cameras it is an on-going problem that is being targeted through education, using the new Track Users Code and engagement with user groups and enforcement. There were 191 records of riders using illegally constructed tracks in the Hobart City Council management area. These offences were all captured on motion sensor cameras and the riders were not identifiable. The large number of detections on illegal tracks is largely focussed on an illegal track between the North South Track and the Middle Island Fire Trail which continues to be used in defiance of efforts to close it.

Nineteen offences relating to unauthorised vehicle use (motorcycle or quad bike or 4WD) were recorded during 2018-19, compared with 31 in 2017-18. Five offenders received conditional cautions, 1 received an informal caution and 13 could not be identified and/or were unable to be communicated with.

There were 14 instances of vandalism recorded in 2018-19 including 9 instances of graffiti on gates, fences and signs, mostly in the Hobart City Council management area, and 5 instances of malicious damage to gates, signs and a tree, mostly in the Parks and Wildlife Service and Glenorchy City Council management areas. 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. Commonly issued permits cover construction activities, scientific research and recreational vehicle access provided for in the Management Plan. The Trust also issues approvals 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 2018-19 compared to the previous year are:

Activity	2018-19	2017-18
Maintenance and construction works including permanent signs	34	28
Planned burns	2	2
Scientific research	13	9
Commercial filming	28	21
Use of a remote piloted aircraft (drone)	20	9
Recreational vehicle access ¹	0	33 (for 82 vehicles)
Non-recreational vehicle access	4	5
Glenorchy Mountain Bike Park vehicle access ²	0	2
Horse riding ³	7	7
Camping	1	2
Placement of a temporary sign	5	4
Restricted area access including restricted use tracks and trails	1	1

1 Issued by the PWS under delegated authority.

No permits were issued in 2018-19 due to storm damage to the East West Trail.

2 Issued by Glenorchy City Council under delegated authority.

3 These are 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 Trust has both a coordinating and a compliance oversight role in relation to the cultural heritage of the Park. This applies to both Aboriginal heritage and historic heritage. This work is primarily undertaken by the Trust's Cultural Heritage Co-ordinator, who is engaged on a one day per week basis.

As well as engaging with the Park Management Agencies and the community in relation to understanding the cultural heritage values of the Park generally, the Trust also reviews cultural heritage conservation and other management proposals and development and works proposals as part of its regulatory role under the Wellington Park Management Plan. It also provides cultural heritage conservation and impact mitigation advice to the Park Management Agencies, developers and Park users where relevant.

The core coordinating role of the Trust in relation to cultural heritage is the development of policies for managing cultural heritage and the centralised management of cultural heritage data. The focus in 2018-19 has been policy development, with the completion of the Hobart City Council's Exhibition Gardens (Former), The Springs, Wellington Park - Visitor Management Plan in March 2019 which was prepared by the Trust's Cultural Heritage Co-ordinator. Significant progress was also made on the Extant Historic Bush Hut Management Policy Framework with a re-structured and revised draft completed in June 2019, following a meeting in March 2019 with Park Management Agency staff (the project reference group) and further research.

Members of the public continue to generously contribute new historical and heritage site data to the Trust. In 2018-19 this included two separate sets of historic photographs for two different historic huts in Wellington Park. Much of the new historical and site information received was generously provided by members of the 'Wellington Park Heritage Volunteer Network' through their volunteer research. The Network is an informal group of Hobartians with an active interest in the history and heritage of kunanyi / Mount Wellington. One of the 'Wellington Park Heritage Volunteer Network' members also kindly donated a copy of her recent publication on the huts of kunanyi / Mount Wellington to the Trust.

This and other new data, including from research reports and Trust heritage inspections, is archived in heritage site folders maintained by the Trust and distributed to the Park Management Agencies. The Trust also maintains a bibliography of heritage reports and other studies related to the heritage of Wellington Park.

Heritage data has been provided on request to Park Management Agencies, other organisations, consultants and the public. This includes Pinnacle Road, the Chalet, Big Bend Trail and Upper Liddells Road farm and hut. In addition, historical information on the kunanyi / Mount Wellington summit area, in particular the transmission towers, was provided to the ABC for its 'Curious Hobart' program.

General cultural heritage advice was provided to the Park Management Agencies on the potential national heritage values of the Organ Pipes; the initial draft revised Springs Master Plan; the re-opening of the Springs former Exhibition Gardens through the re-opening of the Garden's perimeter path; repairs to historic tracks on kunanyi / Mount Wellington as part of the Hobart City Council's Storm Recovery Project; vegetation control at the lower ice houses sites on the basis of community interest; and the conservation of the Smith's Monument plaque, an issue raised by the Hobart Walking Club.

The Trust's Cultural Heritage Co-ordinator also responded to a small number of queries from members of the public about the cultural heritage and history of the Park. In all, ten public queries were received. These related to the Mt Patrick – Mt Charles area, the McRobies Gully area,

the walking track network; the history of bicycle use on kunanyi / Mount Wellington; the history and naming of the Yellow Cliffs and the Octopus Tree; the social and landscape values of kunanyi / Mount Wellington and Aboriginal heritage on Tom Thumb.

The Trust provided the following cultural heritage management advice for activities that affected heritage sites and precincts in the Park:

- 10 Days on the Island 'Bushland' event at the upper Springs
- new signs and interpretation at The Springs
- weed removal protocols for heritage sites
- fuel break clearance along the Park boundary at Fern Tree
- closure of Circle Track due to a fallen tree
- repairs to the creek crossing on the Lenah Valley Fire Trail
- track works to formalise the Upper Luge Track
- the new "Missing Link" mountain bike track
- re-routing of the Gully Track in the Glenorchy Mountain Bike Park
- urgent remedial and user safety works at the Mt Arthur Scout Hut
- relocation of a pluviometer at Upper Merton
- a proposed fuel reduction burn around the Limekiln Gully Reservoir
- storm damage repairs at St Crispins Well
- minor repair of a Myrtle Forest Track creek crossing.

A number of the above matters included field inspections. Unanticipated heritage finds at the Chalet during upgrading of the site, at the bottom end of the Pinnacle Track and on the Myrtle Gully Track were also inspected and reported, and advice provided for ongoing works. The Cultural Heritage Coordinator also provided a small number of cultural heritage site inductions for works at heritage sites when Park Management Agency staff were not available. In addition the Cultural Heritage Coordinator undertook archaeological monitoring at the Springs in relation to the installation of new bus stop signs and a sewerage line for a new toilet; and the recording of a new site in the Crabtree area brought to the Trust's attention by a member of the local community.

No major heritage assessments were undertaken in 2018-19. However, the Glenorchy City Council undertook a small

bike track related heritage assessment, and the Hobart City Council commissioned a heritage assessment for the proposed upgrade of the Drops Track and new 'missing link' tracks linking the Bracken Lane Fire Trail with the Middle Island Fire Trail.

Quarterly inspections and structural monitoring of selected historic bush huts initiated by the Trust in 2016-17 have continued, with the regular management presence appearing to have encouraged greater care of the huts by users. The Scout Hut remains closed until all the required repairs to improve the hut's safety have been undertaken. First stage repairs were undertaken in May 2019, but the second stage repairs are awaiting the finalisation of the Extant Historic Bush Hut Management Policy Framework (see above).

The Trust continued its coordinating role in facilitating the Mountain Water Supply System Heritage Advisory Group' (MWSS HAG) which was created to provide a co-ordinated and strategic approach to the management of this Tasmanian Heritage Register listed site. The heritage site is mostly outside the Park. Advisory Group membership includes the Trust, Hobart City Council, TasWater, Heritage Tasmania and Cultural Heritage Practitioners Tasmania.

In relation to Aboriginal heritage, the report on the findings from the May 2018 survey areas burnt in the 2013 Glen Dhu bushfire and recent planned burns for Aboriginal heritage (primarily Aboriginal archaeological sites), undertaken by the Trust in partnership with the TAC, was completed in April 2019. In addition, the site records for the Aboriginal sites located in the survey were completed. These and the final report were provided to Aboriginal Heritage Tasmania as required under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1975*. As one of the few effective methods in Tasmania for locating Aboriginal sites in areas of native forest where there is a heavy ground cover, the information derived from the burnt area surveys is important to managing Aboriginal sites in Wellington Park

To assist in assessing potential risks to Aboriginal heritage from new works and development, the April 2019 report also included a full review of the findings of previous studies of the Aboriginal heritage of Wellington Park and relevant broader studies; and provides a new, comprehensive and current predictive assessment for Aboriginal heritage in Wellington Park.

Fire Management

One small bushfire occurred in the Park during 2018-19. This was started by a lightning strike near the summit of Tom Thumb on 16 January 2019. Despite the difficult terrain, local Tasmania Fire Service (TFS) brigades responded quickly and brought the fire under control after 2 days work. The fire was patrolled by Hobart and Glenorchy City Council crews for the next couple of weeks but there were no flare ups. During firefighting operations, and while there was a risk of the fire re-igniting, the fire trails and walking tracks in the area were closed including; Big Bend Trail, Mount Connection Track and Knights Creek Track. The fire burnt approximately 5 ha.

During a total fire ban 30 January an arsonist lit 3 small fires along the Knights Creek Trail. These fires were lit early in the morning and quickly extinguished by the TFS. Another fire was lit in the same area the next day, presumably by the same person. It was also quickly extinguished. Motion sensor cameras were installed in the area after the first fires and the recording sent to the Police who investigated the incidents.

The Trust works with the Tasmania Fire Service Bushfire Risk 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.

No planned burns were carried out in the Park during 2018-19. Two burns planned for autumn 2019 had to be postponed due to unfavourable weather conditions. A hazard reduction burn in the Pottery Road area by the TFS included a small area of the Park to the east of the Main Fire Trail.

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 until September 2018 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 have completed repairs to most of the trails, but some badly damaged trails like the Big Bend Trail, East West Trail and Fryingpan Hills Fire Trail still need extensive repairs.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) which includes the Trust, Glenorchy and Hobart City Councils and the Parks and Wildlife Service is being developed to set out the agreed roles and responsibilities for the repair and ongoing maintenance of the Big Bend Trail. This is a strategically important fire trail connecting Pinnacle Road with the East West Trail but has a complicated tenure and management responsibilities under the Management Plan. The deficiencies of the Trail were evident when it had to be used to access the bushfire on Tom Thumb. Following the fire Glenorchy City Council formed a working group to discuss the repair and maintenance of Big Bend Trail. The working group have proposed that there be a cooperative approach to repair and maintenance of Big Bend Trail and that this be set out in a MoU between the parties involved.

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 ongoing problem with the gate at the western end of the East West Trail needing frequent repair. Locks on other gates have been cut or damaged requiring replacement.

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 officer's forum and in 2018-19 attended a workshop on green fuel breaks organised by UTAS and Hobart City Council. This included a field trip in Wellington Park.

The Trust continued to share digital geographic data with DPIPW 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. During 2018-19 the Park was closed for two days under this policy.

The new *Wellington Park Regulations 2019* now allows the Trust to close an area of the Park in the event of a fire, flood, natural disaster or other emergency to ensure the safety of Park visitors by a notice on the Wellington Park website. This provision allows for emergency closure of the Park when it is not possible to quickly install no-access signs on tracks and trails.

During 2018-19 the last of the wood-fired barbecues in the Park were replaced by gas fired units. The only places where fires are now allowed in the Park are the fire places inside some of the shelters and cabins in the Park. The new *Wellington Park Regulations 2019* now allows for the use of fuel stoves in the Park.

Water Quality and Catchments

Management of the Park's vital drinking water catchments remained a priority for the Trust during 2018-19. 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.

In August 2018 the Trust Manager and TasWater Representative gave an on-site presentation on the management of the North West Bay River Catchment to a group attending the 9th Annual Streams Management Conference in Hobart.

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.

Weed Management

Park Management Agencies have continued 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 *Pinus radiata* trees and scattered 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 Merton area.

Weed control is 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, contractors 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 may be undertaken in the future. 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 and The Springs. 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. 149 volunteers participated and collected 114.5 kg of rubbish including 11.5kg of recyclables. This was less than the 207 kg of rubbish collected in the same area by approximately the same number of participants in March 2018. Participants were given a heritage induction to insure heritage sites within the clean up area were not disturbed.

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.

Right to Information

Two applications for assessed disclosure of information under the *Right to Information Act 2009* were received and determined during 2018-19.

Offers of Gifts and Benefits

Offers of gifts and benefits to Trust members and staff is managed through the Trust's Offers of Gifts and Benefits Policy first approved by the Trust in July 2016 and reviewed annually. No gifts or benefits were declared by Trust members or staff during 2018-19.

Work Health and Safety (WHS)

WHS Policy and Procedures

The Trust's WHS Policy and Procedures, including the risk management register, were reviewed and revised procedures approved by the Trust at its meeting in February 2019. The review included an investigation into a range of available lone worker safety solutions and a meeting with a Worksafe Tasmania advisor. Worksafe Tasmania's recommendations were incorporated into the revised WHS Policy and Procedures. The WHS Policy and Procedures is 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 induction kit and Field Staff Checklist leaflet aim to inform 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 or contractors 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 2018-19:

Summary of hazards and incidents

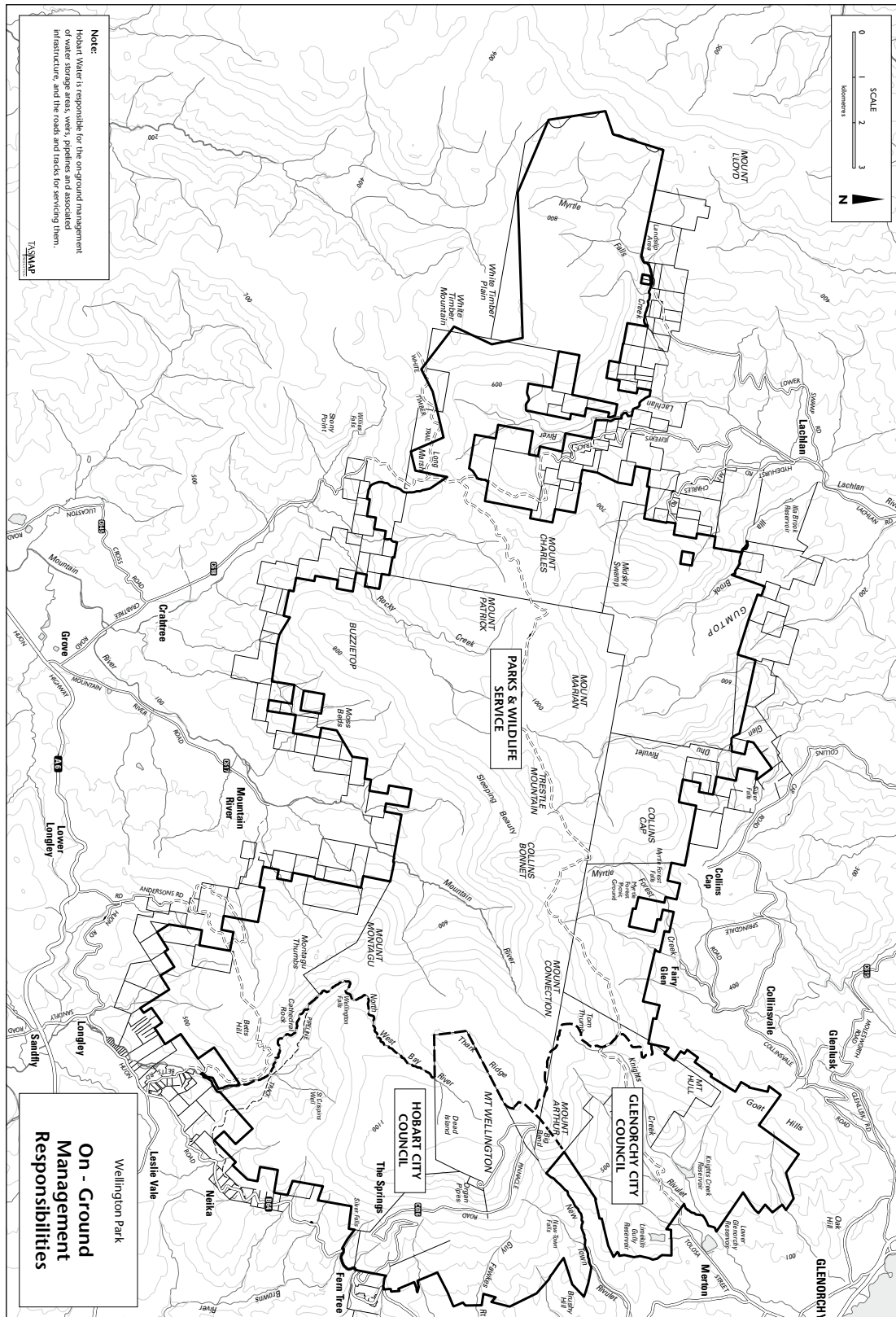
<i>Incident/Hazard</i>	<i>Number reported</i>	
	<i>2018-19</i>	<i>2017-18</i>
Lost time injury	none	none
Hazards identified through incident/near hit reports	none	1
Staff incidents reported	2	none
Visitor incidents reported	6	6
Agency contractor incidents reported	none	1

During 2018-19 there were no lost time injuries to Trust staff. The two staff incidents reported involved minor damage to equipment being used by a staff member and a set of keys being left in an external door after hours.

The visitor and Park Management Agency contractor incidents reported are only those that Trust staff became aware of. To have a fuller picture of WHS incidents in the Park the Trust intends to request agencies that might have information on WHS incidents (Police, Ambulance, Park Management Agencies etc.) to report them to the Trust.

Appendix 1

Wellington Park – On Ground Management Areas



Appendix 2

Membership of the Wellington Park Management Trust ^a

1 July 2018 – 30 June 2019

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, DPIPW (Nominee of Director General of Lands)	Mr Ben Goodsir Director, Natural Heritage, DPIPW
Glenorchy City Council Alderman Melissa Carlton OAM (Nominee of Glenorchy City Council)	Mr Paul Garnsey (temporary appointment to 20 March 2019 ^b) Manager Development
	Mr Ted Ross (from 20 March 2019) Director, Infrastructure and Works
Hobart City Council Alderman Damon Thomas (Nominee of Hobart City Council)	Alderman Eva Ruzicka (to 4 November 2018)
	Alderman Tanya Denison (from 20 March 2019)
Alderman Phillip Cocker (to 4 November 2018) (Nominee of Hobart City Council)	Alderman Bill Harvey (to 31 December 2018)
Alderman Jeff Briscoe (from 20 March 2019) (Nominee of Hobart City Council)	Councillor Helen Burnet (from 20 March 2019)
TasWater Mr Lance Stapleton Program Manager Technical Solutions (Nominee of chief executive officer TasWater)	Mr Eamon Sullivan (to 19 October 2018) Program Manager, Price and Service Plan
	Mr Heath Woolley (from 13 February 2019) Manager Community Engagement
Director Parks and Wildlife Service Mr Ashley Rushton Regional Manager Southern Tasmania (Nominee of Director of National Parks and Wildlife)	Ms Jennifer Fry Director Tourism, Experiences & Visitor Services
Director Tourism Tasmania Ms Rita Warrenner Policy and Industry Manager (Nominee of chief executive officer Tourism Tasmania)	Mr Mark Jones Director T21

Notes: (a) Members and deputies may be appointed by the Minister 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. Members may be re-appointed.

(b) Temporary appointment to the Trust under section 21(1)(d)(i) of the Acts Interpretation Act 1993. The appointment was made because, following the suspension of Glenorchy City Council on 8 February 2017, the deputy member, Aldermen Slade, whilst technically still a member of the Trust, was not able to attend Trust meetings.

Appendix 3

Trust Meeting Attendance Record

1 July 2018 – 30 June 2019

The Trust held 6 scheduled meetings between 1 July 2018 and 30 June 2019, and one additional short meeting by teleconference.

MEMBER	Meetings Attended During 2018–19	Meetings During Membership
Chairperson Dr Christine Mucha	7	7
Director-General of Lands nominees Ms Louise Wilson	1	7
Mr Ben Goodsir (<i>deputy</i>)	3	7
Glenorchy City Council Alderman Mellissa Carlton OAM	5	7
Mr Paul Garnsey (<i>temporary deputy</i>)	1	5
Mr Ted Ross (<i>deputy</i>)	1	2
Hobart City Council Alderman Damon Thomas	5	7
Alderman Eva Ruzicka (<i>deputy to Alderman Thomas to 4 November 2018</i>)	1	2
Alderman Tanya Denison (<i>deputy to Alderman Thomas from 20 March 2019</i>)	0	2
Alderman Philip Cocker (<i>member to 4 November 2018</i>)	1	2
Alderman Jeff Briscoe (<i>member from 20 March 2019</i>)	2 (as observer) ^a 1 (as member)	2
Alderman Bill Harvey (<i>deputy to Alderman Cocker to 31 December 2018</i>)	0	3
Councillor Helen Burnet (<i>deputy to Alderman Briscoe from 20 March 2019</i>)	1	2
TasWater Mr Lance Stapleton	1	7
Mr Eamon Sullivan (<i>deputy to 19 October 2018</i>)	1	2
Mr Heath Woolley (<i>deputy from 13 February 2019</i>)	0	3
Director of National Parks and Wildlife nominees Mr Ashley Rushton	3	7
Ms Jennifer Fry (<i>deputy</i>)	3	7
Chief Executive Officer Tourism Tasmania nominees Ms Rita Warrener	7	7
Mr Mark Jones (<i>deputy</i>)	0	7

a) Alderman Briscoe attended 2 Trust meetings as an observer pending confirmation of his appointment as a member of the Trust.

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 2018-19 the Chairperson was paid an annual honorarium and Council Aldermen were paid a sitting fee based upon attendance.

Conflicts of Interest

The Hobart City Council member and deputy member present at the Trust meeting on 26 June 2018 declared an interest in meeting agenda Item 11 "Trust response to the development application by the Mount Wellington Cableway Company" and did not participate in the discussion or decision about this item.

No conflicts of interest with any other items on the agenda for any of the Trust meetings during 2018-19 were declared by Trust members.

Appendix 4

Financial Report 2018–2019



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 2019 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 as at 30 June 2019 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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Appendix 4

Financial Report 2018–2019

Responsibilities of the 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 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.

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However, future events or conditions may cause the Trust to cease to continue as a going concern.

- 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.



Leigh Franklin
Assistant Auditor-General Financial Audit Services
Delegate for the Auditor-General

Tasmanian Audit Office

27 September 2019
Hobart

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Statement of Comprehensive Income For Year Ended 30th June 2019

	Note	2018/19 \$	2017/18 \$
REVENUE			
Grants - State Government	6	172,500	117,500
Grants - Other	6	271,381	178,020
Interest		5,413	5,520
Fines		80	270
Other		10,529	5,040
Total Revenue		459,903	306,350
EXPENSES			
Park Administration			
Advertising		350	488
Audit Fees		5,040	4,840
Chairperson Remuneration		8,000	8,000
Contractors and Consultants		6,142	16,591
Hobart City Council Administrative Support	5	29,799	29,214
Depreciation		4,667	4,487
Employee Costs - Management		122,489	126,564
Employee Costs - Education and Regulations		91,179	83,560
Miscellaneous		11,919	11,176
Sitting Fees		2,360	1,960
Stationery		2,477	2,325
Vehicle Expenses		10,271	8,413
Cultural Heritage Co-Ordinator		27,132	16,308
Website Maintenance		1,080	2,171
		322,905	316,097
Management Strategies			
Springs Master Plan		25,796	9,936
		25,796	9,936
Total Expenses		348,701	326,033
Surplus/(Deficit) for year		111,202	(19,683)
Other Comprehensive Income		-	-
Comprehensive Result		111,202	(19,683)

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

Statement of Changes In Equity For Year Ended 30th June 2019

	Note	2018/19 \$	2017/18 \$
Balance at beginning of period		264,753	284,436
Comprehensive Result		111,202	(19,683)
Balance at end of period		375,955	264,753

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

Statement of Financial Position As At 30th June 2019

	Note	2018/19 \$	2017/18 \$
ASSETS			
Current			
Cash	7	325,253	287,855
Stock on Hand		6,664	6,664
Receivables	4	107,352	1,700
		439,269	296,219
Non-Current			
Plant & Equipment at Cost		34,065	34,065
Less Accumulated Depreciation		20,130	15,463
		13,935	18,602
TOTAL ASSETS		453,204	314,821
LIABILITIES			
Current			
Employee Benefits	8	40,667	21,644
Payables		23,525	9,553
		64,192	31,197
Non-Current			
Employee Benefits	8	13,057	18,871
		13,057	18,871
TOTAL LIABILITIES		77,249	50,068
NET ASSETS		375,955	264,753
EQUITY			
Retained Earnings		375,955	264,753
TOTAL EQUITY		375,955	264,753

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

Statement of Cash Flows For Year Ended 30th June 2019

	Note	2018/19 \$	2017/18 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
<i>Receipts</i>			
Grants - State Government		178,750	118,250
Grants - Other		158,720	166,608
Interest		5,413	5,927
Other		22,023	12,738
		<u>364,906</u>	<u>303,523</u>
<i>Payments</i>			
Employee and Contracted Services Costs		299,376	282,580
Other		28,132	23,780
		<u>327,508</u>	<u>306,360</u>
NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	4	37,398	(2,837)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
<i>Payments for:</i>			
Equipment purchases		-	632
		<u>-</u>	<u>632</u>
NET CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		-	(632)
NET INCREASE / (DECREASE) IN CASH HELD		37,398	(3,469)
Opening Cash Balance		287,855	291,324
Closing Cash Balance		<u>325,253</u>	<u>287,855</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 2019

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 2018/19 Other Revenue consisted of filming fees, sale of publications, 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 9 Financial Instruments and the relevant amending standards. The Standard is one of a series of amendments that 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.

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 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 \$256K 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

	2018/19 \$	2017/18 \$
Surplus / (Deficit)	111,202	(19,683)
Add back Depreciation	4,667	4,487
(Increase) / Decrease in Receivables	(105,652)	1,489
Increase / (Decrease) in Employee Benefits	13,209	18,131
Increase / (Decrease) in Payables	13,972	(7,261)
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	37,398	(2,837)

In 2018/19 the Trust has recorded a Surplus due to the recognition of Grant funds received in 2018/19 but not yet expended - in particular the expenditure of funds associated with the Big Bend Trail and Visitation & Recreation Strategy.

The increase in Receivables reflects an increase from 2017/18 to 2018/19 in the amount to be paid by the Hobart City Council (HCC) to adjust the Trust's cash balance.

The increase in Employee Benefits reflects an increase in the provision for long service leave and an increase in annual leave due at 30 June 2019.

The increase in Payables reflects an increase in trade creditors due at 30 June 2019.

5. SUPPORT PROVIDED BY TRUST MEMBER AGENCIES

In 2018/19 Trust member agency, the Hobart City Council, continued charging the Trust for the Administrative & Technical support provided to the Trust. This support 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 \$29,799 for which the Hobart City Council provided an equal and offsetting financial contribution. Both the cost and grant have been recorded in the 2018/19 Financial Statements.

6. GRANTS

	2018/19 \$	2017/18 \$
Grants - State Government		
Park Administration	127,500	117,500
Management Strategies	45,000	-
	<u>172,500</u>	<u>117,500</u>
Grants - Other		
Fire Management Officer	22,018	21,586
Education and Regulations Co-Ordinator	79,588	78,028
Website Development	4,055	3,975
Cultural Heritage Co-Ordinator	28,658	28,096
Interpretation	7,263	7,121
Springs Master Plan	-	10,000
Administration/Technical Support	29,799	29,214
Big Bend Trail	100,000	-
	<u>271,381</u>	<u>178,020</u>

The Grants – State Government figure of \$172,500 includes \$52,500 from Trust member agency, the Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS) of which \$45,000 is contribution to the Wellington Park Visitation Strategy.

The Grants – Other figure of \$271,381 comprises the following contributions: \$76,035 from the Hobart City Council, \$62,011 from TasWater and \$133,335 from the Glenorchy City Council (GCC). \$100,000 was received in June 2019 from the Glenorchy City Council as contribution to the upgrade of the Big Bend Trail. In accordance with AASB1004 the Trust has recognised the grant as revenue when it received the funds and obtained control. This has impacted the Statement of Comprehensive Income resulting in the surplus being higher by the same amount.

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 2019, the Trust is required to expend \$255,657 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
Website Development	11,937
Sustainable Transport System	15,000
Visitor Research	7,720
Big Bend Trail	100,000
Visitation & Recreation Strategy	45,000
	<u>255,657</u>

8. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

	2018/19	2017/18
	\$	\$
Wages and Salaries	9,245	5,886
Annual Leave	24,563	15,758
Long Service Leave	15,278	11,090
Superannuation	4,638	7,781
	<u>53,724</u>	<u>40,515</u>
Current	40,667	21,644
Non-Current	13,057	18,871
	<u>53,724</u>	<u>40,515</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 \$3,253 (2018 \$2,878). A decrease in variable rates of 100 basis points at reporting date would result in a loss and a decrease to equity of \$3,253 (2018 \$2,878). This analysis assumes all other variables remain constant. The analysis was performed on the same basis for 2018.

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	30-June-21 Reappointed on 29 March 2019
Ms Louise Wilson	DPIPWE	Member	20-Jan-17	20-Jan-20
Ald Melissa Carlton	GCC	Member	12-May-18	31-Dec-20
Ald Damon Thomas	HCC	Member	22-Jan-18	31-Dec-20
Ald Philip Cocker	HCC	Member	01-Jan-16	04-Nov-18
Ald Jeff Briscoe	HCC	Member	20-Mar-19	31-Dec-21
Mr Lance Stapleton	TasWater	Member	20-Oct-15	30-June-21 Reappointed on 13 Feb 2019
Mr Ashley Rushton	PWS	Member	07-Sep-17	30-Jun-20
Ms Rita Warrener	Tourism Tas	Member	07-Sep-17	30-Jun-20

Trust Deputy Members	Organisation	Title	Appointment	Expiry
Mr Ben Goodsir	DPIPWE	Deputy	20-Jan-17	20-Jan-20
Mr Paul Garnsey	GCC	Temporary Appointment	12-Sep-17	Temporary appointment; expired on appointment of Mr Ted Ross
Mr Ted Ross	GCC	Deputy	20-Mar-19	31-Dec-21
Mr Eamon Sullivan	TasWater	Deputy	20-Oct-15	19-Oct-18
Mr Heath Woolley	TasWater	Deputy	13-Feb-19	30-Jun-21
Ms Jennifer Fry	PWS	Deputy	07-Sep-17	30-Jun-20
Mr Mark Jones	Tourism Tas	Deputy	07-Sep-17	30-Jun-20
Ald Eva Ruzicka	HCC	Deputy to Ald Thomas	22-Jan-18	04-Nov-18
Ald Tanya Denison	HCC	Deputy to Ald Thomas	20-Mar-19	31-Dec-21
Ald Bill Harvey	HCC	Deputy to Ald Cocker	01-Jun-16	31-Dec-18
Cr Helen Burnet	HCC	Deputy to Ald Briscoe	20-Mar-19	31-Dec-21
Manager: Axel von Krusenstierna				24/2/2014 - current

b) Key Management Personnel Compensation

	2018/19 \$	2017/18 \$
Short-term employee benefits	114,499	107,350
Post-employment benefits	8,536	11,055
Chairperson Remuneration	8,000	8,000
Sitting fees	2,360	1,960
	133,395	128,365

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 2019 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: 14 August 2019

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.

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