



Hanmer Heritage Forest Trust 2019 Annual General Meeting Reports and Documents

Chair Report

Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you to the trust members, Roz Clayton, Mark Inglis, Penny Ellis, Brent Mahony, Clive Lind and John Geen. They all have diverse skills that complement the varying aims of the trust deed and the management plan. Without them much of the extra maintenance, planning and advocacy work would not get done. Over the years the Heritage Forest, with its network of trails, fine trees, varied undergrowth and bird song just keeps getting better and better. It is heartening to see so many people thinking the same and getting out there walking, running and biking. To me, it is special to see so many families on their bikes. The forest provides a safe place to ride.

This has been my first year as chairperson. Sometimes a learning curve but I am also very grateful to be involved with the Heritage Forest and to oversee improvements. Matariki and Ngai Tahu are very approachable and have been trusting in allowing us room to carry out our work. This is very much appreciated and never assumed.

As in recent years the Hurunui District Council gardeners have carried out maintenance like spraying and mowing and have always responded promptly to safety issues like fallen trees. Thank you. Further maintenance is carried out by Andy Clayton and thank you for your support.

Special projects are for work over and above basic maintenance and the running of the trust. It can also apply to tracks north of Jollies Pass Road and thus outside the Heritage area. One of these special projects is installing predator traps in the Heritage Forest as our contribution to lessening the pest problem around Hanmer Springs.



The trust, along with the Track Network Group, has designed two realignments of the popular Easy Rider bike trail. The first realignment to be completed gets the bikers off part of the Forest Amble and the second creates more interesting biking curves and swoops on otherwise straight lines. Both will advance walker and biker enjoyment of the forest.

Gravelling, drainage and general track maintenance will need to be expanded in the next financial year. The forest is seeing an increase of use and thus we need to keep the tracks well surfaced and safe. We have budgeted for an upgrade of the terrace part of the Forest Amble mainly because of the increased number of walkers.

The installation of the sculptures along the Forest Amble has been mostly completed. It has been an evolving project and fun to do. The artist, Andrew Lyons, certainly exceeded his brief and turned the Redwood logs into amazing pieces of art. He is a gem. And thank you to Laurie Bennett who worked out how to get the art onto their chosen sites and to the two local contractors who assisted.

The success of the sculptures has been unexpected and far more than the trust anticipated. They have certainly achieved one of the trust's goals of enhancing people's enjoyment of the forest. Thank you Matariki and Ngai Tahu for allowing us the space to be creative. The thermal pools, the sculptures (on the Forest Amble) and Conical Hill are the 'I-Sites' 'big three' which all visitors are now told about.

The trust produces a brochure (with a map of the Heritage Forest) which is partly sponsored and available free of charge. In the past year it has cost far more than anticipated and we need to become more creative on how it is to be funded. We were also asked to provide material on the sculptures and have recently produced a sculpture rack card. Once again, because of the popularity, we need to look at how this is funded in the future.

One trust member, John Geen, is stepping down this year. Thank you, John, for all the practical assistance you have given to the trust over the years. I am heartened to hear that you wish to stay involved and will keep providing those bark chips

Pauline Bennett, Chairperson



Management Plan 2019 - 2020

Under clause 21 of the Trust Deed, the Trust Board is required to present for public comment and approval at the AGM, a management plan for the succeeding year in accordance with a budget for any works to be undertaken.

During last nine years the Trust has been working closely with the Hanmer Springs Recreational Track Network Group (HSRTNG) who have the strategic overview of the tracks in the Hanmer Springs area.

During 2019 - 2020 the Trust will continue to act as agent for the Council and Community Board in coordinating the maintenance of the Heritage Forest. The Trust will make a financial contribution towards the funding of the HDC maintenance team from the annual grant that it receives. The HDC maintenance team will maintain the track network within the Heritage Forest.

In carrying out its role the Trust hopes to include the following points:

To work in support of the Council to secure the future public use of the recreational covenanted area of forest.

- To work closely with the Hanmer Springs Track Network Group, to access funding for the improvement and further development of the track network throughout the whole of Hanmer region.
- To continue to work closely with Rayonier in maintaining the diverse range of trees in the Heritage Forest.
- To continue to undertake special projects within the Heritage Forest which enhance the enjoyment for all users.
- During the early part of the year the Trust Deed will be reviewed, to ensure it meets the changing nature of the forest and its relationship with the community, within the remit of the over arching Crown Forest Covenant.
- Additionally, it is proposed that the trust adopts a more formal annually reviewed Trust Development Plan (TDP), a process that has always been enacted in a less formal way. This is an opportunity to align the TDP with the HSRTNG plan more closely ensuring better clarity of expectations and outcomes.



Financial Report for the year ending 31st March 2019

The HHFT Financial Statements for the year ending March 31st 2019

The opening balance was \$22,502.50 and the closing balance was \$26,538.68.

Income for the year was \$23,333.91

Grants received from the Hurunui District Council (\$5,200) and the Hanmer Springs Community Board (\$5,000). Pub Charity donated \$6,000 towards sculptures. We received sponsorship from local businesses for printing costs for 5000 pamphlets (\$1,337.46). Hanmer Business Association donated \$280. For work done at Hanmer Events raised \$1,515. Interest \$329.45

Thermal Pools paid retrospectively \$1,172 for sale of walking maps prior to 2018. They have now committed to paying a lump sum of \$1500 per year instead of per map sale. We received \$1,500 for this financial year. We were reimbursed \$1,000 for predator traps.

Expenses for the year were \$19,297.73

The main expense over the year was \$12,165.31 which covered the sculptures and all surrounding costs (carver, oil, signs, transport etc).

Other work included pamphlets, maps and website updates \$3,695.35. We purchased 5 Good Nature predator (rat and stoat) traps \$754.51 plus \$1000 payment (see above for reimburse) for traps brought on behalf of the Conservation Trust. \$225.40 went toward School Conservation Club badges.

Forest Maintenance costs were public liability \$732.55, administration costs \$356.61 and maintenance and materials \$368.

Penny Ellis, Treasurer, 2/05/2019



Budget for the 2019/20 year

Income	budget 2018/19	actual 2018/19	budget 2019/20
Heritage Forest maintenance			
Hurunui DC	5000.00	5000.00	5000.00
Hanmer Springs Com Bd	5200.00	5200.00	5200.00
Bank interest	350.00	329.45	350.00
Other Forest Areas & Spec Projects			
Walking map sales	300.00	2,672.00 (1)	1,500.00
HS Bus Assoc donations	300.00	280.00	300.00
Hanmer Events	500.00	1,515.00	1,000.00
Pub Charity	6000	0	0
Sponsorship, brochures	0	1,337.46	1500
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	11,650.00	22,333.91	14,850.00



Expenses

	budget 2018/19	actual 2018/19	budget 2019/20
Heritage Forest maintenance			
Gardeners	5000.00	0	10,000.00 (2)
Labour, materials & repairs	1000.00	368.00	2000.00
Public Liability Insurance	750.00	732.55	750.00
Administration, auditing & fees	400.00	356.61	400.00
Other Forest Areas & Spec Projects			
Predator traps	0	754.51	0
Sculptures, plaque and costs	6000	12,165.31	500.00
Terrace Rd upgrade	0	0	4000.00
HHF brochure	0	3695.35	1800.00 (3)
Rack card	0	0	1500.00 (4)
other	0	225.40	300.00
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	13,150.00	18,297.73	21,250.00
1. Includes 2017/18 year			
2. Includes 2018/19 year			
3. Reprint of 10,000			
4. Design & first print of 7000			
Balance in accounts 31/3/19		26,538.68	
Budgeted income	14,850.00		
Budgeted expenses	21,250.00		
Budgeted balance in accounts 31/3/20		20,138.68	



TO THE MEMBERS OF THE HANMER HERITAGE FOREST TRUST

I have reviewed the books and accounts of the Hanmer Heritage Forest Trust and the financial statements prepared by the Treasurer and myself for the period ended 31 March 2019.

My responsibility is limited to providing an independent opinion on the financial statements presented, and to provide that opinion to the members of the Trust.

In my opinion, the financial statements fairly reflect the result of the Trust's operations for the year ended 31 March 2019.

I prepared a Cashbook for the year from the Bank records and a copy is attached to this report.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Don Giles".

Don Giles
Honorary Auditor
1 May 2019