



## **Statement of Intent 2024 / 2025**

**This Statement of Intent covers the year 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025**

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Statement of Intent is to

- a) State publicly the activities and intentions of this Council Controlled Organisation for the year and the objective to which those activities will contribute; and
- b) Provide an opportunity for shareholders<sup>1</sup> to influence the direction of the organisation; and
- c) Provide a basis for the accountability of the directors<sup>2</sup> to their shareholders for the performance of the organisation.

### **OBJECTIVES OF THE COUNCIL CONTROLLED ORGANISATION**

1. Section 59 of the Local Government Act 2002 provides:  
Principal objective of a council-controlled organisation
  - 1) The principal objective of a council-controlled organisation is to
    - a. Achieve the objectives of its shareholders, both commercial and non-commercial, as specified in the statement of intent; and
    - b. Be a good employer; and
    - c. Exhibit a sense of social and environmental responsibility by having regard to the interests of the community in which it operates and by endeavouring to accommodate or encourage these when able to do so; and
    - d. If the council-controlled organisation is a council-controlled trading organisation, conduct its affairs in accordance with sound business practice.
  - 2) In subsection 1)b. good employer has the same meaning as in clause 36 of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002.

The overall result Council strives for is - Our people delivering great service and facilities to our community. AFKPT as a Council Controlled Organisation is seen as an extension of Council striving towards this outcome.

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<sup>1</sup> 'Shareholders' include any partners, joint venture partners, members or other persons holding equity securities in relation to the organisation. In this case the shareholders will be the Mayor and the Councillors of the Manawātū District Council.

<sup>2</sup> 'Directors' and the 'Board' include trustees, managers or office holders (however described in the organisation).

## **NATURE AND SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES**

### **Nature**

The park / forest is classified as Scenic A reserve. Scenic A Reserve preserves native flora and fauna as much as possible. The Trust is required to govern the maintenance and restoration of the park / forest as per the Reserves Act (RA) stipulations.

### **Scope**

Awahuri Forest Kitchener Park Trust is a Council Controlled Organisation (CCO), accessing funding and providing governance for: long-term planning for reforestation as near as possible to 150 years ago, Planting, Biodiversity, Hydrology, Infrastructure, and Education.

## **PURPOSES OF AWAHURI FOREST KITCHENER PARK TRUST**

The purposes of the Awahuri Forest Kitchener Park Trust as identified in its Trust Deed are:

- a) To assist in the ecological restoration, management and enhancement of the land at Kitchener Park and for this purpose to maintain a five year plan which, with an annual budget, will be made available to the Settlor for its approval prior to the commencement of each financial year;
- b) To steer and co-ordinate the raising of funds to assist the restoration, management, enhancement, promotion and further development of the land at Kitchener Park;
- c) To encourage community access to Awahuri Forest Kitchener Park, and foster knowledge of and interest in the ecological restoration activity at the Park;
- d) To ensure the continued protection and restoration of Awahuri Forest Kitchener Park where possible and restore biodiversity values;
- e) To create a safe haven for native plant and animal species, controlled for plant and animal pests;
- f) To collaborate with other relevant organisations and individuals to reintroduce locally extinct or threatened plant and animal species, to ensure their long term survival;
- g) To develop self-sustaining threatened species populations which will act as source populations for the creation of future community restoration projects in the Manawatu District;
- h) To care for some special collections, including the podocarp, epiphyte and lichen collections presently established at Awahuri Forest Kitchener Park;
- i) To support scientific and historic research of the Kitchener Park ecosystem or components thereof;
- j) To educate the general public, especially school children, about the need to conserve and protect native forest environments in New Zealand.

This Statement of Intent recognises the large number of purposes detailed in the trust deed and concentrates on the five expectations detailed in the Statement of Expectation, given the number of trustees and resource available.

## **STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND PRACTICES**

1. Financial statements are in accordance with the Public Benefit Entity Simple format – Accrual (not for profit)
2. Comply with the financial obligations of the Local Government Act 2002 with respect to CCO financial reporting
3. Comply with the Charitable Act 2005

4. Approval of payments and monthly sign off of all activities by all Trustees
5. To apply sound financial practices, act prudently and transparently, recognising the Trust receives significant funding from Manawatū Ratepayers.

## PERFORMANCE TARGETS

**Expectation 1. Maintain the forest / park, within the existing boundary, as an area of unspoilt nature (scenic reserve) for the benefit of the community and visitors.**

Description	Starting Point	Target / Output
To continue pest plant programme	2020	Zero density control of Old Man's Beard by 2027 Manage Bind weed, Jasmine and dock weed by 2027 Achieve control mechanism for Phragmites by 2028
Number of traps vs kill catch animal pests	2013	Encourage buffer zone upstream to prevent new infestation.
Number of Native species planted	2024/25	41 species, 30,000 plants by 30 June 2025
New plant survival rate	80%+	80%+ over 2½ year period 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2026
Numbers of big trees lost	2023/24	Nil per annum

**Expectation 2. Actively pursue third-party funding opportunities for forest / park investment (to invest in the activities within the forest / park and development of the forest / park).**

Description	Starting Point	Target / Output
Maintain appropriate third party funding for the activities and development of the forest / park	2022/23 MDC \$23,000 + other \$139,476	Relevant funding applications are lodged to maintain the funding level required
Measurement of 'In kind' support	2022/23 estimated hours: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trustee 1,100</li> <li>• Stakeholders 200</li> </ul>	Maintain relationships and measure the resulting significant 'in kind' support

**Expectation 3. Plan to develop further walking and cycling tracks within the forest / park to connect to the "loop track concept" described in Council's Walking & Cycling Strategy.**

Description	Starting Point	Target / Output
Boardwalk walking track	May 2024	Completed by 20 October 2024
Work with Council on a cycling track design	Not yet commenced	Understand MDC's vision and work together on a cycling track design

**Expectation 4. Minimise future flooding impacts to the forest / park through appropriate design and planting.**

Description	Starting Point	Target / Output
Take opportunities to provide feedback to Council and Horizons concerning flood management activity. Maintain relationship with Horizons	February 2024 Infrastructure for wetland planting, Makino stream side re-modelling	Report on feedback provided to Council and Horizons

**Expectation 5. Make the forest / park available for educational opportunities.**

Description	Starting Point	Target / Output
Maintain the Trust's children's education programme	2022/23 17 sessions, 913 students involved, 11 schools	Maintain 80%+ of 2022 / 23 level of local school involvement
Maintain the 'In kind' Education Programme	'In kind' support received, such as from Enviro Schools and Ngāti Kauwhata education talks	'In kind' education support and relationships maintained
Maintain the Trust's adult education programme	Adult education events occur	3 x adult related engagements / events pa (this may include university student visits)

## AFKPT FORECAST STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

To Financial Year ending 30 June 2027

	SOI FY 2024 / 25 \$	SOI FY 2025 / 26 \$	SOI FY 2026 / 27 \$
<b>Income total</b>	<b>309,935</b>	<b>300,557</b>	<b>268,615</b>
MDC operational grant forecast	119,635	124,057	135,115
MDC Wetland		20,000	23,000
Contestable/other	190,300	156,500	110,500
<b>Expenses total</b>	<b>317,191</b>	<b>287,660</b>	<b>269,010</b>
Biodiversity	284,541	251,000	229,600
Education	14,200	15,000	16,000
Admin	14,940	17,745	19,090
Trustee exp	3,510	3,915	4,320
<b>Operating Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>-7,256</b>	<b>12,897</b>	<b>-395</b>
Depreciation	3,500	3,400	2,300
<b>Net Surplus / deficit</b>	<b>-10,756</b>	<b>9,497</b>	<b>-2,695</b>

## AFKPT FORECAST STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

To Financial Year ending 30 June 2027

	SOI FY 2024/25 \$	SOI FY 2025/26 \$	SOI FY 2026/27 \$
<b>Assets total</b>	<b>113,636</b>	<b>138,476</b>	<b>142,000</b>
Cash and receivables	87,636	116,476	122,000
Assets	26,000	22,000	20,000
<b>Liabilities total</b>	<b>26,257</b>	<b>33,000</b>	<b>30,650</b>
GST	10,108	11,000	10,650
Trade creditors	16,149	22,000	20,000
<b>Accumulated Funds</b>	<b>87, 379</b>	<b>105,476</b>	<b>111,350</b>

**Note 1. Trust has few assets as all non removable assets are transferred to MDC.**

**Note 2. Native Trees have no accounting value**