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MINUTE ITEM

ATTACHMENTS

Ordinary meeting of the
Governance and Finance Committee

Thursday 21 May 2020
Commencing at 9.00a.m.
via Zoom

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Governance & Finance Committee

21 May 2020

Chairperson's Report

Tēnā koutou katoa. One week into level 2, with most people returning to work and students back to school, life is returning to some degree of normalcy, but certainly not to the way it was. Our community has been seriously impacted – from an economic and wellbeing perspective – and the effects are likely to be ongoing, and possibly exacerbated, for the foreseeable future.

I acknowledge all of those in our community, businesses and institutions – including Council staff and elected members – for their dedication to looking after our community through this time, and the hard work going in to driving our economic and social recovery.

We'll be hearing today, from some of the organisations in which Council has a key governance role. Aside from presenting half-yearly reports for the Jun-Dec 2019 period, which doesn't reflect Covid-19 impacts, they will also be giving us some current insights and a view to the future.

Please keep in mind that we are very much still in the midst of this crisis, and many organisations will not yet have had the opportunity to fully understand, measure or quantify the impacts. One thing we can be certain of, is that we will need to be supportive as they work through this process, and flexible with our expectations of their performance – targets set last year will bear little relevance to outcomes we can expect this year, or into the near future.

As Council staff and processes have been diverted to planning for and supporting our community during the pandemic, there is no financial reporting for Quarter 3 (Jan-Mar). Instead there will be Q3 & Q4 half yearly reporting, at an upcoming Governance and Finance Committee meeting (likely in August) allowing us to understand then, the early impacts of covid-19.

Projected financial implications of covid-19 will be reported on further at the Council/Annual Plan meeting.

Air New Zealand's decision to move its heavy maintenance facility away from Nelson is a serious blow to our community. However, Iwi leaders, NRDA, the Chamber of Commerce, business organisations and both Councils, are working hard to identify and pursue opportunities that may arise – including government funding and finance to support recovery.

We can expect announcements regarding successful shovel ready project bids in the coming weeks.

The Jobs for Nature programme announced in last week's budget establishes a \$200 million fund for the Department of Conservation to work with councils and Iwi to provide nature based

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jobs boosting predator control efforts, restoring wetlands, regeneration planting and improving tracks.

This presents an opportunity for Council to engage with our community to review our land management planning particularly with regards to urban commercial forestry in close proximity to our city, homes and schools; and to seek government funding to assist in the transition of those areas that have levels of significance for environment, biodiversity, recreation and community values, away from clear-fell harvesting to sustainable alternative uses that could include indigenous replanting and carbon farming.

Our neighbours at Tasman District Council are today, deciding on a legacy project on their city backdrop urban forests, The Kingsland Forest Development Plan. This involves the transition of commercial forestry to a large-scale arboretum comprising both natives and exotics with separate areas for walkers and mountain-bikers to meet the recreation, environmental and biodiversity needs of their growing community.

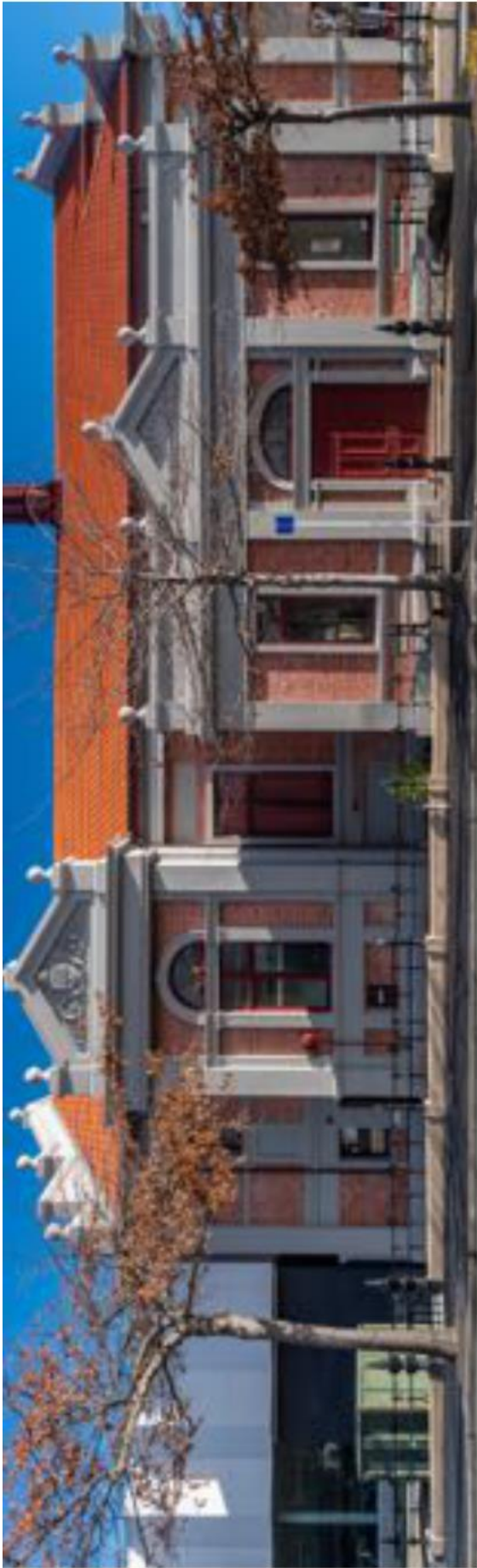
I wish them the very best in their deliberations and a positive outcome to this project, and hope that this may inspire us at Nelson City Council to have these conversations. I very much look forward to working with elected members and our Council staff on this.

Ngā mihi nui.

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Attachments:

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Strategic
Presentation

- ❖ Strategic planning (James Donaldson, Director)
- ❖ Pandemic response (Roger N. Taylor, Board Chair)
- ❖ Questions (Jan Trayes, Incoming Board Chair)

Our vision:

New Zealand's most vibrant, innovative and accessible music community.

Ko wai tātou

Our mission

Inspired by our iconic venue, its history and set within a secure financial environment, we will create a community around a shared love of music, offering people of all ages and backgrounds diverse musical experiences both on the stage and in the studio.



Whāinga

Our goals

Community Education – To deliver a broad and diverse range of multi-genre music education programmes to the Nelson regional community.

Community Performance – To present a broad and diverse range of multi-genre performance experiences to audiences and to deliver a range of performance opportunities to local, national and international performers.

Commercial – To produce a range of activities, make available the facility for hire and secure operational funding to ensure an ongoing financially secure operation.



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Te ako

- ❖ Ages 3 months to 95 years.
- ❖ Cross-generational
- ❖ Family - focussed
- ❖ Growing in diversity

In 2019:

- ❖ 691 students
(KPI: 500)
- ❖ 302 enrolled in 50 community courses
(KPI: 300 in 50 courses)
- ❖ 66 Accredited teachers
(KPI: 60)



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National residencies

- ❖ Composers Association of NZ
- ❖ Septura Brass Residency
- ❖ Classical and Flamenco Guitar Festival
- ❖ Adam Chamber Music Festival
- ❖ Ceol Aneas Irish Music Festival

Total participants c. 7,900



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Waihanga



In 2019:

49 events produced by NCMA (KPI: 40)

Lunchtime concerts: 28

- ❖ average audience 111
- ❖ All featuring local performers

Full length concerts:

- ❖ 8 evening traditional recitals
- ❖ 6 jazz / contemporary
- ❖ 6 Festival concerts
- ❖ 1 kids concert

Sponsorship revenue \$16,500

Whai wāhi mai

3 Affiliated Music Groups

- ❖ 52% discount on public event hire,
- ❖ \$50 weekly rehearsals
- ❖ Nelson Civic Choir (c. 90 members),
- ❖ Nelson Symphony Orchestra (c. 60),
- ❖ Chroma Chamber Choir (c. 40)

13 Additional community groups:

32% discount on public event hire

Total Community visits: 51,456

6 Concerts,
181 rehearsals and meetings



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Public Events

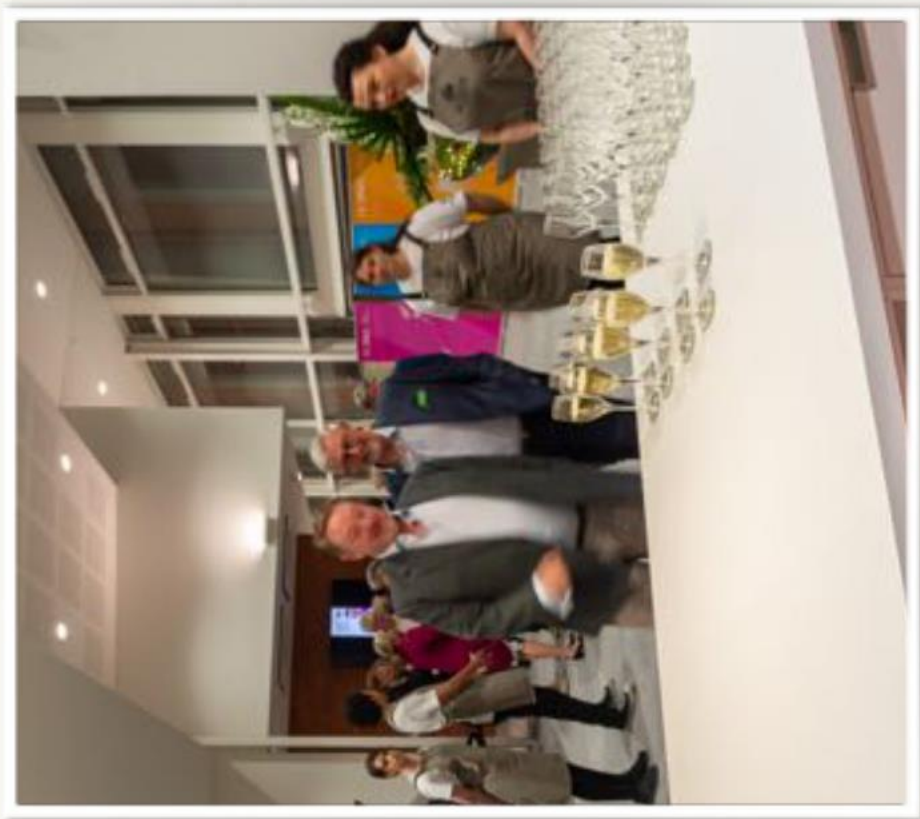
- ❖ 121 Public events
- ❖ 21,697 attendees



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Other metrics

- ❖ \$105,194 Venue hire revenue
(KPI: \$72,000)
- ❖ \$34,260 Ticketing revenue
(KPI: \$18,700)
- ❖ Occupancy by day: 87%
- ❖ Total visits: over 100,000



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Questions