## Destination Wairarapa 16 April 2018 General Manager's Report

## More Visitors, Staying Longer & Spending More *Overview*

## Visitor Arrivals

International visitor guest nights are holding at around the 20% share of Wairarapa's total guest nights which continues to increase. YTD February 2018 and international guest nights are up by more than 18% on the previous 12 months.

Comme	rcial Acc	ommodat	ion Mon	itor	
Statistics New	Zealand			Feb	ruary 2018
	Wairarapa	Greater Wellington	Hawkes Bay	Taupo	National
<b>Guest Arriv</b>	als				
2018	14,122	117,223	52,086	66,542	2,141,136
2017	15,270	116,229	58,493	62,384	2,051,122
Variance	-7.5%	0.9%	-11.0%	6.7%	4.4%
<b>Guest Nigh</b>	ts				
2018	26,860	244,024	117,455	115,973	4,030,944
2017	29,016	236,777	131,747	110,436	3,949,127
Variance	-7.4%	3.1%	-10.8%	5.0%	2.1%
Occupancy					
2018	37.7%	76.5%	58.9%	56.9%	57.5%
2017	38.8%	73.9%	60.4%	57.5%	57.0%
Variance	-1.1	2.6	-1.5	-0.6	0.5
Length of S	tay				
2018	1.90	2.08	2.26	1.74	1.88
2017	1.90	2.04	2.25	1.77	1.93
Note: Great	ter Wellingto	on excludes V	Vellington (	City	

The drop this February, despite the great weather, can be put down to the Wings traffic. Even though the event didn't go ahead last year there were still many tick holders in the region doing other activities with their booked holiday time.

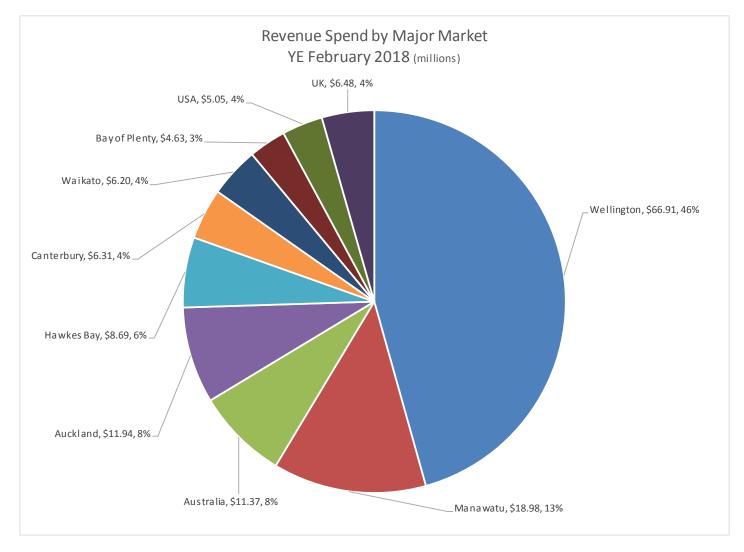
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Statistics New 2	Zealand	12 Mont	ths Ending	February 2	017 v 2018		
	Wairarapa	Greater Wellington	Hawkes Bay	Taupo	National		
Guest Arriv			-				
2018	129,919	1,238,962	536,402	636,988	19,876,554		
2017	126,754	1,235,121	528,083	607,467	19,357,261		
Variance	2.5%	0.3%	1.6%	4.9%	2.7%		
Guest Nigh	ts						
2018	242,472	2,702,125	1,228,229	1,155,620	39,615,912		
2017	232,970	2,656,392	1,175,865	1,095,042	38,540,077		
Variance	4.1%	1.7%	4.5%	5.5%	2.8%		
Occupancy							
2018	26.0%	65.8%	46.0%	42.6%	45.0%		
2017	24.9%	65.2%	43.1%	41.4%	43.8%		
Variance	1.1	0.6	2.9	1.2	1.2		
Length of S	tay						
2018	1.87	2.18	2.29	1.81	1.99		
2017	1.84	2.15	2.23	1.80	1.99		
Note: Great	ter Wellingt	on excludes V	Vellington C	ity			

Carterton and South Wairarapa statistics are grouped together so the following table for Masterton is not available for the other two TLAs.

Commercial Accommodation Monitor							
Statistics New Ze	aland 12 Mor	nths Ending Febru	uary 2017 v 2018				
	Wairarapa	Masterton	National				
<b>Guest Arrival</b>	S						
2018	129,919	75,713	19,876,554				
2017	126,754	69,912	19,357,261				
Variance	2.5%	8.3%	2.7%				
<b>Guest Nights</b>							
2018	242,472	147,874	39,615,912				
2017	232,970	137,764	38,540,077				
Variance	4.1%	7.3%	2.8%				
Occupancy							
2018	26.0%	30.5%	45.0%				
2017	24.9%	28.3%	43.8%				
Variance	1.1	2.2	1.2				
Length of Sta	у						
2018	1.87	1.95	1.99				
2017	1.84	1.97	1.99				

#### **Visitor Spend**

This series of graphs is an aggregated view of spend but still shows growth for all visitors at YE February. \$182.05 million for the year is the new benchmark for tourist spend in the Wairarapa, increasing by \$6.91 million from the November quarter results.



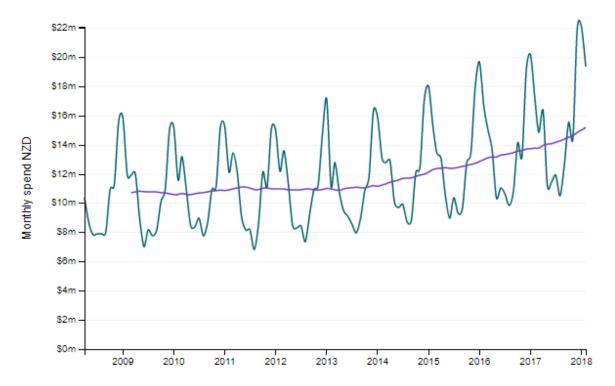
A reminder that the 2025 goal is for Wairarapa tourism to be generating \$212million dollars a year to the local economy. YE February 2018 and the industry is generating \$182.05million which is average annual growth of 12% from the \$134million benchmark in 2014. This is considerably better than the 5% average required per year.

For the YE February 2018 we can see the breakdown of visitor spend by TLA. Masterton spend has grown 4.7%, South Wairarapa 2.3% since the November 2017 quarter results. While Carterton has grown 6.3%, off a lower base, in the same period.

Masterton District, \$97m South Wairarapa District, \$69m

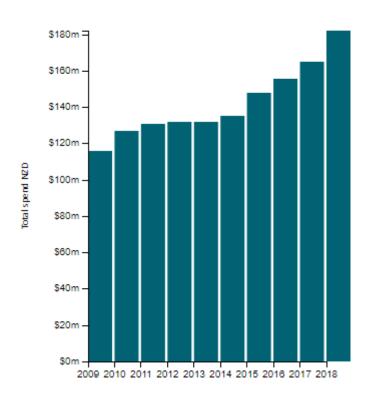
Carterton District, \$16m

## Historical spending pattern



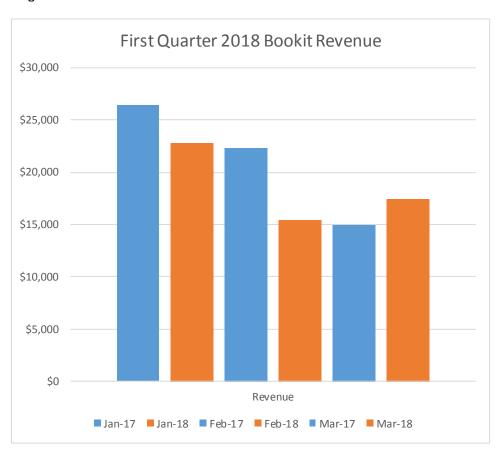
The continued shallowing of the season in terms of spend is excellent and currently shows no signs of slowing.

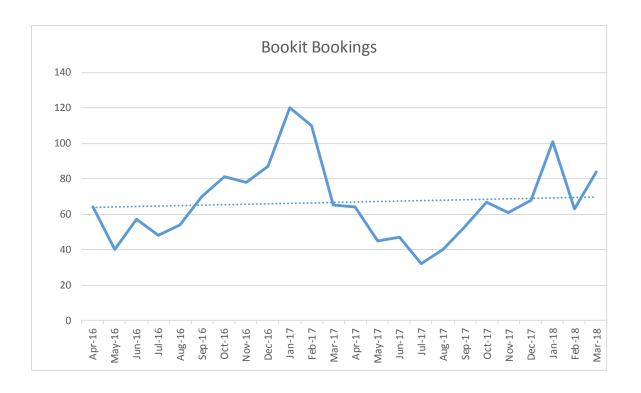
## Total spending for year to February



### **Bookit**

Bookit is the online booking engine on the Destination Wairarapa website. Last quarter we could see the continued decline in bookings however the volume of decline appeared to have stabilised. More emphasis was being put into the promotion of the booking engine and work was being done to make booking on the mobile version easier and more appealing. March is the first month since April and May last year where we've seen growth. More than that, March 2018 was a record month for bookings through the engine.





## **Winning Business Events**

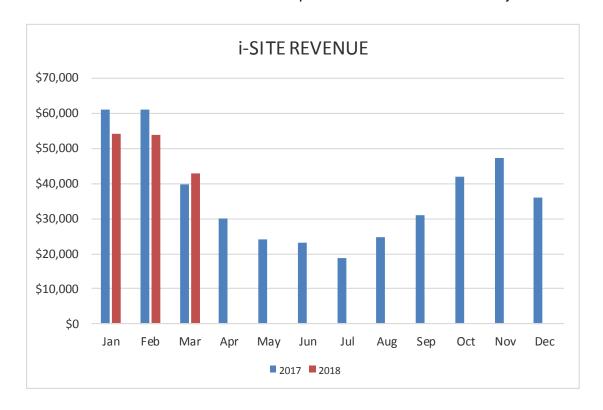
The first of the 2018 business events trade shows is Show Me Wellington in February. We had four partners who went to the show with us. A subsequent follow up familiarisation in May is being organised for the firm leads that were generated by the partners at that event.

Subsequent shows will be: Convene – April in Auckland Meetings – May in Auckland

### i-SITE Visitor Centres

## Highlights:

- Door counts at the i-SITE Visitor Centres for the YE March 2018 (36,986) are down 3,769 (9.2%) on the previous year.
  - Masterton volumes of 9,161 are down 1,446 (13.6%)
  - Martinborough volumes of 27,825 are down 2,323 (7.7%)
- Martinborough did have an increase in door count in March while Masterton was down just 40 visitors on the previous March.
- While door counts have been down 9.2% on YE March 2017, revenue is down 11.2% to \$428,362.
  - o March 2018 revenue was up 7.2% on the same month last year.



#### **Product Development**

- Working with Booktown on marketing
- Working with Queens Birthday event
- Worked with Golden Shears on marketing
- Worked with Vintage Harvest Festival on marketing
- Assisting local school with marketing plan development
- Assisted Wellington Wine Country with a proposed way forward
- Visited new meeting and accommodation space in Martinborough to assist with product ideas
- Met with 5TTT to encourage participation in Provincial Growth Fund
- Met with and assisted under pressure operator with how to best approach growth without breaking themselves
- Met with new wine operator on how to work with the local tourism industry
- Met with Masterton operator to develop marketing ideas
- Met with Featherston retail regarding capturing Tour Aotearoa
- Met with electric vehicle rental company re packaging into the Wairarapa
- Worked with Masterton airport collective re collective approach to tourism
- Met with Emboiderers Guild to help them maximise their conference
- Met with Cricket Umpires to help them maximise their conference
- Facilitated meeting of Wairarapa holiday parks to discuss Freedom Camping submission to the LTP
- Participated in the tourism industry data development workshop with MBIE and Statistics New Zealand

#### **Operator Development**

Members' session

## Destination Wairarapa 17 April 2018 General Manager's Financial Report

#### **Unaudited Financials 31 March 2018**

**Revenue,** March revenue was down on budget by \$168,386 due to the Trust House donation of \$160,000 being deferred until May.

Despite this, YTD we're down just \$114,000 on budget. This is largely due to part of the Trust House donation (\$29,596) from 2017 having been deferred to this financial year and Carterton District Council catching up on a missed payment (\$6,896) from 2017.

**Expenses** are under control and with RCT – Project revenue and expenses now being separated out from the core operations, we're getting a better picture of the actual position. The RCT Project money is not ours and must be spent on the Remutaka Cycle Trail.

- Corporate Expenses are \$23,076 under spent but this will come back closer to budget with:
  - o Audit Fees \$7,900 still to come out
  - Board Fees are due to be paid
- i-SITE Expenses are \$11,446 under spent and wages (\$8,667) being the bulk of that saving
- Marketing Expenses are \$67,483 under spent
  - The bulk of this is in the International Marketing Alliance (\$25,000) which will be paid in two instalments across April and May
  - Seasonal campaigns are still to happen
  - Business Event Trade Show expenditure will increase with partners wanting to attend three shows this year instead of the budgeted two

## Destination Wairarapa Inc. As at 31 March 2018

	31 Mar 2018	31 Mar 2017
Assets		
Bank		
ANZ - Operational (00)	74,965	267,998
ANZ - RCT Project start 1/6/17	14,573	182
ANZ - Reserves (012)	80,080	20,949
BNZ Account	21,315	4,359
Total Bank	190,934	293,488
Current Assets		
Accounts Receivable	29,976	23,952
Inventory - I Sites	3,575	1,593
Petty Cash - Martinborough	-	472
Petty Cash - Masterton	-	822
Total Current Assets	33,551	26,839
Fixed Assets		
Furniture & Equipment	89,965	89,965
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Furniture & Equipment	(73,336)	(72,031)
Motor Vehicle	18,252	49,351
Less Accumulated Depreciation on Motor Vehicles	-	(28,602)
Total Fixed Assets	34,881	38,682
otal Assets	259,367	359,009
Liabilities  Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	31,762	26,269
Accounts Payable.	104	104
ANZ Credit Card - B Hyde	1,502	2,120
ANZ Credit Card - D Hancock	1,632	1,055
GST	16,908	15,841
Held on Behalf		
Held in Trust	12,059	13,427
Total Held on Behalf	12,059	13,427
Payroll		
Holiday Pay Liability	36,152	31,106
PAYE Payable	(659)	-
Total Payroll	35,492	31,106
Total Current Liabilities	99,459	89,923
Non-Current Liabilities		
Toyota Finance Loan 4	-	17,569
Toyota Finance Loan 5	-	17,317
Toyota Finance Loan 6	18,993	-

# **Balance Sheet**

	31 Mar 2018	31 Mar 2017
Total Non-Current Liabilities	18,993	34,886
Total Liabilities	118,452	124,809
Net Assets	140,915	234,201
Equity		
Asset Replacement Reserve	40,000	40,000
Contingency Reserve	50,000	70,000
Current Year Earnings	1,246	5,600
Retained Earnings	49,669	118,600
Total Equity	140,915	234,201

# Destination Wairarapa Inc. For the month ended 31 March 2018

	Actual	Budget	Var NZD	Var %	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Var NZD	Var %
Income								
Retail Sales	779	800	(21)▼	-2.6%▼	6,060	6,500	(440)▼	-6.8%▼
Accommodation Commission	1,086	1,100	(14)▼	-1.2%▼	8,323	12,000	(3,677)▼	-30.6%▼
Bookit	878	1,000	(122)▼	-12.2%▼	5,084	7,300	(2,216)▼	-30.4%▼
Donation - Trust House	-	160,000	(160,000)▼	-100.0%▼	29,586	160,000	(130,414)▼	-81.5%▼
Gain on Sale	-	-	-	0.0%	6,817	-	6,817	0.0%
Grants - CDC	4,500	4,500	-	0.0%	47,396	40,500	6,896	17.0%
Grants - MDC	-	-	-	0.0%	207,050	208,500	(1,450)▼	-0.7%▼
Grants - SWDC	-	-	-	0.0%	97,500	97,500	-	0.0%
Interest Received	105	40	65-	161.7%	1,112	1,020	92▲	9.0%
Membership	1,121	5,000	(3,879)▼	-77.6%▼	73,480	76,000	(2,520)▼	-3.3%▼
Other Revenue	5,383	10,000	(4,617)▼	-46.2%▼	33,434	25,000	8,434	33.7%
Ticket Commission	165	150	15^	9.7%	1,727	1,790	(63)▼	-3.5%▼
Tourism Products	171	300	(129)▼	-43.1%▼	1,937	1,710	227	13.3%
Travel Sales	717	400	317	79.2%	4,475	2,550	1,925	75.5%
Wairarapa Visitor Guide	-	-	-	0.0%	29,336	27,000	2,336	8.7%
Total Income	14,904	183,290	(168,386)	-91.9%	553,319	667,370	(114,051)	-17.1%
Gross Profit	14,904	183,290	(168,386)	-92.0%	553,319	667,370	(114,051)	-17.0%

**Less Operating Expenses** 

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	Actual	Budget	Var NZD	Var %	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Var NZD	Var %
Corporate Support Expenses								
ACC Levies	-	-	-	0.0%	556	-	556 <del>^</del>	0.0%
Accounting Fees	1,200	1,200	-	0.0%	10,800	10,800	-	0.0%
Audit Fees	-	-	=	0.0%	-	7,900	(7,900)▼	-100.0%▼
Bad Debts	-	-	-	0.0%	-	500	(500)▼	-100.0%▼
Bank Fees - ANZ	48	56	(8)▼	-14.0%▼	617	512	105	20.5%
Board Fees	-	5,903	(5,903)▼	-100.0%▼	4,862	17,709	(12,847)▼	-72.5%▼
Board Members Expenses	-	38	(38)▼	-100.0%▼	83	266	(183)▼	-68.7%▼
Electricity Corporate	84	90	(6)▼	-6.6%▼	568	1,025	(457)▼	-44.5%▼
Entertainment	-	100	(100)▼	-100.0%▼	-	800	(800)▼	-100.0%▼
Equipment Rental	91	100	(9)▼	-9.2%▼	817	900	(83)▼	-9.2%▼
Fringe Benefit Tax	-	-	-	0.0%	3,484	5,260	(1,776)▼	-33.8%▼
Information Technology	335	591	(257)▼	-43.4%▼	5,370	5,327	43^	0.8%
Insurance	454	408	46	11.2%	3,764	3,675	89^	2.4%
Interest Expense	165	470	(305)▼	-65.0%▼	1,691	4,120	(2,429)▼	-58.9%▼
Kitchen Supplies Corporate	5	14	(9)▼	-64.0%▼	388	120	268	223.2%
KiwiSaver Employer Contributions	1,020	980	40	4.1%	9,870	8,960	910	10.2%
Membership Expenses	50	100	(50)▼	-49.6%▼	458	700	(242)▼	-34.6%▼
Merchant & BNZ Bank Fees	429	460	(31)▼	-6.7%▼	2,148	2,340	(192)▼	-8.2%▼
Office Supplies & Photocopying Corporate	586	450	136	30.1%	5,440	4,450	990	22.3%
Personnel incl. Training Corporate	76	300	(224)▼	-74.7%▼	2,936	2,000	936	46.8%
Printing & Stationery	-	-	-	0.0%	4	-	4^	0.0%
Rent & Rates Corporate	1,156	1,156		0.0%▼	10,967	11,510	(543)▼	-4.7%▼
Salaries	21,250	27,000	(5,750)▼	-21.3%▼	205,296	203,500	1,796	0.9%
Subscriptions & Membership	44	60	(16)▼	-26.5%▼	9,603	11,480	(1,877)▼	-16.3%▼

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	Actual	Budget	Var NZD	Var %	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Var NZD	Var %
Telecom incl Mobiles Corporate	852	825	27📤	3.2%	6,876	7,425	(549)▼	-7.4%▼
Vehicle Leases	466	544	(78)▼	-14.3%▼	3,524	4,896	(1,372)▼	-28.0%▼
Vehicle Operating Costs	1,355	1,000	355♣	35.5%	11,476	8,500	2,976	35.0%
Total Corporate Support Expenses	29,665	41,845	(12,180)	-29.1%	301,599	324,675	(23,076)	-7.1%
Total I-Site Expenses								
Conferences & Events	-	-	-	0.0%	247	-	247	0.0%
Electricity i-SITEs	131	160	(29)▼	-18.4%▼	3,330	2,600	730	28.1%
Kitchen Supplies i-SITEs	45	25	20-	78.9% <del>^</del>	361	225	136 <del>^</del>	60.6%
Less Cost of Sales	848	-	848	0.0%	1,124	2,500	(1,376)▼	-55.0%▼
Office Supplies i-SITEs	90	33	57♣	173.9%	461	297	164	55.4%
Personnel incl Training & Conferences i-SITEs	28	-	28♣	0.0%	1,460	2,000	(540)▼	-27.0%▼
Photocopier i-SITEs	-	160	(160)▼	-100.0%▼	462	1,370	(908)▼	-66.3%▼
Rent & Rates i-SITEs	667	2,083	(1,416)▼	-68.0%▼	17,746	18,751	(1,005)	-5.4%▼
Repairs & Maintenance i-SITEs	-	-	-	0.0%	70	100	(30)▼	-30.1%▼
Telecom i-SITEs	404	420	(16)▼	-3.8%▼	3,432	3,630	(198)▼	-5.5%▼
Wages	12,760	15,800	(3,040)▼	-19.2%▼	119,633	128,300	(8,667)▼	-6.8%▼
Total Total I-Site Expenses	14,973	18,681	(3,708)	-19.9%	148,327	159,773	(11,446)	-7.2%
Total Marketing Expenses								
Advertising	-	-	-	0.0%	-	200	(200)▼	-100.0%▼
Business Events Marketing	1,890	10,733	(8,843)▼	-82.4%▼	26,964	21,467	5,497	25.6%
CNZWT Marketing	-	-	-	0.0%	2,500	2,500	-	0.0%
Distribution	863	1,300	(437)▼	-33.6%▼	8,169	8,440	(271)▼	-3.2%▼
Domestic Campaign Not Far	-	-	-	0.0%	-	4,000	(4,000)▼	-100.0%▼
Domestic Campaign Service	-	-	-	0.0%	-	2,500	(2,500)▼	-100.0%▼

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	Actual	Budget	Var NZD	Var %	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Var NZD	Var %
Domestic Marketing	1,872	400	1,472	368.0%	8,610	3,600	5,010	139.2%
Domestic Marketing Email Distribution	579	450	129	28.6%	3,924	3,755	169	4.5%
Domestic Marketing Facebook	-	300	(300)▼	-100.0%▼	171	1,950	(1,779)▼	-91.2%▼
Domestic Marketing Spring Campaign	-	-	-	0.0%	-	7,000	(7,000)▼	-100.0%▼
Domestic Marketing Winter Campaign	-	-	-	0.0%	1,391	4,000	(2,609)▼	-65.2%▼
Domstic Marketing Consumer Expos	-	-	-	0.0%	2,035	1,505	530	35.2%
Imagery	-	2,500	(2,500)▼	-100.0%▼	3,678	7,000	(3,322)▼	-47.5%▼
International Marketing Alliance	-	25,000	(25,000)▼	-100.0%▼	1,749	50,750	(49,001)▼	-96.6%▼
Media Hosting	13	500	(487)▼	-97.4%▼	4,361	7,000	(2,639)▼	-37.7%▼
Relationship Marketing	232	80	152	190.4%	522	720	(198)▼	-27.6%▼
Rimutaka Cycle Trail	7	-	7^	0.0%	7	5,000	(4,993)▼	-99.9%▼
Trade Events & Training	7,286	2,100	5,186	247.0%	23,881	18,350	5,531	30.1%
Trade Famils	-	200	(200)▼	-100.0%▼	2,075	500	1,575	315.1%
Visitor Guide	-	-	-	0.0%	17,107	17,500	(393)▼	-2.2%▼
Website	200	1,366	(1,166)▼	-85.4%▼	5,412	12,302	(6,890)▼	-56.0%▼
Total Total Marketing Expenses	12,941	44,929	(31,988)	-71.2%	112,556	180,039	(67,483)	-37.5%
Total Projects Expenses								
RCT Project								
RCT Project - Expenses	-	-	-	0.0%	33,280	-	33,280	0.0%
RCT Project - Reserves Funding	-	-	-	0.0%	(20,000)	-	(20,000)▼	0.0%
RCT Project - Revenue	-	-	-	0.0%	(26,708)	-	(26,708)▼	0.0%
Total RCT Project	-	-	-	0.0%	(13,428)	-	(13,428)	0.0%
Total Total Projects Expenses	-	-	-	0.0%	(13,428)	-	(13,428)	0.0%
Total Operating Expenses	57,579	105,455	(47,876)	-45.4%	549,054	664,487	(115,433)	-17.4%

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	Actual	Budget	Var NZD	Var %	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Var NZD	Var %
Operating Profit	(42,675)	77,835	(120,510)	-155.0%	4,264	2,883	1,381	48.0%
Non-operating Expenses								
Entertainment - Non deductible	431	100	331	330.9%	3,018	600	2,418	403.1%
Total Non-operating Expenses	431	100	331	330.9%	3,018	600	2,418	403.1%
Net Profit	(43,106)	77,735	(120,841)	-155.0%	1,246	2,283	(1,037)	-45.0%

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