

Independent Auditor's Report**To the readers of
Tauranga City Venues Limited's
financial statements and performance information
for the year ended 30 June 2012**

The Auditor-General is the auditor of Tauranga City Venues Limited (the company). The Auditor-General has appointed me, Clarence Susan, using the staff and resources of Audit New Zealand, to carry out the audit of the financial statements and performance information of the company on her behalf.

We have audited:

- the financial statements of the company on pages 4 to 22 that comprise the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2012, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date and the notes to the financial statements that include accounting policies and other explanatory information; and
- the performance information of the company on pages 24 to 27.

Qualified opinion – our work was limited because of limited control over revenue***Reason for our qualified opinion***

Prior to being recorded, control over the receipt of speedway revenue of \$536,000 (2011 \$nil) and catering commission revenue of \$26,000 (2011: \$62,000), is limited. Catering commission revenue is included within the total of caterers' revenue and commissions of \$26,000 (2011: \$143,000) in note 2. There are no satisfactory audit procedures that we could adopt to confirm independently that all speedway and catering commission revenue was properly recorded.

Qualified opinion on the financial statements

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the "Reason for our qualified opinion" paragraph above, the financial statements of the company on pages 4 to 22:

- comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand;
- give a true and fair view of the company's:
 - financial position as at 30 June 2012; and
 - financial performance and cash flows for the year ended on that date.

Opinion on the performance information

In our opinion, the performance information of the company on pages 24 to 27:

- complies with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand; and
- gives a true and fair view of the company's service performance achievements measured against the performance targets adopted for the year ended 30 June 2012.

Opinion on other legal requirements

In accordance with the Financial Reporting Act 1993 we report that, in our opinion, proper accounting records have been kept by the company as far as appears from an examination of those records.

Our audit was completed on 20 September 2012. This is the date at which our opinion is expressed.

The basis of our opinion is explained below. In addition, we outline the responsibilities of the Board of Directors and our responsibilities and explain our independence.

Basis of opinion

We carried out our audit in accordance with the Auditor-General's Auditing Standards, which incorporate the International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand). Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and carry out our audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and performance information are free from material misstatement.

Material misstatements are differences or omissions of amounts and disclosures that would affect a reader's overall understanding of the financial statements and performance information. We were unable to determine whether there are material misstatements in the financial statements because the scope of our work was limited, as we referred to in our opinion.

An audit involves carrying out procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements and performance information. The procedures selected depend on our judgement, including our assessment of risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and performance information whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments we consider internal control relevant to the company's preparation of the financial statements and performance information that give a true and fair view of the matters to which they relate. We consider internal control 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 company's internal control.

An audit also involves evaluating:

- the appropriateness of accounting policies used and whether they have been consistently applied;
- the reasonableness of the significant accounting estimates and judgements made by the Board of Directors;

- the adequacy of all disclosures in the financial statements and performance information; and
- the overall presentation of the financial statements and performance information.

We did not examine every transaction nor do we guarantee complete accuracy of the financial statements and performance information. In accordance with the Financial Reporting Act 1993, we report that we did not receive all the information and explanations we required. We believe we have obtained sufficient and appropriate audit evidence to provide a basis for our unmodified audit opinion on the performance information and our qualified audit opinion on the financial statements.

Responsibilities of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is responsible for preparing financial statements and performance information that:

- comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand;
- give a true and fair view of the company's financial position, financial performance and cash flows; and
- give a true and fair view of its service performance.

The Board of Directors is also responsible for such internal control as it determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements and performance information that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

The Board of Directors' responsibilities arise from the Local Government Act 2002 and the Financial Reporting Act 1993.

Responsibilities of the Auditor

We are responsible for expressing an independent opinion on the financial statements and performance information and reporting that opinion to you based on our audit. Our responsibility arises from section 15 of the Public Audit Act 2001 and section 69 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Independence

When carrying out the audit we followed the independence requirements of the Auditor-General, which incorporate the independence requirements of the New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants.

Other than the audit, we have no relationship with or interests in the company.



Clarence Susan
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On behalf of the Auditor-General
Tauranga, New Zealand