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FOR THE  
TONGARIRO  
RIVER

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## COMMITTEE 2011

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Ross Baker	Resigned July 2011
Mark Cosgrove »	<b>IMMEDIATE PAST-PRESIDENT</b>
Stuart Crosbie »	<b>PRESIDENT</b>
Gary Brown	From July 2011
Virginia Church	From July 2011
Richard Kemp	
Heather Macdonald	
Graeme Nahkies	
Tuatea Smallman	
Marja ter Haar	
John Toogood	
John Wheeler	
Eric Wilson »	<b>SECRETARY/TREASURER</b>
Neville Young »	<b>VICE-PRESIDENT</b>

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Downstream from SH1 bridge:  
the area of greatest problems

≈ **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The 10th Annual General Meeting of the Advocates for the Tongariro River Inc. will be held at the Tongariro Bridge Lodge on Saturday 7 April 2011 at 10.00am. All welcome. The meeting will be followed by morning tea.

≈ **AGENDA**

The business of the Annual General Meeting will be to:

- record those present and note apologies
- receive the minutes of the Ninth Annual General Meeting
- receive the President's report
- approve the financial statements
- approve the strategic plan for the 2012/13 year
- consider motions of which due notice has been provided (the full rules of the Advocates for the Tongariro River Inc. are printed in the 2004 Annual Report and are also available on the Advocates website [www.tongariroriver.org.nz](http://www.tongariroriver.org.nz))
- appoint an executive committee comprising a President, Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer (or a Secretary/Treasurer) and committee members
- consider any other matters.

≈ **MINUTES**

Minutes of the Ninth Annual Meeting of the Advocates for the Tongariro River Inc, held Saturday 23 April 2011 at 10.00am, Tongariro Bridge Fishing Lodge Conference Room, Turangi.

**Present**

Stuart Crosbie (Chair), Robert Brace, Laurie Burdett, Mark Cosgrove, Walter Freitag, Richard Kemp, Jock McNab, Graeme Nahkies, Don Ormsby, Helen Perwick, John Strang, Marja ter Haar, John Toogood, Dick Truebridge, Eric Wilson, Les Wilson, Neville Young.

**Apologies**

Ross Baker, Rob Henderson, Heather Macdonald, Gibb Family, Louise Upston, John Wheeler.

**Welcome**

President welcomed all to the meeting and outlined the procedures for the meeting.

**Minutes**

Moved that the minutes of the Eighth AGM of 4 April 2010 be accepted.  
Moved by Mark Cosgrove and seconded by John Wheeler. Carried.

**Matters arising**

Nil.

**President's report**

The President's report was published in the 2010 Annual Report.

**Financial report**

Eric Wilson acknowledged a mistake in the accounts. These would be rectified in the 2011 Annual Report.

The finance report be received.

Moved by Eric Wilson and seconded by Robert Brace. Carried.

### **Approval of strategic plan 2011/12**

The strategic plan was adopted.

### **Amendment of the society's rules**

The amendments were published in the Annual Report.

Richard Kemp explained the need to increase the size of the committee to spread the workload for committee members.

Kemp amendment ... combined. The immediate Past-President is ex officio a member of the committee.

Richard Kemp, Neville Young. Carried.

### **Appointment of committee**

President	Stuart Crosbie
Vice-President	Neville Young
Immediate Past-President	Mark Cosgrove (ex officio)
Secretary/Treasurer	Eric Wilson
	Ross Baker
	Richard Kemp
	Heather Macdonald
	Graeme Nahkies
	Tuatea Smallman
	Marja ter Haar
	John Toogood
	John Wheeler

### **Other matters**

Robert Brace asked for an explanation of an integrated catchment management plan. Stuart replied that he would explain in the next newsletter.

Jock McNab spoke about the meeting on Sunday 24 April for the formation of the Guardians of Lake Taupo.

The meeting closed at 11.30am.

≈ **ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2011**

*President Stuart Crosbie reports:*

**Nga mihi kia koutou katoa e tiaki i to tatou taonga ko te awa tera**  
*Greetings to all of you who watch over our treasure that is the river*

Allow me to begin this year's report by sharing a summary of what the Advocates are about, as recently distributed in a 'Member get Member' flier. The flier highlights the Advocates' decade of achievements as follows:

- Gaining a seat at the tables of most of the stakeholders in the Tongariro, including the Taupo Fishery Advisory Committee, the new Conservancy Board, and the Lake Taupo Liaison Subcommittee – Regional Council.
- On-going advocacy for investigation into the condition and future health of the Taupo fishery and potential brokering of funding for targeted scientific research in conjunction with the Department of Conservation.
- Lobbying local government and regional authorities for better river management by way of the Tongariro River Management Forum.
- On-going advocacy for continued action on didymo prevention.
- Close liaison with Genesis to encourage best outcomes for the Tongariro such as riverbed dredging at the delta.
- River environs restoration in conjunction with the Department of Conservation, including eradication of wilding pines and other noxious weed species and replanting of river margins.
- Initiating action and funding for improved river access for all activities, including the planned Tongariro River Trail.

Most of the work gets done by voluntary contributions mostly from committee members. We try to keep focused on doing a few things well rather than tackling too much and getting nowhere. This 10th Annual Report brings you a summary of where our focus has been over the past year.

This is the fifth successive year that our strategic plan has been published in the back of our Annual Report (see Appendix 6). It includes an update of our

intended actions for 2012 and a scorecard on how we have progressed over the past several years.

It also provides a framework for reporting against, namely our:

1. Member Focus
2. Stakeholder Focus
3. Issue Focus

### **Member Focus – to build a strong and informed member base**

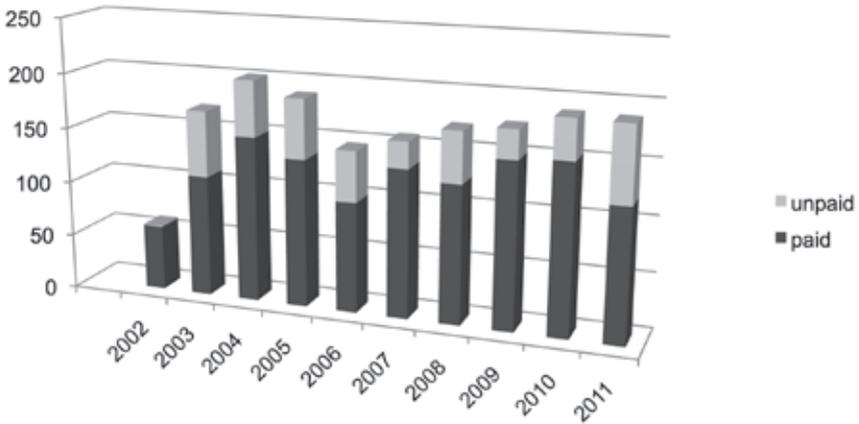
#### *Declining membership*

We remain acutely aware that our mandate to ‘speak out for the river’ is only derived from our member base. Table 1 provides a summary of membership levels over the years and shows that around one-third of our members have not paid their subscriptions in the past year. This is a higher proportion than usual, as further emphasised in Figure 1.

Year	Members	Paid	Unpaid	Single	Family	Club	Total Subs	Total Dons	Total
2011	188(278)	120(183)	68	62(66)	56(115)	2(2)	\$3,350.00	\$2,230.00	\$5,580.00
2010	189(278)	153(228)	36	88(93)	63(133)	2(2)	\$4,210.00	\$1,035.00	\$5,245.00
2009	176(257)	148(219)	26	89(99)	58(117)	1(1)	\$3,965.00	\$2,039.70	\$6,004.70
2008	171(250)	125(183)	46	84(104)	41(79)	0	\$3,330.00	\$1,100.00	\$4,430.00
2007	158(232)	134(200)	24	92(117)	42(83)	0	\$3,560.00	\$2,292.51	\$5,852.51
2006	146(208)	100(145)	46	68(82)	32(63)	0	\$2,840.00	\$1,144.81	\$3,984.81
2005	188(253)	134(187)	54	92(107)	42(80)	0	\$3,560.00	\$1,117.48	\$4,677.48
2004	201(266)	150(202)	51	109(128)	41(74)	0	\$3,205.00	\$1,190.00	\$4,395.00
2003	170(220)	110(133)	60	100(114)	10(19)	0	\$1,200.00	\$2,374.00	\$3,574.00
2002	60(89)	59(88)	1	46(62)	13(26)	0	\$720.00	\$150.00	\$870.00

**Table 1: Summary of members since inception and their financial contribution by way of subscriptions and donations (figures in brackets show total numbers of individuals, many of whom come from family memberships, which only count as ‘1’ in the non-bracketed totals)**

**Figure 1: Trend in total membership, showing increasing proportion of unpaid memberships in past year**



We are conscious that the economic downturn has a general negative impact on people’s ability to support charitable entities, and we have deliberately kept our membership fees at very modest levels accordingly. In contrast, we are also very grateful for the generous donations that some members make in addition to their subscription fees.

That said, the primary purpose of having paid-up members is not to raise funds per se but to maintain our mandate. Your committee is therefore hopeful that the ‘Member get Member’ campaign will be a resounding success in 2012.

The second challenge concerning membership is one of regeneration. The Advocates have been in existence for a decade now, and we need to reach out to a wider cross-section of people if we are to be sustainable and effective over the next decade. Spearheading the development of the Tongariro River Trail is fundamental to improving access and thereby having more people being aware of and valuing the iconic landscape of the area. Hopefully, many of these folk will want to get involved in the protection and enhancement of the Tongariro and so support the Advocates in being an effective environmental action group.

### *Engaging and communicating with members*

We know that effective communication is fundamental also, and much thought has been given in the past year as to how we might enhance our website and provide better ways of allowing members to engage, be kept informed and have their say. With assistance from Sylvia Smith and Bob MacDonnell, a communications strategy is being developed to allow us to make wise choices and achievable progress in this area. One notable early success has been the ‘Thursday Update’ on our website that our Secretary/Treasurer Eric Wilson has put considerable effort into, with some updates enjoying over 200 hits on some weeks. Well done, Eric!

The vast majority of our funding comes from grants and this year has been particularly fruitful. Following on from the early efforts of Ross Baker and John Wheeler, we received a grant of \$50,000 from the Taupo District Council to scope the Tongariro River Trail (all of which is being managed under a separate legal entity as reported elsewhere), the Pharazyn Trust has continued its stellar support with a further \$5,000 grant in the past year, and we have received an additional grant of \$13,000 from WCEET (Waikato Catchment Ecological Enhancement Trust) – \$10,000 for 2011 and \$3,000 for 2012.

### **Stakeholder Focus – to engage effectively with key stakeholders**

Our primary stakeholders are the Waikato Regional Council, Taupo District Council, Department of Conservation and Ngati Turangitukua followed by Ngati Tuwharetoa, the power companies (Genesis Energy and Mighty River Power), the National Trout Centre Trust, Ministry for the Environment, BiosecurityNZ, Department of Corrections, TALTAC and various entities that bring two or more stakeholders together for specific purposes. The Tongariro River Management Forum is an example as is the Taupo Fishing Advisory Committee.

We have engaged actively with nearly all of these stakeholders over the past year, and all interactions have been constructive and positive, even when progress was not as forthcoming as we had hoped.

*Gravel extraction consent application*

Early in the year, the Waikato Regional Council (WRC) applied to itself for resource consents to extract gravel from the river. While the Advocates support this activity for the purposes of enhanced channel management, we nevertheless appeared before the hearing to register our disapproval against extracting gravel in piecemeal fashion rather than as part of an integrated catchment management plan (ICMP). In addition to our original submission (as published in last year's Annual Report – Appendix 1), Mark Cosgrove compiled an additional submission (see Appendix 1 herein) for the April 2011 hearing which was complemented by a PowerPoint presentation. At the hearing, we argued that:

1. An ICMP should build on the draft begun in 2006 by WRC in response to a condition imposed when the previous gravel extraction resource consent was granted.
2. The 2006 WRC draft of what was titled the 'Proposed Tongariro River and Catchment Plan' (Document #: 927658) had much of the preamble but little in the way of deliverables, but we argued it could be rectified with a focused effort by key stakeholders and some leadership by WRC.
3. WRC needed to be held to account and get on with completing what it started rather than continuing to treat the river in an adhoc reactive manner with piecemeal interventions.
4. The period of the consent (be it 20 years or a lesser time) be granted in two parts:
  - a. An initial term of 2 years to allow sufficient time to complete a succinct but comprehensive ICMP that shows how the desired river outcomes will be achieved over a 10-year period.
  - b. The balance of the term be conditional on the gravel extraction provisions remaining aligned to the agreed ICMP once published.

The Commissioners ruled in favour of the applicant but not without noting WRC's lack of leadership:

*The applicant appeared to be unaware of the existence of the Tongariro River Catchment Management Plan referred to above, and surprisingly apart from advising that WRC “do(es) not (have) any additional funding for preparing an ‘ICMP’”, the applicant advised that the “WRC is not a body which has control over the whole catchment”. That latter statement appears to be at least partially in conflict with Sec 30 of the RMA which clearly mandates regional councils to provide for the integrated management of all natural and physical resources within the region.*

*We note that the Plan required by condition 22 and the ICMP sought by submitters, differs by only the descriptor “Integrated”. The extent to which the WRC can “integrate” is well set out in Sec 30 of the RMA. It is therefore disappointing that WRC appears to be unwilling to accept its statutory leadership role in this matter as noted by both the applicant and in the above quoted portions of the Preface to the adopted Tongariro River Catchment Management Plan which condition 22 of Resource Consent 110223 initiated. (Report of the WRC Hearing Commissioners, Tongariro River, April 2011, page 17)*

What was really encouraging, however, was the number of submissions that supported the notion of an ICMP – including those by the Department of Conservation, Tuwharetoa Maori Trust Board and Genesis Energy as well as the Advocates.

#### *A more definitive ICMP framework for the Tongariro River*

It became apparent during the gravel extraction hearing that there is a great deal of confusion as to what we mean by an ICMP. Since the Advocates’ most fundamental reason for existing is to get a good ICMP in place, we have put forward such a framework in the construct of a strategy map (Figure 2).



**Figure 2: ICMP strategy map – comprising a series of nine interconnected strategic objectives (or ‘bubbles’) which begin with the fundamentals (the ‘F’ bubbles) that underpin the enablers (the ‘E’ bubbles) to all come together to support the overall goal (the ‘G’ bubble)**

Each of the nine strategic objectives shown in Figure 2 has a number of elements that sit behind it:

1. A succinct summary of how things are at present in relation to the bubble – the recent situation.
2. A succinct summary of how stakeholders would like things to be in the future – the 2015 Destination Statement.
3. Who the accountable agencies are for closing the gap between states 1 and 2.
4. What planning references there are within the accountable agencies pertaining to the bubble.
5. What planning initiatives are being undertaken in the next 12 months and by whom.

**Appendix 2** summarises our current thinking on how things are at present and what we might aspire to for each bubble. The next challenge is to get sufficient funding

to facilitate a process whereby all key stakeholders come together to flesh out the detail of such a plan and what their contribution might be.

### *Building relationships with iwi*

Throughout the Advocates' existence, we have always recognised the importance of having a close working relationships with Ngati Tuwharetoa in general and Ngati Turangitukua in particular. As owners of the riverbed, local Maori regard the Tongariro as their taonga and collectively sit alongside the Advocates in their joint aspiration to see the river and its environs preserved and enhanced.

Kaumatia Tuatea Smallman, a long-standing committee member, has been joined on the committee this past year by Virginia Church who has recently returned from overseas and is busy with Maori Land Court and local issues in the Taupo area. Virginia is held in extremely high regard within the Advocates; after all, it was her original submission to Parliament that resulted in the Advocates being formed in the first place!

Eric Wilson warrants special mention here also, as he has invested countless hours over the past year liaising with Maori landowners and other interested parties – particularly through Jeffrey Bennett as Chair of the local Ngati Turangitukua Marae Committee and, to a lesser extent, Topia Rameka from the Tuwharetoa Maori Trust Board.

We are strongly committed to working in partnership across as many areas as possible, but notably in relation to (i) the ICMP development and (ii) the construction and on-going governance of the Tongariro River Trail.

### *Current representation on local stakeholder groups*

In addition to a completely separate governance and operational structure having been put in place for the Tongariro River Trail (see elsewhere), the following are statutory appointees to key local environmental stakeholder groups:

1. Neville Young to the Tongariro/Taupo Conservation Board.
2. Richard Kemp to the Taupo Fishery Advisory Committee.
3. Eric Wilson to the Waikato Regional Council's Lake Taupo Liaison Subcommittee.

We are grateful that committee members are prepared to commit to these appointments in addition to their Advocate roles; it ensures the Advocates have a broad appreciation of regional environmental issues as they emerge and meaningful working relationships with key stakeholder personnel whilst being mindful of managing any potential conflicts of interest that may arise.

### **Issue Focus – to build widespread public awareness and support for affirmative action on key issues**

Our core issues span six areas:

1. ***Didymo prevention*** – advocate for North Island to be didymo-free and maintain watching brief on other aquatic pests.
2. ***River environs restoration*** – facilitate restoration of the river margin and continue with planting programme and pest plant eradication in accordance with Tongariro River Environs Flora Management Plan.
3. ***Lake levels and river flow rates*** – seek WRC and power company co-operation in aiding the river to flush itself.
4. ***Urban development*** – maintain watching brief on the urban development strategy.
5. ***Trout condition*** – ensure our world-class fishery is sustained through good science and effective management strategies.
6. ***Access*** – gain improved access (for anglers and non-anglers alike) to a greater proportion of the Tongariro River.

Issues 2 and 6 have been our predominant focus over the past year and are therefore reported on in detail below. As for the others:

- ***Didymo prevention:*** Amazingly, didymo has not reached the North Island, but the threat nevertheless remains, and we pay tribute to Dave Cade (affectionately known as ‘Didymo Dave’) for his sustained enthusiasm and tireless efforts to enhance and maintain angler awareness and vigilance.
- ***Lake levels and river flow rates:*** The gravel extraction consents should result in better river flow rates especially when combined with the excellent willow clearance work WRC has undertaken below the SH1 bridge from the Bain Pool down to the Reed Pool. On-going dialogue is continuing with Genesis Energy and DoC to explore how best to intervene to assist the river in flushing itself of the

huge volumes of volcanic ash still working its way through the river. Advocate committee members took a raft trip down the lower river during the year, and we still believe dredging of the river mouth(s) has merit; others, particularly Genesis Energy, have yet to be convinced.

- **Urban development:** The Mangamawhitiwhiti Block development is not progressing at this stage, and we are not aware of any other proposed developments. There are Treaty settlements imminent; however, that may include prison land adjacent to the river, and there is the development of the Tongariro River Trail under way (see below).
- **Trout condition:** Following our fishery management submission late last year (see Appendix 5 in the 2010 Annual Report), we have had on-going dialogue with DoC Fisheries about the state of the fishery and the potential impact of restructuring within DoC and reduced revenue from the decline in licences. It is a vicious circle. Our focus at this point is to encourage DoC to make the most of what resource and monitoring information they have, being mindful of Fish & Game CEO Bryce Johnson's caution against forever calling for 'more research'. That said, funding may be available from an independent source by way of a contribution towards applied research that might lead to an improvement in the fishery, so long as an independent third party (such as the Advocates) can provide scientific oversight and management of the grant. We are exploring how we might add value here.

### **River environs restoration**

Committee members Marja ter Haar and Eric Wilson, with John Toogood, have led this work, which continues a dual focus of (i) clearing and then planting natives along the highly visible riverside reserves coupled with (ii) dealing to the remaining wilding pines.

### **Reserve planting**

Encouraged by the 2010 efforts, which have resulted in a mass of kowhai, kanuka and manuka seedlings appearing this year, the Advocates have been further restoring indigenous plants on the banks of the river along the Taupahi Rd walkway throughout 2011. Approximately 3,000 natives have been planted from Te Aho Rd to Taupahi Reserve over the last two years with the help of community workers and local volunteers and plants donated from DoC and WRC. These plants are now well established thanks to the community workers.

Community workers have also cleared the area above the Breakfast Pool of weeds and scrub and that area is now planted with some 1,500 native plants with a grant from WCEET. Moreover, two bench seats were kindly donated by local families and, with donations from Turangi Engineering and ITM, installed on the bank above the Breakfast Pool.

The work has been subject to some criticism by one local resident who objected to the planting densities that DoC were insisting upon. Basically, he didn't want to lose being able to see the river which, interestingly, he wasn't able to see prior to the Advocates clearing it of blackberry, broom and other weeds in the first place. We have ensured this is not an issue around the seating areas, and tree density can always be thinned later if growth is too prolific.

### ***Wilding pines***

Our goal of removing wilding pines from the SH1 bridge up to the Fence Pool was boosted considerably by DoC's felling and clearing of the pine plantation above Judges Pool and its subsequent replanting in natives.

We are in the process of finishing off our own eradication programme with the last of our available funds, and the Department of Corrections has confirmed its intention to complete its own poisoning and felling programme on its land from the Boulder Reach Pool area upstream to the Fence Pool by June this year.

We are concerned about the number of seedlings coming away on exposed river areas. The matter is to be taken up again with WRC as riverbed managers; if we continue to provide a financial and operational solution to the issue of weed species on the riverbed, it will only absolve the council from facing its own responsibilities.

### **Improved access – the Tongariro River Trail (TRT)**

This project is by far the biggest undertaking the Advocates have embarked upon. It has required a sustained level of effort by a number of committee members for long periods of time and often without much progress in sight. In the early stages, Ross Baker and John Wheeler did a substantial amount of work, building interest in the concept and scoping out where the trail might go. More recently, Eric Wilson has been the principal driver supported by Neville Young, Heather Macdonald and others.

#### ***Why are we doing it?***

The rationale for our involvement comes back to our values and guiding principles. These are the stated values that the Advocates stand for:

1. The iwi concept of the Tongariro River being a taonga of national and international importance for cultural, recreational and aesthetic reasons.
2. The Lake Taupo fishery being a fishery of world-class standing.
3. The Tongariro River and its environs being a place of stunning natural beauty.
4. Ease of access for recreational users to reasonable sections of Tongariro River.

The last value, in particular, is driving the Tongariro River Trail (TRT) development as an eco-tourism attraction. The guiding principles of this development include that:

- the trail is constructed and maintained to an all-weather standard
- it can be managed on a sustainable basis – economic and environmental
- protocols for shared usage (by anglers, hikers, cyclists) are developed and adhered to by all users
- the trail is constructed and managed so as to incur minimal impact on the environment (all services are provided off the trail itself and infrastructure on the trail – including toilets, shelters, information display boards and signage – will be in keeping with the surroundings and well maintained etc.)
- all profits from the trail will be reinvested in either (i) enhancing the standard of the trail or (ii) preserving and enhancing the ecological values of the area – both on and in the vicinity of the trail.

***An Advocates partnership with local Iwi***

The notion of having iwi as joint partner in the TRT development is fundamental, and we have been in intensive dialogue all year trying to achieve this. Some hold the view that it is sufficient to consult, and we are certainly doing that, but we see a partnership being the most sustainable pathway to success in the long term, both environmentally and economically. We really want to do this together.

One of the problems has been knowing who exactly to have the iwi partnership with. We have been advised by members of the Tuwharetoa Maori Trust Board that they will be guided by Ngati Turangitukua and that we should work with them; Eric, in particular, has been doing so. However, many of the Maori landowners bordering the river are not from Ngati Turangitukua and so we are in the process of developing a way of connecting with the hapu of Ngati Tuwharetoa.

***Charitable company governance structure***

We have been grateful for (Vice-President) Neville Young's eldest daughter Anna's legal expertise in steering us towards establishing a charitable company structure for the TRT development rather than a charitable trust. There are many advantages in having a company structure over a trust, and these are outlined in Appendix 3 together with the Constitution of TRT Ltd in Appendix 4.

At this initial stage, all 120 shares are owned by the Advocates, with the President (myself) and Treasurer (Eric Wilson) appointed as directors of TRT Ltd. Our intent, however, is to distribute a third of the shares in partnership with the appropriate local iwi entity (once this has been agreed) and perhaps allocate the remaining third to local government entities in the fullness of time (DoC and TDC are two obvious possibilities).

Appendix 3 also identifies the need for a representative advisory committee in addition to skill-based director appointees across the shareholding entities. This is to ensure a strong sense of local ownership and involvement is retained.

### *Stage 1 developments*

The TRT when completed, is envisaged as a 3-day cycle or walking trail covering some 70 kilometres of track in the Tongariro River environments, including Tree Trunk Gorge and the Pillars of Hercules. A grant of \$50,000 (plus GST) has been given by Turangi Tongariro Community Board to allow TRT Ltd to fully scope, plan and cost the total development through the planning stages. A reasonable amount of this work was undertaken using Advocates' financial reserves while we were awaiting the grant monies to come through.

Richard Balm, a Taupo-based consultant who is involved in a good number of the current cycleway developments as a Prime Ministerial initiative, has been formally contracted to project manage the planning stages. He was supported by Ross Baker and John Wheeler in the early stages and we now have a TRT project team in place chaired by Eric Wilson. Other AFTR committee members on this TRT project team include Neville Young and Heather Macdonald complemented by Rob Henderson (Taupo District Councillor), John Ridd (TDC Planning Officer), Maryke Wilson (Manager, iSite Turangi), Terry Slee (Department of Conservation), Graeme Hardisty (Department of Corrections) and Jeffrey Bennett (Ngati Turangitukua).

The immediate priority for Stage 1 is to complete the section from Turangi to the Red Hut Bridge on the SH1 side of the river (the 'true left bank') and, ideally, to have this ready by Easter 2012! It's an ambitious target.

### **Concluding remarks**

Looking back over the year's accomplishments, I am deeply indebted to the dedication of committee members in being prepared to give of their time so we can pull together and get things done for the benefit of the river and those who might wish to enjoy it. A profile of our current committee members is provided in Appendix 5; included are Virginia Church and Gary Brown, who we were delighted to have join the committee in July 2011, as well as welcoming Past-President Heather Macdonald back into the fold.

It was with regret that we accepted Ross Baker's resignation part way through the year. Ross has always been a very dynamic contributor to the Advocates' endeavours, especially in getting the TRT under way.

For health reasons, John Wheeler is stepping down. John's contribution throughout the Advocates' existence has been of considerable value, and once again, his long-time passion and focus have been to bring about improvements in access.

So my sincere wish is that both Ross and John will continue to take pride in the TRT developments as they unfold over the next year or two, even though their direct involvement has tapered off.

Tuatea Smallman is retiring from the committee after serving as Kaumatua since 2004. His graciousness and willingness to support the Advocates throughout this period is appreciated.

Marja ter Haar is stepping down from the committee because of work commitments. Her tireless efforts in transforming the river reserves have engendered a real sense of pride in the river by locals and visitors alike. We are pleased to report that Marja has indicated a willingness to continue co-ordinating this work, and we gratefully accept her offer.

Heather Macdonald is also electing not to continue as a committee member for the coming year. As a Past-President and Vice-President, she has been active at committee level almost throughout the entire time the Advocates have existed and we are deeply indebted to her as a society.

Finally, Graeme Nahkies has also elected to stand down because of work commitments. Graeme has been of immense value over the years in bringing his wisdom on governance matters and his knowledge of many of the key stakeholders at senior management and board level. As with Marja, Graeme is willing to continue to help when he can on an advisory basis.

If you have read my report in depth, you may have got the impression that Eric Wilson is at the centre of almost everything! You would be right. Eric is, in every respect, a loyal and humble servant who tirelessly works away in the interests of the Advocates and the river. Thank you, Eric, for being the glue that binds us together. But, like our fishing gear, even you have your 'breaking strength'!

With the opportunity to recruit at least six new committee members, I am hopeful that our upcoming AGM elections will see a regeneration of our committee, which, in turn,

can help to (i) spearhead the regeneration of our membership as well as (ii) allow a lightening of some people's workloads, particularly Eric's. Can I invite you to take a few moments to reflect on how you might be placed to assist? Nominations for the committee or offers of help with any aspect of the activities covered in this report would be greatly appreciated.

In a similar vein, I wish to acknowledge the many people outside the committee who are currently involved in various ways. Particular thanks go to Sylvia Smith and Bob MacDonnell for their marketing and publication assistance, to Mike Forret as our webmaster, to Richard Balm for help with the Tongariro River Trail extending beyond the scope of his contracted responsibilities and to Bob Glover for reviewing our financial accounts.

Finally, in reaching our 10-year milestone as a society, I collectively acknowledge the many members and non-members alike who have supported and affirmed what we are about over the past decade. Thank you.

I am pleased to move the adoption of this, the 10th Annual Report of the Advocates for the Tongariro River.



**Stuart Crosbie**

*President, April 2012*

≈ **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

*For the 12-month period ended 31 December 2011*

	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
	\$	\$
<b>Income</b>		
Subscriptions and donations	6,630	4,146
Grant (Environment Waikato)	0	0
WCEET (Waikato Catchment Ecological Enhancement Trust)	10,000	3,000
Huckleberry's grant	0	4,230
Interest deposit	232	774
Pharazyn Trust grant	5,000	0
	<b>21,862</b>	<b>12,150</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Advertising and promotion	0	769
Post box rental	145	135
Website	782	810
Newsletter	1,541	3,821
AGM, seminar, report and expense	5,150	3,490
Admin postage, stationery and banking	901	1,305
Membership	0	3,747
Access	0	0
Didymo	0	0
Planting for the future	7,798	5,594
Wilding pines	0	150
Lake level	0	0
Mangamawhitiwhiti	0	0
Trout quality	0	0
Catchment management plan	300	0
Other	150	5,692
	<b>16,767</b>	<b>25,513</b>
<b>Excess income over expenditure</b>	<b>5,095</b>	<b>-13,363</b>

**Statement of financial position**

*As at 31 December 2011*

	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
	\$	\$
<b><i>Current assets</i></b>		
Bank current account	7,926	549
Term deposit	4,883	15,644
Debtor	8,486	0
Adjustments	-7	0
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>21,288</b>	<b>16,193</b>
<b><i>Current liabilities</i></b>		
Creditors	0	0
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>21,288</b>	<b>16,193</b>
<b><i>Accumulated funds</i></b>		
Balance at 31 December 2010	16,193	29,556
Net surplus for year	5,095	-13,363
<b>Total surplus</b>	<b>21,288</b>	<b>16,193</b>



**Stuart Crosbie**  
*Chairperson*



**Eric Wilson**  
*Treasurer*

*Treasurer's note:*

*There was an error in the 2010 Annual Report in the figures in 2010.*

*This has been rectified in the 2011 Annual Report.*

≈ **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

*For the period ended 31 December 2011*

**Statement of accounting policies**

*Reporting entity*

The Advocates for the Tongariro River Society Inc. is incorporated under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908. The financial statements of the Advocates for the Tongariro River Society Inc. have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice.

*Measurement base*

The accounting policies used in the accounts are those recommended by the New Zealand Society of Accountants.

*Specific accounting policies*

Measurement of income and financial position follow practices recommended by the New Zealand Society of Accountants.

*The Advocates and Tongariro River Trail: Approval*

Permission was obtained to make the Red Hut Bridge Turangi loop available to the public. The legal process required to ensure that the rights to operate the trail have been finalised. The figures under Turangi River Trail in the accounts represent costs relating to the approval process. A grant has been obtained to cover the advances to Tongariro River Trail costs.

*Changes in accounting policies*

There have been no changes in accounting policies. All policies have been applied on bases consistent with those used in the previous year.

*Preparation of accounts*

The accounts have been produced on information provided by your Treasurer and have been verified by RH Glover, a retired chartered accountant, and show the financial position as at 31 December 2011.



**Eric Wilson**

*Treasurer*

≈ **APPENDIX 1 » SUPPLEMENTARY SUBMISSION ON GRAVEL REMOVAL FROM THE TONGARIRO RIVER**

**Advocates for the Tongariro River Inc.  
Consent Applications 121305 and 121306  
A Further Submission (prepared by Dr Mark Cosgrove)**

This Society's Interest in the Tongariro River has two main dimensions, namely:

1. The Tongariro River is a taonga of not only the tangata whenua but also of all citizens, a taonga linked to the great mountains and the great lake, and as such deserves the best possible respect and careful management.
2. The Tongariro River has, for more than 100 years, been known internationally as a crucial part, if not the crucial part, of the famous Taupo wild trout recreational fishery, being:
  - a. the major nursery for juvenile trout, and
  - b. the major economic driver in the region, through a licence-based grant scheme to the Tuwharetoa Maori Trust Board on the one hand, and on the other, in employment, retail and servicing as a tourism and recreational base.

The proposed consents, 121305 and 121306, in our view predominantly ad hoc and reactionary, do little to convey confidence that the River will be better managed even than as at present.

Thus, this further submission identifies a few instances of poor management over the last 40 years and then proposes some tasks for management for the ongoing restoration of the River.

**Point 1**

'Environment Waikato said it would fix the River.' As a result of a petition to Parliament in 2000 concerning the parlous state of (particularly) adjacent farmlands, and seeking river restoration, the Parliamentary Select Committee for Local Government and the Environment consulted the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment about solving the identified problems of flooding, erosion and river blockages thus meeting the petitioners' call for restoration of the river and its environs. EW agreed to resolve these problems, and this sentiment is conveyed in a letter from the Select Committee's Chair.

Little was done until EW responded to the 2004 50-year flood, whereby consent for removing solids was granted subject to a management plan being formulated and a management forum convened. This management plan has been widely dismissed as simplistic, narrow and not likely to lead to the degree of restoration that the Parliamentary Select Committee and other stakeholders expected.

## Point 2

The AFTR consider that the River's management has been poor over the past 50 years, and visual evidence in support of this in the form of some instances is presented here.

### *Riverside structures*

As a result of the 1958 flood, the TPD scheme and other events, gabion baskets were placed in various fragile locations, such as the Birch Pool near the Hatchery, the lower Hydro Pool, and the Swirl Pool (about 200 m below SH1 bridge). The structures are now conspicuous by their absence; by 1985 all had been broken down and few if any traces were left. What was the point of installing such engineering structures if they were not to be maintained?



**Photo 1. A view upstream from the Birch's Suspension Bridge, showing three sets of gabion baskets in 1970. (Source: National Archives).**

### *Channel management*

There are many locations in the River where active channel management would have led to better outcomes, such as lower levies (and hence lower costs). The most glaring of these failures occurs at the mouth of the River. As Photo 2 illustrates, in 1970 the two largest mouths, known as The Main and The Hook, provided exits for about 90% of the flow, and in floods generally coped with the extra water. Nowadays, The Hook is completely blocked (although it was still partly open in 1995) and is not even mentioned in the proposed consents 121305 and 121306. Clearing this channel should be amongst the highest priorities of the River's manager.



**Photo 2. An aerial view of The Main (upper) and The Hook (lower), ca. 1970 (Source: National Archives).**

Just as The Hook is now completely blocked, the smaller First Mouth is almost fully blocked too, thus The Main must deal with all flood waters if the River is to stay in its banks. Clearly it does not because it cannot. Equally clearly, active and ongoing channel management is needed here and elsewhere in the River, not simplistic and ad hoc episodes of intervention, or neglect, which is the present case.

### *Ash*

The eruptions of 1995-6 resulted in many tonnes of ash falling in the catchment. Estimates greater than some million tonnes have been made. Yet nothing has been done in the intervening 15 years to get this stuff out of the River. The River has its own job in flushing its own sediments downstream and into the Lake, and even this role is compromised by a four-fold reduction in energy due to abstraction into Lake Rotoaira.



**Photo 3. One of the deposits of ash in the Lower River.**

Ash disrupts the growth of plants which are the start of the food chain in the River which juvenile trout depend upon, as well as contributing to hydrological problems.

### *Cattle in the River*

The presence of cattle in this River does little to suggest that the management is actively practising its own plans of reducing nitrogen entering The Lake.



**Photo 4. This herd has access to the River near the Downs Pool.**

### **Conclusion**

In its first submission the AFTR requested that these consents be modified in the direction of clear, extensive and comprehensive management plans to provide the River with regimes which will aid its recovery and restoration.

As a first step, the AFTR contends that there is need to make progress through a management plan which:

- will be effective because it will operate over a six-year interval. We consider that a 35 or 20 year consent locks out most stakeholders for that period and this cannot be justified.
- will be strategic, including operational and financial planning.
- will unify the Maori voice, which at present is divided and which is a barrier to the recovery and restoration of the River.

≈ APPENDIX 2 » INTEGRATED CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN FRAMEWORK

**A draft framework (prepared by Dr Stuart Crosbie)**

Beneath each of the strategic objectives (bubbles) of the strategy map shown are a series of partially completed templates as follows:



Strategic Objective	Recent Situation	2015 Destination Statement	Accountable Agency (ies)	Planning References
<b>F1: Prevent flood damage of built environment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Turangi township and SH1 bridge</b> have both been impacted severely by flooding in recent past</li> <li>• <b>Stopbanks</b> in place for protection of Turangi township above SH1 bridge and to some extent below</li> <li>• <b>Consent issued</b> for gravel extraction below SH1 bridge to lower the river bed and avoid the 'Mississippi effect'</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The existing stopbanks</b> are maintained and rendered effective through lowering the riverbed as appropriate</li> <li>• <b>Riparian areas</b> managed so trees and other potential debris do not increase flood risk</li> <li>• <b>Land use changes</b> within the catchment are controlled so as not to increase flood risk</li> </ul>	Waikato Regional Council	??

Strategic Objective	Annual Plan Initiatives 2012/13	Completed by	Priority	Respons	Comments/ Update
<b>F1: Prevent flood damage of built environment</b>	1. ??				
	2. ??				
	3. ??				
	4. ??				

Strategic Objective	Recent Situation	2015 Destination Statement	Accountable Agency (ies)	Planning References
<b>F2: Reduce or mitigate biosecurity risks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Didymo</b> has been kept in South Island thus far, but border control measures remain inadequate</li> <li>• <b>Other aquatic weeds</b> are becoming a potential risk</li> <li>• <b>Wilding pines</b> have been poisoned extensively in river basin but work remains incomplete</li> <li>• <b>Willows</b> are becoming a major threat</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Didymo and other aquatic pests</b> kept out of river and fishery</li> <li>• <b>Extensive wilding pines</b> management throughout river basin with strong evidence of rejuvenating native bush</li> <li>• <b>Good control of willow</b> seedlings in riverbed and <b>control of broom, blackberry and other weeds</b> in intensively managed areas, such as river reserves</li> <li>• <b>Methods of control are sustainable</b></li> </ul>	Biosecurity NZ	
			AFTR/DoC	Flora management plan
			WRC	
			Department of Corrections	

Strategic Objective	Annual Plan Initiatives 2012/13	Completed by	Priority	Respons	Comments/ Update
<b>F2: Reduce or mitigate biosecurity risks</b>	5. ??				
	6. ??				
	7. ??				
	8. ??				

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Strategic Objective	Recent Situation	2015 Destination Statement	Accountable Agency (ies)	Planning References
F3: Facilitate renewable energy production sustainably	•	•	Genesis Energy	??

Strategic Objective	Annual Plan Initiatives 2012/13	Completed by	Priority	Respons	Comments/ Update
F3: Facilitate renewable energy production sustainably	9. ??				
	10. ??				
	11. ??				
	12. ??				

Strategic Objective	Recent Situation	2015 Destination Statement	Accountable Agency (ies)	Planning References
F4: Keep river flowing and unclogged	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Most of the river mouths</b> are either completely closed off or significantly impacted by sediment build-up</li> <li>• <b>Tree debris</b> lying in river in places with sediment build-up and islands being formed</li> <li>• <b>Willows impeding river flow</b> in sections of the river</li> <li>• <b>Lake is often being held higher than normal</b> at times when the river is in flood – preventing flushing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Flow rate regime</b> assists in sediment movement to prevent flooding and enhance the riverbed as a fish nursery habitat</li> <li>• <b>Lake level and delta management regime</b> helps the river to flush itself</li> <li>• <b>Careful channel management and riverbed terracing</b> prevents unnecessary erosion and debris</li> <li>• Contingencies in place for <b>restoration</b> following volcanic eruptions and lahars</li> </ul>	Genesis Energy	Resource consents
			DoC	
			Mighty River Power	Resource consents
			Waikato Regional Council	

Strategic Objective	Annual Plan Initiatives 2012/13	Completed by	Priority	Respons	Comments/ Update
<b>F4: Keep river flowing and unclogged</b>	13. ??				
	14. ??				
	15. ??				
	16. ??				

Strategic Objective	Recent Situation	2015 Destination Statement	Accountable Agency (ies)	Planning References
<b>E1: Preserve conservation values</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Tongariro River and environs is designated an <b>'Outstanding Landscape'</b> in TDC's District Plan</li> <li><b>River reserve planting programme</b> facilitated by AFTR in recent years</li> <li><b>Some early evidence of regeneration of natural bush</b> in areas where pine trees have been poisoned</li> <li>Community project in place to <b>bring back blue duck</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Enhanced regional and national status of river and environs</b></li> <li><b>The riverbed and its environs</b> are preserved as close as possible to their <b>natural state</b></li> <li><b>Native bush</b> regeneration throughout river basin, especially adjacent to the river</li> <li><b>Maintenance of biodiversity</b> including protection of threatened species such as the blue duck</li> </ul>	DoC	??
			Waikato Regional Council	
			TDC	
			AFTR	

Strategic Objective	Annual Plan Initiatives 2012/13	Completed by	Priority	Respons	Comments/ Update
<b>E1: Preserve conservation values</b>	17. ??				
	18. ??				
	19. ??				
	20. ??				

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Strategic Objective	Recent Situation	2015 Destination Statement	Accountable Agency (ies)	Planning References
E2: Manage impacts of future urban and rural environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concern on adequacy of existing provisions under the District Plan in the context of the proposed Mangamawhitiwhiti block development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>District Plan recognises eco importance of river and stream catchments by preventing urban run-off, providing wildlife corridors and guaranteeing continued public access</li> <li>Extensive riparian provisions for Tongariro River with up to 25% of land area planted in natives</li> </ul>	TDC	District Plan; LTCCP; Annual Plan
			Waikato Regional Council	RMA provisions and catchment management plans

Strategic Objective	Annual Plan Initiatives 2012/13	Completed by	Priority	Respons	Comments/ Update
E2: Manage impacts of future urban and rural environment	21. ??				
	22. ??				
	23. ??				
	24. ??				

Strategic Objective	Recent Situation	2015 Destination Statement	Accountable Agency (ies)	Planning References
E3: Maintain and enhance world-class trout fishery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Significant deterioration of fishery in recent past (size and condition of trout)</b> thought to be caused by reduced food supply, namely smelt, because of lack of churning of the lake caused by changing wind patterns</li> <li>• Science is not really clear nor current on <b>food-chain ecosystem</b> with up-to-date numbers of biomass</li> <li>• <b>Significant decline in licences and therefore revenue to DoC</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Trout size, condition and abundance</b> are consistently good</li> <li>• <b>Up-to-date modelling of ecosystem and food-chain biomass</b> gives confidence in sustainability of fishery</li> <li>• <b>The fishery is being well managed</b> and aligned with the national protection of our freshwater fisheries as advocated for and undertaken by Fish &amp; Game</li> <li>• <b>The international reputation of the mighty Tongariro</b> is beginning to be restored</li> </ul>	DoC	Taupo Sports Fishery Management Plan
			AFTR	

Strategic Objective	Annual Plan Initiatives 2012/13	Completed by	Priority	Respons	Comments/ Update
E3: Maintain and enhance world-class trout fishery	25. ??				
	26. ??				
	27. ??				
	28. ??				

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Strategic Objective	Recent Situation	2015 Destination Statement	Accountable Agency (ies)	Planning References
<b>E4: Enhance recreational values</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Restricted access</b> for anglers and non-anglers to significant portions of the river basin</li> <li>• <b>Poor integration of existing tracks</b> and inability to do loop walks (Turangi, Trout Centre, Red Hut Bridge, across bridge and back to Turangi, for example)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tongariro River Trail</b> (3-day 70 km loop circuit) fully developed and operational</li> <li>• <b>Responsible management of trail</b> with good adherence to well developed protocols for shared use</li> <li>• <b>Good governance structure for sustainable management of trail</b></li> <li>• <b>Much wider appreciation of river and its environs</b> by New Zealanders and overseas visitors</li> </ul>	AFTR	
			Ngati Turangitukua	
			DoC	
			Dept of Corrections	
			TDC	
			Genesis Energy	

Strategic Objective	Annual Plan Initiatives 2012/13	Completed by	Priority	Respons	Comments/ Update
<b>E4: Enhance recreational values</b>	29. ??				
	30. ??				
	31. ??				
	32. ??				

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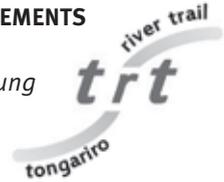
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Strategic Objective	Recent Situation	2015 Destination Statement	Accountable Agency (ies)	Planning References
<b>G1: Respect and protect the life-force of the river</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tongariro River viewed by AFTR and others as a Taonga</b> – of national and international importance for cultural, recreational and aesthetic reasons</li> <li>• <b>AFTR</b> has been operating for 8 years now, speaking out for the river</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Much wider appreciation</b> of the importance of the Tongariro River and environs as an iconic natural landscape</li> <li>• <b>Extensive patronage of TRT</b> creates sustainable funding streams to continue to advocate for the river and raise awareness of the river's iconic importance</li> </ul>	??	??

Strategic Objective	Annual Plan Initiatives 2012/13	Completed by	Priority	Respons	Comments/ Update
<b>G1: Respect and protect the life-force of the river</b>	33. ??				
	34. ??				
	35. ??				
	36. ??				

≈ APPENDIX 3 » TONGARIRO RIVER TRAIL GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

*(Prepared by Dr Stuart Crosbie with assistance from Neville Young and Graeme Nahkies)*



**Why we need a governance structure**

1. To **champion the successful commercial development and sustainable operation** of the Tongariro River Trail in a way that demonstrates a true partnership with iwi and others from the outset, and throughout its existence, as:
  - a. a sustainable eco-tourism attraction
  - b. an attraction based on agreed shared values with the shareholding entities (see below)
  - c. an economically viable asset that boosts the Turangi/Southern Lake Taupo economy and provides meaningful and significant employment.
  
2. To **create and manage the intellectual property/collateral/infrastructure** around the formation, maintenance, management and promotion of this three-day recreational eco-experience.
  - a. **FORMATION:**
    - i. Planning documentation, consents, land access agreements, easements, concessions, etc.
    - ii. Formation of new linking sections of track to connect together those sections already in existence.
    - iii. Facilitation of the upgrades and new infrastructure needed to have an overall track of agreed minimum standard throughout.
  
  - b. **MAINTENANCE:**
    - i. Maintenance agreement(s) with DoC and/or other third parties to maintain the track and its infrastructure to agreed standards.
    - ii. Provision of sustainable funding streams to support budgets pertaining to maintenance agreement(s).
    - iii. Preservation and enhancement of the ecological values of the Tongariro River basin.

- c. MANAGEMENT:
    - i. Management agreement(s) with DoC and/or other third parties to manage the shared usage of the track according to agreed protocols (would include things like signage, servicing of facilities etc.).
    - ii. Landowner concession renewals as required.
    - iii. Operator concessions for any business whose services involve utilisation of the TRT in part or whole.
  - d. PROMOTION:
    - i. Brand identity and marketing strategy.
    - ii. Website and other promotional material.
    - iii. TRT route guides.
    - iv. Memorabilia.
3. To ensure sufficient on-going income is derived from its use **to sustain the TRT as a viable eco-tourism attraction** (e.g. 40,000 visitors where ticket concessions for services are \$10/head giving gross income of \$400,000 p.a.).
4. To **ensure shared use of the trail** works in the interest of all users, including anglers.
5. To **create a strong public appreciation** of the pristine landscape offered by the Tongariro River and its associated environs and to advocate for its on-going protection and enhancement. The Advocates' future mandate to do this will come from a combination of their traditional member base together with TRT users and will be achieved in the following ways:
- a. The TRT thrust for ecological protection and enhancement would be achieved via the Advocates.
  - b. The Advocates, accordingly, would be recipients of grants from the TRT for their advocacy work on a 'voluntary' basis (e.g. \$20,000 per annum).
  - c. Advocates would also be keen to leverage from the TRT website and marketing expertise to enhance and maintain its own AFTR website and marketing strategy.
  - d. Advocates would seek links, for the TRT and AFTR websites, to the website currently being developed by the Turangi Tongariro Promotional Association.

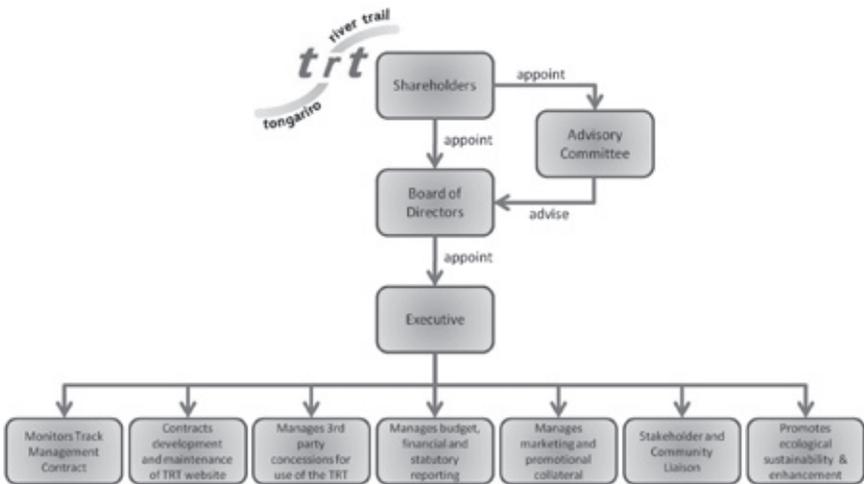
### **Why a charitable company structure is better than a trust**

- 1.** A charitable company has limited liability for its shareholders (important in the event of any serious accidents or injury arising from use of the trail; the TRT would have public liability insurance but a company structure affords added protection).
- 2.** It is required to appoint directors, and there are rules governing transparency, reporting etc. not required of trustees of a charitable trust.
- 3.** As a charitable company, shareholders are not able to derive income from dividends – all profit must be reinvested into the TRT.
- 4.** With a charitable company, there is a greater likelihood that shareholders will appoint directors on a skill basis, not on a representative basis (the latter can happen with the stakeholder advisory committee). Directors need to have good commercial and governance skills to ensure the on-going viability of the attraction.
- 5.** Shareholding would ultimately be shared between AFTR (or successor as community group), iwi (as a legal entity representing landowners and river-bed owners) and central and/or local government (DoC, TDC). In the event that AFTR ceases to exist, the shares would be passed over to another community-based entity.
- 6.** In the initial stages, AFTR may hold 100% of the shares while other shareholder arrangements are established in a purposeful and considered way.

### Tongariro River Trail Advisory Committee

1. Made up of all stakeholders on a representative basis to some extent (in particular, we would want to have representation by Maori landowners bordering the Tongariro River up from the SH1 bridge).
2. Committee’s purpose is to advise the directors on matters of importance (technical, environmental, community issues etc.)
3. Part of the Operations Executive’s role would be to support the committee in being effective as an advisory body.

### Proposed structure



≈ APPENDIX 4 » CONSTITUTION OF THE TONGARIRO RIVER TRAIL LIMITED

*(Prepared by Neville Young and his daughter, Anna McInness)*

**CONSTITUTION OF TONGARIRO RIVER TRAIL LIMITED  
UNDER THE COMPANIES ACT 1993**

**1. DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION**

1.1 In this Constitution unless the context otherwise requires the following words and expressions have the meanings given to them in this clause:

“**Act**” means the Companies Act 1993.

“**Board**” means the Directors numbering not less than the required quorum acting as the board of directors of the Company and where one Director is a quorum it means that Director so acting alone.

“**Company**” means **TONGARIRO RIVER TRAIL LIMITED**.

“**Constitution**” means this constitution of the Company and all amendments to it from time to time.

“**Director**” means a person appointed and continuing in office for the time being, in accordance with this Constitution, as a director of the Company.

“**Register**” means the register of Shareholders maintained by the Company.

“**Shareholder**” means a person:

- (a) registered in the Register as the owner of one or more shares; or
- (b) until the person’s name is entered in the Register, a person named as a shareholder in the application for registration of the Company at the time of registration of the Company; or
- (c) until the person’s name is entered in the Register, a person who is entitled to have that person’s name entered in the Register under a registered amalgamation proposal as a shareholder in an amalgamated company.

- 1.2 **Clause References:** A reference to a clause is to that clause in this Constitution.
- 1.3 **Headings:** Headings are inserted for convenience only and shall be ignored in construing this Constitution.
- 1.4 **Other Definitions have meaning set out in the Act:** Words or phrases defined in the Act have the same meaning in this Constitution unless the context otherwise requires.
- 1.5 **Constitution subject to changes in the Act:** If the Act changes in a way that would, but for this clause, cause section 31 of the Act to apply to any clause then that clause shall be deemed to be amended in the same manner as the change in the Act so that the Constitution does not contravene or become inconsistent with the Act.

## 2. CAPACITY OF COMPANY

- 2.1 **Capacity of Company:** The Company has the capacity to carry on or undertake any business or activity, do any act or enter into any transaction PROVIDED HOWEVER that the Company shall exercise all relative powers and privileges and apply all Company property exclusively to further charitable purposes, within New Zealand, including, but without limitation the following objects:
  - (a) To be beneficial to the community of both the Turangi region and visitors and tourists to the region by:
    - (i) Designing, building and operating a walking and cycling trail in the valley of the Tongariro River (“the Tongariro River Trail”) in order to provide better and safer access to one of New Zealand’s greatest rivers;
    - (ii) Working with the Taupo District Council, The Iwi and Hapu of the Tongariro River, the Department of Conservation, the operators of electricity generation system which uses the Tongariro River, the fishers and the organisations representing interests of the potential and actual users of the Tongariro River Trail and any other interested parties in order to ensure that the Tongariro River Trail that is built offers the best possible experience for various users and the best possible safety standards;
    - (iii) Preserving and enhancing the native flora and bird and insect life of the Tongariro River and its valley;

- (b) To encourage and support services in the community which meet any of the above objectives;
- (c) Such other charitable purposes as the Board may determine.

("the Company's Objects").

- 2.2 **Objects Paramount:** Notwithstanding anything else contained in this Constitution, no power or reservation expressed or implied in this Constitution shall authorise the Board to do or suffer any act which does not further the Company's Objects including, for certainty, applying the net profits of the Company other than in accordance with the Company's Objects.
- 2.3 **Not to negate clause 2.1:** Notwithstanding section 32 of the Act, neither the Company nor the Shareholders may in any way alter, revoke or replace this Constitution in a manner which would change the exclusively charitable nature of the Company.
- 2.4 **Company not carried on for Private Pecuniary Profit:** No private pecuniary profit shall be made by any person involved in the Company except that:
  - (a) Any Director may receive full reimbursement for all expenses properly incurred by that Director in connection with the affairs of the Company;
  - (b) The Company may pay reasonable and proper remuneration to any officer or servant of the Company (whether a Director or not) in return for services actually rendered to the Company;
  - (c) Any Director may be paid all usual professional, business or trade charges for services rendered, time expended and all acts done by that Director or by any firm or entity of which that Director is a member, employee or associate in connection with the affairs of the Company;
  - (d) Any Director may retain any remuneration properly payable to that Director by any company or undertaking with which the Company may be in any way concerned or involved for which that Director has acted in any capacity whatsoever, notwithstanding that Director's connection with that company or undertaking is in any way attributable to that Director's connection with the Company.

- 2.5 The Directors, in determining all reimbursements, remuneration and charges payable in the terms of this clause shall ensure that the restrictions imposed by clause 2.6 herein are strictly observed.
- 2.6 **Certain Persons not to Influence Benefits Received from Company:**  
Notwithstanding anything contained or implied herein, any person who is:
- (a) A Director or Shareholder of the Company; or
  - (b) A shareholder or director of any company carrying on any business of the Company; or
  - (c) A settlor or trustee of any trust which is a shareholder of any company carrying on any business of the Company; or
  - (d) An “associated person” (as defined in section OD 7 of the Income Tax Act 1994 or any subsequent enactment to similar effect) of any such settlor, trustee, shareholder or director, shall not by virtue of that capacity in any way (whether directly or indirectly) determine or materially influence in any way the determination of the nature or the amount of any benefit or advantage or income or the circumstances in which it is or is to be received, gained, achieved, afforded or derived by that person.
- 2.7 A person who in the course of and as part of the carrying on of his or her business as a professional public practice shall not, by reason only of his or her rendering professional services to the Company or to any company by which any business of the Company is carried on, be in breach of the terms of this clause.

### 3. ISSUE OF SHARES

- 3.1 **Initial Shares:** As at the date of this Constitution there are 120 ordinary shares in the Company.
- 3.2 **Board may issue shares:** Subject to the Act and this Constitution and the terms of issue of any existing shares, the Board may issue additional shares (and rights or options to acquire shares) of any class (including redeemable shares) at any time, to any person and in such numbers and on such terms as the Board thinks fit.

- 3.3 **Power to issue shares otherwise than to existing Shareholders:** Unless the terms of issue of any class of shares specifically otherwise provide, the Board may issue shares that rank or would rank (as to voting or distribution rights or both) equally with or prior to existing shares without any requirement that the shares be first offered to existing Shareholders and for the purposes of section 117 of the Act such an issue is not an action affecting the rights attached to the existing shares.
- 3.4 **Amount owing on issue of shares:** Where money or other consideration is due at a fixed time to the Company on shares in accordance with their terms of issue, that amount does not comprise a call and no notice is required to be given to the Shareholder (or other person liable under the terms of issue) before the Company may enforce payment of the amount due.

#### 4. PURCHASE BY COMPANY OF ITS SHARES

- 4.1 **Purchase by Company of its shares:** The Company may purchase or otherwise acquire its shares, in accordance with, but subject to the Act.
- 4.2 **Holding by Company of its shares:** The Company may hold shares acquired in accordance with sections 67A to 67C of the Act.

#### 5. TRANSFER OF SHARES

- 5.1 **Entry in Register:** Subject to clauses 5.2 and 5.3, shares may be transferred by entry of the name of the transferee on the Register.
- 5.2 **Form of transfer:** The form of transfer may be in the form set out in the first schedule to the Securities Transfer Act 1991 or in any usual or common form, or any other form approved by the Board.
- 5.3 **Right to refuse transfer:** The Board shall refuse to register any transfer of shares unless that transfer is in the best interests of the Company and the transfer is made for nil consideration.

## 6. DIVIDENDS

6.1 The Company shall not pay dividends to its Shareholders.

## 7. PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

- 7.1 **First Schedule to Act applies:** Meetings of Shareholders shall be conducted in accordance with the first schedule to the Act.
- 7.2 **Powers reserved for Shareholders:** Powers reserved to the Shareholders of the Company by the Act or this Constitution may be exercised:
- (a) at an annual meeting or special meeting; or
  - (b) by a written resolution in lieu of a meeting pursuant to clause 122 of the Act.

## 8. DIRECTORS

- 8.1 **Number of Directors:** The number of Directors may not be fewer than one and no more than five.
- 8.2 **Directors:** Upon registration of the Company under the Act the Directors are the persons named as the Directors in the application for registration of the Company.
- 8.3 **Appointment and removal by notice:** Subject to clauses 8.2, and 8.6 the Directors are the persons appointed from time to time as Directors by a notice in writing signed by the holders of the majority of the ordinary shares and who have not been removed or resigned or disqualified from office under this Constitution. A Director may be removed from office at any time by a notice in writing signed by the holders of the majority of the ordinary shares.
- 8.4 **Time notice is effective:** A notice given under clause 8.3 takes effect upon receipt of it at the registered office of the Company (including the receipt of a facsimile copy) unless the notice specifies a later time at which the notice will take effect. The notice may comprise one or more similar documents separately signed by the Shareholders giving the notice.

- 8.5 **Period of office:** A Director holds office until his or her resignation, deemed resignation, disqualification or removal in accordance with this Constitution.
- 8.6 **Appointment and removal of directors by resolution:** In addition to the appointment or removal of Directors under clause 8.3, a Director may be appointed or removed from office by an ordinary resolution. A resolution to appoint two or more Directors may be voted on as one resolution without each appointment being voted individually.
- 8.7 **Notice of removal:** A notice of meeting at which the removal of a Director will be considered must state that the purpose of the meeting is the removal of the Director.
- 8.8 **Disqualification and removal:** A person will be disqualified from holding the office of Director if he or she:
- (a) is removed under clauses 8.3 or 8.6; or
  - (b) resigns in writing and is not reappointed in accordance with this Constitution; or
  - (c) becomes disqualified from being a Director pursuant to the Act.

## 9. INDEMNITY AND INSURANCE

- 9.1 **Indemnity of Directors and employees for costs:** The Board shall cause the Company to indemnify a Director or employee of the Company or a related company for costs incurred by him or her in any proceeding:
- (a) that relates to liability for any act or omission in his or her capacity as a Director or employee; and
  - (b) in which judgment is given in his or her favour or in which he or she is acquitted, or which is discontinued.
- 9.2 **Indemnity of Directors and employees for liability and costs:** The Board shall cause the Company to indemnify a Director or an employee of the Company or a related company in respect of:
- (a) liability to any person other than the Company or a related company for any act or omission in his or her capacity as a Director or employee; or
  - (b) costs incurred by the Director or employee in defending or settling any claim or proceeding relating to any liability under clause 9.1;

not being:

- (c) criminal liability; or
- (d) liability in respect of a breach of section 131 of the Act; or
- (e) liability for breach of any fiduciary duty owed to the Company or a related company.

- 9.3 **Insurance of directors and employees:** The Board may, subject to section 162 of the Act, cause the Company to effect insurance for Directors and for employees of the Company or a related company in respect of:
- (a) liability, not being criminal liability, for any act or omission in his or her capacity as a Director or employee; or
  - (b) costs incurred by such Directors or employees in defending or settling any claim or proceeding relating to any such liability; or
  - (c) costs incurred by a Director or employee in defending any criminal proceedings that have been brought against the Director or employee in relation to any act or omission in his or her capacity as a Director or employee and in which he or she is acquitted.
- 9.4 **Directors to sign certificate:** The Directors who vote in favour of authorising the effecting of insurance under clause 9.3 must sign a certificate stating that, in their opinion, the cost of effecting the insurance is fair to the Company.
- 9.5 **Entry in the interests register:** The Board must ensure that particulars of any indemnity given to, or insurance effected for, any Director or employee of the Company or a related company are forthwith entered in the interests register.
- 9.6 **Definitions:** For the purpose of this clause 9, “Director” includes a former Director and “employee” includes a former employee.

## 10. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD

- 10.1 **Management by Board:** Subject to clause 10.2 and any restrictions in the Act or this Constitution, the business and affairs of the Company must be managed by or under the direction or supervision of the Board.
- 10.2 **Power of Board:** The Board has, and may exercise, all the powers necessary for managing, directing and supervising the management of the business and affairs of the Company except to the extent that this Constitution or the Act expressly requires those powers to be exercised by the Shareholders or any other person.
- 10.3 **Director duties:** If the Company is:
- (a) a wholly-owned subsidiary, a Director may (when exercising powers or performing duties as a Director), act in a manner which he or she believes is in the best interests of the Company's holding company even though it may not be in the best interests of the Company;
  - (b) a subsidiary (but not a wholly-owned subsidiary), a Director may, when exercising powers or performing duties as a Director, with the prior agreement of the Shareholders (other than its holding company), act in a manner which he or she believes is in the best interests of the Company's holding company even though it may not be in the best interests of the Company; or
  - (c) carrying out a joint venture between its Shareholders, a Director may, when exercising powers or performing duties as a Director in connection with the carrying out of the joint venture, act in a manner which he or she believes is in the best interest of a Shareholder or Shareholders, even though it may not be in the best interests of the Company.
- 10.4 **Delegation by Board:** The Board may delegate to a committee of Directors, a Director, or an employee of the Company or any other person any one or more of its powers, other than the powers referred to in the second schedule to the Act.

## 11. PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD

- 11.1 **No Variation to Third schedule of the Act:** The proceedings of the Board shall be governed in accordance with the third schedule to the Act.

## **12. INTERESTED DIRECTORS**

- 12.1 **Transactions with Company:** Other than as provided by the Act, a Director is not disqualified by virtue of his or her office from entering into any transaction with the Company. No such Director shall be liable to account to the Company for any profit realised by the transaction by reason of the Director holding that office or of the fiduciary relationship thereby established.

## **13. LIQUIDATION**

- 13.1 **Distribution of surplus assets on liquidation:** Upon the liquidation of the Company, any assets of the Company remaining after payment of the debts and liabilities of the Company and the costs of liquidation shall be:
- (a) Distributed in accordance with the Company's Objects; or
  - (b) paid, given or transferred to such entity which in the sole and unfettered discretion of the Board has charitable purposes similar to the Company's Objects at or immediately prior to the time of dissolution. If the Board fails to agree upon a suitable recipient then any director may apply to the High Court of New Zealand for determination as to how such surplus assets should be distributed.

≈ APPENDIX 5 ► PROFILE OF ADVOCATES FOR THE TONGARIRO RIVER COMMITTEE FOR 2011/12

**2011/12 Office holders**



**Stuart Crosbie – President**

President for past two years; committee member for five years.

Stuart is the driving force behind the Advocates’ strategic plan, the integrated catchment management plan (ICMP) framework and the Advocates’ statistical analyses on lake levels and river flow rate data spanning the past century. He is an Advocates-appointed director of the Tongariro River Trail (TRT) Ltd and has maintained a policy overview of the trail’s development.

Stuart lives in Auckland and is a director of a number of charitable and not-for-profit entities.



**Neville Young – Vice-President**

Vice-President for past year; committee member for 3 years.

Neville is a government appointee to Tongariro/Taupo Conservation Board and the Advocates’ key liaison person for central government agencies and politicians.

Neville lives in Wellington and has extensive legal, commercial and governance expertise. This has proven invaluable in formulating the optimal charitable company structure for the governance of the TRT.



**Eric Wilson – Secretary & Treasurer**

Secretary for past six years and Treasurer for past eight years.

Eric is a local government appointee to Waikato Regional Council’s Lake Taupo Liaison Subcommittee, an Advocates’ appointed director of the TRT Ltd and a key local liaison person involved in just about everything.

Without Eric’s sustained dedication and extensive commitment to Advocates matters, our society simply would not survive.

Eric has been a local Turangi resident for the past 25 years and a former Principal of Tongariro High School.

**2011/12 Committee members and past-presidents**



**Mark Cosgrove – Past-President and Distinguished Member**

Mark was instrumental in the Advocates’ formation and was its inaugural President, as well as taking the role on again in a temporary capacity three years ago. Mark has an intimate knowledge of the river’s history and a keen awareness of the science applicable to its on-going sustainability and management.

Mark is a local Turangi resident and was made a Distinguished Member of the Advocates in 2010 in recognition of his outstanding contribution.



**Heather Macdonald – Past-President and Distinguished Member**

With the exception of a year’s break in 2010, Heather has been on the committee since the start, serving as Vice-President before taking over as President until 2009. Her current role is mainly networking and communications. Regrettably, she is standing down at the forthcoming AGM.

Heather is a local Turangi resident and was made a Distinguished Member of the Advocates in 2010 in recognition of her outstanding contribution.



**Ross Baker – committee member from 2006 until April 2011**

Ross’s passion for promoting the river and its environs was best demonstrated during his 5 years as a committee member through advocating for the TRT and gaining strong public support for the trail’s development. Ross also instigated the publication *Bucket list for the Tongariro River – 50 pools to fly fish before you die*.

Ross is a motelier in Turangi and elected to resign during the year because of emerging conflicts of interest.



**Gary Brown – committee member since 2011**

As with a couple of other committee members, Gary’s family has over 50 years’ association with the Lake Taupo fishery and a life-long interest in hunting and fishing. Gary’s prime focus as a committee member is therefore likely to be on the state of the fishery and monitoring the effectiveness of DoC’s Taupo Sports Fishery Plan.

Gary lives in New Plymouth and is an architect by profession.



**Virginia Church – committee member since 2011**

Although newly elected to the committee, Virginia’s petition to Parliament in 2001 with some 602 signatures was the catalyst for formation of the Advocates as an incorporated society.

After living in Australia, Virginia and her family have returned to Turangi where they have very close hapu associations with local iwi.



**Marja ter Haar – committee member since 2009**

Marja has represented the Advocates on the Taupo Fishery Advisory Committee during the last year or so, but her primary contribution has been in organising working bees and co-ordinating on-going resources to clear and replant the local river reserves in indigenous species.

Marja resides in Turangi and will continue her co-ordination efforts despite deciding to step down from the committee at the coming AGM.



**Richard Kemp – committee member since 2002**

A Wellingtonian, Richard has been coming to Turangi to fish all his life – as has his father before him and his son after him. He has a passion for the fishery and a particular interest in its sustainability.

Richard has served as Vice-President from 2006–2010 and has been the Advocates’ legal advisor throughout. He is the current Advocates representative on the Taupo Fishery Advisory Committee.

As a lawyer, Richard’s networks have been invaluable in helping to profile the Advocates and successfully source funds from philanthropic sources.



**Graeme Nahkies – committee member since 2009;  
advisor since 2004**

Although having only been ‘formally’ on the committee for a couple of years, Graeme was co-opted as an advisor for many years beforehand. As a past CEO of Waikato Regional Council and a management consultant with extensive experience working with boards and governance structures, Graeme has helped to steer the Advocates in a strategic sense and been instrumental in building stakeholder relationships towards gaining support for an ICMP.

Graeme lives in Wellington but still aspires to live in Turangi.



**Tuatea Smallman – committee member since 2002**

Tuatea has served as Kaumatua for the Advocates since 2004 and has been our primary means of staying connected to local iwis’ concerns pertaining to the river and its environs.

Tuatea lives in Turangi and is a Kaumatua of Ngati Turangitukua and Ngati Tuwharetoa.



**John Toogood – committee member since 2005**

Like Richard and Gary, John’s family has been coming to the area and enjoying the Tongariro for over five decades. A keen environmentalist at heart, John has led the Advocates’ campaign to ‘bring back the bush’ and rid the river environs of wilding pines and other weeds. His work, supported by Eric and Marja, was recognised in 2010 when the Advocates were the recipient of Environment Waikato’s Weedbusters Award.

John runs his own business in Wellington, and his commercial skills are of benefit to the Advocates also, especially with regards to marketing.

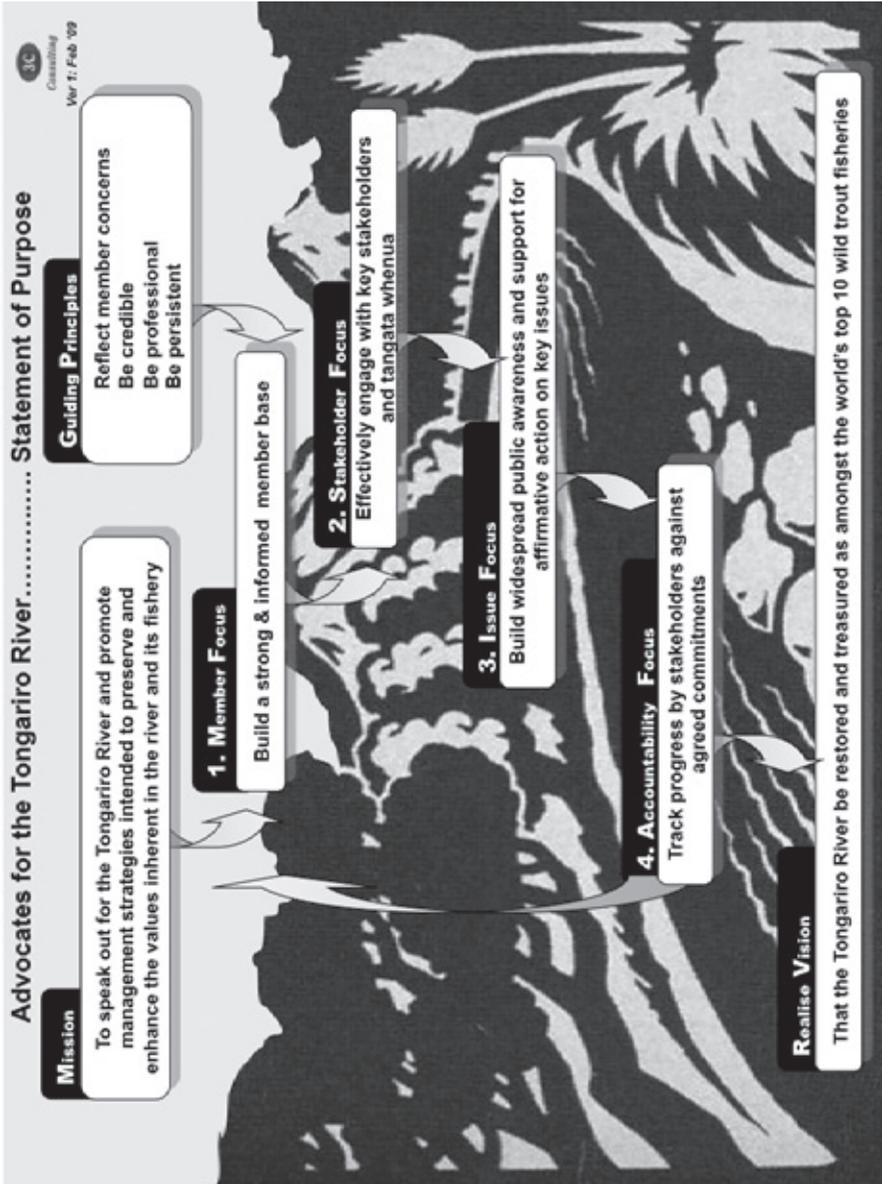


**John Wheeler – committee member since 2005  
(with a break in 2009)**

John is resigning from the committee at the coming AGM because of health issues. His devotion and dedication to the Advocates has been considerable over many years, including a brief period as Acting President. A non-angler, John has worked tirelessly to improve river access for all, and his efforts are finally paying dividends with the formation of the Tongariro River Trail.

John's surveying expertise has helped scope where the trail will go, and as locals, we look forward to seeing him and his wife Betty enjoying walking the new sections of it in the coming year and beyond.

≈ APPENDIX 6 › STRATEGIC PLAN



**1. Member Focus**

**Build a strong & informed member base**

**Strategies**

- M1** Gain public involvement and support for the Advocates as an entity and build membership
- M2** Be informed and credible through increasing Advocate's collective knowledge of all aspects of the river
- M3** Sustain financial viability to fund planned activities

**Achievements to date**

- Have developed respect from stakeholders as a credible organisation
- Current membership ..... 183 (Dec '11)
- Funds on hand ..... \$21,000
- Website developed
- A strong dedicated committee
- Highly satisfied membership base
- Grants of \$130,000 to date
- Each year member donations have equalled subscriptions

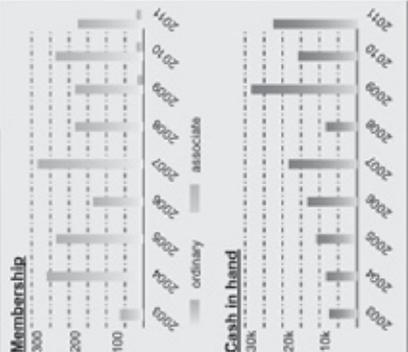
**Actions for 2012**

	WHAT	WHO	WHEN	BUDGET
MA1	Enhance website to ensure it is dynamic and user friendly	Eric	Ongoing	\$4,000
MA2	Continue to look for cost-effective ways of promoting ourselves, eg Bucket List publication, and using electronic media to better communicate with members	John, Heather, Eric, (Sylvia)	Ongoing	\$5,000
MA3	Regularly communicate with members -through website, newsletters (2/annum), Annual Report & AGM	Eric/Stuart	4 monthly	\$6,000
MA4	Assemble reference material on the Tongariro River and publish/reference on website. Support establishment of Tongariro River reference section in National Trout Centre Library	Eric/Citee	Ongoing	See MA8
MA5	Survey member satisfaction levels annually and test for emerging issues (synchronize with newsletter 1)	Stuart	May	See MA4
MA6	Network with other like advocacy bodies (eg Freshwater Anglers, National Trout Centre, Environmental Defence Society)	Citee	Ongoing	See MA8
MA7	Develop and maintain Strategic & Annual Action Plan	Stuart	Ongoing	See MA8
MA8	Undertake routine administration, prepare Annual Budget and gain appropriate funding sources for approved projects	Eric	Ongoing	\$1,500
	<b>Total</b>			<b>\$16,500</b>

**Destination by 2015**

- Have more than 100 Turangi members
- Have a membership in excess of 350
- Fishing clubs and other recreational groups of the Tongariro are associate members
- Cash reserves at least \$30,000
- 40% of annual income derived from non-subscription sources
- Comprehensive knowledge base established, maintained and communicated on all aspects of the Tongariro River

**Scorecard**



## 2. Stakeholder Focus

### Effectively engage with key stakeholders

#### Strategies

- S1** Ensure there are robust and integrated Management Plan for the Tongariro based on credible scientific information and sound river management methodology
- S2** Maintain effective relationships with stakeholders with a cultural, management, recreational and/or commercial stake in the Tongariro
- S3** Liaise effectively with Ngati Tuwharetoa & Ngati Turangitukua

#### Achievements to date

- Brought about establishment of Tongariro River Management Forum and agreement to develop ICM Plan
- Represented on Taupo Fishing Advisory Committee & Conservancy Board
- Crossie report on lake level regime requested by joint TDC/EW Committee on lake shore erosion.
- Constructive working relationships with all primary stakeholders & good local networks
- National level contacts initiated in some areas as necessary

#### Destination by 2015

- Comprehensive Tongariro River Management & Catchment Plan part of EW's 10 year plan (LTCCP)
- All primary stakeholders respect and value the Advocate's balance between (i) working alongside stakeholders whilst (ii) retaining its discretion to act independently
- Comprehensive local and national networks in place

#### Actions for 2012

- SA1** Contribute to development of Tongariro River Catchment Mgmt Plan (whole catchment) as part of EW's LTCCP
- SA2** Maintain strong working relationships with the primary stakeholders – EW, TDC, DOC, Genesis, MRP, Ngati Turangitukua and Ngati Tuwharetoa. Conduct 'feedback assessment' during 2011 (Stuart)
- SA3** Maintain good local networks – including Turangi Tongariro Community Board, Ngati Turangitukua, the River Management Forum, Taupo Fishery Advisory Committee, National Trout Centre Trust, TALTAC, and with community through planting/clearing programme
- SA4** Ensure River Mgmt Plans (i) utilise assessment reports; (ii) have well informed intervention strategies; (iii) include monitoring, reporting & review procedures and (iv) have statutory status.
- SA5** Develop national networks – including DoC, Ministry for the Environment, BiosecurityNZ – as appropriate
- SA6** Through TFAC, follow-through on submission on DoC's 10 year Fisheries Management Plan

#### Scorecard

**Integrated Catchment Management Plan**  
-Benchmarking shows it is best in class with regular review and updating

#### Stakeholder Feedback

-Annual feedback assessment affirms a constructive relationship with all key stakeholders



WHAT	WHO	WHEN	BUDGET
Stuart, Graeme, Mark, Eric	On-going	\$50,000 needed	
All Cmte	On-going		
Local Cmte members	On-going		
Graeme, Mark	On-going		
Richard, Graeme & Neville	On-going		
Richard and Gary	On-going		
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$50,000</b>

### 3. Issue Focus

#### Build widespread public awareness and support for affirmative action on key issues

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Continuing  
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#### Strategies

- 11 Maintain watching brief on current and emerging issues – their potential impact and mitigation strategies being advocated
- 12 Generate increased awareness of value of the River, its heritage, potential and the risks to its sustainability if not well managed
- 13 Advocate for actions that will protect and enhance the in-stream values of the fishery and the river environment

#### Achievements to date

- Raised awareness of potential risks of Didymo incursion and stimulated local action; national ban of felt-soled waders
- DoC-AFTR partnership in riverside planting
- Grants of \$41,000 for pine eradication
- Promotion of TRT Cycle/Walkway development along Tongariro River
- Science pertaining to the river continues to be made available to the public via seminars
- Analysis of lake level and river flow rate data for past 50-100 years

#### Destination by 2015

- North Island remains Didymo free
- Developed AFTR position on industrial Vs recreational use of water, balancing economic and amenity values.
- All 'disastrous', 'high' and 'significant' issues are being managed responsibly

#### Actions for 2012

- IA1 Didymo, and aquatic pest prevention – advocate for NI to be Didymo Free; continue to support 'Check, Clean, Dry' campaign. **1**
- IA2 River Environments Restoration – facilitate restoration of the River Margin and continue with planting programme and pest plant eradication in accordance with TR Environments Flora Management Plan. **2**
- IA3 Lake Levels & River Flow Rates – seek power company cooperation in aiding the river to flush itself **3**
- IA4 Manoaasahihahi Block – maintain watching brief on the urban development strategy **4**
- IA5 Trout Conditions – ensure our world class fishery is sustained through good science and effect management strategies **5**
- IA6 Access – gain improved access (for anglers and non-anglers alike) to a greater proportion of the Tongariro River (2011 – TRT and signage/ steps RHS Judges) **6**
- IA7 Utilise multiple communication channels (newsletters, web site, media releases, seminars, etc.) to raise public awareness & support for taking affirmative action on issues

#### Scorecard



Total

\$54,600



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**4. Accountability Focus**

**Track progress by stakeholders against agreed commitments**

**Strategies**

- A1 Monitor plans and proposals of local and regional government on catchment management and relevant resource consents
- A2 Adopt 'critical friend role' to statutory bodies

**Achievements to date**

- Presented paper on state of Tongariro River to Parliamentary Select Committee for Local Gov. and the Environment
- Lobbied Central Govt, WRC and TDC government agencies (elected members and senior managers)
- Key submissions in 2008 (Mighty River Power on lake levels; Ministry for the Environment on freshwater policy; EW on support for development of ICMP)
- ICMP Framework developed

**Destination by 2015**

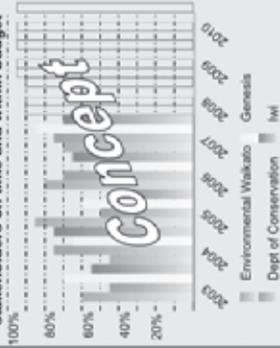
- WRC Integrated Catchment Management Plan operating with regular reviews and updates
- In line with the Conservation Act 1988, DoC leaders in (i) maintaining a full scientific description of the fishery and in (ii) proactively managing river nursery and the restoration of the Taupo Fishery back to 1960-1980s status

**Actions for 2012**

WHAT	WHO	WHEN	BUDGET
AA1 Monitor WRC's overall governance of the river via their river and catchment management plans as they are implemented and updated drawing on up to date scientific, and engineering information.	Mark	On-going	
AA2 Monitor adherence by Genesis and Mighty River Power to their 35 year Resource Consent provisions for electricity generation, and the need to have provisions reviewed periodically.	Jock McNab	On-going	
AA3 Monitor DoC longitudinal data on trout catch rates, size and condition in the Tongariro River and the associated causal factors pertaining to the Taupo Fishery as a whole	Richard & Eric	On-going	
AA4 Carnvas Management Forum members on an annual basis to ascertain member views on the effectiveness of the forum against its initial terms of reference	Graeme & Stuart	On-going	
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$0</b>

**Scorecard**

- Tongariro River's World Ranking
- International Fly Fishing Rating in Top 10
- Planned Milestones (against ICMP)**
- % of agreed milestones achieved by key stakeholders on time and within budget



≈ LIST OF MEMBERS

Adams Gary	Duckworth Bob	McCallum John	Smith Sylvia
Adams Cecilia	Duckworth Heather	McGregor Rod	Stevenson Dan
Anderson Sue	Duff Graham	McGregor Craig	Sutton Annabelle
Andrews Charles	Duff Marion	McNab Alasdair	Sutton Terry
Appleton Bob	Fair Bill	Mills Jim	Teague Brenda
Appleton Shirley	Frank Trish	Nahkies Graeme	Teague Clinton
Auckland Freshwater	Forret Joan	Nahkies Natasha	ter Haar Marja
Anglers' Club	Forret Mike	Nelson Judy	Toft Edwin
Avery Bill	Freitag Walter	Nott John	Toft John
Baker Pip	Gabelich Vince	Parsons John	Tonks Eddie
Baker Ross	Gay Gary	Peake Anita	Tonks Claire
Bamford Dave	Gay Lorita	Peake Mike	Toogood John
Bartle Murray	Gibb Antony	Pritt Christine	Toogood Susie
Batson Brian	Gibb Sonia	Renz Ron	Toy Max
Birss Claire	Godkin Wayne	Richardson Roy	Truebridge Dick
Boustridge Nicki	Godkin Wendy	Rickards Adrian	Truebridge Heather
Boustridge Wayne	Hamilton Ian	Rickards Renee	Trustrum Harley
Brace Robert	Hancox Margaret	Robertson Amanda	Trustrum Marion
Brown Gary	Hancox Rod	Robertson Trevor	Waite Barry
Brown Karilyn	Hayes Carter	Robertson James	Wakefield Rohan
Brown Marie	Hazelwood Robert	Roger Alastair	Wakefield St.John
Brown Mark	Hoby Arthur C	Rosoman Alan	Wheeler Betty
Butts Mack	Hodder Marie	Ross Carol	Wheeler John
Calder Alex	Hodder Selwyn	Ross Grace	Whyte Elizabeth
Barry Chapman	Holden Peter	Ross Johnathan	Whyte Malcolm
Charlton Jude	Horton Warwick	Ross Miles	Williams Peter
Charlton Tony	Insley Grant	Rundle Anthony	Wilson Alex
Church Jock	Insley Sharan	Scoular Robin	Wilson Eric
Church Virginia	Hosking Lesley	Secker Richard	Wilson Lorraine
Connor Geoff	Jackson Arlene	Sherborne Mary	Wilson Sam
Connor Sue	Jackson Bernard	Sherborne Ray	Wilson Vergne
Cosgrove Alison	Kemp Honor	Shieff Jenny	Young Arnica
Cosgrove Mark	Kemp Richard	Shieff June	Young Chris
Cowan Arthur B	Kemp Will	Shieff Sarah	Young Heydon
Cowan PG	Legg Raymond	Shirley Graeme	Young Irene
Cranfield Sam	Macdonald Heather	Short Murray	Young Neville
Crosbie Stuart	MacDonnell Robert	Short Niwa	Young Valerie
Cunnack Renny	Manz Arthur	Smith Catherine	
Curham Tom	Martin Kevin	Smith BL	
Dickson Steve	McCallum Elizabeth	Smith Peter	And 14 unlisted.

≈ COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM

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One form per nominee

\_\_\_/\_\_\_/2012

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Signed by nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

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Seconder (signed): \_\_\_\_\_

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**Either**

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