



## Annual Plan

**1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024**



## 1. Annual General Meeting

- To be held on Friday 25 August 2023;
- To consider and adopt the Chairperson's Annual Report on the operations of the Trust during the year ended 31 March 2023;
- To consider and adopt the Financial Statements of the Trust for the financial year ended 31 March 2023;
- To consider and adopt the Annual Plan of the Trust for the 2023/2024 year;
- To report on the performance of Waipā Networks Limited for the year ended 31 March 2023;
- Beneficiaries to appoint the auditor of the Trust for the 2023/2024 year;
- To decide on the remuneration of Trustees for the 2023/2024 year.

## 2. Appointment of Directors of Waipā Networks Limited

- Conducted as required by the Trust Deed and the Constitution of Waipā Networks Limited.

## 3. Review of performance of Directors considering the Statement of Corporate Intent for the 2022/2023 year

- Review of performance and comment is included in the Chairperson's Annual Report to Beneficiaries.

## 4. Statement of Corporate Intent of Waipā Networks Limited for the year ending 31 March 2024 and two succeeding years

- Make comments to the Directors of Waipā Networks Limited on the draft copy of the Statement of Corporate Intent prepared by the Company;
- If need be, require appropriate modifications to the Statement of Corporate Intent;
- Make completed Statement of Corporate Intent available to the Connected Consumers.

## 5. Trust Finances

	2022 – 2023 Actual \$	2023 – 2024 Budget \$
<b>Cash Flows from operating activities</b>		
Interest received	184,241	278,800
Dividend from Waipā Networks Ltd	0	2,400,000
Other Revenue	78,497	0
Payments to suppliers and employees	(288,735)	(375,137)
	<u>(25,997)</u>	<u>2,303,663</u>
<b>Cash Flows from investing activities</b>		
Purchase of Property, Plant and Equipment	0	0
Loan to Waipā Networks Ltd	16,100	2,900,000
Forsyth Barr Investment	0	(5,000,000)
	<u>16,100</u>	<u>(2,100,000)</u>
Net increase / (decrease) in cash held	(9,897)	203,663
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 April	<u>62,363</u>	<u>52,466</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 March	<u>52,466</u>	<u>256,129</u>

## **6. Dividends**

As provided for in the Statement of Corporate Intent for the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024, the policy on apportioning net profits to be distributed to Shareholders will be determined by the Board of Directors from time to time in accordance with future results and considering circumstances, particularly future capital requirements.

No dividend payment will be made without the approval of the Trust (shareholders).

In the past, the Trust have not requested ongoing dividends to cover capital requirements, instead opting to retain excess monies within the Company. This has allowed the Company to utilise all surpluses to increase the value of the network and ultimately the Trust's shareholding in the Company. This strategy has been successful but has also resulted in a reduction of other investments held by the Trust, outside of the Company shareholding.

With investment gains realised by the Company in recent years, the Trust have decided that it is the right time to reinstate its investment fund up to \$5M to provide for a stable cash flow to offset Trust expenses. During the 2023/24, a one-off dividend of approximately \$2.4M will be paid from Waipā Networks Limited to Waipā Networks Trust.

Going forward, the Trust have requested a yearly dividend allowance to ensure the Trust expenses are fully offset by all investments (including Company shareholding) and that the Trust's Forsyth Barr investment fund is inflation-proofed and remains stable, in real terms. This will only result in a dividend when these two measures have not been met by its investments outside of the Company shareholding.

## **7. Discounts**

The Trust have continued to ensure that customer discounts paid by the Company will maintain their value by increasing in line with network growth and inflation.

Connected Consumers will continue to receive a discount on their line charges during the year to 31 March 2024. The level of discounts is forecast to be approximately \$5.1M.

In prior years the discount has included the loss rental rebates received from Transpower but from 1 April 2023 the loss rental rebates are required to be distributed to the retailer as opposed to the connected customer. Actual discounts will vary as these are calculated based on the posted discount rate per tariff.

## **8. Review of Waipā Networks Limited Reports and Accounts**

Two reviews are to be conducted by the Trust, one in June and the other in December 2023.

## **9. Voluntary Guidelines**

Guidelines for Access to Information by Beneficiaries can be obtained from the Trust website.

## 10. Objectives for the year

- 1) To see that Waipā Networks Limited adheres to its strategic objectives as outlined in the Statement of Corporate Intent:

### Purpose

Together, we power our communities success

### Focus

In the coming year, we will be focusing our efforts on four key areas – performance, community, growth, and sustainability. Across each area, we will be guided by our purpose and our values. More than anything else, we will be driven by our customers and our wider community.

We will better *understand* our customers.

We will better *enable* our customers.

We will better *support* our customers.

- 2) Putting the customer at the centre of our decision-making process will drive our priorities for the coming year.