# **QTHEATRE** ANNUAL REPORT

Year Ending 30 June 2022

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## **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**



#### Tēnā koutou katoa,

On behalf of my fellow Trustees and Directors, welcome to our Annual Report for the year ending 30 June 2022. As it has been for all our friends and colleagues throughout the performing arts sector, this has been another year of challenge and surprise.

The challenges have, of course, been multiple. COVID-19 and the uncertainties and disruptions

it has brought have been widespread, not only in our professional sector but throughout the community. Learning how to best navigate in this new environment has tested all of us, and we continue to contemplate the emerging new normal.

I want to acknowledge that our financial survival, along with that of many others, is to a significant extent because of Government support we received over the year. Direct Government assistance during the year exceeded \$500,000. The Wage Subsidy, the Resurgence Payment and the Arts and Culture Event Support Scheme have been integral to our ability to retain our staff, and to support initiatives that have helped our artist and presenter partners re-emerge, and return to the stage.

**Q** continues its programme of organisation renewal, underpinned by **Auckland Council's** new funding regime which has brought a genuine sense of future possibilities across the organisation. Among the highlights this year, a standout has been the development of our new strategy, confirmed following an extensive programme of research and outreach across our sector and key stakeholders, and also a wide range of the community, performing arts attendees and the general public. We were supported in this project by **Creative New Zealand**. Without this support, the depth of research and the insights we gained would have been impossible.

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We are now in the position, for the first time, of having a level of financial stability and a clear sense of where the organisation will head over the next decade. Our strategic future must resonate widely and recognise the desires and experiences of the full range of our communities and their aspirations. Getting these fundamentals in place has been an important initial step for our Trustees and Directors.

I turn now to our financial results for the year. **Q** is two separate entities. The **Q Theatre Trust** owns the bulk of the assets, being the building and facilities, and holds the lease of the theatre land from **Auckland Council** until 2046. **Q Theatre Limited** operates the facilities through a sublease for the benefit of the Trust. **The Q Group** consolidates both entities for audit and reporting purposes.

**Q** has recorded a small operating surplus of \$133,456 (Budget: \$100,000) for the 2022 financial year. As noted, this result is partly attributable to

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# **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT CONT.**

the financial support **Q** has received from Government COVID-19-related funding. **Directors** are clear that **Q Theatre Limited** needs to generate surpluses of at least \$100,00 per annum for the next ten years, if we are to build reserves sufficient to mitigate our operating risk and address our retained earnings deficit. We have seen over the past two years how the lack of reserves becomes a serious organisational liability.

The consolidated result for the **Q Group** is a deficit of approximately \$396,000, entirely attributable to a depreciation charge of \$734,000. Most of this depreciation charge is occasioned because the value of the building asset is depreciated across the term of the Trust's lease with **Auckland Council**, which concludes in 2046. At the conclusion of the lease, the assets revert to **Auckland Council** and there is no retained value for the Trust. Accounting Standards require this treatment which means the **Q Group** will always report a substantial annual deficit.

**Directors** and **Trustees** are of the view that one of our primary responsibilities is ensuring a maintenance and asset renewal programme is sufficient for the building to remain fit for purpose. The most significant risk to the business is not building depreciation but failing to ensure the asset is maintained and capital renewals are scheduled in a timely way. We note that in the financial year, approximately \$319,000 has been spent on asset maintenance and renewals, and the operational ability of the asset is, for the moment, protected.

4 Q has recorded a small operating surplus of \$133,456 (budget: \$100,000) for the 2022 financial year. The continuing support we receive from **Auckland Council** includes a Building Grant of \$202,000 in FY2022. After commissioning an independent asset management review undertaken by **The Asset Advisory Group Ltd**, it is apparent that Council's funding will be sufficient to maintain our routine annual Building Warrant of Fitness - the annual certificate that proves that specified systems in our building have been inspected and maintained, and all the requirements and procedures of the compliance schedule have been met - but will not be sufficient to allow major asset renewals where those assets have reached their practical end of life.



The significant asset renewal priorities we have identified include replacement of the four air handing units that supply fresh air to the theatre facilities as part of the HVAC system, replacement of obsolete audio-visual equipment, and replacement of obsolete audio-visual sound and lighting equipment.

While the replacement of the HVAC system is a critical compliance requirement, the other theatre equipment is a significant enabler for independent theatre practitioners and other hirers. To the extent that hirers need to source theatre equipment from external third-party suppliers, this

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### **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT CONT.**

acts as a financial barrier to using  $\mathbf{Q}$ . When we have equipment the hirer wants to use, management can make a decision to actively support these presenters by supplying their needs at concessionary rates.  $\mathbf{Q}$  has always sought to enable its presenters and hirers, and as technology becomes increasingly necessary, our ability to maintain this approach will require significant investment.

As I write this, we are commencing a review of our fundraising strategy, with these needs to the fore. In total we anticipate we will need to raise in the order of \$1 million over the next three years to undertake these and other critical renewals. I acknowledge the size of our challenge, but I'm confident the performing arts needs in Tāmaki Makaurau which are met through **Q** are widely acknowledged and valued, and the necessary support will be forthcoming.

I would like to sincerely acknowledge my fellow **Directors** and **Trustees** for their valuable support and commitment over the last year. Notwithstanding the nature of the challenges we face, it has been an exciting twelve months since our previous Annual Report. We have achieved some important outcomes, and we have mapped a pathway for the future.

Finally, our thanks to the **Q Chief Executive** and management, administration and operations teams. Through all the uncertainty our staff at all levels has risen to the occasion and delivered above and beyond. Together with my fellow Trustees and Directors, I am delighted to give my warmest thanks to you for your stoicism and commitment over the past year.

The **Trustees** and **Directors** are excited about the emerging future while recognising the risks. We are determined that our stewardship will lead to a sustainable future as a vital, engaging and rewarding **Q** for all citizens of the region to visit and experience.

Andrew Smith Q Theatre Trust & Q Theatre Limited Chair | Tiamana



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## **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT**



#### Tēnā koutou katoa,

At the end of my second year here I feel I can safely say that our journey to a viable future is underway. It's been quite a year at **Q**, and our wider ecosystem, as COVID-19 has played out like a wrecking ball across the performing arts, entertainment, and events landscape.

But it's no longer the only game in town. For Team Q, and our presenters, partners and colleagues, the emerging need is

to ensure we continue to deliver our services in this uncertain environment, where one is never sure who will be able to work or perform tomorrow, and where a proportion of our audience is unable to attend the show because they have been struck down by sickness, or are a close contact. Yes, there's some exhaustion, but the shows are happening and audiences are entertained, challenged, and astonished. There is a long tradition within the theatrical industry – the show must go on! – and now, every day that a show proceeds as planned, is a victory.

As previously noted, we have been developing a new strategic plan to guide our development over the next five to ten years. My thanks to those who assisted us in our journey. We've undertaken a very wide programme of qualitative and quantitative research, across a range of interests, communities and the public. We have been truly fortunate with the nature and depth of the responses received, and the goodwill that has been demonstrated by so many

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people as we worked our way through this project. Some of what we learned has been confronting and has challenged us to look beyond obvious solutions. Much has changed since  $\mathbf{Q}$  was conceived as a home for the independent performing arts, and this was manifested in the research outcomes. Our former "venue for hire" model is not sustainable for many - including  $\mathbf{Q}$ . Many changes within the sector need to be addressed – a diminution of the depth of theatre makers as funding is continuously squeezed and the demands and expectations of funders and audiences have grown. Incomes within the sector have been under pressure for some time, and this has been exacerbated by the experience of COVID-19.



As our new strategy has emerged, so too has a new approach to planning for the future. **Q's** management has initiated a focused business planning framework to identify the major business changes that will be required to operationalise our strategy.

Real progress has occurred over the year. We've commenced renewal of our core management systems and technology. We're actively planning for the future. We're pursuing a robust customer service focused organisation culture. We're looking to diversify our relationships and our client base, and expanding the range of collaboration options to enhance stability in our future programming.

The challenges are many and some are endemic in the wider industry. Practitioners and technical staff are being lost in increasing numbers. These

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# **CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT CONT.**

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pressures are not limited to Aotearoa. Australia, the USA and the UK are experiencing similar shifts. Elsewhere there are moves to allocate new funds to address these challenges, most particularly in the training of technical and production staff. Unfortunately, the domestic industry lacks an effective advocacy platform, which constrains our ability to gain the necessary political focus that is evident in Australia and elsewhere.

While the last eighteen months has seen a welcome reduction in funding uncertainties for **Q** (big shout out to **Auckland Council**), significant financial pressures remain. A critical priority over the next three years is to the need for major asset renewals in core building elements, and specialist theatrical equipment that enables the work of presenters. Much of our movable assets is obsolete, or older technology and longer useful. The changing nature of both technology and design expectations, and the increasingly central role of audio visual, sound and lighting presentation and augmentation plays in contemporary performing arts necessitates significant investment by **Q**.

Our strategy project has brought into focus the true extent of the structural changes in the theatre industry since  $\mathbf{Q}$  opened, and our need to adapt accordingly. We must transition to a business model that includes a greater collaborative, joint venture, and shared risk activity to ensure a higher level of future financial and programme certainty. The challenge is to introduce a programme, alongside those of our major hirers, that provides increased certainty in the future supply of professional standard shows for larger audiences. Achieving this will require additional balance sheet reserves.

There are no easy answers, and the solutions will require that  $\mathbf{Q}$  builds confidence and trust across our funders, supporters, presenters, and audiences around the optimal future. We have an unshakable belief in the value that  $\mathbf{Q}$  can offer if adequately resourced.

Finally, my thanks to **Q Trustees** and **Directors**. You've been wonderfully supportive, while challenging. The productive engagement between management and governors is very high and as a management we are committed to ensuring this continues.

To my senior leadership, and to our wider administrative and operations staff, who have hung in through the thick and thin of the past two years, my warmest thanks. To say it has not been easy is trite. Theatres are nothing without people, and we are profoundly relieved, as well as excited, to be welcoming audiences and visitors back to  $\mathbf{Q}$  in ever increasing numbers.

Ngā manaakitanga, Greg Innes Chief Executive | Tumu Whakarae



Mihi Whakatau Images (left to right): Inflated Rebel, Everything After, Summer at Q

### **Q TRUSTEES AND DIRECTORS**



Andrew Smith Trust and Ltd. Chair | Tiamana



Hinurewa te Hau (Hinu) Board Director | Kaitohu



**Elisabeth Vaneveld** MNZM Q Theatre Trustee | Kaitiaki



**Ed McKnight** Board Director | Kaitohu Q Theatre Trustee | Kaitiaki



**Justin Lewis** Board Director | Kaitohu Q Theatre Trustee | Kaitiaki



**Sally Manuireva** Q Theatre Trustee | Kaitiaki



**Blair Jagusch** Board Director | Kaitohu

# **2021/22 - THE NUMBERS**



Pie Charts: Government mandated capacity restrictions (Pax Limit) as a percentage of the corresponding financial year.

#### **ABOUT THE NUMBERS**

Each year we take a look back at not just the dollars but also the numbers of people through the door, the people we worked with and what they brought to our stages. During extended lockdowns and capacity restrictions of up to 200 people, it was not financially viable to programme as we would regularly. Open for only a fraction of the financial year these graphs help to illustrate just how much we were still able to achieve. Changes to restrictions often came quickly, sometimes cancelling a show in the middle of its season, or alternatively, not allowing the time to prepare for reopening or returning to the stage.

# **OUR NEW STRATEGIC** DIRECTION WHERE WE'RE GOING AND HOW WE'RE GOING TO GET THERE

# **OUR NEW STRATEGIC DIRECTION**

# RESEARCH

In the aftermath of the Global Pandemic and with more financial stability than we'd seen in previous years, we started to look to the future. Thanks to a Creative New Zealand Arts Grant we began the process of researching, writing and implementing a new strategic direction and business plan to see the organisation through into our next decade.

With strategy consultant **Tim Walker** leading this process, with support from independent practitioner, Sam Snedden and market research company **Yabble**, we undertook a very wide programme of research, both qualitative and quantitative, across an enormous range of interested parties, communities and the general public.

#### The research part of this journey included:



Interviewing over 30 performing arts practitioners who engage with Q



Survey to hirers utilising Q



Two focus groups of Q audiences



Market research survey comparing Q's database audience with a benchmarking database of performing arts going Auckland audiences



A selection of key stakeholders, including funders, individual givers, and major hirers

# **OUR NEW STRATEGIC DIRECTION**

# FEEDBACK

We have been truly fortunate with the nature and depth of the responses we have received, and the extraordinary goodwill that has been demonstrated to us by many people as we worked our way through the process of developing our new strategy.

#### **Our Strengths:**



Q has huge value



Staff are wonderful to work with



Q has a long-connected history in the sector



Q is a Tāmaki 'home' for some organisations in the sector

#### Our opportunities for growth:



#### Q is confused/confusing

We received many comments about not understanding **Q's** story and what its purpose is. There was particular confusion around if **Q** was venue for hire or a production house that produced its own shows.



#### Q is inaccessible

The perceptions from our sector included: Its confusing to put on a show at  $\mathbf{Q}$ , it's often too expensive, the equipment or space isn't right for my needs.



#### Q Is hard to work with

There was noteworthy feedback that **Q** had significant challenges which created an negative experience and perception of the organisation publicly.

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# OUR NEW Strategic Direction

WHY WE ARE HERE (OUR PURPOSE)

# FUELLING CONNECTIONS FOR ARTISTS AND AUDIENCES

WHAT WE DO (OUR MISSION)

We bring exceptional experiences to life from our dynamic performing arts centre in the heart of Tāmaki Makaurau.

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# OUR NEW Strategic Direction

#### **HOW WE ACT (OUR VALUES)**

In order to have impact, our culture is defined by these behaviours and qualities – how we work together and with others.

WE ARE INTENTIONAL WE ARE COLLABORATIVE WE ARE COURAGEOUS WE PRACTICE MANAAKITANGA WE ARE EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATORS 05

# OUR NEW Strategic Direction

#### THE THINKING THAT GUIDES US

These new guiding principles will underpin everything we do.



We are operationally and financially robust.



We embrace our role to support the success of others.



Practitioners and audiences are at the heart of our mahi.



Exceptional experiences for audiences and hirers.



We acknowledge the importance of our place and space in the centre of Tāmaki Makaurau and honour all of those that came before us whose shoulders we stand on.

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# **OUR NEW STRATEGIC DIRECTION**

#### SUCCESS FOR US IS (OUR IMPACTS)



Increased participation and deeper engagement with the people of Tāmaki Makaurau.



Stronger and deeper relationships and continued support for Q.



Supporting a healthier, more interconnected performing arts ecology.



Greater operational and financial prosperity.

#### **OUR 5 FOCUS AREAS** 2023 TO 2027

#### To be financially robust

We develop and sustain a mix of funding, revenue, programmes and products that maintain our viability, relevance and effectiveness.

#### To be deeply engaged

We identify, prioritise and manage relationships and interrelationships within a defined ecosystem to deliver value to all parties.

#### To tell a compelling story

We communicate a clear and relevant value proposition and narrative.

#### To be highly capable

We demonstrate best practice in leadership, systems, processes and company culture.

#### To build pathways

We create new pathways for artists, arts organisations and audiences to engage with **Q** that are straightforward, easy to navigate and appropriate to the needs of our customers.

This article is an example of the stories we share at  $\mathbf{Q}$ . It was originally published to our website on 5 August 2021

# <sup>16</sup> TEENAGE DREAM - A DISCUSSION WITH ELLA BECROFT

**Dakota of the White Flats** was scheduled to come to **Q** on the 12th of August 2021 but was disrupted by COVID lockdowns twice after only two performances. In the lead up to the season we caught up with **Ella Becroft** of **Red Leap Theatre** to talk about directing a show through lockdowns and motherhood.





# When **Ella Becroft**, **Associate Director** of **Red Leap Theatre** was a young ambitious teenager, she had a love for the theatre and its power to transform empty rooms into magical spaces filled with rich emotion, but she didn't see much theatre that reflected the perspective of young woman like herself. Now, an accomplished theatre-maker and new mother, she is helping to bring stories like this to life in the hopes that it can inspire a new generation of theatre-makers to shape the world and their place within it.

**Ella** placed a lot of focus on building a unique live experience for the stage, one that couldn't be replicated on screen. There is live music and folly, a shifting transforming set, big bold physicality and a maelstrom of theatrical tones inspired by action, punk, noir and horror tropes to create a fun scary atmosphere for family audiences. "I made a show that adults would love alongside their teenage children. It's such a loud, fierce, magic, fun show - it crosses over a wide age range."

**Director - Dakota of the White Flats** Ella Becroft

Dakota of the White Flats will be returning in May 2023. Click here to view the full article.



# **THE PROGRAMME** FY 2020/21

# **PROGRAMME INTRODUCTION:**



2022 was the year of perfecting the art of rescheduling, scheduling, and rescheduling again, breathing deeply and with renewed support from **Auckland Council** and **Creative New Zealand**, a chance to dip our programming toes into what elements of the future could look like at **Q**. Whilst we were only able to present a portion of what was originally programmed over the last 12 months with our doors open to the public for less than four of those months, work presented at **Q** punched hard, celebrated our local stories and artists, and brought in dedicated and new audiences to our spaces.

In the short time we were open, we achieved several milestones including for the first time since 2018, continuing our creative development programme

MATCHBOX, working alongside Soft.Co to present dance work Inflated Rebel. Rose Philpott & Jessie McCall's new work was selected to be part of Q's MATCHBOX programme back in 2019 to be presented in 2020. The MATCHBOX programme wouldn't be possible with the supported of the Gus Fisher Charitable Trust.

Investing and working alongside artists became a theme of the year, including the likes of Shane Bosher's Everything After supported by Waipapa Taumata Rau, the University of Auckland, through to our first ever artist residency and a return season of Eli Matthewson's Fred Award winning show Daddy Short Legs, to name just a few.

We've seen an increased need to find ways to support artists in the development and presentation of work and while we have limited means to offer this kind support, we know that the need isn't going away and will continue to be a challenge, especially for freelancing practitioners and producers without on-going funding.

Sarah Graham General Manager & Programme Director Kaiwhakahaere Rauemi













From top left: Everything After (Photo: Andi Crown), Inflated Rebel, Daddy Short Legs, Mourning After (Photo: Abhi Chinniah), Krishnan's Dairy, Karanga.



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## **ARTS DEVELOPMENT GRANT**

Thanks to our renewed support from Auckland Council, we received dedicated funding to maintain and increase opportunities for all Aucklanders to experience and participate in arts and culture, promoting Auckland as a creative city with a unique cultural identity. Having spent years doing what we could to give additional support to artists and companies hiring  $\mathbf{Q}$ , thanks to this fund we now have the resources to offer bespoke support to a variety

of artists, companies, and practitioners. The shape of this support came in many different forms, including venue costs, technical support, labour, equipment, marketing, and rehearsal space. For these shows, it allowed them to concentrate on doing what they do best without the added financial pressure often associated with performing at a main stage professional venue like **Q Theatre**.

#### **SHOWS WE WERE ABLE TO SUPPORT:**



DADDY SHORT LEGS



INFLATED REBEL



OLIVE COPPERBOTTOM



DAKOTA OF THE WHITE FLATS



TERRRAPOLIS



TIM BATT PRESENTS ONE OFF FEST

WORKING ON MY NIGHT MOVES



TAITE MUSIC PRIZE

**EVERYTHING AFTER** 





Arts Development Grant and Waipapa Taumata Rau, the University of Auckland support:

# <sup>17</sup> EVERYTHING AFTER

Alongside the support from **Auckland Council**, this year we had generous support from **Waipapa Taumata Rau, the University of Auckland** to put towards a large Rangatira season.

**Everything After** produced by **Brilliant Adventures**, plus written and directed by **Shane Bosher** was a landmark season of theatre in **Q's** Rangatira space exploring the experience of being HIV positive today and how the experience of living through the AIDS epidemic of the 1980s still impacts the people who lived through it. It also speaks to concerns of wellbeing, ageing and intergenerational conflict in the rainbow community.

With lead **Simon Prast** commenting that *"There is so much of it that felt torn from the pages from my own life that I could relate to. I just felt a connection."* 



Image credit: Andi Crown photography

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This was a unique experience to be able to support what continues to be a growing need in the industry, supporting independent or freelance senior practitioners that have a story to tell but aren't directly associated with a large company to tell it.

**Prast** also commented "Shane is a sublime director. There are a lot of things that are new to me in this show, so it's a blessing to have someone like Shane, who you can totally trust."

"There is no one like our director Shane. He's so insightful, patient and really values the actor's process. He brings out the very best actor that's inside you"

We were honoured to be able to support **Shane** and **Brilliant Adventures** in this production, the financial support we received from the **Waipapa Taumata Rau, the University of Auckland** allowed this season to live up to its full artistic potential as well as reach a wider audience. "Q are the backbone of independent, multi-generational arts in Tāmaki Makaurau. Q allows the space for the next generation to merge with the established. They regularly encourage and enable independent artists to achieve, creating work of scale and depth, allowing artists to punch through the known ceiling of their talent."

**Director - Everything After** Shane Bosher



Arts Development Fund and Waipapa Taumata Rau, the University of Auckland support:

# **OT SUMMER AT Q**

**Summer at Q** is our annual celebration of independent makers: a space designed to give collective artists, companies and audiences a chance to take artistic risks in theatre, by providing venue, marketing, ticketing and technical support at accessible rates in a festival framework.

This festival framework would not have been possible over the last two years without the support of **Waipapa Taumata Rau, the University of Auckland** whose support allows us to create venue packages and marketing which make performing at **Q** much more accessible for artists and arts practitioners.

The support is even more valuable when right as it's about to start the festival has to be cancelled due to a pandemic! With 16 shows ready to go, posters printed, tickets sold, sets built, lighting set... the season was cut short. However, ten of those shows have gone ahead in the last six months, or are rescheduled to go ahead shortly.

Over the past 6 years, we have supported works from a massive range of artists, both emerging and established, from experimental, through to kitchen sink dramas and we look forward to next year where the programme is full with another 17 shows to entertain the audiences of Tāmaki Makaurau.



From top left: 50 Ways to leave your Lover, Lou'ana, The Creeps, Don't Touch The Queers, Paul Bosauder - Tierra y Mar, Too Much Hair.

# THE RESIDENCY PILOT PROGRAMME

# **Q RESIDENCY - PILOT PROGRAMME**

With cancelled programme, empty spaces, and an awareness of the hardships facing artists in Tāmaki, **Q** saw the opportunity to offer something new, while also working to create new pathways for future work at **Q**. Lockdowns, loss of work and rigorous funding applications were at the forefront of many practitioners' minds, so the challenge was finding space for ideas to be nurtured and creativity to grow. With no expectations of an outcome, a short and simple application process and the ability to play in all of **Q's** spaces, **The Residency Pilot** was born.

Utilising support from the **Arts Development Fund**, **Q** was able to offer 3 artists a weekly fee, a small budget towards paying collaborators, space to develop, a creative mentor and the chance to present their newly developed idea to an invited audience.

A panel of industry experts that included **Cat Ruka (Executive Director, Basement Theatre), Ahi Karunaharan (Associate Artistic Director, Silo Theatre)** and **Sarah Graham (General Manager and Programme Director | Kaiwhakahaere Rauemi, Q Theatre)** had a tough job to select just three from the overwhelming 95 impressive applications. The selected artists were: **Cian Parker, Bala Murali Shingade** and **Lyncia Müller**.



2022 Residency Pilot Programme - Summary Video link: <u>voutu.be/52SfwsZppvo</u>

### **BABOUT THE 2022 RESIDENTS**



#### Lyncia Müller

Lyncia Müller (Fatai, Lakepa, Nukunuku) is a professional choreographer, dancer and actor. She graduated from the **Pacific Institute of Performing arts** and studied at the most established contemporary dance programmes in New Zealand, Unitec dance.

Lyncia Müller is one of the co-founders and choreographers of TULOU, a Pacific dance collective of wāhine who debuted their first full-length show as part of the Kia Mau Festival 2021 in Wellington. As well as her love for dance she shares that passion with theatre. Lyncia Müller is the creator and co-writer of the critically acclaimed show Fala Muncher debuting at basement theatre in 2018 and a successful comeback season late last year.

She continues to create her own work, is passionate about her cultural roots and continues to contribute to this evolving arts industry.



#### **Cian Parker**

**Cian Parker** (Ngāpuhi) is an awardwinning theatre maker, writer, dramaturg, and performer. Since graduating from the **University of Waikato** she has been on a stratospheric rise. She was the recipient of the **Ngā Manu Pīrere Award** at the 2019 Te **Waka Toi Awards**, the 'Most Promising Artist' at the **NZ Fringe 2020** and is one of **The Arts Foundation 2021 Springboard Award** winners. In late 2021 she won the 'New Playwright Award' at the **Wellington Theatre Awards**.

Her works include, **'Rauru'** (co-writer, performer), **'Sorry For Your Loss'** (writer, performer), **'All I See'** (co-creator, words by, performer). She has also been fortunate to be a part of the creation for other companies works; **Equal Voices Arts 'Where Our Shadows Meet'** (co-creator, performer), and **Waiwhakaata Performance "Waiwhakaata:Reflections in the Water** (co-writer, dramaturg).



#### Bala Mural<mark>i Shin</mark>gade

Bala Murali Shingade is a writer, director, actor and producer working in screen and theatre in Tāmaki Makaurau. Since graduating from the University of Auckland in 2018 with an MA in Screen Production, specialising in drama directing, Bala has directed multiple short films and worked on a number of theatre shows as a writer or actor.

In 2020, Bala was one of six recipients of the **Arts Foundation's** inaugural **Springboard** award, which recognises and supports emerging artists from various fields. **Bala** is passionate about collaborating with other artists to create authentic and exciting art that seeks to entertain and challenge audiences.

### BOUT THE 2022 RESIDENTS PROJECTS



#### KUINI Lyncia Müller

After a successful Boosted Campaign in 2020, **Lyncia** used her residency to explore the poems and songs of Queen Sālote Tupou III (Queen of Tonga 1918-1965) through the disciplines of dance and music. Lyncia embraced Queen Sālote's poetry as a foundation to navigate the juxtaposition of Tongan traditional and modern movement through time and space. Working alongside mentor **Lemi** Ponifasio the work developed to include live singers and spoken word combining with the movement to elevate the experience. Lyncia is a busy artist working on multiple projects, she will continue to develop this work in 2023 when time allows. For more about her experience of the residency follow this link.



#### MLV 843 Cian Parker

Starting with interviews from her stooping ground in Melville, Hamilton, **Cian** was inspired to capture the local stories and living history in response to the proposed demolition and redevelopment of two local schools and the likely impending gentrification of the area. Source material from the interviews, along with character and movement exploration resulted a music and projection heavy movement piece. Cian collaborated with Eddie Elliot and Tupua **Tigafua** to embody characters from Melville in a mixture of dance, movement, and interaction with projections and sound. For more about her experience of the residency follow this link.



#### SANJEEVANI Bala Murali Shingade

Inspired by theatrical experiences when he was young, **Bala** worked to explore an epic, immersive sci-fi theatre show that seeks to take audiences away to another world. The seed of the idea all based around the concept of **Sanjeevani** or the ability to live forever. **Bala** worked with collaborators. Nathan Joe, Ankita Singh, Karishma Grebneff, Mayen Mehta, Kalyani Nagarajan, Jehangir Homavazir, Shaan Kesha and Daniel Nisbet to navigate a potential choose your own adventure script with multiple possible outcomes for the audience. Since completing O's residency, this project has received a Creative New Zealand Arts Grant for further development. For more about his experience of the residency follow this link.



FRAMEWORK

# IOCKDOWN & EFFECTS OF COVID

The COVID-19 lockdowns and COVID-19 Protection Framework settings between August 2021 and April 2022 resulted in continued uncertainty along with scheduling and rescheduling of bookings. We were left navigating the implementation of mandated vaccinations for staff, clients, and audiences as well as increased health and safety measures to support the ability of staff, performers, and crew to reduce COVID infections as the fall out for a positive covid case included cancellation of performances, shifts for staff and uncertainty for our audience.

The support from **Ministry of Culture and Heritage** through their Event Support Scheme specifically allowed COVID disrupted shows to gain financial support. This in turn meant **Q** was able to recover some of the sunk costs of working on a show that never made it to the stage.





# IOCKDOWN & EFFECTS OF COVID

Thanks to additional government support (wage subsidy and resurgence payments) we were able to use this time to continue to work on the organisation as a whole and do work that often wasn't afforded to us in times of high capacity. Building our 22-27 Strategic plan, working with Yael Shochat of Ima Cuisine to create a new menu with a focus on fresh local ingredients, and reinvigorating our tables with an extensive refurbishing job dubbed 'Operation Sandstorm'. The open spaces left by cancelled programme also allowed us the opportunity to offer our spaces up for different uses. Auckland Arts Festival turned Rangatira into a film studio to produce the online version of Waiwhakata, Julia Croft used Vault to re-rehearse her 2019 show Working on My Night Moves ahead of Melbourne's **Rising Festival** in June 2022, and we were able to share the building with our first ever **Q** Theatre Residents.







**From top left:** New Menu 2022, Furniture restorations, Working on My Night Moves Production still (Basement Theatre) Q Theatre Residents.

### **10 ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

With the ongoing challenges of COVID-19 this was another year we relied heavily on the support of people and organisations. We'd would like to also expressly acknowledge Auckland Council, Creative New Zealand, Waipapa Taumata Rau the University of Auckland and The Gus Fisher Charitable Trust for continuing to support the work we do.



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We couldn't do what we do without the generous support of many. A combination of organisations, foundations, trusts and individual givers help to fill the gaps of what is required to fuel connections for artists and audiences. Special thanks to all these individuals who contributed big or small to **Q** during FY22, your ongoing support means so much to us.

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### **OUR TEAM**

The incredible people that make this financial year happen. Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa.

Chief Executive Tumu Whakarae Greg Innes

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Front of House

#### Hospitality

Zoe Meehan

Alice Lillian Pearce Brady Peeti Britney Qiu Cameron Hurst Caoimhe Fidgeon Charlotte Barrand Claire Turner Delilah Lin Demos Nicholae Nielsen Murphy Ella Mcleod Jack Hawkeswood Jacob Dale Johnny Burford Josh Metcalfe Leah Garcia-Purves Liam Prisk

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# FINANCIAL Statements

**Q Theatre Trust Group** For the year ended 30 June 2022



### **Financial Statements**

Q Theatre Trust Group For the year ended 30 June 2022


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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF Q THEATRE TRUST

#### Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Q Theatre Trust (the "Trust") and its controlled entity, Q Theatre Limited (together "the Group") on pages 5 to 14, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2022, and the consolidated statement of comprehensive revenue and expense, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Group as at 30 June 2022, and its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Accounting Standards with Reduced Disclosure Regime issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) (ISAs (NZ)). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with Professional and Ethical Standard 1 *International Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners (including International Independence Standards) (New Zealand)* issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Our firm provides other assurance services and agreed upon procedures engagements to the Group. The firm has no other relationship with, or interests in, the Group.

#### Trustees' Responsibilities for the Consolidated Financial Statements

The Trustees are responsible on behalf of the Group for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Accounting Standards with Reduced Disclosure Regime issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board, and for such internal control as the Group determine is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (NZ) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (NZ), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the use of the going concern basis of accounting by the Trustees and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for the audit opinion.

We communicate with the Trustees regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during the audit.

#### **Restriction on Use**

This report is made solely to the Trustees of the Trust, as a body. Our audit has been undertaken so that we might state to the Trustees of the Trust those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Trust and the Trustees of the Trust as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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### Approval of Financial Report

#### Q Theatre Trust Group For the year ended 30 June 2022

In the opinion of the Trustees, the financial statements and notes of Q Theatre Trust and its subsidiary (the Group) on pages 6 to 14:

- comply with New Zealand generally accepted accounting practice and present fairly the financial position
  of the Group as of 30 June 2022 and the results of the Group for the year ended that date.
- have been prepared using the appropriate accounting policies, which have been consistently applied and supported by reasonable judgements and estimates.

The Trustees believe that proper accounting records have been kept which enable, with reasonable accuracy, the determination of the financial position of the group and facilitated compliance of the financial statements with the Financial Reporting Act 2013.

The Trustees consider that they have taken adequate steps to safeguard the assets of the Group, and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities. Internal control procedures are also considered to be sufficient to provide reasonable assurance as to the integrity and reliability of the financial statements.

The Trustees are pleased to present the Group financial statements, as at and for the year ended 30 June 2022.

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Date 27 October 2022 | 17:55:54 NZDT

DocuSigned by: Andrew Smith Trustee 27 October 2022 | 17:06:55 NZDT Date

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# Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense

### Q Theatre Trust Group

For the year ended 30 June 2022

	Notes	2022	2021
Revenue			
Sales of Goods & Services	3	643,025	793,969
Grants & Donations	3	959,850	641,906
Other Revenue		630,639	323,044
Total Revenue		2,233,514	1,758,919
Expenses			
Employee Benefits Expenses		1,317,786	949,290
Operating Expenses		418,000	577,801
Administration Expenses		364,357	243,334
Total Operating Expenses		2,100,143	1,770,425
Operating (Deficit)/Surplus		133,371	(11,506)
Non- Operating Revenue			
Interest free loan benefit recognition		98,339	0
Asset Management Grant (Capital Projects)		13,836	0
Auckland Council Recovery Grants (Capital Projects)		88,205	0
Trusts & Foundations Grant (Capital Projects)		14,860	0
Total Non-Operating Revenue		215,239	0
Non- Operating Expenses			
Interest free loan cost recognition		10,606	
Depreciation	4	734,175	715,656
Total Depreciation		744,781	715,656
Deficit for the year		(396,171)	(727,162)



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### Statement of Financial Position

Q Theatre Trust Group

As of 30 June 2022

-	Notes		2022	2021
Assets				
Current Assets				
Cash and Cash Equivalents		\$	864,249	\$684,634
Trade Receivables		\$ \$ <b>\$</b>	68,636	\$198,557
Inventories		\$	16,870	\$9,530
Other Current Assets		\$	106,593	\$21,552
Total Current Assets		\$	1,056,348	\$914,273
Non-Current Assets				
Property, Plant and Equipment	4	\$	14,879,694	\$15,493,328
Intangible Assets		\$	34,739	\$6,250
Total Non-Current Assets		\$	14,914,433	\$15,499,578
Total Assets		\$	15,970,781	\$16,413,851
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Trade Payables & Accruals		\$	277,440	\$663,202
Deferred Revenue		\$	782,045	\$347,477
Borrowings	5	\$	7,973	\$7,973
Total Current Liabilities		\$	1,067,458	\$1,018,652
Non-Current Liabilities				
Borrowings		\$	105,863	\$189,369
Related Party Loan	6	\$	137,800	\$150,000
Total Non-Current Liabilities		\$	243,663	\$339,369
Total Liabilities		\$	1,311,121	\$1,358,021
Net Assets		\$	14,659,660	\$15,055,830
Equity				
Retained Earnings		\$	14,659,660	\$15,055,830
Total Equity		\$	14,659,660	\$15,055,830



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## Statement of Changes in Equity

Q Theatre Trust Group For the year ended 30 June 2022

	2022	2021
Retained Earnings		
Balance at 1 July 2021	15,055,830	15,782,992
Deficit for the year	(396,171)	(727,162)
Balance at 30 June 2022	14,659,660	15,055,830



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### Statement of Cashflows

Q Theatre Trust Group For the year ended 30 June 2022

Account	2022	2021
Operating Activities		
Cash received from donations, grants & sponsorship	1,644,543	1,104,510
Cash received from customers and contracts	1,175,155	627,033
Cash paid to suppliers	(1,152,290)	(336,611)
Cash paid to employees	(1,317,786)	(949,290)
GST	(12,621)	33,626
Interest Paid	(548)	(11)
Net Cash Flows from Operating Activities	336,454	479,257
Investing Activities	164	(867)
Payments to acquire property, plant and equipment	(149,030)	(24,719)
Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities	(148,866)	(25,586)
Financing Activities		
Repayment of loans	(7,973)	(152,658)
Net Cash Flows from Financing Activities	(7,973)	(152,658)
Net change in Cash and Cash Equivalents	179,615	306,651
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	684,634	377,983
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	864,249	684,634



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### Notes to the Financial Statements

Q Theatre Trust Group For the year ended 30 June 2022

#### 1. General Overview

#### (a) Reporting Entity

Q Theatre Trust (the 'Trust') is a trust incorporated in New Zealand, registered under the Charities Act 2005, and is domiciled in New Zealand. The Trust and its subsidiary Q Theatre Limited comprise the Q Theatre Trust Group ('Group'). The purpose of the Group and its principal activity is to build, own, preserve, protect and manage as a public amenity, a 350-460 seat flexi-form theatre at 305 Queen Street, Auckland. The consolidated financial statements of the Trust are for the year ended 30 June 2022 were authorised for issue by the board on the date specified on page 5.

#### (b) Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the Financial Reporting Act 2013 in accordance with New Zealand Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (NZGAAP). For the purpose of financial reporting, they comply with Public Benefit Entity Standards Reduced Disclosure Regime (Not-For-Profit) (PBERDR). The company has elected to report in accordance with PBERDR accounting standards on the basis that it does not have public accountability and has total expenses of less than \$30 million. The financial statements are presented in New Zealand Dollars (\$), which is the Groups functional currency. All financial information presented in New Zealand Dollars has been rounded to the nearest dollar, except when otherwise indicated.

#### (c) Tax

The Group is exempt from income tax due to its charitable nature. The Trust registered with the charities commission on 30 June 2008 and its registered number is CC27656. All amounts are shown exclusive of Goods and Services Tax (GST), except for receivables and payables that are stated inclusive of GST.

#### (d) Use of Estimates and Judgements

The preparation of financial statements requires the Trustees to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of the accounting policies and amounts recognised in the financial statements. The significant accounting estimates and judgements in these financial statements is the useful life and residual value of Q Theatre building. These assumptions impact on the carrying value of property plant and equipment in the statement of financial position and depreciation expense recognised in the statement of comprehensive revenue and expense. Refer to note 4.

#### 2. Accounting Policies

#### (a) Cash & cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts.

#### (b) Receivables and prepayments

Trade and other receivables are recognised initially at cost. Trade receivables are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business. A provision for doubtful debts is established when there is objective evidence that the Group will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivable.



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#### (c) Expenses

Expenses are recognised on an accrual basis.

#### (d) Accounts payable and accruals

Trade and other payables are recognised initially at cost. Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods and services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less (or in the normal operating cycle of the business if longer). If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

#### (e) Employee benefits

Liabilities arising in respect of wages and salaries, annual leave, sick leave and any other employee benefits expected to be settled within twelve months of the reporting date are measured at their nominal amounts based on remuneration rates which are expected to be paid when the liability is settled. All other employee benefit liabilities are measured at the present value of the estimated future cash out flow to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date.

#### (f) Consolidation

The Trust consolidates the activities of its 100% owned subsidiaries Q Theatre Limited by using the acquisition method. This is because it has the power to govern the financial and operating policies of the company. Intercompany transactions, balances and unrealised gains, and/or losses on transactions between Group entities are eliminated. Accounting policies of the subsidiary are aligned to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Group.

#### (g) Borrowings and related party loans

Borrowings and related party loans are recognised initially at fair value plus transaction costs. Borrowings and related party loans are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### 3. Revenue

The Group recognises revenue when the amount of revenue can be reliably measured, it is probable that the future benefits will flow to the entity and specific criteria have been met for each of the Group's activities as described below. Revenue from the sale of goods and services relates to tickets, restaurant, and bar sales.

Revenue is recognised when the significant risks and rewards of ownership have been transferred to the buyer. Revenue comprises the fair value of consideration received or receivable for the sale of goods or services in the ordinary course of the Group's activities. Revenue is shown net of GST, returns, rebates, and discounts and after eliminating sales within the Group.

Deferred revenue relates to funds for ticket sales that have been received for future shows. If the particular show has not happened in the current year, these funds have been classified as deferred revenue.

Grants and donations received are non-exchange transactions and are recognised in revenue unless specific conditions are attached to the grant or donation and repayment is required where these conditions are not met. In these cases, the grant is treated as a liability called deferred revenue until the conditions are met.

Interest received is credited to the Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense on an accrual basis.

Auckland Council has granted \$943,944 (2021: \$870,220) to assist with the operation of the Q Theatre facility. The funding is conditional on the purposes for which the fund is granted including arts and creative entrepreneurship. The grant shall not be used for any other purposes except those listed in the agreement.



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#### 4. Property, plant and equipment

All items of property, plant and equipment are initially measured at cost. The cost of an item of property, plant and equipment includes its purchase price, costs directly attributable to bringing it to the location and condition necessary for it to operate as intended and the initial estimate of dismantling and removing the item and restoring the site on which it is located.

After initial recognition, all items of property, plant and equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Subsequent costs are added to the carrying amount of an item of property, plant and equipment when that cost is incurred if it is probable that the future economic benefits embodied with the item will flow to the Group and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. Repairs and maintenance costs are expensed as incurred.

Where material parts of an item of property, plant and equipment have different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items of property, plant, and equipment. An asset's carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount (i.e. the asset is impaired). An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when no further future economic benefits are expected from its use or disposal. Gains and losses on disposal are determined by comparing proceeds with carrying amount and are included in surplus or deficit. Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis at rates calculated to allocate the cost less estimated residual value over the estimated economic lives of the assets. Depreciation is charged to the profit or loss. The following depreciation rates have been used for each class of asset:

The Q theatre is built on land leased from Auckland Council for a period of 35 years until 6 July 2046. The building is depreciated on a straight-line basis over the remaining life of the lease and assuming the building has no residual value.

Within Q's consolidated annual accounts, building depreciation is a very significant charge. The Trustees note that their focus is ensuring that the building and all associated fixtures, fittings and equipment remain fit for purpose, and accordingly that maintenance and replacement of capital items is sufficient to ensure this is achieved. Ongoing discussions with Auckland Council regarding maintenance planning and how that is funded remains a priority for the Trustees. Group asset related expenses during the year included \$85,497.51 on building and equipment maintenance, and \$34,601 on asset replacement.

Buildings	4% SL
Plant and equipment	4% – 67% SL
Furniture, Fixtures & Fittings	7% - 67% SL
Signage	7% SL

	Buildings	Plant and equipment	Furniture, Fixtures & Fittings	Signage	Website & Software	Total
Cost						
Opening at 1/7/2021	19,060,716	470,755	2,146,286	87,923	111,369	21,877,049
Plus additions	-	109,954			39,075	149,029
Less Disposals	-		-	-		-
Closing at 30/06/2022	19,060,716	580,709	2,146,286	87,923	150,444	22,026,078
Accumulated depreciation						
Opening at 1/7/2021	4,241,774	364,429	1,610,735	55,413	105,119	6,377,470
Plus Depreciation	594,125	22,741	100,569	6,155	10,586	734,175
Less Disposals						-
Closing at 30/6/2022	4,835,899	387,170	1,711,304	61,568	115,705	7,111,645
Net book value 30/6/2022	14,224,817	193,539	434,982	26,355	34,739	14,914,433
Net book value 30/6/2021	14,818,942	106,326	535,551	32,509	6,250	15,499,579



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#### 5. Borrowings

The loan advanced from Auckland Council is to be used for working capital purposes. The loan is secured by way of a general security agreement against the Group assets. Auckland Council has reached agreement with the Group to extend the term of the loan of \$200,000 over the life of the Q Theatre lease which concludes in 2046. This agreement is in place and repayment of loan has started from March 2021. The loan is interest free.

6. Related Parties	2022	2021
Senior Management (5)	417,370	305,938

The Chairman of the Q Theatre Group had provided a loan of \$300,000 which is interest free and repayable in 2024, of which \$150,000 has been repaid on 30th June 2021.

Indian Ink Theatre (IITC) is a related party due to Justin Lewis being a Director and Shareholder of IITC as well as being a Trustee of Q Theatre Trust. During the year Q Theatre hosted two productions "Krishnan's Dairy" & "Mrs. Krishnan's Party" which was produced by IITC. Q Theatre recognised revenue from services, including theatre hire and labour amount of \$58,139 (2021: \$62,178) from this performance.

No Related party debts have been written off or provided as doubtful debts in 2022 (2021: nil)

#### 7. Commitments and contingencies

At balance date there are no known contingent liabilities (2021:\$0). The Trust has not granted any securities in respect of liabilities payable by any other party whatsoever.

#### 8. Going concern

These financial statements are prepared on the assumption that the Group will continue its operations for the foreseeable future.

The Group has reported a deficit for the year of \$396,171 (2021: \$727,162), which includes the recognition of a non-cash accounting charge for discount on interest free loans and has a negative working capital position where current liabilities exceed current asset of \$11,110 (2021: \$104,380).

The Group is reliant on the continued support of its funders, including its major funder Auckland Council. Council has determined in its most recently approved Long Term Plan to revise its funding support for the Group and new funding agreements that reflect this increased support till 30 June 2024 have been concluded.

In August 2021 the Auckland region went into lock down as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic. Consequently, a number of performances were cancelled and postponed, and the theatre was closed for an extended period post balance date. The Group has been able to continue as a going concern with the government wage subsidy and resurgence support payments.

At the time of preparation of these accounts the Trustees are confident that the current Covid 19 pandemic impacts are largely mitigated for the future.

The Trustees have reviewed the Group's budget for the twelve months to 30 June 2023 together with the current financial performance and position of the Group and consider that it is appropriate to continue to prepare these financial statements on a going concern basis for the year ended 30 June 2022.



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#### 17 Financial instruments

(a) Carrying value of financial instruments The carrying amount of all material financial position assets and liabilities are considered to be equivalent to fair value.

Fair value is the amount for which an item could be exchanged, or a liability settled, between knowledgeable and willing parties in an arm's length transaction.

#### (b) Classification of financial instruments

NZ IFRS 7.8

All financial assets held by the Group are classified as "loans and receivables" and are carried at amortised cost.

All financial liabilities held by the Group are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

The carrying amounts presented in the statement of financial position relate to the following categories of financial assets and liabilities.

2022	Loans and receivables	Financial Liabilities at amortised cost	Total
Financial assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	864,249	-	864,249
Trade debtors and other receivables	68,636		68,636
Total	932,885	-	932,885
Financial liabilities			
Trade creditors and other payables	-	277,440	277,440
Loans and borrowings	-	251,636	251,636
Total	-	529,076	529,076

2021	Loans and receivables	Financial Liabilities at amortised cost	Total
Financial assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	684,634	-	684,634
Trade debtors and other receivables	198,557	-	198,557
Total	883,191	-	883,191
Financial liabilities			
Trade creditors and other payables	-	663,202	663,202
Loans and borrowings		347,342	251,636
Total	-	1,010,544	1,010,544



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