

ACTIVITY REPORT 2015 ~ 2016

1) **Background:**

A general meeting of the Group on 4 September 2015 called for a more formal organisational arrangement to enhance the business environment for commercial forestry growing and processing in the region.

Thus agreed, facilitating decisions included:

- a resolve to become incorporated
- approval of the rules of incorporation
- signing of 8 members attending this meeting
- recruitment of a CEO
- appointment of Executive Officers and Committee members

2) **Membership:**

The Group has subsequently been enriched by 3 entrants, giving a total of 11 financial members.

- i. Forest Management New Zealand
- ii. Rayonier/Matariki Forests
- iii. Pan Pac Forest Products
- iv. Ernslaw One
- v. PF Olsen
- vi. Grandy Lake Forest
- vii. NZ Forest Managers
- viii. Forest Enterprises
- ix. Juken New Zealand
- x. Forest Management Group
- xi. Hawkes Bay Regional Council

3) **HBFG Internal Meetings Held**

All meetings are fully reported - Minutes shortly to be available to all via a drop-box facility

- 4 Sep 15 (Members)
- 5 Oct 15 (Committee)
- 24 Nov 15 (Committee)
- 29 Feb 16 (Committee)
- 10 Mar 16 (Committee)
- 7 Apr 16 (Members)
- 27 Apr 16 (AGM and Members)
- 10 Mar 16 (Committee)
- 17 Aug 16 (Committee)

4) HBFG Meetings with Other Entities

16 Sep 15	Chair/CEO/HBRC	Forest policy issues – in front of a 50/50 councillors and iwi regional planning committee (Napier).
17 Nov 15	CEO/EWC	Counterpart institutional arrangements, organisational learning and options for collaboration/sharing (Gisborne)
11 Dec 15	Chair/CEO/ WDC	Results of HBFG beach-wood survey and forestry's positioning on debris flow (Mahia)
10 Feb 15	Chair/CEO/ HBRC	Forestry debris in waterways/beaches, as a lead in to a meeting with Maori on 18 Feb (Napier)
16 Feb 16	Chair/V.Chair/ CEO/Competenz	On the job training / opportunities for student work experience (Pan Pac)
27 Apr 16	CEO/FOA/FFA/CEO's Wood Councils	Institutional roles (FOA and Wood Councils), contacts, priorities, collaboration and sharing (Wellington)
16 Jun 16 5 Jul 16	CEO/IPG HB Biodiversity Accord	Institutional arrangements for implementing the HB Biodiversity Accord
17 Jun 16	Chair/CEO/ Shaun Weaver	Consultant engaged to inform HBRC forestry's position on environmental risk management
11 Aug 16	Chair/CEO/ MPI/HBRC	Forest industry and HBFG relationships, reason for existence, projects, challenges, future risks and issues

5) Milestones

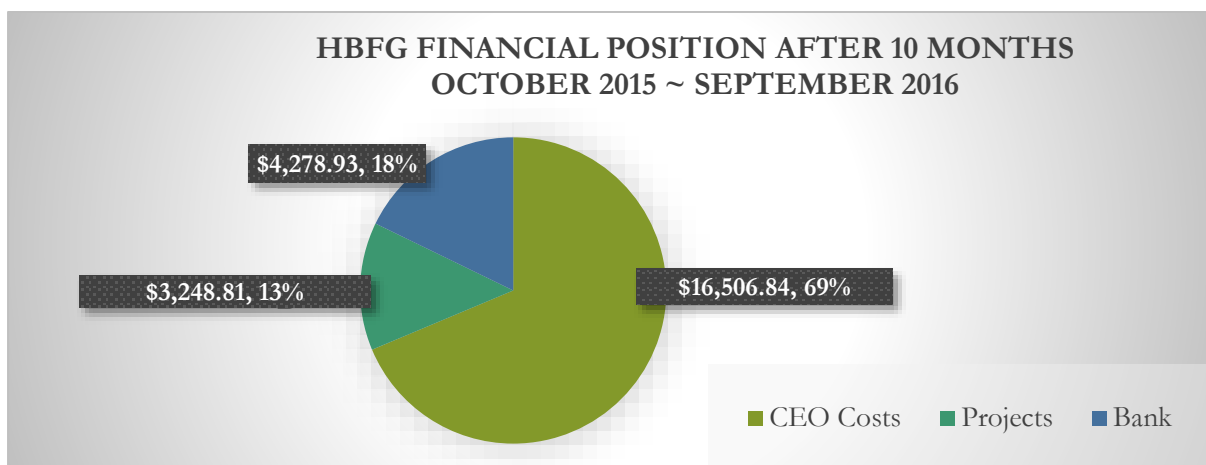
The following high points are observed for the year:

22 Sep 15	Certificate of incorporation, under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908
28 Sep 15	CEO operational (part time / one day per week)
16 Oct 15	HBFG bank account at Westpac opened
5 Oct 15	Logo agreed
5 Nov 15	Field day on slash/woody debris issue arranged by Pan Pac and JNL
8 Dec 15	HBFG survey of woody debris on Mahia beaches found conclusively that politicised debris was not predominantly sourced from commercial forestry
11 Dec 15	On site meeting with Wairoa District Council on culpability for Mahia beach debris resulted in a more amicable relationship and a positive press rejoinder
27 Apr 16	CEO attended the inaugural joint meeting of wood councils in Wellington
23 Jun 16	Forestry featured in a 3 page article in the Wairoa Star – this informed by HBFG and presenting forestry in a positive light

- 27 / 28 Jun 16 Share the Road programme conducted for Tutira, Putorino/Kotemaori, Sherenden and Kereru schools. This generated a highly positive press article in the HB Today
- 27 Jul 15 Presentation (HBFG Members) by Fiona Ewing, National Director for Health & Safety
- 17 Aug 16 Draft checklist to assist forest owners respond to a slash/woody debris flow incident presented to Committee
- 17 Aug 16 Draft terms of reference for piloting applications of unmanned aerial vehicles for assessing slash loading presented to Committee– application for MPI funding made
- 22 Sep 16 HBFG Website posted (www.hbforestrygroup.org)

6) Financial Position as at the end of July 2016:

A bank statement covering the full duration of the project account is attached. The position as at this writing is summarised by way of the following illustration:



Please note that an accrual accounting protocol would reflect less positively on our present financial strength, in that we will shortly be invoiced for the web site construction (approx. \$4,000 plus GST) – **you may therefore consider that the account after one year is in a modest deficit position.**

This report has been prepared by

Keith Dolman, CEO

On 23 September 2016