



SUBJECT           **Whitireia Park Board Minutes**

WHEN             Friday 6 May 2022 at 9:30 am

WHERE            Titahi Golf Club, Gloaming Hill, Titahi Bay, Porirua

**Present**

Jenny Ngarimu (Chair)  
Jenny Brash

Chris Kirk-Burnnand  
Caleb Ware

Jenny Ngarimu welcomed everyone to the meeting and in response to her invitation, Caleb Ware opened the meeting with a karakia.

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1     **Apologies**

*Moved*

*(Jenny Ngarimu/Chris Kirk-Burnnand)*

*That the Board accepts the apology for absence from Sharli-Jo Solomon and Prue Lamason.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

2     **Conflict of interest declarations**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

3     **Public participation**

There was no public participation.

4 **Confirmation of the minutes of 3 December 2021**

*Moved*

*(Jenny Brash/Chris Kirk-Burnnand)*

*That the Board confirms the minutes of the meeting of 3 December 2021.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

5 **Board Accounts [For Information]**

*Moved*

*(Jenny Brash/Caleb Ware)*

*That the Board:*

1. **Receives** the report.
2. **Approves** the content.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

6 **Work Programme update [For Decision]**

Fiona Colquhoun, Strategic Planning, Regional Parks | Kaihanga Mahere Rawa, Gary Wheaton, Park Ranger, Jeremy Paterson, Principle Ranger Western Parks and Jimmy Young, Manager Parks all spoke to the report.

Fiona Colquhoun spoke regarding the Whitireia Park Management Plan. It is intended that Ngāti Toa take the lead with the Management Plan with support being provided by Greater Wellington staff.

Ashleigh Sagar advised that Ngāti Toa have started to review the current management plan alongside Onur Oktem-Lewis who is the Principal Resource Management Advisor and Principal Planner for Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira. Onur advised that she would benefit from a briefing with Fiona regarding the bylaws and park management land matters that relate to Whitireia Park and any other documents that impact on the park. They will arrange a meeting.

Gary Wheaton, spoke to the request from a local resident for a memorial bench seat (Page14 Order Paper) and invited further discussion from the Board. The Board asked that Gary contact the requester and advise that it is considered there are sufficient seats already in the park and suggest that she may like to contribute a tree, preferably a native tree, and although it would not be a memorial as such that it may be an acceptable alternative for her to consider.

It was further suggested that requests for memorial seats and/or tables be incorporated into the reviewed Management Plan.

With regard to the possible future disposal of Radio NZ land within the park which is deemed surplus to their needs, the Board was advised that it is understood that this is still the subject of ongoing discussions with Ngāti Toa who have Rights of First refusal for it.

Robyn Smith voiced concern about gorse growth overtaking restoration plantings and minor park tracks because there is currently no maintenance of it or specific directions for management in the Management Plan. It was suggested that gorse maintenance be addressed by volunteers or Ngāti Toa maintenance contractors, and that directions for gorse are defined in a future new Management Plan.

There was discussion regarding stream-lining the process for concession applications. It was agreed that the Park Ranger would discuss applications with Ashleigh Sagar from Ngāti Toa and that if both agree, then the application would be forwarded to Jenny Ngarimu for sign-off.

Gary Wheaton spoke regarding access to the Kaitawa Point gate (Page14 Order Paper). It is recommended that the current licence system be moved to a 'special access permit' on an on-line platform to be administered through Greater Wellington concession system in the short term. The benefit of this change is that it would significantly reduce administration time. There was discussion around the cultural aspects of ensuring that no harvesting is to take place on shore. It was agreed that a 'no-take' provision be included in gate access permits.

There was discussion regarding Joel de Boer's proposed revegetation work along the Thornley Street gully. The Board made the decision that this is not approved, and that Joel be invited to join other restoration works taking place in the park.

The Board voiced concern about the incident Gary reported and there was a general discussion regarding dirt bikes using the park. Ashleigh Sagar undertook to engage with Porirua City Council regarding the possibility of setting aside an area in an appropriate place for dirt bike riders to use, such as the one in the Akatarawa's. The possible use of Belmont Regional Park was mentioned. This would have to go through the proposed park master planning process for eastern Belmont and the Toitū Te Whenua Parks Network Plan 'Restricted Activity process'.

Moved

(Jenny Brash/Caleb Ware)

That the Board:

- 1 **Receives** the report and notes the contents.
- 2 **Approves** the proposed programme of work for the 2022/23 financial year.
- 3 **Approves** the requirement for diving clubs and others who use Kaitawa Point gate to obtain a 'special access permit' via the Greater Wellington online platform. All 'special access permits' are to include the condition of no harvesting.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

## 7 **Restoration Group – April 2022** [For Information]

Robyn Smith, coordinator for the Whitireia Park Board Restoration Group spoke to the report.

Two tropical events with heavy rain saved a lot of plantings. As the weather is still very dry no further plantings are contemplated at this stage.

Robyn advised that she will engage with Luke and his crew to look at the Leptinella nana sites as they are doing a really good job doing proactive work within the park.

It was suggested that a sign at the beginning of the estuary would be helpful to warn owners that dogs chasing birds may endanger some species. The plantings along the coastal foreshore are doing well.

## 8 General Business

Terry Gardiner, President Titahi Bay Golf club advised that he is retiring from the office of president and that Lynell Huria is the new president. Terry also acknowledged Ngāti Toa Rangatira for their gift of the name 'Whitireia Pou Whenua Open' for the Easter tournament held at the golf club.

Jenny Ngarimu thanked everyone for their attendance and contribution and in response to her invitation, Caleb Ware closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 10:25 am.



Jenny Ngarimu  
Chair, Whitireia Park Board

Date: 26 August 2022