



**SUBJECT**            **Whitireia Park Board Minutes**

**WHEN**             Friday 26 August 2022 at 9:35 am

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

**Present**

Jenny Ngarimu (Chair)	Chris Kirk-Burnnand
Caleb Ware	Prue Lamason
Sharli-Jo Solomon	Jenny Brash

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**

There were no apologies.

**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 6 May 2022**

*Moved* (Jenny Brash / Prue Lamason)

*That the Board confirms the minutes of the meeting of 6 May 2022.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

## 5 Board Accounts

Moved

(Prue Lamason / Chris Kirk-Burnnand)

*That the Board:*

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

The motion was **CARRIED**.

## 6 Work Programme update

Gary Wheaton, Park Ranger, Jeremy Paterson, Principal Ranger Western Parks, Kim Broad, Kaitohutoho Matua | Senior Advisor Biodiversity and Fiona Colquhoun, Strategic Parks Planner | Kaihanga Mahere Rawa, all spoke to the report.

Gary Wheaton spoke to various aspects of the report including the unauthorised spraying and plantings occurring. Through the Chair, Naomi Solomon, Pou Toa Matarau Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira, who was in attendance at the meeting as a member of the public, advised that she would organise to have a communication put out regarding this.

Future plans for mowing were outlined by Gary and he confirmed that no mowing will take place on or near the terraces.

The Board was advised by Gary that since this report was written that a further concession application from Porirua Pick and Mix had been received for a fundraiser multi-sport event for 15 October 2022 and would include but not limited to running, mountain biking and kayaking. Gary confirmed that the inland and coastal track will be used for the running section and mountain biking.

Jeremy Paterson spoke to and elaborated on the options for consideration for the Wharepaku project. Jeremy explained that the mains power system supported by solar power is used in quite a large number of Greater Wellington parks and that the solar panels could be integrated into the roof so that they can't be seen, which would help deter vandalism attempts.

Kim Broad spoke to the biodiversity items in the report, including the weed control programme. Sharli-Jo Solomon pointed out that karo should not be referred to as a weed species as it still has a whakapapa.

Fiona Colquhoun spoke to the visitor satisfaction monitoring 2022 results. An online survey method was used this year instead of phone which resulted in slightly lower reported park visit satisfaction. Dog walking wasn't as prominent an activity. Greater Wellington will continue to include Whitireia in the survey as recommended by the Board.

It was also agreed that if further detailed survey work was undertaken by the Park Board (by Ngāti Toa and Greater Wellington) in preparation for a new Management Plan, then Porirua City Council input should be sought to the survey questionnaire before it is finalised.

Moved

(Prue Lamason / Caleb Ware)

That the Board:

- 1 **Receives** the report and notes the contents.
- 2 **Notes** that if further detailed survey work is undertaken by Ngāti Toa and Greater Wellington in preparation for a new Management Plan then input should be sought from Porirua City Council prior to the questionnaire being finalised.
- 3 **Approves** Option 1 as the preferred option for the Wharepaku project as outlined in number 1. in Attachment 2 of the report.
- 4 **Approves** the concessions in Attachment 3 of the report.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

#### 7 **Whitireia Park Management Plan Update**

Naomi Solomon, Pou Toa Matarau Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira, spoke to the report.

Caleb Ware left the meeting at 10:33am during this item.

Moved

(Jenny Ngarimu / Jenny Brash)

That the Board:

- 1 **Receives** the report.
- 2 **Notes** and supports the content, particularly next steps around reporting back to the Park Board.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

#### 8 **Restoration Group – August 2022**

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

The Board was advised that the date has been set for Thursday 15 September 2022 for the planting day involving the Wellington Region Enviroschool.

Moved

(Chris Kirk-Burnnand / Sharli-Jo Solomon)

That the Board:

- 1 **Receives** the report.
- 2 **Notes** and supports the content and the Whitireia Park Restoration Group's intention to apply to the Te Awarua-o-Porirua Community Environment Fund for 4 years funding to continue removing plants such as liquorice, pamps, karo and gorse over 3 years, followed by planting the link between Onehunga Bay and Onepoto stream in the fourth year.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Jenny Ngarimu thanked everyone for their attendance and acknowledged the contribution and commitment of Prue Lamason and Jenny Brash to Whitireia Park Board and the region. Neither Prue Lamason nor Jenny Brash are standing for re-election for Greater Wellington Regional Council.

Jenny also wished Chris Kirk-Burnnand, Caleb Ware and Robyn Smith, all of whom are nominated, good luck for the upcoming local elections.

In response to Jenny Ngarimu's invitation, Sharli-Jo Solomon closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 10:54 am.



Jenny Ngarimu  
Chair, Whitireia Park Board

Date: