



# Whitireia Park Board

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Dear Stuart

I write on behalf of the Whitireia Park Board, to thank Council for its inclusion of Whitireia Park in the Long Term Financial Strategy. This Board looks forward to developing a closer relationship with Council and to assisting Council to understand the park and prepare for its management in future.

The Board at its 9<sup>th</sup> August meeting resolved to invite a Council representative to join it as a co-opted member. If Council wished, full membership could be considered subsequently but would require the Minister of Conservation's agreement. Officers of Council would be welcome to attend Board meetings too. The Board's next meeting is Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November.

The Board also wishes to thank Council for the annual \$20k assistance. The Board agrees on the range of assistance suggested by Mr Annakin and Ms Edwards at a meeting with Board members on 8<sup>th</sup> August. In particular, the Board agrees gaining control of plant and animal pests, stock fences and other infrastructure issues and inventory work are priorities. The Board agrees that contributions "in kind" or by way of contract services purchased on the Board's behalf will be suitable. Provided the scope of work and accountability e.g. for quality monitoring are clear, the Department is also comfortable with this approach.

The Board asked the Department's Kapiti Area Manager, Ian Cooksley, to draw up an indicative 5 year programme of work for the WRC \$20k alongside the Board's \$5-10k discretionary budget for its next meeting. Ian Cooksley will talk with Council staff in preparing that programme.

The Board looks forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely



Allan Ross  
Chair, Whitireia Park Board