

SUBJECT **Whitireia Park Board Minutes 24 February 2023**

WHEN Friday 24 February 2023 at 9:31 am

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

Present

Jenny Ngarimu (Chair)

Sharli-Jo Solomon

Caleb Ware

Hikitia Ropata

Quentin Duthie

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

1 **Whanauangatanga**

Board members and everyone present introduced themselves.

2 **Apologies**

Moved

(Sharli-Jo Solomon / Hikitia Ropata)

That the Board accepts the apology for absence from Chris Kirk-Burnnand.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

3 **Conflict of interest declarations**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

4 **Public participation**

There was no public participation.

5 **Confirmation of the minutes of 2 December 2022**

Moved (Hikitia Ropata / Caleb Ware)

That the Board confirms the minutes of the meeting of 2 December 2022.

The motion was **CARRIED**.

6 Board Accounts January 2023

Moved (Quentin Duthie / Caleb Ware)

That the Board:

- 1. Receives the report.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

7 Restoration Group Update

Luke Barnsley spoke to the report.

Moved (Caleb Ware / Sharli-Jo Solomon)

That the Board:

- 1. Receives the report.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

Noted: The Board noted that the Awarua-o-Porirua fund comes from Greater Wellington for the Porirua Catchment.

8 Work Programme Update

Gary Wheaton, Parks Ranger, spoke to the report.

Mr. Wheaton advised the Board that all Greater Wellington's parks' vehicle access has an 8m gate opening and requested that the Board agree that vehicle access to Whitireia Park be adjusted in line with the wider parks network. Mr. Wheaton confirmed that pedestrian access will be maintained 24/7.

Due to inclement weather, the snorkel event scheduled on 18 February was cancelled. The next snorkel event is scheduled for 4 March.

No applications for events were received at the time of writing the report. Two requests were received afterwards.

A request for a small wedding was received. As the number of attendees is less than 35, no concession is required. The Board discussed what regime could be put in place for events with fewer than 35 people, and the possibility of inviting donations to the Restoration Group. The Board requested that Parks staff report back to the Board on possible regimes and implementation.

The second application was for sunrise yoga. The Board agreed that it can take place on the condition that it is held at Onehanga Bay.

The Board discussed the lizard translocation proposal. Mr. Wheaton advised that the developer would like a decision on the proposal before the end of summer. The Board discussed the costs associated with pest control and monitoring of lizards and impacts on the ecosystems. The Board also requested that Ngāti Toa be involved in the programme. The Board also advised that the translocation of the lizards will need a permit from the Department of Conservation.

Moved

(Hikitia Ropata / Caleb Ware)

That the Board:

- 1 Receives the report.*
- 2 Agrees to change the gate opening hours from 6am to 8am.*
- 3 Requests that the Parks staff ensure that tapu areas are indicated in the park management plan and communications.*
- 4 Notes the Board will receive an assessment and recommendations in March with regards to the request received by RMA Ecology Ltd to release lizards into the park and the Board will make a decision at this time.*
- 5 Approves the request for a small wedding to be held at the Park in May 2023.*
- 6 Approves the sunrise yoga event subject to being held at Onehanga Bay.*

The motion was **CARRIED**

Noted: The Board requested that Parks staff provide details on a donation regime for weddings with under 35 attendees.

9 Update from the Titahi Golf Club [Verbal update]

Lynnell Huria, President, Titahi Golf Club, tabled a letter, and introduced herself.

Ms Huria provided the Board with an update on the golf course and mahi done in the last 12 months. There has been a resurgence in golf – numbers playing has increased, the Club has had an increase in members. The Club has also introduced carts on the course, which has resulted in my locals and children playing. The Club also partnered with Ngāti Toa in sponsoring a tournament.

The Club was approached by company, which offered to repair the pot holes in the car park in exchange if they could deliver training for youth on machinery. The training went onto the course and ended up cutting a cable. Wellington Electricity was notified.

The Club also advised that it is laying a cart track, with one part requiring a culvert. The Club confirmed that there will be no digging, and that the path will lie on top of the grass. In the part where a culvert is required, the culvert will also sit on top of the grass also.

Moved

(Caleb Ware / Sharli-Jo Solomon)

That the Board:

- 1 Supports the approach outlined in the letter.*

The motion was **CARRIED**

10 **General Business**

Sharli-Jo Solomon advised that the sign by the concrete pads at the top of the hill were put in by the Runanga but did so without anyone on site. There will be a karakia once all the signs are in place.

Jobs For Nature programme – any restoration or activity on the maunga should come to the Board as there are sites of higher significance.

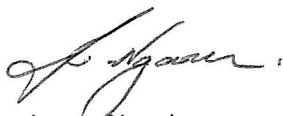
The Board also discussed events being held at Whitireia Park for Matariki, including a bonfire.

Noted: The Board requested that it receive regular updates on work programme.

Noted: The Board noted that a permit from Fire and Emergency NZ will be required for a fire for Matariki events.

In response to Jenny Ngarimu's invitation, Hikitia Ropata closed the meeting with a karakia.

The meeting closed at 10.51am.



Jenny Ngarimu
Chair, Whitireia Park Board
Date: