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## Whitireia Park Board

Friday 26 August 2022, 9.30am

Titahi Golf Club, Gloaming Hill, Titahi Bay, Porirua

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### Members

Jenny Brash

Chris Kirk-Burnnand

Prue Lamason

Jenny Ngarimu (Chair)

Caleb Ware

Sharli-Jo Solomon

# Whitireia Park Board

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**Please note that the full minutes remain unconfirmed until the Board Meeting on 26 August 2022**

SUBJECT            **Whitireia Park Board Minutes**

WHEN              Friday 6 May 2022 at 9:30 am

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

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**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:



SUBJECT: Report for Whitireia Park Board meeting

AUTHOR: Zoe Chen, Senior Business Accountant

DATE OF MEETING: 26 August 2022

SUBJECT: **Whitireia Park Board Accounts**

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**1. Purpose**

To present to the Whitireia Park Board (the Board) the management accounts for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022.

**2. Income**

Income has been received from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022:

- \$6,325 from Titahi Bay Golf Club for lease of the land
- \$31.11 Gross Interest received on the current bank balance of \$65,049.70.

**3. Costs**

Total costs for the 12 months from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022 were:

- \$1,237.50 for reimbursement to Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) which was paid on behalf of the Board, being 12 months of GST for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021
- \$40.00 for the Auditor Annual Confirmation Report
- \$488.75 for the Growsafe standard training.
- \$555 for the GST payment for the period ended 31 January 2022.

**4. Bank Account**

The BNZ Bank account balance as at 30 June 2022 is \$65,049.70.

**5. Recommendation**

*That the Board:*

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

Report prepared by:

**Zoe Chen**  
Senior Business Accountant

Report approved by:

**Jimmy Young**  
Manager, Parks

**Whitireia Park Board**  
**Statement Comprehensive Revenue and Expense**  
**for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022**

	2020/21 Full Year	2021/22 YTD	GW Entries 2020/21 Full Year	GW Entries 2021/22 YTD
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Water Rates	-	-	9,780	1,772
Park Concessions	-	-	183	261
Park Camping				-
Lease	5,500	5,500	-	-
Interest	30	31	-	-
GWRC	-	-	127,839	68,917
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>5,530</b>	<b>5,531</b>	<b>137,802</b>	<b>70,949</b>
<b>Less Expenditure</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Sundry	40	40	-	-
Depreciation	1,676	1,676	-	-
Project Materials - 23000	-	-	15,684	13,962
Staff Training - 22400	-	425	-	-
Chemicals (General) - 23020	-	-	-	-
Printing - 23300	-	-	774	655
Photocopying - 23315	-	-	-	-
Postage & Couriers - 23325	-	-	-	-
Councillors' Fees - 23700	-	-	-	-
Rates - 23505	-	-	5,425	4,480
Security - 23515	-	-	772	-
Cleaning & Toiletrie - 23520	-	-	-	3,542
Refreshments Staff - 23400	-	-	-	61
Meeting - Non Council - 23755	-	-	174	-
Repairs & Maintenance - 23600	-	-	11,265	6,848
Repairs & Maint Equi - 23605	-	-	-	-
Repairs & Maint Plum - 23610	-	-	-	1,124
Repairs & Maint Pain	-	-	-	-
Loose Tools & Minor Equipment - 23650	-	-	(75)	-
Leased Plant & Equip - 23655	-	-	-	-
Venue Hire - 23415	-	-	-	-
Equipment Hire - 23415	-	-	-	-
Advertising - 25230	-	-	748	250
Permits & Licence Fe - 23200	-	-	-	-

Settlement-Materials & Supplies	-	-	-	-
Contract Labour - 25000	-	-	14,488	19,847
Contractors - Machin - 25005	-	-	-	-
Contractors - Constr - 25010	-	-	-	-
Contractors - Facili	-	-	-	-
Consultants - Extnl Audit Fees - 25205	-	-	-	-
GWRC Vehicle Costs - 24500			934	-
GWRC Staff Time - 32500	-	-	87,613	20,180
IC Wairarapa Biosec	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>1,716</b>	<b>2,141</b>	<b>137,802</b>	<b>70,949</b>
<b>Net Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>3,814</b>	<b>3,390</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

*Note – A correction has been made to the FY 2022 YTD expenses.*

**Whitireia Park Board**  
**Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2022**

	30 Jun 2021	GW Entries 2021/22 YTD
<b>FUNDS AND RESERVES</b>		
Accumulated Funds	65,710	69,525
Net Surplus (Deficit)	3,815	3,391
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AND RESERVES</b>	<b>69,525</b>	<b>72,916</b>
Represented By:		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Current Account	61,015	65,050
Sundry Debtors	82	82
GST Receivable	-	-
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>61,097</b>	<b>65,133</b>
Fixed Assets	285,806	285,806
Accumulated Depreciation	(276,503)	(278,180)
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>9,303</b>	<b>7,625</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>70,400</b>	<b>72,757</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITES</b>		
GST Payable	834	(198)
Sundry Creditors	40	40
<b>Total Current Liabilites</b>	<b>874</b>	<b>(158)</b>
<b>Total Liabilites</b>	<b>874</b>	<b>(158)</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>69,526</b>	<b>72,915</b>



SUBJECT: Report for Whitireia Park Board meeting

AUTHOR: Fiona Colquhoun, Parks Planner; Kim Broad, Kaitohotoho Matua/Senior Biodiversity Advisor; Gary Wheaton, Whitireia Park Ranger

DATE OF MEETING: 26 August 2022

SUBJECT: **Work programme update**

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## **1. Purpose**

To provide the Whitireia Park Board (the Board) with an update on the work programme at Whitireia Park.

## **2. Background**

The programme of work is continuing and budgeted amounts for the 2022/23 financial year are included in this report.

## **3. Parks Planning – visitor satisfaction monitoring 2022 results**

Greater Wellington has undertaken satisfaction monitoring for the eight regional parks, the three river trails, via telephone survey for many years, and Whitireia Park was included in the questionnaire. This year the supplier and survey method was changed. The survey was undertaken by respondents chosen from existing survey panels and in online format. The sample size was 1030 respondents from different parts of the region (in representative numbers, age, gender, ethnicity of the population). It is proposed that the online format continue, but the survey will be further refined next year. Whitireia Park can continue to be included in the survey if the Park Board identifies that this is of benefit. Please refer to [Attachment 1](#) for the details and results of the survey.

## **4. Biodiversity – Key Native Ecosystems site management**

### **4.1 Pest animal control**

Pest animal control across the park is ongoing with volunteers undertaking all of the trap and bait station servicing work. We continue to be grateful for the effort that the pest control volunteers put into this mahi. Additionally, we will continue to support the lizard protection project that the restoration group run on the coastal escarpment by providing funding for materials such as bait and other trapping and monitoring supplies.

We had intended to undertake some work to help prevent traps being inundated by long grass. Unfortunately, this work and two night-time searches for possums and rabbits have had to be cancelled due to COVID-19 related staff capacity shortages. We plan to undertake a night-time search in September and hope to have more time to provide trapping support in the new year.

#### 4.2 Weed control

Last year's weed control programme wasn't quite completed, with aerial spraying of *Helichrysum* (licorice plant) being abandoned in June due to unsatisfactory weather conditions. The results of the rest of last year's control work is currently being assessed and a work plan for this year's work will be prepared shortly. The weed species that figured largest in last year's control work were boneseed, karo, Japanese honeysuckle, licorice plant and kikuyu grass.

#### 4.3 Restoration planting

We will again be supporting the restoration group's re-vegetation activities this year by providing funding to cover weed and grass control in planting sites. A visit to look at and plan for this year's planting sites has been undertaken with Chris and Robyn from the restoration group and Ash from Ngāti Toa Runanga.

#### 4.4 Key Native Ecosystem site funding

The Biodiversity department is proposing to spend \$20,250 on managing biodiversity values within the Whitireia Park section of the Whitireia Coast Key Native Ecosystem site in 2022-23. We propose to allocate funding as follows:

Activity	Funding
Control of ecological weeds in priority areas, including coastal escarpments, wetlands and dunes	\$12,000
Predator trapping – materials and support for the Restoration Group's activity	\$1,700
Surveillance and control of rabbits and possums	\$3,550
Support of the Restoration Group's revegetation and lizard protection projects – preparation and care of planting sites, purchase of lizard monitoring and pest control materials	\$3,000

## 5. Park management

As winter has set in the days have got shorter and the patronage of the park has decreased. In general, there has been less rubbish and graffiti and with the recent weather events the park is absolutely waterlogged.

General maintenance by our maintenance crew continues with track cutting and minor repairs and an edge spray is planned for October. It has been noted that both the Onepoto track and inland track have been damaged through recent weather events and have deteriorated to the point that remedial work will need to be done at some stage. This has been raised with the crew and they will endeavour to undertake this work as soon as they can, but their capacity to carry this out is limited at the moment.

Dirt bikes: This continues to be an issue. A fence has been cut by the old number two transmission tower. This has been repaired and we have also started driving around Onehunga Bay. Several members of the public have started confronting the offenders and I continue to call Police when I see them. Other Greater Wellington workers have also confronted a few of them as well and Robyn Smith nearly had a collision with one of them. I have noted that there has been increased police presence through the park recently.

Power pole replacement: Connetics have almost finished their work on the overhead power lines with a couple of things to tidy up over at the golf club, they are just waiting for a weather window to complete the work. When they are finished, we will do a walk through with them to make sure everything has been tidied up to a standard we are happy with. I will look at getting the track they put through added to the firebreak mowing to keep it open.

Mowing: We have awarded Agricontracts a one-year contract to take over the amenity mowing at Whitireia at a cost of \$33,758.25. We will reassess the contract in a years' time which will coincide with the council looking at all mowing contracts across the network.

Thornley Street gate: The new gate was finally installed at the Thornley Street entrance on the 7 July. There was a fair share of teething problems with it as it wouldn't take phone calls and was closing a bit too early...smart gate wasn't as smart as it should have been! The issues have now been resolved.

We have also changed the closing times of the park in keeping with the other parks in the region.

The new times are:

6am – 6pm (1 April – 30 Sept)

6am – 9pm (1 Oct – 31<sup>st</sup> March)



The last drain marker has been installed along the road down to the beach. Now all the big road drains have two markers that will hopefully assist people in not driving (or more likely backing) into them and getting stuck.

Shelly Street gate: There was a marked increase in rubbish dumping at the Shelly Street entrance that happened after RNZ cleaned out their old big concrete drains. It got so bad to the point RNZ offered to close the road at the boundary halfway up the road. Greater Wellington supplied the gate and RNZ organized to get it installed and the rubbish will be removed by a contractor. We are very certain that this will dramatically reduce the dumping.





Arbor day/Matariki: On 23 June we finally got the plants into the ground at the lizard release site up from the Pou as part of Arbor Day/Matariki. A massive thanks to the 35 tamariki from Ngati Toa School who helped plant a whopping 1,000 native trees I was very impressed with hard mahi everyone put into the job. Big thanks to Kim Broad for the plan and Weedworks, Greater Wellington maintenance crew and Luke Barnsley's team for the site prep. Thanks for the great looking plants from Porirua City Council nursery and all the help on the day from the Greater Wellington team and Robyn Smith. Planning for next year is underway.

We have had a bit of graffiti in the toilets but nothing too serious. Good to see that people are proud of their town...I guess spell check wasn't working!



#### Unauthorised plantings and spraying:

There has been a large increase in unauthorised plantings throughout the park, mainly in areas that we had issues with unauthorised spraying last year. This is probably the same person or persons doing it and seems to be still happening. A large number of brown flaxes and purple ngaio along with other species including one kauri. We have started to put together a social media story about this where will give the people involved the chance to remove them all by a certain date. If by that date, the plants are still there we are considering pulling out all these non eco sourced plants and would seek the approval of the board to do so.

#### **5.1 Budget**

Funding for the 2022/23 financial year by Greater Wellington is as follows:

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Funding</b>
Ranging (including toilet cleaning and supplies, security contract, firebreak mowing, blocked toilets)	\$37,840
Whitireia Roads (maintenance of roads in the park)	\$7,810
Contract mowing	\$29,000
Whitireia Tracks	\$6010
Whitireia Buildings	\$2,000
Whitireia Structures	\$2,200
Whitireia CAPEX (Building consents, resource consents for new toilet block)	\$25,000

**5.2 Wharepaku project:**

Reports commissioned have been received and a meeting has been held with representatives from Ngati Toa to discuss the options. The report in [Attachment 2](#) outlines the options for consideration.

**5.3 Concession Applications**

During the time between December 2021 meeting and present there were three concessions dealt with by way of email due to their time critical nature. Please refer to [Attachment 3](#).

**Recommendations:**

*That the Board:*

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

Report prepared by:

**Name**

**Gary Wheaton**

Park Ranger, QEP

**Kim Broad**

Kaitohutoho Matua/Senior Advisor,  
Biodiversity

**Fiona Colquhoun**

Parks Planner

Report approved by:

**Name**

**Jimmy Young**

Manager, Parks

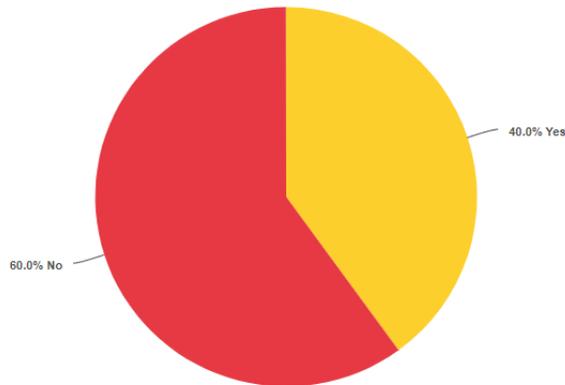


**Attachment 1** to Work Programme Update

**Greater Wellington visitor satisfaction monitoring 2022 – Whitireia Park results**

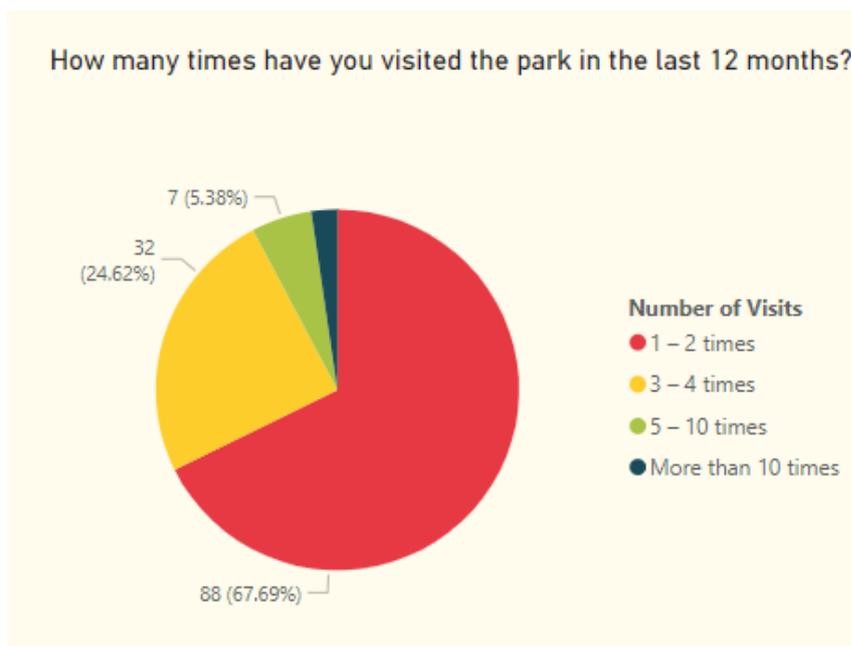
**1. First time visits**

72. Did you visit Whitireia Park for the first time in the last 12 months?



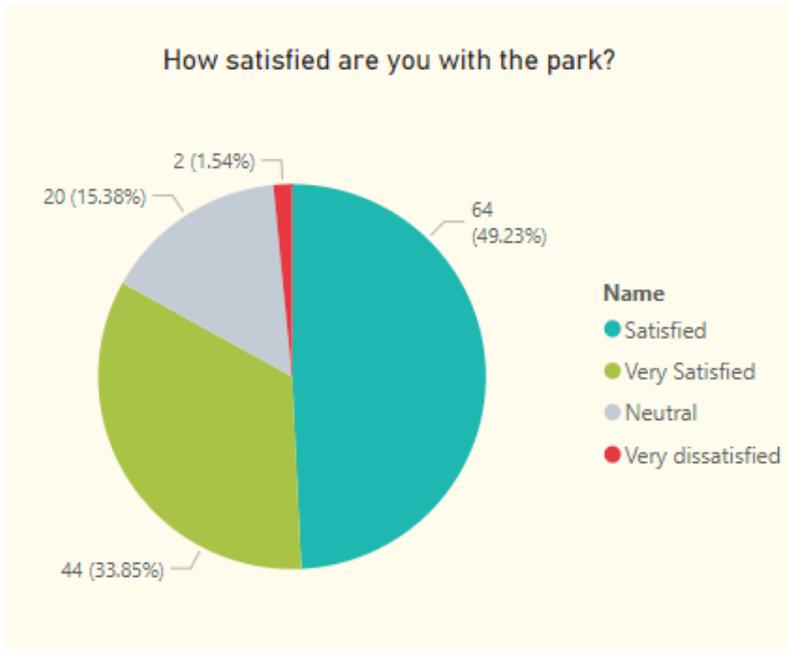
Value	Percent	Responses
Yes	40.0%	52
No	60.0%	78
Totals: 130		

**2. Frequency of visit to Whitireia Park**



**Attachment 1** to Work Programme Update

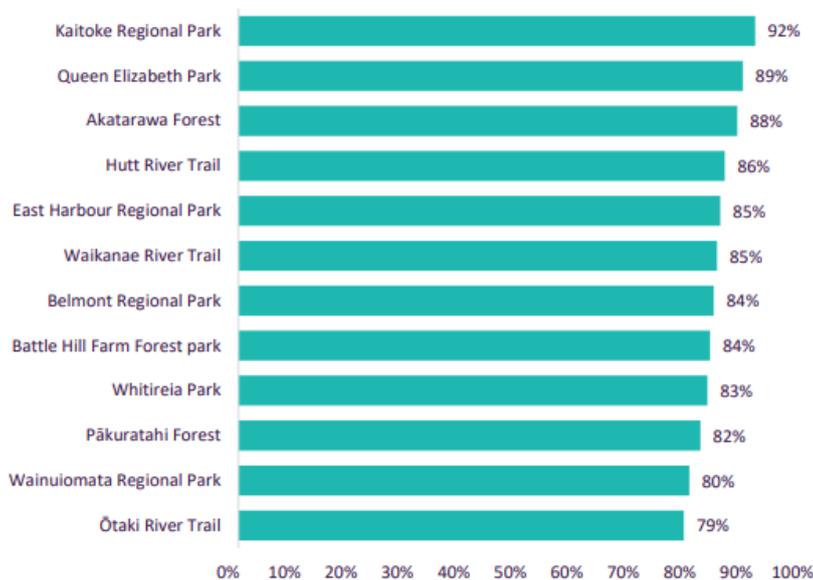
**3. Respondents' satisfaction with visit to Whitireia Park**



Overall, 83% of respondents were satisfied and very satisfied with Whitireia Park.

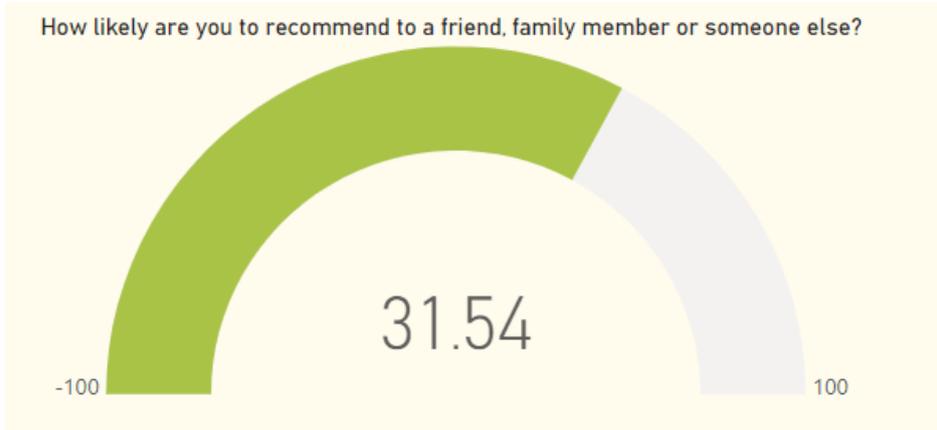
For reference, this compares with 85.8 overall for GW regional parks and river trails (33.3% very satisfied, 52.5% satisfied).

- The figure below shows the overall satisfaction (satisfied + very satisfied) with the parks.

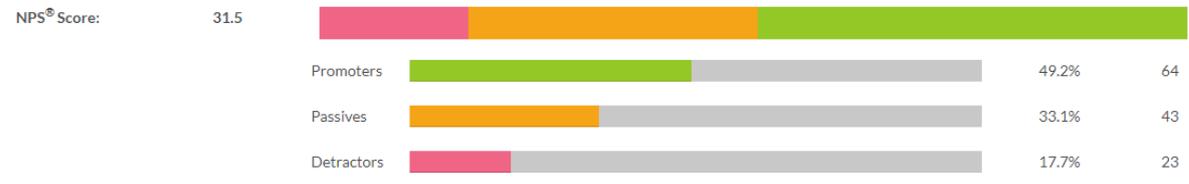


**Attachment 1** to Work Programme Update

**4. Likely to recommend Whitireia Park to others**

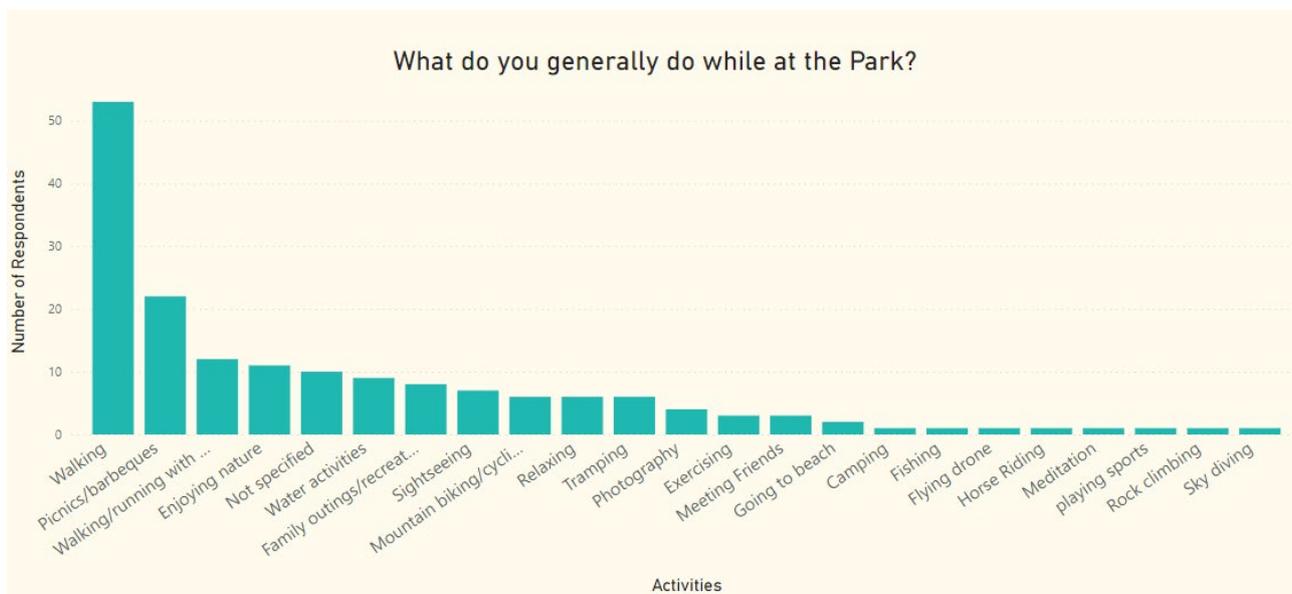


76. How likely are you to recommend visiting Whitireia Park to a friend, family member or someone else?



Totals: 130

**5. Activities undertaken in Whitireia Park**



\*Walking includes dog walking

## Attachment 1 to Work Programme Update

Specific responses to activities undertaken included:

- I go jogging there, Training for the Rotorua Marathon
- Just sitting around looking at the Ocean, Quiet and views walking around the tracks, several times, after work and at weekends, Walking, walking from onepoto around the coast, Cool walk with coastal views, walked and took photos, Walk, sit and enjoy the view, take photos.
- Walking, running, and riding, Family day Hiking / running
- Biking, bike rides
- Dog walking, Walk dog, Like the spaces and walks for dogs, Took the dogs there with friends, Walk with my family and our dogs
- Picnic, Went once for a family picnic, picnics, events, beach combing, Have lunch
- watch my moko run around, play in the wai, play on the papatakoro, Sat under a tree and ate our lunch instead of going into a noisy café
- Park up for the views and to relax
- Visiting with friends
- Swim, Love the water, Nice and warm, Walk along the tracks, look in the rock pools. Swim Freedive, Rock pooling, Swimming, explore coastline, Take my son to swim & play, take grandchildren for a swim by the car park
- Playing with kids. We usually gather there as a family group. Tge kds play a variety of games
- Fly our drone,
- Exercise
- Rock climbing, walking, or mountain biking.

### 6. How could Whitireia Park Board improve Whitireia Park?

*Facilities – signs / tracks / picnic tables / seats*

- More info about track times at the start
- Better signage and directions
- Maybe some signs about the history of the place
- Better signage for different walks and areas to explore.
- Proper walk paths, Tracks, Walking track
- Better tracks
- More picnic tables, Add more tables and benches
- Probably more benches for people to sit on
- More seating areas More seats or benches to relax
- More spots that you can sit down in - for example, picnic tables in different parts (viewpoints, etc) not just down in the main beach area.
- Not sure what are the boundaries of the Whitireia Park. The walk around the harbour is well maintained and well looked after

*Facilities – toilets*

- The public toilets could definitely do with an upgrade, all other facilities on the park were satisfactory.

## Attachment 1 to Work Programme Update

- More toilets & rubbish, More toilet facilities
- It would be great if there were some bins and public toilets.
- The toilets could be better
- Toilets upgraded. Better toilets
- A toilet on the Onepoto end

### *Facilities - road/ parking*

- Road over to the beach. Better road conditions once again. Better road
- Wider roads / more areas to stop to let vehicles go in the other direction
- Install some safety rails over the mountain tops to avoid accidents.
- Widen the road - unrealistic I know but I do not feel safe driving it
- Making the road to the beach a bit safer - especially when you have inconsiderate people driving and going there
- The road could be safer/widen, Widen access road Clearer markings
- Car park spaces. Better parking perhaps

### *Facilities – other*

- Water fountain/tap, drinking water, Would be nice to have some more water facilities like refill stations
- Have more things 2 interact with
- Put in a café
- Recycling bins at parking spaces. More rubbish bins, or education on littering.
- Rubbish bins, More bins
- Creating places where people can buy food
- Again exercise workout stations would be nice!
- More interactive materials for adults and tamariki to use, more swings, climbing activities, exercise activities
- Could add some more activities for children like train trails or railings

### *Natural environment*

- Lots of weeds need pulling out. Far too many people allowing their dogs to run off lead, chasing and scaring seabirds and pooping. Need to station someone at the start of the tracks until the morons get the message.
- Some wild growth could be controlled.
- Path maintenance - it's a bit narrow at times, damaged from erosion.
- Maintain the naturalness of the park should be management's principal objective. It's close proximity to and easy accessibility for nearby urban dwellers makes it ideal as a space to which they can get to and enjoy a local, publicly owned asset. It is a key natural landform with much history attaching to it and there are strong public value reasons that it should be retained as such in perpetuity. Ongoing public consultation is a sound and very necessary way to gauge public sentiment on all planning for the Park and this level of involvement will importantly guide management in progressing future plans for the betterment of the park.

## Attachment 1 to Work Programme Update

- Keeping the place pest/ weed free, focus on native species
- More grasslands

### *Maintenance services*

- Keep up with weed removal and trail maintenance.
- More maintenance
- Animal control patrols - too many off leash dogs Widen Road access - people don't watch or give way
- Keep it well maintained
- Messy and dirty. Needed cleaning
- Cleaning. Clean out a bit more.
- More frequent rubbish collection
- Fees
- Maintenance after storms and more lighting
- Walking pathways maintenance
- Probably get the city council rubbish removal personnel visiting more than often during the week. Being an open space can cause windy wastage flying about the place causing more of a polluted headache for the rate payers.

### *No change*

- It seems fine to me. Equally beautiful, picture perfect
- No need to improve this area people dont need the increased rates it would incur
- Good the way it is. Nothing, it's lovely.
- I can't think of any improvements the park is very good, I can't think of anything
- Literally nothing this place was absolutely beautiful
- Not much to bring honest
- It's my fave park. Nothing needs improving it
- Nothering much, Park is great as it is, You couldnt. Its awesome
- Nothing it good as it is now, Nothing I like this park exactly how it is
- Nothing, great place, Nothing it's all good, Nothing at all
- Nothing, I enjoyed the walk, Very fine

## **7. Reasons for not visiting parks or going more often (general, not specific to Whitireia)**

224 physical disability

- Physically not able to walk very far
- Because i do not have any one who can go with me
- Health reasons
- Lack of time, other priorities
- Prefer local area parks closer to home
- Lack of cycle tracks / walking tracks that are suitable
- Weather

## **Whitireia Park toilet replacement project**

### **Purpose:**

This report is to update the Whitireia Park Board on the work undertaken to investigate options for the replacement of the toilet block situated in Onehunga Bay that services Whitireia Park. It outlines the issues and provides scoping options undertaken.

### **Background:**

During our annual building checks, approximately two years ago it was found that issues were starting to develop at the toilets and it has since been determined that the old toilet building is in poor structural shape should be replaced as soon as possible. Also, during a separate piece of work in assessing the consents of septic systems in all the parks it has been established that the Whitireia system is not up to code and therefore no longer consentable.

The Whitireia toilet block main structure is made up of concrete filled, 20 series concrete blocks that we are unsure to as whether they are reinforced. If they are not reinforced, or do not have sufficient reinforcing, then building is an earthquake risk.

The top four corners of the structure have been cracked for a long time, possibly from structural loading on the roof, or from an earthquake at some point.

In an earthquake in 2020 the 'face' of some blocks fell away, and new cracks have developed that we are continuing to monitor. Please refer to the photos below.



Attachment 2 to Work Programme Update



**Options:**

The biggest issue with any option is that there is no power to the current site. The closest power is at the Golf course some 800 + metres away. The cost to get power to the site has been estimated at around \$100,000.00. The other option is solar power. The cost of solar is around \$40,000 + GST, however this option comes with a very high risk of vandalism and theft. If this happens any extended disruption of power to the septic pumps would lead to a sewerage leak into the environment.

We have approached Permaloo to provide a quote for a four-pan flushing Permaloo unit. We have several of these in other parks and they have proved to be very reliable and resilient. The estimated price for this \$289,700.00 + GST. This doesn't include Building and Resource Consents, demolition of the old toilets or the septic system.

We have engaged Smart Alliances Limited as consultants to do a scoping assessment on the septic system and to provide some options for replacement.

The two main options considered in this scoping assessment and their respective price range estimates are:

1. On-site secondary treatment to dripline land application \$280,000 – \$370,000 + GST for a system supported by mains power. \$120,000 – \$210,000 + GST for a system supported by solar power.
2. Tank storage with wastewater pump-out and disposal at council treatment facilities \$25,000 + GST set up costs. Approximate annual pump-out costs could be \$28,050 + GST, but this figure would be dependent on use.

**August 2022 – Whitireia Park Board Meeting****Whitireia Park Permissions**

Purpose: to seek approval of the Board for the following activities to take place on Whitireia Park

Applications (have been) received by Greater Wellington as follows:

<b>Activity name &amp; description</b> <i>(eg Mac's Ice Cream van – food vendor)</i>	<b>Activity type</b> <i>(allowed, managed, restricted)</i>	<b>Date of application</b>	<b>Date of activity</b> <i>(start date – finish date including pack in &amp; out)</i>	<b>Time Critical Approval? Yes/ No</b>	<b>Controversial or significant? Yes/ No EG</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Exclusive use</li> <li>- High profile/ attracts attention</li> <li>- Sensitive site</li> <li>- Displaces others</li> <li>- Requires/ risks digging/ cutting/ trampling/ polluting</li> <li>- Potentially hazardous (including chemicals, firearms)</li> <li>- Potentially frightening or offending</li> </ul>	<b>Proposed condition eg</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No confetti, stakes, excavation, veg cutting</li> <li>- Site map (avoid significant cultural/heritage sites)</li> <li>- Timing</li> <li>- Insurance etc</li> </ul>
Orienteering Wellington. <b>Application details were circulated to Board members and subsequently signed off by the Chair</b>	Allowed	17 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	8 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	no	Very low impact	Normal conditions as per concession application process and contract

## Attachment 3 to Work Programme Update

Filming. Broad sheet media. <b>Application details were circulated to Board members and subsequently signed off by the Chair</b>	Managed	21 <sup>st</sup> April 2022	26 April 2022	yes	Very low impact	Normal conditions as per concession application process and contract
Filming. Flying Saucer Productions. <b>Application details were circulated to Board members and subsequently signed off by the Chair</b>	managed	3 May 2022	12 May 2022	yes	Very low impact	Normal conditions as per concession application process and contract



SUBJECT: Report for Whitireia Park Board meeting

AUTHOR: Treaty and Strategic Relationships Team, Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira

DATE OF MEETING: 26 August 2022

SUBJECT: **Update on Whitireia Park Management Plan**

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## 1. Purpose

At the last Whitireia Park Board Meeting it was noted that the intention of Ngāti Toa is to take the lead on the Whitireia Park Management Plan (the Management Plan) with support from Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) staff. The purpose of this paper is to update the Whitireia Park Board (the Board) on the Management Plan from the perspective of Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira.

## 2. Background

Under the Reserves Act 1977 Section 41(4), “The administering body of any reserve shall keep its management plan under continuous review, so that, subject to subsection (3), the plan is adapted to changing circumstances or in accordance with increased knowledge...”. The current Management Plan was approved in 2016 and is intended to set the direction for the management of Whitireia Park for 10 years (i.e. to 2026). Prior to that, the park was managed under a management plan developed by Lands and Survey (the predecessor of the Department of Conservation) in 1978. From a timing perspective, there is no immediacy associated with writing a new plan in that the current plan is not about to expire. Until a new plan is in place, the current plan will remain operative.

It is clear, however, that a new Management Plan for Whitireia Park will be required in future. There are a number of factors which give rise to this, including discussions had by the Park Board in previous meetings (e.g. memorial seats, restoration planting, bike tracks). A key factor for Ngāti Toa is ensuring that the management of the park appropriately reflects the significance of Whitireia to the iwi, at both a governance and day-to-day management level. GWRC also released the Toitū Te Whenua Parks Network Plan 2020 – 2030 of which there are likely to be learnings from that can be applied to a new Management Plan for Whitireia Park.

There are also a number of other considerations required of the Park Board, Te Rūnanga and GWRC in order to ensure the requirements of the Reserves Act 1977 (the Reserves Act) are met, while reflecting the aspirations of all parties.

It is therefore intended that a more comprehensive paper is provided to the Park Board at their next meeting with the aim of providing a project plan detailing project

milestones, risks and opportunities, and an outline of the points of approval required in the development plan for the Park Board, GWRC and Te Rūnanga. In the meantime, some of the current considerations contemplated by Te Rūnanga regarding this mahi are noted below to provide the Park Board with an update as to how this work is progressing.

### **3. Considerations**

It is unclear how long a new Management Plan will take to write. The Reserves Act specifies rules around public notification and timing associated with such. However, it is probably most prudent to understand the breadth and scope of what the plan is trying to achieve before formally triggering the provisions of the Reserves Act as there may be work that can be done in advance of this.

#### *Issues Analysis*

An analysis of issues and concerns will need to be undertaken as part of the development of a new plan. There are two key reasons for this – 1) To assess whether the Management Plan is the appropriate mechanism to address such issues or concerns, or whether another mechanism is more appropriate; and 2) In order to ensure that the Management Plan addresses the issues and concerns raised. This is also an important step given that under the Reserves Act, public notification is required, and the Park Board must hear any objections to, or comments on the Plan.

An issues analysis therefore provides an opportunity to ‘flush out’ any issues, rather than having them come to the fore once the plan has already been drafted.

#### *Other Options*

An investigation into other options available to support the management of Whitireia should also be undertaken. There may be other ways that the Park Board can facilitate the management of issues raised to date. For example, a specific restoration plan for the Park could be developed to set the direction and focus specific to restoration. This could be done outside of the Reserves Act regime.

Ngāti Toa could also develop a Cultural Values Report or Kaitiaki Plan for Whitireia. The background work associated with the development of such a report/plan will be required for the development of a new Management Plan anyway, so it might be useful for this work to begin sooner rather than later.

Consultation, engagement, approvals and reporting mechanisms to the Park Board from a Ngāti Toa, can also be clarified and formalised. This may be a useful exercise to address any day-to-day concerns and can happen outside of the Reserves Act process.

#### *Assessment against Toitū Te Whenua Parks Network Plan 2020 – 2030*

In 2020, GWRC approved the Toitū Te Whenua Parks Network Plan 2020 – 2030 (Toitū Plan). While the Toitū Plan does not include Whitireia Park, there are likely to be key learnings from the development of the Toitū Plan that can be applied to Whitireia. There may also be specific activities provided for in the Toitū Plan that could be applied to Whitireia Park, for example, provisions around cultural

practices. An assessment of the Toitū Plan against the current Management Plan will need to be undertaken.

#### *Impact on current work programmes*

The development of a new Management Plan will require Te Rūnanga kaimahi working closely with GWRC staff. This will have implications on the work programmes of all those required to be involved in this work. From a Ngāti Toa perspective, it will also have implications on the psyche of the tribe given that capturing mātauranga to inform values associated with Whitireia, will require revisiting the trauma experienced by our ancestors. Careful navigation of these matters is therefore required in order to ensure the work is undertaken in a culturally appropriate manner, with roles and responsibilities clearly defined so as to ensure that our people are able to keep their mana in-tact while participating in this process.

#### *Specific Considerations for Ngāti Toa*

Below are some of the specific considerations that Ngāti Toa will have to grapple with in the development of a new plan. While this list is not comprehensive, it is provided to the Park Board to illustrate the types of considerations required to be undertaken from an iwi perspective to ensure that a new Park Plan will appropriately reflect our Ngāti Toatanga.

- What Ngāti Toa tikanga, values, moemoeā, and aspirations are associated with Whitireia?
  - What does an inclusive, and culturally safe, engagement process look like to capture this information?
  - Who is best placed to undertake this work (particularly given the significance of Whitireia to Ngāti Toa)?
- How do Ngāti Toa tikanga, values, moemoeā, and aspirations influence public user behaviours and activities allowed in the park?
- What resourcing is required for the development of the plan and any background work required?
- How should day-to-day management of the Park reflect Ngāti Toa's kaitiaki obligations?
- How well does the current Management Plan meet the aspirations of Ngāti Toa and is it read or applied in a way that ensures this? Or, are other parts of the Plan and Bylaw read in a way to prevent Ngāti Toa from meeting their aspirations?
- Relationship of Whitireia Park to Te Awarua-o-Porirua and the protection of kaimoana, fisheries, mahinga kai associated with the foreshore and marine environment

- Ability to undertake and revitalise cultural practices within the Park (e.g. harvesting for rongoā/raranga etc, Matariki commemorations)
- Implementation of cultural redress arising from the Ngāti Toa Rangatira Claims Settlement Act 2014
- Signage, map presentations, and designations in the park providing information for the public while ensuring Ngāti Toa maintain rangatiratanga over any mātauranga

#### 4. Next Steps

Te Rūnanga will continue to korero with GW staff to scope the depth and breadth of the work associated with developing a new Management Plan with the aim of providing a project plan to the Park Board for your next meeting. This should detail project milestones, risks and opportunities, and an outline of the points of approval required in the development plan for the Park Board, GWRC and Te Rūnanga.

Te Rūnanga will also discuss resourcing with GW in order to support this work.

#### 5. Recommendation

That the Board

- **Receive** this paper; and
- **Note** its contents, particularly next steps around reporting back to the Park Board

Report prepared by:

Report approved by:

**Treaty and Strategic Relationships Team**  
**Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira**

**Naomi Solomon, Pou Toa Matarau**  
**Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira**

## Whitireia Park Restoration Group – Report - August 2022

### Planting days during winter 2022

Two planting days in 2022 were planting on the saddle between Onehunga Bay Valley and Onepoto valley so we have finally linked the two valleys.

This planting site was very easy and flat. We had 30 people at the first planting day despite rain and cold (it was in the middle of the 6 day storm) in June. Second planting day there were 18 people even though the weather was much better.

A further planting day at Onepoto estuary will be held in September where we will be trialing a Saturday afternoon planting time. We will be planting a further area between the track and Onepoto estuary which has had spot spraying and infill other gaps around the area.



### Leptinella nana (Nationally Critical)

The 2 *Leptinella nana* sites are both looking very good, now we have had plenty of rain. They were hand weeded in late autumn and further areas at both sites will be planted with local tauhinu and manuka shortly to suppress the grass.

## **Bird sightings**

### **Matuku-hūrepo (Bittern) - Robyn**

Very exciting news.... late afternoon on 15 August I was talking to another dog walker near Onepoto estuary and a matuku-hūrepo or Australasian bittern flew past. She was so shocked and excited it was gone before could get phone out.

The other person probably thought I was mad cause I was whooping so much but did explain that she could tell her friends she just saw a very rare bird. One of her dogs had gone into the water at the edge of the wetland by the bridge and must have spooked it into flying.

Matuku-hūrepo have a conservation status of Nationally Critical because we have so few wetlands remaining in Aotearoa New Zealand. In the Wellington region there are only 3.7% of the original extent of wetlands remaining. When there are only small areas of wetland remaining they are known to fly between several small wetlands to be able to feed themselves. There are historic records of Matuku-hūrepo in Taupō swamp.

### **Kārearea (falcon)**

We are very pleased to hear at least one karearea has been sighted in the park on several occasions. Last week a dog owner reported it swooped on her dog when walking in the RNZ land. This is territorial behaviour, so it is likely we have a pair back in the park but not confirmed yet.

Robyn has been following up Wellington Electricity regarding protecting the karearea from electrocution on the corner pole with jump wires, but Wellington Electricity have not finished their work due to very wet weather. Robyn will continue to follow up.

## **Trapping**

64 catches in the last 4 months and year to date is 142 catches, both up by about 40%

We have increased the trap numbers from 59 to 99 and the trapping team from 4 to 9 volunteers.

GWRC just restocked our bait ready for the spring rush and are due to supply us with carpet squares for grass control around the traps.

Titahi Bay Community Group have supplied us with consumables to service the 20 traps in the Onehunga Bay bush block, servicing is due to happen 13th August.

Would Titahi Golf Club agree to have some bait stations around the fringes of the golf course? This would complete our bait station line along the Gloaming Hill side of the park.

## **Lizards**

Lizard work is in maintenance mode over winter. Rodent control continues monthly over this time using bait for mice and A24 traps for rats and hedgehogs.

We carried out a rodent monitoring run on the 13th and 14th of August. Results are yet to be collated.

## **2023 Planting site**

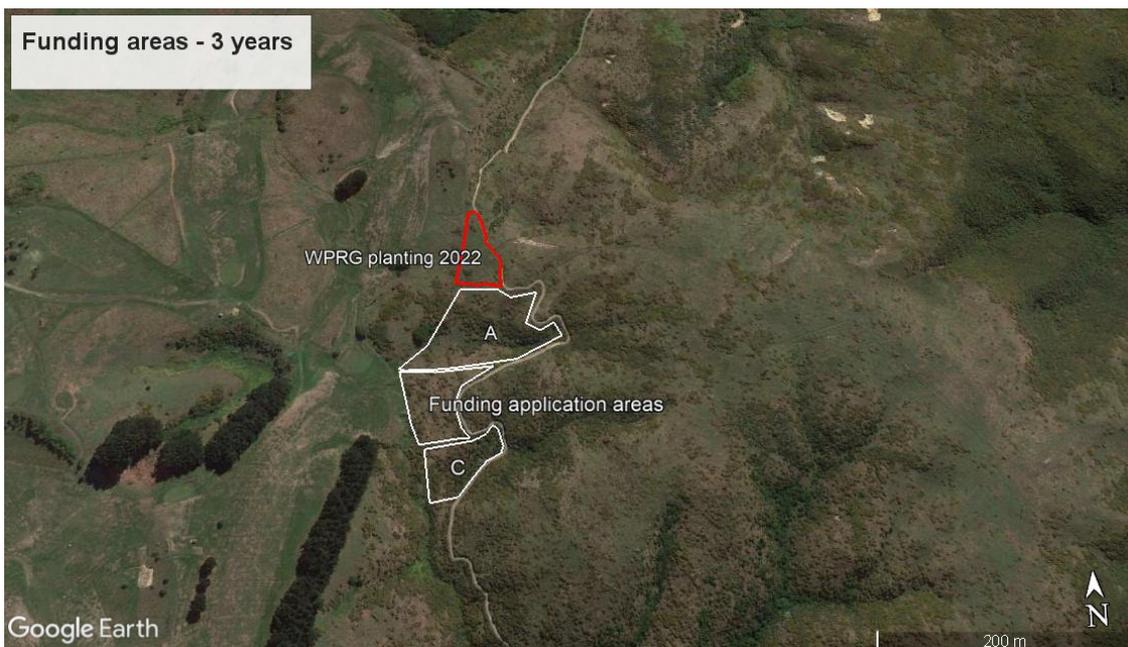
WPRG want to extend the number planted next year to 1500 plants up the Onehunga valley and also do some in-fill planting at Onepoto estuary to thicken up the vegetation barrier between the track

and estuary. The Onehunga Bay side of the saddle has a lot of areas which haven't been planted and it would be really good to get these completely finished.



### Funding application for 2023 to 2027

WPRG would like to apply to the Te Awarua-o-Porirua Community Environment Fund for 4 years funding to continue planting the link between Onehunga Bay and Onepoto stream. There are many weeds to remove such as liquorice plant, pampas, karo and gorse and this would be progressively done over 3 years and the following year an area planted. It would be good to have the Boards approval of this plan.



**Volunteer hours**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Trapping</b>	<b>Lizard project</b>	<b>Planting prep</b>	<b>Planting</b>	<b>Maintenance</b>	<b>Promotion Admin</b>
May to August	44	48	5	123	9	22

Chris Gibbons, Rob Hughes, Angus Hulme-Moir, Lisa Casasanto, Robyn Smith, Edmund Stephen-Smith, Robert Stratford.

WPRG Coordinators

August 2022