



Confirmed Public minutes of the Whitireia Park Board meeting on Friday 6 June 2025

Titahi Golf Club

Gloaming Hill, Titahi Bay, Porirua, at 9.36am

Members Present

Jenny Ngarimu (Chair)
Quentin Duthie
Hikitia Ropata
Caleb Ware

Karakia timatanga

The Board Chair invited Quentin Duthie to open the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

1 Whakawhanaungatanga

Everyone present at the meeting introduced themselves.

2 Apologies

Moved: Hikitia Ropata / Quentin Duthie

That the Board accepts the apology for absence from Chris Kirk-Burnnand and Sharli-Jo Solomon.

The motion was **carried**.

3 Declarations of conflicts of interest

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

4 Public participation

There was no public participation.

5 Confirmation of the Public minutes of the Whitireia Park Board meeting on 28 February 2025

Moved: Hikitia Ropata / Quentin Duthie

That the Board confirms the Public minutes on the Whitireia Park Board meeting on 28 February 2025.

The motion was **carried**.

6 Whitireia Park Board Finance Report – Quarter Three

Moved: Caleb Ware / Quentin Duthie

That the Board:

- 1 *Receives the report.*
- 2 *Notes that:*
 - a *Income has been received from 1 July 2024 to 31 March 2025:*
 - *\$4,125 from Titahi Bay Golf Club for lease of the land*
 - *\$2,001 Gross Interest*
 - b *Total costs from 1 July 2024 to 31 March 2025 were:*
 - *\$412.5 for the GST payment*
 - *\$40 for Bank Fee – Auditor Confirmation*
 - c *The BNZ Bank account balance as at 31 March 2025 was \$84,326.86.*

The motion was **carried**.

7 Whitireia Park Board Operations Update

Jeremy Paterson, Team Leader Western Parks, spoke to the report.

Moved: Quentin Duthie / Hikitia Ropata

That the Board:

- 1 *Receives the report.*
- 2 *Notes the content of the report.*
- 3 *Approves permission for a short film to be filmed at Kaitawa Point.*
- 4 *Approves the Department of Conservation to remove six raukawa geckos from the Park; to be euthanised for the purpose of research into toxin bioaccumulation, proposal in Attachment 2.*
- 5 *Approves permission for PCC to install signage as described in Attachment 3.*
- 6 *Approves permission for Te Runanga o Toa Rangatira to hold a Matariki Hautapu ceremony at the Whitireia Maunga, proposal in Attachment 4.*

The motion was **carried**.

Noted: The Board and officers discussed a motion that was carried at the 28 February 2025 meeting, noted below:

That the Board: Requests a Board strategy workshop with Ngāti Toa, Greater Wellington, and community groups to explore evidence-based restoration direction for the Park.

The actions from the above motion were clarified as follows:

1. The Board will coordinate with Ngāti Toa to decide whether an independent facilitator should be engaged for the workshop (contact with Ngāti Toa to be led by Caleb Ware).
2. Greater Wellington staff to:
 - a. recommend facilitators suitable to help, provided that (1) is completed by the Board and Ngāti Toa is supportive of engaging a facilitator.
 - b. prepare for an environment restoration-focused workshop with Board members, Ngāti Toa staff, Greater Wellington staff and the Whitireia Park Restoration Group.
 - c. gather a summary of environmental restoration mahi undertaken to date compared against the direction of the current Park Management plan.
3. Noted that the output of this workshop is expected to be a report that can inform both incoming Board members and Ngāti Toa Rangatira in the ongoing management of the Park and in the future review of the Reserve Management Plan.

8 Restoration Group 20th Anniversary Recognition

Jeremy Paterson, Team Leader Western Parks and David Boone, Manager Ecosystems and Community, spoke to the report.

Moved: Caleb Ware / Hikitia Ropata

That the Board:

- 1 *Receives the report.*
- 2 *Notes the content of the report.*
- 3 *Approves the expenditure of \$750 for kai for the barbecue.*

The motion was **carried**.

9 Whitireia Park Restoration Group Report [For Information]

Robyn Smith, Whitireia Park Restoration Group Coordinator, spoke to the report.

Noted: Jordan Clear and Ashleigh Sagar will liaise with Porirua City Council about getting a sign installed at Onepoto Estuary to educate users about protecting the wildlife.

Karakia whakamutunga

The Board Chair invited Quentin Duthie to close the meeting with a karakia whakamutunga.

The public meeting closed at 11.49am.

Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'C' followed by a series of loops and a horizontal line extending to the right.

Date:

5 December 2025