



## **Confirmed Public minutes of the Whitireia Park Board meeting on Friday 28 February 2025**

Titahi Golf Club  
Gloaming Hill, Titahi Bay, Porirua, at 9.30am.

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### **Members Present**

Jenny Ngarimu (Chair)  
Quentin Duthie  
Chris Kirk-Burnnand  
Hikitia Ropata  
Sharli-Jo Solomon

### **Karakia timatanga**

The Board Chair invited Luke Barnsley to open the meeting with a karakia timatanga.

#### **1 Whakawhanaungatanga**

Everyone present introduced themselves.

#### **2 Apologies**

Moved: Hikitia Ropata / Quentin Duthie

*That the Board accepts the apology for absence from Caleb Ware.*

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 1 November 2024**

Moved: Quentin Duthie / Chris Kirk-Burnnand

*That the Board confirms the Public minutes of the Whitireia Park Board meeting on 1 November 2024.*

The motion was **carried**.

## **6 Whitireia Park Board Accounts**

Zoe Chen, Senior Business Accountant, spoke to the report.

Moved: Quentin Duthie / Hikitia Ropata

That the Board:

- 1 *Receives the report.*
- 2 *Notes that:*
  - a. *Income has been received from 1 July 2024 to 31 December:*
    - *\$2,750 from Titahi Golf Club for lease of the land*
    - *\$1,081 gross interest*
  - b. *Total costs from 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024 were:*
    - *\$412.50 for the GST payment*
    - *\$40 for Bank Fee – Auditor Confirmation*
  - c. *The BNZ Bank account balance as at 31 December 2024 was \$82,238.90.*
- 3 *Accepts the additional statement of responsibility for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 Annual Reports.*

The motion was **carried**.

## **7 Whitireia Park Restoration Group Report [For Information]**

Robyn Smith, Whitireia Park Restoration Group Coordinator, spoke to the report. Angus Hulme-Moir tabled a presentation on mokomoko (lizards).

Angus advised the Board that mokomoko are the most threatened fauna in New Zealand and are severely at risk.

There are three mokomoko in Whitireia Park – Raukawa gecko, northern grass skink, and the copper skink. There are several mokomoko missing from the Park: ornate skink, ngahere gecko, barking gecko, Kupe skink, and gold striped gecko.

Angus explained the mokomoko conservation project that is being undertaken in the Park:

- Intensive pest control over small areas for mice
- Control site to determine impact
- Ongoing monitoring of rodents and mokomoko
- Methodology and date modelling

Angus advised the Board that there are opportunities to explore:

- National research project to understand the potential of Brodifacoum and bioaccumulation in the lizards
- Reintroduction of missing species to Whitireia Park – starting with either gold stripe gecko or ornate skink.

The Board discussed the opportunities identified by Angus.

Moved: Hikitia Ropata / Quentin Duthie

That the Board:

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

The motion was **carried**.

**Noted:** The Board requested a report to the next meeting on options to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Whitireia Park Restoration Group, including resourcing and funding for an event.

**Noted:** The Board requested a report to a future meeting on the request for a study into bioaccumulation of toxins used to control pests in Whitireia Park mokomoko.

## **8 Whitireia Park Board Operations Report**

Jeremy Paterson, Team Leader Western Parks, Jordan Clear, Mobile Ranger Western, Kim Broad, Senior Advisor, Environment Restoration, and David Boone, Manager Ecosystems and Community, spoke to the report.

Moved: Quentin Duthie / Chris Kirk-Burnnand

That the Board:

- 1 *Receives the report.*
- 2 *Notes the content of the report.*
- 3 *Approves interim permission granted on 25 November 2024.*

The motion was **carried**.

## **Karakia whakamutunga**

The Board Chair invited Luke Barnsley to close the meeting with a karakia whakamutunga.

The public meeting closed at 11.02am.



J Ngarimu

**Chair**

Date: 6-05-2025