



SUBJECT           **Whitireia Park Board Minutes 26 May 2023**

WHEN              Friday 26 May 2023 at 9:38 am

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

**Present**

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

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

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1    **Whakawhanaungatanga**

Everyone present introduced themselves.

2    **Apologies**

There were no apologies.

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 24 February 2023**

*Moved: Hikitia Ropata / Caleb Ware*

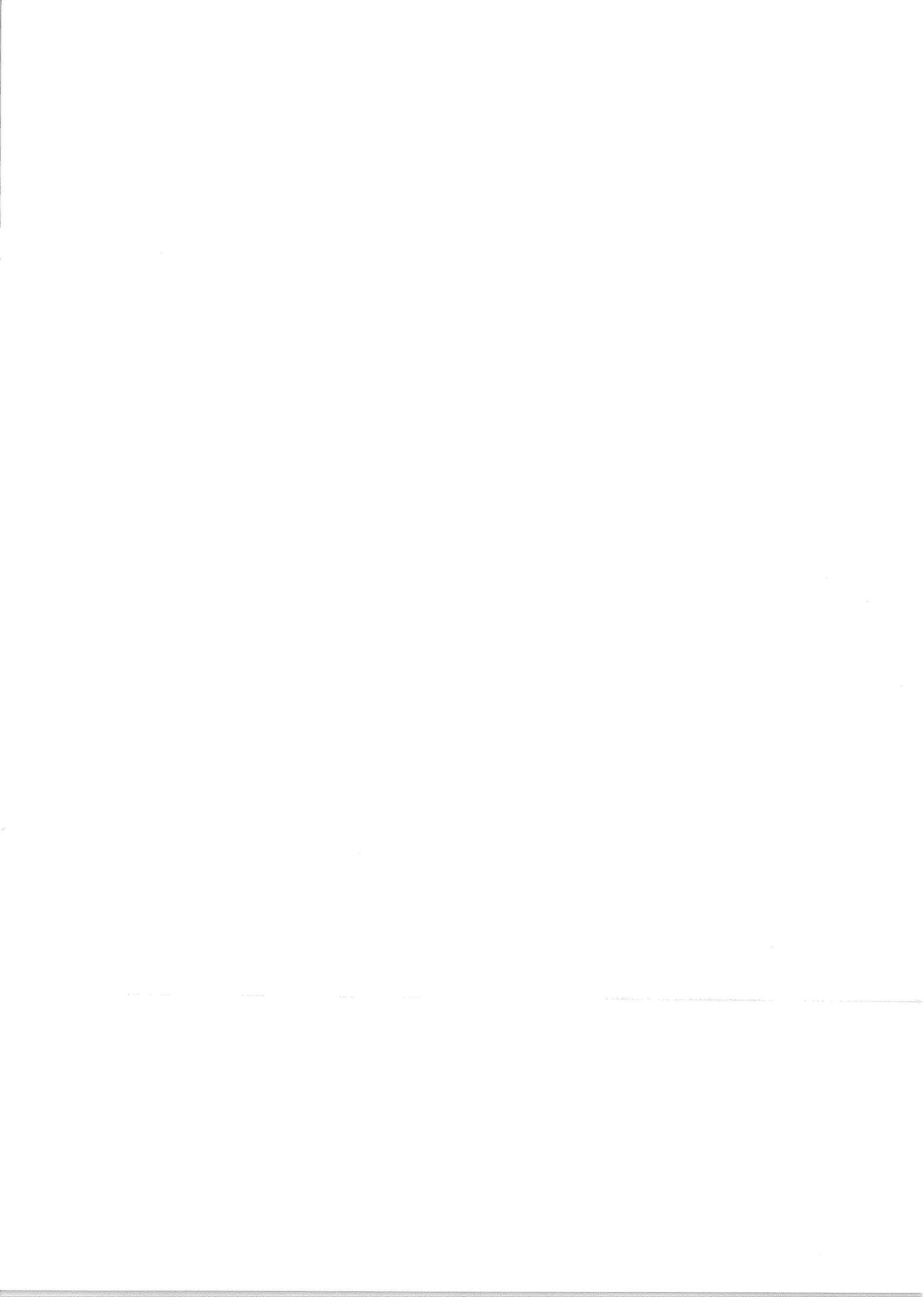
*That the Board confirms the minutes of the meeting of 24 February 2023.*

The motion was **CARRIED**.

6    **Whitireia Park Board Accounts**

Jimmy Young, Catchment Manager, Te Awarua-o-Porirua Catchment spoke to the report. Mr Young advised that the board accounts have not accurately reflected staff time, as timesheeting has previously not accurately been captured.

*Moved: Quentin Duthie / Chris Kirk-Burnnand*



*That the Board:*

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

The motion was **CARRIED**.

## 7 **Restoration Group Update**

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

Ms Smith advised that there were no planting days scheduled, but there will likely be some planting days in June and July. The kurikuri that were planted last winter have survived summer, so their roots will be well established by spring. They will grow well and will self-seed around the area. Kōkihi, a rare native spinach, has naturalised and can be harvested. It is building up numbers along Kaikaha Point. Where it has been successful, the Restoration Group will plant more.

Hedgehog numbers have increased so the Restoration Group will focus on high priority and high risk areas.

*Moved: Sharli-Jo Solomon / Caleb Ware*

*That the Board:*

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

The motion was **CARRIED**.

## 8 **Work Programme Update**

Gary Wheaton, Parks Ranger, spoke to the report.

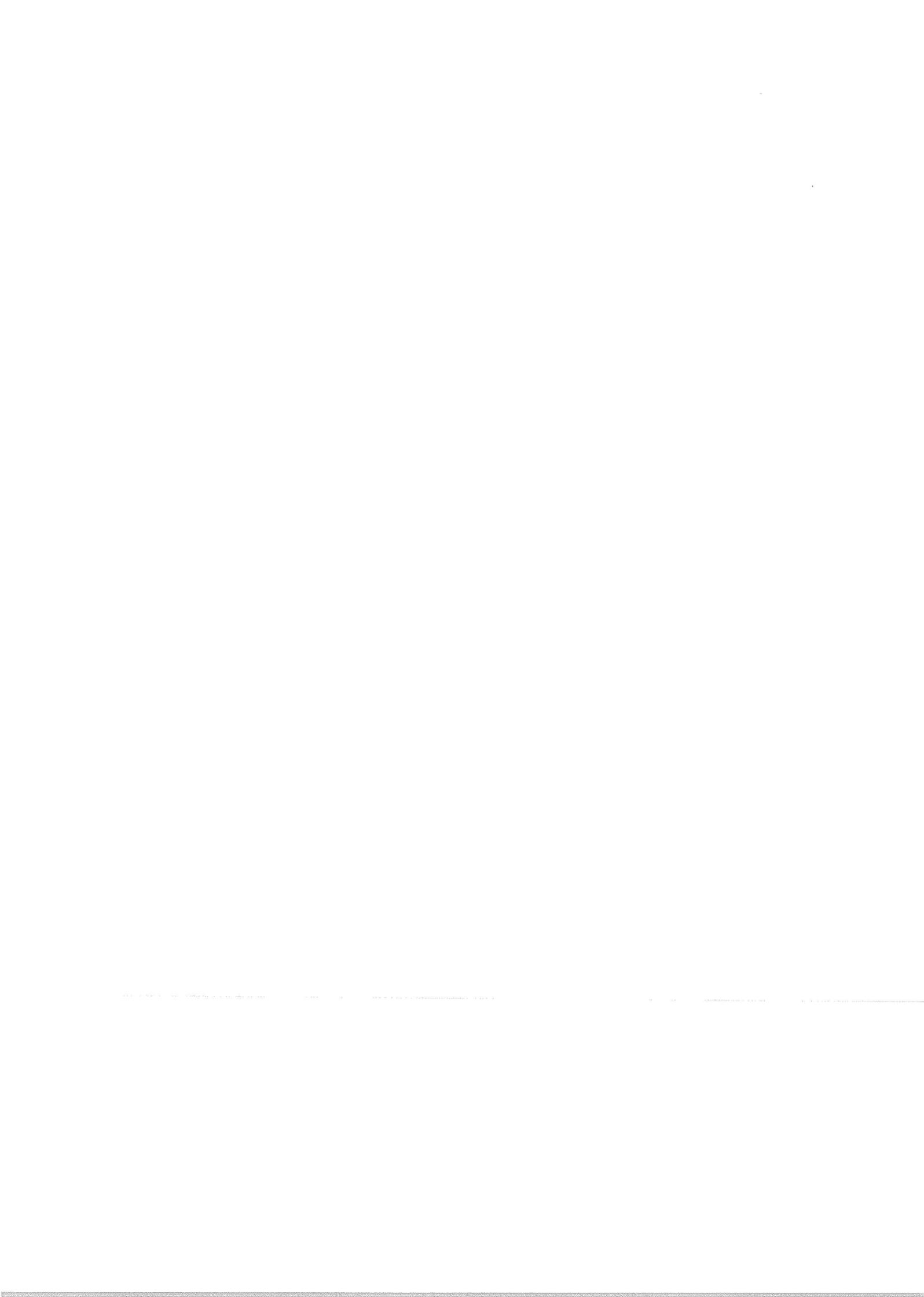
There has been kōrero with Luke Barnsley in regards to the next steps for Ngāti Toa to take over parts of the day-to-day management of the park. Some things on management side. The Board asked how Greater Wellington could support Ngāti Toa to increase its involvement in the day-to-day management of the Park.

The Board discussed the maintenance and safety of tracks within the Park. The Board discussed who has responsibility for different parts of the tracks and requested that Mr Wheaton to review the condition of tracks. The Board also requested that Ashleigh Sagar, Ngāti Toa, to report back to the Board on who has ownership and responsibility for Onepoto to boat sheds.

*Moved: Quentin Duthie / Caleb Ware*

*That the Board:*

1. *Receives the report.*
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- 3 Approves RMA Consultants, ecological consultants to Willowbank Farm Quarry, to undertake lizard surveying in a proposed lizard release site as preliminary work for planning a lizard translocation to the park.

The motion was **CARRIED**

**Noted:** The Board requested that Greater Wellington Regional Council consider options on long term funding for Jobs for Nature (J4N) work, including funding for Ngāti Toa Kaimahi at Whitireia Park.

## 9 Matariki

Ashleigh Sagar and Kahu Ropata, spoke to the item.

Matua Ropata spoke on his involvement in the Matariki working group.

A fire permit has been received for a fire at the Park for Matariki.

The Matariki ceremony will be held at the Park on 12 July 2023. This is to enable marae and community groups to do something on the Matariki public holiday on 14 July 2023.

The Board requested that a calendar of Ngāti Toa events be provided to Greater Wellington. Greater Wellington can provide support of events by promoting them across its comms networks.

*Moved: Sharli-Jo Solomon / Hikitia Ropata*

*That the Board:*

1. *Notes that the fire for the Matarik event is provided for in the Whitireia Park Management Plan as a management purpose.*

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

The meeting closed at 10.50am.

~~Jenny Ngarimu~~ *Caleb Ware*  
~~Chair, Whitireia Park Board~~ *, Presiding Member*  
Date: *27 October 2023*



