



Wellington Park
Management Trust

MINUTES OF MEETING

9.30am Tuesday 27 September 2022 | Acropolis Room, Lands Building

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1. IN CAMERA SESSION

Not required.

2. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT:	Dr C Mucha	Chairperson
	Ms F Smith	TasWater
	Ms L Wilson	NRE
	Mr E Reale	Glenorchy City Council deputy
	Ald D Thomas	City of Hobart
	Ms K Ward	PWS deputy
	Ms R Warrener	Tourism Tasmania
	Ms A Russell	WPMT
	Mr B Masterman	WPMT, secretariat

APOLOGIES: Mr S Fletcher (PWS), Mr J Briscoe (City of Hobart)

PRESENTER: Enshrine - Mr B Lloyd, Ms M Grist, Ms C Nicholson, Ms A McGowan

A quorum was present and meeting opened at 9.40am.

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND RELATED PARTY INTERESTS IN AGENDA ITEMS

None declared.

The Trust brought forward item **8.3 Mountain Cultural Precinct Proposal** to discuss prior to the presentation. It was noted that the original Enshrine proposal was for a 1700ha tract within the Hobart boundary. The group has now declared that they will be approaching all five councils with land within the Park, indicating that the intent was for the declaration of a much larger precinct. The General Manager has advised the group the Management Plan review is the most appropriate vehicle for the Trust to consider a precinct declaration.

The Trust noted that:

- there was limited consideration given to Aboriginal heritage.
- the proposal is separate to the Colonial Timber Heritage Precinct

Resolution: The Trust noted the report by the General Manager.

4. PRESENTATION

Enshrine representatives presented their proposal to the Trust.

- The group is seeking to ‘enshrine’ cultural heritage in local state and national registers. The benefit is to increase recognition and visibility of cultural heritage values. Local listing is the first step on the ladder of heritage recognition.
- State heritage registration doesn’t allow for precincts, but individual sites can be state-listed in a local-listed precinct
- At the national level, the Aus Heritage Council (AHC) would define the precinct boundary. The AHC does not consider nominations that are not already recognised at the local and state level.
- Protection is already afforded by the Management Plan. Enshrine is motivated by the benefits that recognition will bring. Currently kunanyi / Mount Wellington is not on any heritage list. National listing may offer funding opportunities.

Discussion points:

- It was queried whether the listing hierarchy existed, as this idea had been contested in earlier stakeholder discussions. Enshrine responded that the ladder concept, moving from local to state to national listing, was allowed by law but was advised against by some as it created ambiguities around management responsibility.
- It was noted that the federal appetite for heritage listing has shifted to Aboriginal heritage. Enshrine advised that they provided regular updates to Aboriginal Heritage Tasmania and the TAC, and were in the process of engaging an Aboriginal expert.
- National listing is the only level that allows for the consideration of Aboriginal values, although Enshrine believes that there is a loophole in the definition of ‘shared values’ in the local scheme.
- Regarding the impact the listing would have on other activities in the Park, Enshrine advised that there would be no impact other than highlighting that cultural heritage values are very high and will be weighted accordingly when assessing proposed works.
- It was noted that Enshrine have now been identified as an interested party in the pending review of the Management Plan.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING AND ACTIONS ARISING

Resolution: The Trust resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 28 June 2022, previously circulated to meeting attendees via email and included in Trust papers, be signed as a true record of that meeting.

MATTERS ARISING - ACTION TABLE – 27 September 2022

The Trust noted that:

- A VRS Coordinator has been appointed and will commence on 13 November. The vacancy

attracted 28 applications and an excellent field of candidates.

- Heritage Tasmania has not yet provided the archival search results for the proposed Colonial Timber Heritage Precinct undertaken in July. Informal feedback indicates that there may be a small number of significant sites, but the proposed precinct is otherwise clouded by multiple and continual use.
- TasWater is currently revising project timeframes for works at Fern Tree Bower. This information is required prior to the Trust issuing a works permit.
- All Trust members, deputies and staff attending the cultural awareness training on 22 November are required to register individually via the link provided in meeting papers.

The action table was amended to remove completed items as identified in meeting papers.

6. WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT 20 JUNE – 20 SEPT 2022

The Trust noted that:

- No Trust staff, agency staff or contractor incidents were recorded in the reporting period.
- An incident involving 2 visitors, disoriented on the Ice House Track, was reported in this period. The Trust GM advised City of Hobart of the incident because the Ice House Track is being promoted as the alternative route to/from the Pinnacle whilst the Zig Zag Track is closed from Nov-Feb for renovation works, despite being a more difficult route.

Resolution: The Trust noted the Work Health and Safety report.

7. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financial statements provided by the City of Hobart were noted. The GM advised that the transfer of financial management arrangements to Bentleys Tasmania was almost complete and would improve financial oversight in the future.

8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION

8.1 VISITOR AND RECREATION STRATEGY

The Trust received an update from the GM, including information on the receipt of a report on *Recommendations to Support Aboriginal Community Engagement in the review of the Wellington Park Visitor and Recreation Strategy* from consultant Ruth Langford, Nayri Niara.

The Trust noted that:

- It is expected that the Aboriginal community will be more interested in the Management Plan review rather than the VRS.
- There is a review currently underway of the use of dual names in artificially created areas eg TWWHA that may have outcomes relevant to WP.
- Tourism Tasmania will be launching a series of 12 workshops for the T30 strategy. This may be concurrent to the VRS consultation process, however likely to target different audiences.

Resolution: That the Trust endorse the release of the draft VRS for an 8 week public consultation period, following a 2 week window for pre-release to member agencies.

The Trust endorse the VRS public consultation communication plan for implementation.

The Trust noted the receipt of the Nayri Niara report on recommendations for Aboriginal engagement.

8.2 PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

The Trust discussed the General Manager's report on the Partnership Agreement workshop held on 30 June and the finalisation of the Agreement document. It is recognised that the Partnership Agreement is a bridging document to the next Management Plan review, where member agencies have identified more fundamental issues for consideration. It was noted that the first agency to be presented with a Partnership Agreement will be the City of Hobart, followed by other agencies as current MoUs expire.

Resolution: The Trust approved the Partnership Agreement for use with member agencies as current MoUs expire.

The Trust authorised the Chairperson to sign Partnership Agreements on behalf of the Trust.

8.4 REVIEW OF THE WELLINGTON PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Trust discussed the General Manager's proposal to commence the review of the Management Plan. It was noted that:

- The last review process took 3 years, so commencement of the process now would enable the release of a new Management Plan at the start of 2026.
- There is no statutory timeframe for the frequency of reviews, but it is agreed that a review is needed to reflect the current operating environment.
- The PWS has a planning team currently working on the Maria Is NP Management Plan and that process may be of benefit to the Trust's review.

Resolution: The Trust resolved to commence the review of the 2013 Management Plan in November 2022, to begin with the production of a detailed review plan.

8.5 2021-22 ANNUAL REPORT

The Trust was provided with an early draft of Annual Report content, in recognition that the Trust would not meet again prior to the Report being submitted. The Annual Report production schedule has been delayed due to the last-minute rescheduling of the WPMT annual audit by the TAO.

Resolution: Trust members to receive the audited financial report for review when provided by the TAO.

The Trust endorsed the Chairperson to sign the audited Financial Statement on behalf of the Trust.

The Trust endorsed the Chairperson to approve the 2021-22 Annual Report on behalf of the Trust.

9. ITEMS FOR NOTING

9.1 NEAR DATA DEMONSTRATION

Resolution: The Trust noted the report by the General Manager.

9.2 PARK 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

The Trust discussed getting schools involved in celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Park, including issuing unsold copies of 'The Mountain...A people's perspective' to schools.

TasWater indicated interest in being involved in celebrating the milestone.

Resolution: The Trust noted the report by the General Manager.

9.3 OUTSTANDING SITES FOR HERITAGE NOMINATION

Resolution: The Trust noted the report by the General Manager.

9.4 MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Resolution: The Trust noted the draft minutes included in Trust papers.

9.5 WPO ACTIVITY SUMMARY

Resolution: The Trust noted the General Manager's report.

9.6 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was noted.

10. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The Trust received a verbal report from the General Manager. Discussion included:

- Location of the Trust's end-of-year event
- Deputy membership appointment processes for TasWater and NRE are complete. The TasWater and NRE member terms expire on 31 December 2022 and re/nominations are sought. The Glenorchy City Council member was not standing for re-election at the October Council elections and a replacement nomination will also be required from Council.
- Relocation of the WPO office has not progressed and is not being pursued at this time.
- The Trust is continuing to press for inclusion of the ERC in PWS Fire Preparedness activities and communications.
- In responding to an enquiry from the Minister's office, the WPO has noted a discrepancy in the actual Park area as calculated by summation of Park cadastral parcels. This is being investigated further.

Resolutions: The Trust noted the General Manager's report.

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

The Trust noted a media release (22 Sept 2022) issued by the TAC and Residents Opposed to the Cable Car, relating to a Hobart council candidate survey, also citing the absence of Aboriginal people on the Trust as a significant issue. The Trust discussed options for extending membership to include an

Aboriginal nominee, noting that Trust membership is set out in the Act and is not easily changed. The General Manager will canvas options for an Aboriginal nominee.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next meeting on 22 November will be brief, to be held prior to a cultural awareness training session. A proposed calendar of meeting dates for 2023 will be circulated to members for confirmation.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.55am.