



Wellington Park
Management Trust

MINUTES OF MEETING

9.30am Thursday 27 February 2025 | Riverview Room, Hobart Council Centre

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1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

PRESENT:	Dr C Mucha	Chairperson
	Cr M Kendall	Glenorchy City Council
	Ms R Warrenner	Tourism Tasmania
	Cr B Lohberger	City of Hobart (until 11.20am)
	Mr S Fletcher	Dept of NRE
	Mr C Attfield	TasWater
	Ms T Ross	PWS
	Ms A Russell	WPMT

APOLOGIES: Ms F Smith (TasWater), Cr J Kelly (City of Hobart)

The meeting opened at 9.35am.

In recognition of the deep history and culture of this island, we acknowledge the Muwinina people, the traditional owners of the land upon which we gather. We acknowledge and pay respects to all Tasmanian Aboriginal people, all of whom have survived invasion and dispossession, and continue to maintain their identity and culture.

The Trust acknowledged the recent passing of Paul Kelly and expressed condolences to the Kelly family.

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

Nil

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING AND ACTIONS ARISING

The General Manager advised that a meeting was held with the Trust's financial services contractor to discuss 2023-24 audit findings and procedures and a 3-point improvement plan was identified.

The General Manager noted that all new actions arising from the previous meeting had been completed.

Resolution: The Trust endorsed the minutes of the previous meeting held on 28 November 2024 as a true record of that meeting.

4. IN CAMERA SESSION

4.1 GENERAL MANAGER'S PERFORMANCE PLAN

Resolution: The Trust accepted the General Manager's 2024-25 Performance Plan

8.1 WELLINGTON PARK BUSINESS CASE CONSULTANCY PROPOSALS

Resolution:

1. The Trust resolved to direct the General Manager to:
 - 1.1. Appoint the preferred provider subject to further discussions with the provider regarding the contract conditions, data ownership, conflicts of interest.
 - 1.2. In the instance that a satisfactory arrangement with the preferred provider is not achieved, present the Trust with a brief on the second preferred provider.
2. The Trust resolved to appoint a steering committee of Trust members to work with the General Manager on project delivery.

5. WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

A Work Health and Safety report was tabled. Several incidents were reported including walker injuries, assistance provided to lost walkers and a runner attacked by an off-lead dog. Office-based WHS had also been a focus, with a professional engaged to undertake work station assessments in response to issues raised by staff.

Illegal trailbike activity, including hooning at The Pinnacle during the Kunanyi Clean Up Day, was also discussed.

The Trust discussed the need for further media communications regarding dogs and motorbikes.

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

6. FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Trust was presented with the financial reports to 19 February 2025.

At the request of the Chair, the Trust was provided with a revised 2024-25 to provide for the new Park Ranger position. The revision also recognised the approved variation to the Fire Management Strategy Grant, modification of the Conferences and Training allocation to support staff development activities, and minor adjustments in light of inflation across vehicle expenses and subscription services.

The General Manager advised that correspondence had been received from the Tasmanian Audit Office (TAO) flagging a 25% increase in annual audit costs from \$8K to \$10K, which was presented as a discount on the calculated audit cost of \$12K. The increase exceeds the average 10.8% increase across all agencies as reported by the TAO.

Resolution:

1. The Trust noted the report prepared by the General Manager.
2. The Trust endorsed the revised 2024-25 Budget.
3. The Trust resolved to write to the Auditor-General to raise concerns about the proposed increase in audit fees.

7. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

The Trust received a verbal report from the General Manager including:

- New Ranger recruitment
- Notification of the advertisement of a zipline development proposal within Wellington Park
- Agency consultation on the draft Recreational Trails Strategy
- Auction of enclosed land parcels by Derwent Valley Council
- Emerging issues on the Cathedral Rock Track and intention to petition PWS to revise management

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

8. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION

8.1 WELLINGTON PARK BUSINESS CASE CONSULTANCY PROPOSALS

Moved to in-camera session.

8.2 WPMT BUDGET 2025-26

The General Manager presented two versions of a proposed 25-26 Budget, one including and one excluding the purchase of a second Trust vehicle in light of a second Ranger being appointed.

The General Manager noted that year-on-year budget increases due to inflation and wage growth are outstripping the annual State Treasury Allocation increase of \$3,000 / 0.7%. The Trust budget is forecast to return to deficit during 2028-29 (or 2026-27 if a second vehicle is purchased and operated).

The Trust discussion about the need for two vehicles included consideration of lone worker arrangements and WHS implications arising from two Rangers working separately in two vehicles. The General Manager undertook to report back to the Trust on revised lone worker protocols with the addition of a second Ranger to staff.

The Trust considered other options to access a second vehicle with less financial burden.

Resolution:

1. The Trust resolved to adopt the 2025-26 Budget, excluding vehicle purchase.
2. The Trust directed the General Manager to investigate other options to access or secure a second vehicle at a lower cost to the Trust.
3. The Trust directed the General Manager to provide revised Lone Worker Protocols to

the next meeting.

9. ITEMS FOR NOTING

9.1 OUR MOUNTAIN'S FUTURE REVIEW UPDATE

The General Manager provided an update on the progress of the review following attendance at the second Working Group meeting. An 'integration agreement' is proposed to be presented to the Trust for consideration to ensure integration of the State Growth mountain review and the Trust's Wellington Park Business Case.

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

Cr B Lohberger left at 11.20am

9.2 TRAFFIC AND COUNTER DATA SUMMARY

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

9.3 CORRESPONDENCE

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

9.4 WPO WORK PROGRAM

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

9.5 WPO SUMMARY

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

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

The meeting agreed to shift the date of the September Trust meeting to 11 September at the request of the General Manager.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next Trust meeting will be on Thursday 1 May at the Hobart Council Centre.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.22am.