

Wellington Park Management Trust

Annual Report | 2024 – 2025



Hon Nick Duigan MLC
Minister for Parks

Dear Minister

In accordance with the requirements of section 75 of the *Wellington Park Act 1993*, I am pleased to submit, for presentation to Parliament, the Annual Report of the Wellington Park Management Trust for the year ending 30 June 2025.

The report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Wellington Park Act 1993*.

Yours sincerely



Dr Christine Mucha
Chairperson

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Vision

For Wellington Park to be a special place, accessible and enjoyed by all for its prominent landscape, natural and cultural diversity, and community value.

Our Mission

To preserve the natural, cultural, recreational, tourism and drinking water qualities of Wellington Park for their own value and for the safe enjoyment of all people.

This will be achieved through outstanding management, sympathetic development and a co-operative relationship with our communities.

Our Values

- ▶ *Working collaboratively with Park Management Agencies*
- ▶ *Integrity, professionalism and quality*
- ▶ *Commitment, flexibility and innovation*
- ▶ *Cooperation and teamwork*
- ▶ *Effective communication*
- ▶ *Environmentally sustainable practices*
- ▶ *Valuing community participation*



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Acknowledgement of Country

In recognition of the deep history and culture of the land within Wellington Park, we acknowledge Palawa as the traditional and ongoing custodians of this land.

We acknowledge the determination and resilience of Palawa, who have survived invasion and dispossession and continue to maintain their identity, culture and connection to country. Although the Muwinina people, whose land included that of Wellington Park, did not survive invasion, we honour their legacy in our efforts to look after their mother mountain, Kunanyi.

We recognise that we have much to learn from Palawa today. We pay our sincere respects to Elders past and present.

Wellington Park



Wellington Park, at 18,011 hectares, is one of Tasmania's largest areas of reserved land outside of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area. The Park has unique natural and cultural qualities, and includes the icons of Kunanyi / Mount Wellington, forming the backdrop to Tasmania's capital city Hobart, and Sleeping Beauty (Collins Bonnet and Trestle Mountain), visible from the Huon Valley.

488,986 visitors

*entered the Pinnacle Observation
Shelter on Kunanyi / Mount
Wellington in 2024-2025.*

Managing Wellington Park is challenging. It is immensely popular with locals and visitors, being Tasmania's most-visited natural attraction. The Park contains diverse ecosystems, Aboriginal and heritage values, drinking water catchments and proximity to rural and urban areas.

Wellington Park was proclaimed under purpose-made legislation, the *Wellington Park Act 1993*, due to internal complexities arising from fourteen land parcels of different tenure and ownership, and the desire to provide for a co-operative management approach among the various land owners and land managers.

'Whole of Park' management continues to be challenging, owing to the capacity of land owner agencies to fund increasing capital and maintenance costs required to provide for growing visitor numbers.

Administration of Wellington Park

Wellington Park Management Trust

The Wellington Park Management Trust is the statutory management authority for the Park. Administration of the *Wellington Park Act 1993* (the Act) is assigned to the Minister for Parks. The Dept of Natural Resources and Environment (NRE) is responsible to the Minister for the administration of the Act.

Membership of the Trust is specified in the Act.

- City of Hobart (two nominees)
- Glenorchy City Council
- Department of Natural Resources and Environment
- Parks and Wildlife Service
- TasWater
- Tourism Tasmania

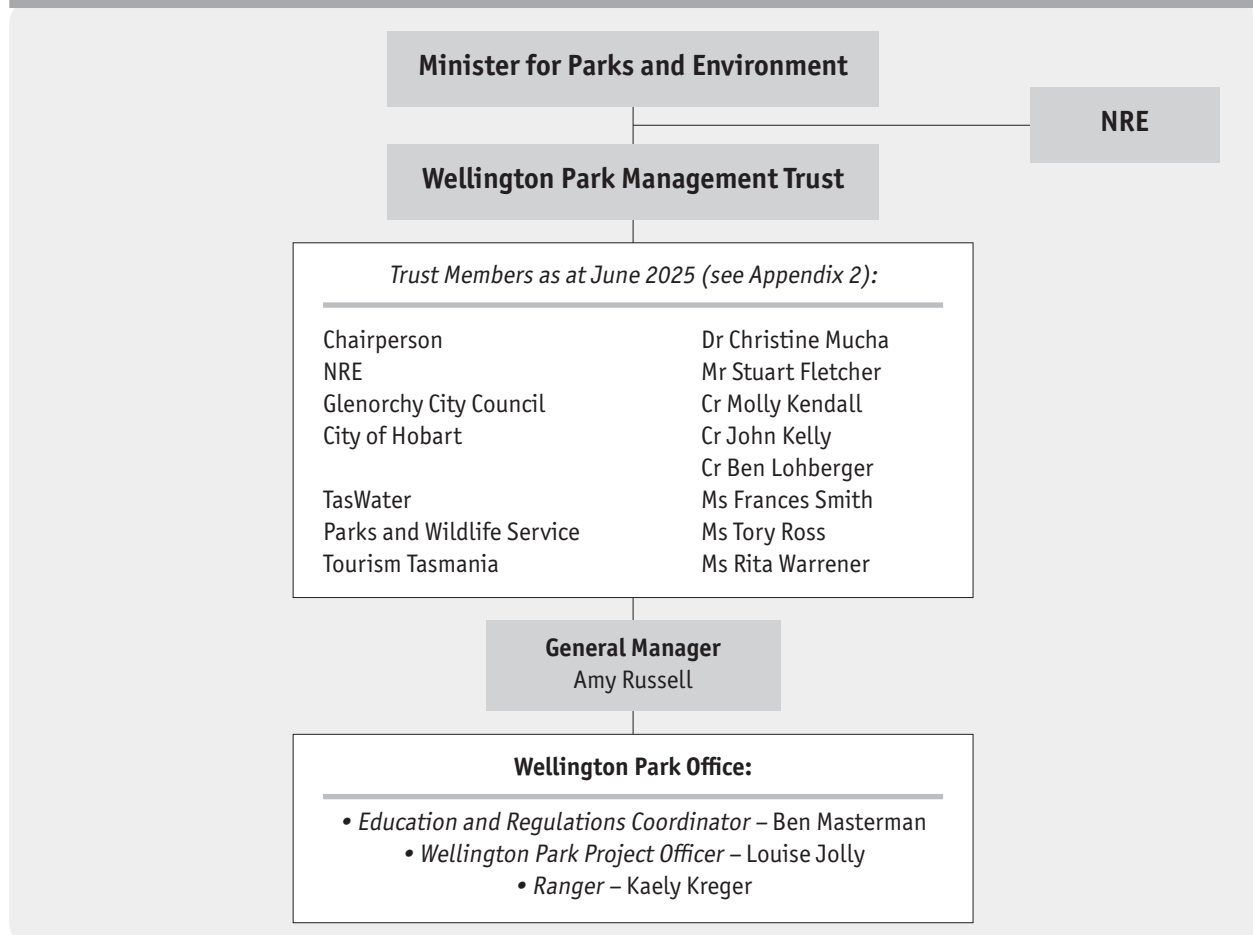
The Trust is tasked with providing a co-operative and effective management and planning structure for this unique and diverse peri-urban reserve.

The Chair of the Trust is an independent Ministerial appointment. The nominees and deputy nominees of the Trust member agencies specified in the Act are also appointed by the Minister.

The functions and powers of the Trust are set down in section 11 of the Act. The Trust held five meetings in 2024-25.

During 2024-25, the Trust was supported by the Wellington Park Office comprising three full-time staff until April 2025, when a fourth staff member was appointed in the role of Park Ranger.

Organisational Structure



Park Management Agencies

The City of Hobart, Glenorchy City Council, and the Parks and Wildlife Service are responsible for on-ground works within their respective areas in the Park, as shown in Appendix 1.

TasWater has a statutory responsibility for drinking water supply and, whilst continuing to maintain infrastructure within the Park, contributes significantly as a land manager to ensure the sustainability of the drinking water catchments in the Park.

Under the Act, *“it is the duty of all owners or occupiers of land in Wellington Park to exercise their functions and powers and to use and manage the land in a manner that is consistent with the purposes for which it is set aside and with any management plan.”*

Via permits issued under the *Wellington Park Regulations 2019*, the Trust ensures that all works undertaken within the Park are consistent with the purposes for which the Park is set aside.

Volunteer Contributions

The Trust recognises the enormous amount of goodwill, energy and resources that are contributed by both the community and agencies to ensure that the Park is protected and maintained as a special place for everyone.

There are many private individuals and community groups that directly contribute to the ongoing planning and management of the Park. The Wellington Park Office has benefited immensely from invaluable voluntary input from historians, scientists, and enthusiastic Park users within the broader Wellington Park community. This generous network of Park advocates amplify the limited resources of the Trust and are an ever-present reminder of the depth of community connection to Wellington Park.

Trust Representation on other Committees

The Trust is represented on the following committees:

- Southern Fire Management Area Committee
- Hobart Fire Management Area Committee
- Greater Hobart Trails working group
- North West Bay River Action Group
- Mountain Water Supply Scheme Heritage Advisory Group

Resourcing the Trust

The State Government provides a recurrent State Treasury allocation to the Trust via NRE.

The State Treasury allocation for 2024-25 was \$387,000. An additional one-off allocation of \$100,000 was also provided for the review of the Wellington Park Management Plan.

The Trust continues to benefit from funding contributions from member agencies.

Agency	2024-25 Contribution
Parks & Wildlife Service	-
City of Hobart	\$39,992*
Glenorchy City Council	\$40,749
TasWater	\$75,802
Tourism Tasmania	-

* The City of Hobart supports the Wellington Park Office through the provision of free office accommodation and IT support. Although not reflected in the financial statements, this contribution represents in-kind support in the order of \$40,000.

A small amount of income is generated from permit fees and fines for infringements of the *Wellington Park Regulations 2019*. Commercial filming approvals generate the largest proportion of this type of income.

The Trust also received a \$13K donation from Find Your Feet, supported by a Patagonia Outdoor Clothing and Gear promotion, in 2024-25. The funds will be used to improve trailhead signage and wayfinding on some of the Park's more remote trails, and contribute to remediating track braiding evident on the South Wellington and Zig Zag tracks.

Source	2024-25 Income	2023-24 Income
Permits, licences and approvals	\$11,414	\$9,855
Fines	\$1,426	\$1,268
Donation	\$13,619	-

Strategic Framework

Wellington Park Act 1993

The Act addresses the complexities of multiple land tenures, allows for the establishment and constitution of the Trust, and for the preparation of a statutory management plan for the Park.

During 2024-25, the Act was administered by the Minister for Parks the Hon Nick Duigan.

Wellington Park Regulations 2019

The Act provides for the making of regulations for the purposes of the Act and prescribes the provisions that the regulations may and may not include. The regulations are remade every 10 years. The current *Wellington Park Regulations 2019* came into force on 27 March 2019.

Wellington Park Management Plan

A key role of the Trust is the preparation and implementation of a Management Plan for the Park. The current Plan was released in 2013 and amended in 2015. The Plan is a statutory document that also functions as the planning scheme for land within Wellington Park.

The Trust commenced a statutory review of the Management Plan in November 2022. The announcement of the State Government *Our Mountain's Future* review in May 2024 resulted in public consultation on the Management Plan review being deferred to avoid confusion between the two processes. Public communication on the Management Plan review will recommence following completion of the *Our Mountain's Future* review, expected in late 2025.

**There are over 40 track counters
in Wellington Park.**

*Based on counter data, the most popular track
in the Park (24–25) is the Zig Zag Track with
121,202 users (average 332 per day).*

Strategic Plan 2023–2025

The Strategic Plan outlines how the Trust will implement the Management Plan.

The current Strategic Plan 2023–2025 is framed around six pillars:

1. Visitation and Recreation
2. Natural Values and Conservation
3. Culture and Heritage
4. Regulation and Compliance
5. Engagement and Promotion
6. An Effective Organisation

Each pillar is supported by key actions and specific projects. Trust activity is necessarily constrained by the availability of resources, with very limited discretionary project funding.

A new Strategic Plan for 2026 and beyond will be prepared following the completion of current Tasmanian Government and Trust review processes.

View from western end of Mt Arthur | Pete Mellows



The Year in Review

Our Mountain's Future review and the Wellington Park Business Case

The Tasmanian Government announced a strategic review of Kunanyi / Mount Wellington and Wellington Park in May 2024. The review, titled *Our Mountain's Future* (OMF), is being undertaken by the Department of State Growth. Although initially announced as a 12-month process, the review is ongoing as at June 2025 and is not expected to be completed until late 2025.

In December 2023 the Trust commenced an internal process to reset the Wellington Park management framework to develop a financially self-sufficient, sustainable and effective organization. Funding applications had been submitted and the Trust was awaiting the outcomes of these at the time of the OMF review announcement. In September 2025, the Trust was advised via the State Budget that its Structured Infrastructure Investment Review Process application had been successful and funding was provided to prepare a business case for a revised management framework. This is a 12-month project due for completion by February 2026.

The management framework reset being sought by the Trust aligns with the OMF Vision released in June 2025. The focus of the Trust business case is economic modelling of revenue-generation options, benchmarking the Trust against other Australian park management authorities, and an infrastructure masterplan to deliver a financially-sustainable park management model. This model can then be considered by the State Government as an option to achieve the OMF Vision.

The Trust continues to participate in the OMF review via representation on the review Working Group, data sharing and engagement in OMF consultation opportunities, with a view to building a more effective model for the future management of Wellington Park.

The East West Trail at the Montrose Fire Trail junction is recording an average of 10 visitors per day since the counter was installed in February 2025.



Palawa Engagement

The Trust embarked on a cultural consultancy in June 2023 to lay the foundations for appropriate and meaningful engagement of Palawa in the review of the Wellington Park Management Plan.

In March 2025, the Trust received a report titled 'Palawa Themes and Values of Kunanyi 2024-25'. The report is the product of a series of Palawa on-country walks, workshops and a community survey that yielded 270 responses.

Palawa values fall into four key areas:

- Specific biophysical features of Wellington Park
- Access to undertake cultural activities
- Connection to country and culture
- Respectful stewardship of Kunanyi

From the narrative provided in the report, a spectrum of Palawa-preferred management interventions emerges, in addition to the nomination of specific management actions.

This information will be integrated into the revised Wellington Park Management Plan, noting that the translation of this rich information into Management Plan terminology does not do justice to the fundamental and all-encompassing connection to country articulated by Palawa throughout the consultation process to date.

New Park Ranger

In late 2024, the Trust resolved to appoint a new Park Ranger in place of the vacant Natural and Heritage Coordinator position. The new Ranger appointment was necessary to overcome a critical person dependency on the existing sole Ranger, and to address Workplace Health and Safety concerns arising from lone worker operations in remote and isolated locations.

The position was advertised in early December 2024, and generated an overwhelming response with 302 applications received. Following an extremely competitive selection process, the Trust welcomed Kaely Kreger to the role of Wellington Park Ranger in March 2025.

With tertiary qualifications in Science and Biological Sciences, Kaely is an experienced Ranger having previously worked in New Zealand, Macquarie Island and Tasmania. Most recently, Kaely was employed as a Vegetation Scientist tasked with maintaining and improving Tasmanian vegetation mapping and providing vegetation classification advice.

Ranger Kaely joins Ranger Ben on the ground in Wellington Park to support the Trust's Regulations Awareness Program, Park monitoring and Park user education.

Indigenous Ranger Program Extension

The IRP Extension application submitted by the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre (TAC) in February 2024, inclusive of a Kunanyi Ranger component supported by the Trust, has received partial funding through the National Indigenous Australians Agency.

The TAC commenced Ranger recruitment in April 2025 and it is anticipated that two Kunanyi Rangers will be appointed by the TAC through this process.

The Trust will contribute to work planning and facilitate access to Wellington Park. The Trust's Rangers will assist with Park familiarization and mentoring where appropriate and requested by the TAC.

Preliminary discussions with the TAC Healthy Country Unit have identified the initial focus of Kunanyi Ranger activity to be on reconnecting the Palawa community to country within Wellington Park, including conducting community cultural activities, events and guided walks for the Palawa community.

Dark Sky Park Application

The Wellington Park Dark Sky Park registration package is nearing completion. The Trust is executing a four-stage program of activity required to populate the registration package. This includes the development of a Lighting Management Plan, a Dark Sky Monitoring Program, light dome photography and a Communications Plan.

Using a Sky Quality Meter, night sky light measurements have been collected at locations across Wellington Park. Dark Sky Park registration requires an average sky quality rating of 21.2, noting that 22 is generally considered to be the darkest reading possible. After two rounds of monitoring data collection, the running average for Wellington Park is 20.9. Under advice from Dark Sky International, this average is sufficient to warrant pursuit of registration.

In addition to the monitoring program now in effect, the Lighting Management Plan and Communication Plan have also been drafted and are under review, and light dome photography is being commissioned.

To support the preparation of the registration package, the Wellington Park Project Officer attended the 'Valuing Darkness' Symposium hosted by the Australasian Dark Sky Alliance in Melbourne in March 2025.

The Symposium showcased the registration experience and flow-on benefits and challenges of Dark Sky Places including the River Murray Dark Sky Reserve and the Arkaroola Dark Sky Sanctuary in South Australia and the Warrumbungle Dark Sky Park in NSW. Communication initiatives used by Astrotourism WA, such as the installation of planispheres and night sky interpretation panels in public parks, and the 'Dark Sky so Shearwaters Fly' campaign rolled out annually by Philip Island Nature Parks were also highlights, with the latter taking on new significance when small flocks of Shearwaters landed and were hit by cars on the Tasman Bridge and Domain Highway in Hobart across a few days in late April 2025.

The Trust will submit the completed registration package to Dark Sky International for review in October 2025.

The Cathedral Rock Track recorded an average of 41 users per day in Summer 24–25, up from 35 users per day in Summer 23–24.

Pinnacle Road Traffic Data

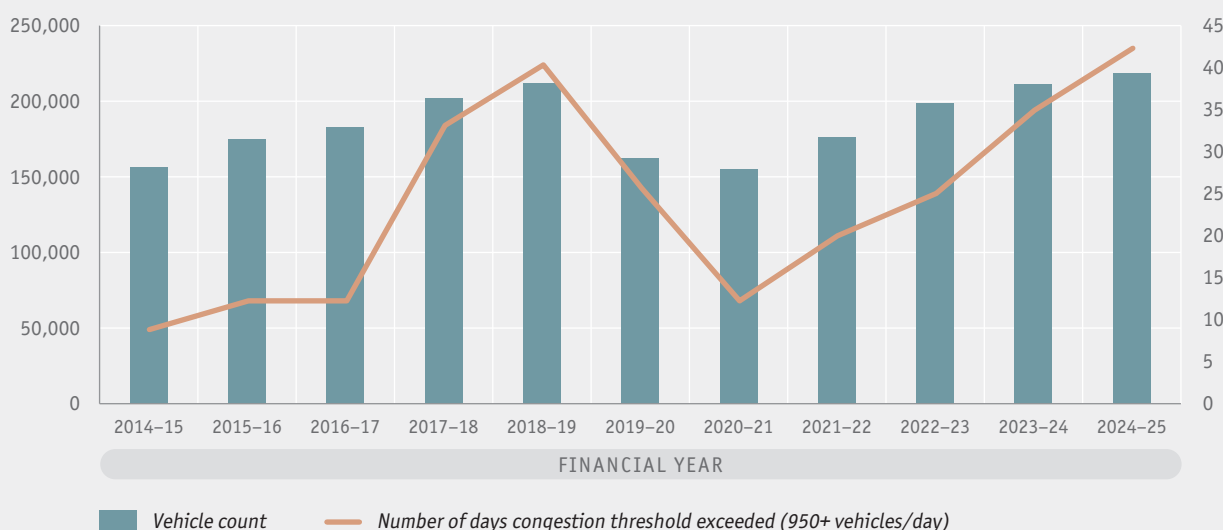
The City of Hobart has been collecting road traffic data from lower Pinnacle Road since 2014.

The summer months are peak traffic months on Pinnacle Road. However, 0.25% fewer vehicles entered Wellington Park during summer 24-25 (70,044) compared to summer 23-24 (70,217). Despite this reduction, 25% more visitors entered the Pinnacle Observation Shelter during summer 24-25 compared to summer 23-24.

Three of the 20 busiest days on record since 2014 occurred during 2024-25, and over half (11) of the 20 busiest days have occurred in the past two years.

The busiest day recorded on Pinnacle Road was 26 September 2021 when 1,871 vehicles entered the Park following heavy snowfall. The busiest day recorded in 2024-25 was 5 January when 1,512 vehicles entered the Park.

Pinnacle Road Vehicle Count and Congestion Days



When Pinnacle Rd is closed at The Springs for all or part of the day due to snow, congestion occurs at a much lower vehicle count and this is not reflected in this data.

219,492 vehicles entered Wellington Park via Pinnacle Road during 2024-2025.

The busiest month on Pinnacle Rd is January, with an average of 883 vehicles entering the Park every day in Jan 2025.

In the 24-25 summer holiday period (25 Dec 2024-10 Jan 2025), the congestion threshold was exceeded on 14 of 17 days.

Recreational Trails Strategy

A key action identified by the Wellington Park Visitor and Recreation Strategy 2023 is the revision of the existing walking track and bike strategies into a contemporary Recreational Trails Strategy.

The Strategy has been drafted internally by the Trust, drawing on 2 years of research, in-field audits and trail inspections. The draft document was circulated to Park

Management Agencies in February 2025 for comment and to seek agreement to make the draft available for public consultation.

The draft Recreational Trails Strategy will be released for public consultation once agency feedback has been addressed.

Fire Management Strategy Review

In late 2023, the Trust received a grant of \$66,200 from the Natural Disaster Risk Reduction Grant Program, administered in Tasmania by the State Emergency Service, to review the Wellington Park Fire Management Strategy.

The initial legislative and policy review highlighted that the revision of the Fire Management Strategy would not provide the best outcome for bushfire risk management in Wellington Park. Following consultation with the Hobart and Southern Fire Management Area Committee and the Tasmanian Fire Service Bushfire Risk Unit (BRU), the decision was made to instead include Wellington Park in the proposed tenure blind *Greater Hobart Strategic Fire Management Plan*. As a result of this change, a variation was sought revising the NDRRG grant to \$20,200 as the full funding awarded was not needed for the new work plan.

Full coverage of Wellington Park will be achieved by a mosaic of three strategic bushfire management plan areas using ‘*source of bushfire risk to the priority Human Settlement Areas identified in the Hobart and Southern Bushfire Risk Management Plans*’ as a lead criterion. Due to the risk-based, tenure-blind approach, the plan boundaries do not match the Park boundary, but this is entirely appropriate.

In November 2024, the BRU led a workshop comprising staff from Glenorchy City Council, the City of Hobart, Sustainable Timber Tasmania, Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service and the Trust to review bushfire risk and management across the plan mosaic area. Subsequent work was delayed whilst resources from multiple agencies were deployed in response to bushfires in the north-west in early 2025.

Ground truthing of fuel loads, fire trail condition and other risk factors was completed for the northern section of Wellington Park by May 2025, followed by aerial assessments of vegetation ‘*treatability*’ of more remote areas and ground truthing in the southern section of the Park in June.

The Wellington Park mosaic of Bushfire Risk Management Plans will be drafted for review by Park Management Agencies in the first quarter of 2025-26. The Trust would like to thank Denna Kingdom, Senior Bushfire Management Planning Officer, TFS Bushfire Risk Unit, for her leadership of this critical work.



Tasmanian Waratah | Pete Mellows

Fire Management

There were no bushfires in Wellington Park in 2024-25.

There were no Park closures triggered by fire danger forecasts in 2024-25.

General fire management activities are carried out by Park Management Agencies and the Tasmanian Fire Service under permit from the Trust.

No new permits for fuel reduction burns in Wellington Park were requested in 2024-25.

There is an active permit held by Glenorchy City Council for a planned burn in Wellington Park near Collinsvale, however part of the burn unit is private land and the landholder has not provided consent for the burn to occur.

Events

A number of organised events were held in the Park during the year including:

- Lutruwita Arts Orchestra performance of *Muylathina tapilti nayri* (night 1) by Dwayne Everettsmith
- Dark Sky Citizen Science event conducted by The Wilderness Society
- Point to Pinnacle marathon on Pinnacle Rd
- City of Hobart Bushcare's Kunanyi Clean Up Day
- Kunanyi Mountain Run
- Kunanyi Trail Series trail running events
- Hobart Wheelers Cycle Club Kunanyi Challenge 2025 cycling time trial
- Wellington Park Management Trust Annual End-of-Year function at The Springs
- Palawa x Dark Sky event as part of the 2024 Beaker Street Festival
- Lenah Valley Hops Again rogaining event
- Legend Expedition Race 2025
- Australasian Police & Emergency Services Games cycling event
- Tas Gravity Enduro Series Round 3 event
- Arc'teryx Red Descent trail running event

Research activity 2024–25

Institution	Focus
UTAS	• Ecology of the Tasmanian mountain shrimps (<i>Anaspides</i> spp) and their susceptibility to climate change impacts • Sampling alpine snow skinks across Tasmanian mountains • Understanding and using adaptive plasticity to increase plant resilience • Native liverwort responses to elevated vapor pressure deficit • Endophytic fungi from Tasmanian plants • Collection of plant material for teaching purposes
TasTAFE	• Student herbarium collection • Seed collection for the TasTAFE Future Seeds Program and herbarium specimen collection
University of Rostock (Germany)	• Phylogeography, systematics and behaviour of Tasmanian mountain shrimps and their allies (<i>Anaspidacea</i> spp)
Tasmanian Herbarium	• Plant specimen collection
University of Adelaide	• Parasitoid wasp biodiversity
Citizen science initiatives	• Lyrebird nest camera surveillance • Volunteer fungi collections for submission to the National Herbarium of Victoria
Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria	• Taxonomy of <i>Olearia ramulosa</i> • Molecular phylogeny of Australian ferns and the liverwort suborder Cephaloziinae in Australia

Permits, Approvals And Licences

Permits

A permit is required for all use and development that is in contravention of the *Wellington Park Regulations 2019*, excluding routine maintenance or emergency works. This applies even if a use or development is exempt from requiring a LUPAA permit.

Permit applications may require the submission of a Park Activity Assessment (PAA) for review by the Trust.

Commonly issued permits include for track construction and maintenance, construction activities, erection of signage, scientific research, public events and recreational access provided for in the Management Plan.

The Trust approved the following Level 1 PAAs within the Park during 2024-25:

- Middle Fire Trail bypass track (City of Hobart)
- Culvert installation on the Rivulet Fire Trail (City of Hobart)
- Installation of snow poles on the Zig Zag – South Wellington Track (City of Hobart)
- Reprofilng of the Chapel Fire Trail surface (Glenorchy City Council)

Five-year standing permits were issued to Park Management Agencies in May 2022 to allow routine, general maintenance to proceed without individual permits being sought.

Activity	2024–25	2023–24	2022–23
Maintenance and construction works including permanent signs	9	8	7
Planned burns	0	5	1
Scientific research/take flora or fauna	17	10	8
Recreational vehicle access	8 ¹ (for 15 vehicles)	22 (for 35 vehicles)	9
Non-recreational vehicle access	4	1	5
Horse riding ²	1	0	7
Camping	2	1	1
Placement of temporary signs	2	0	1
Restricted area access including restricted use tracks and trails	1	0	0
Events ³	12	5	5
Removal of object/feature of historical interest	0	0	1

1 The 24/25 Recreational 4WD season opening was delayed by 2 months until January 2025 owing to persistently wet conditions on an alpine section of the East West Trail.

2 These are annual permits.

3 Includes cultural, sporting and entertainment events. Events organised by commercial licence holders do not require a separate permit under the *Wellington Park Regulations*.

Approvals

The Trust issues approvals for commercial filming and photography in the Park, including the use of remotely piloted aircraft (drones).

During 2024-25, the Trust expanded its definition of commercial filming to include any filming undertaken to generate content for a monetised social media channel. A new type of Commercial Filming Approval more suited to social media content generators that provides for multiple filming activities over a two-year period was also launched.

Monitoring of online content, via hashtag and geotag searches, has also increased to identify commercial filming activity being undertaken without the appropriate commercial filming approval. The Trust is then able to follow up with the filming party to raise awareness of applicable rules and regulations, seek retrospective Commercial Filming Approval applications where appropriate, and/or

deliver a compliance response, particularly where drones are used or illegal or unsafe activity is showcased.

For example, in early 2025 video and still photographs of a high-profile mountain bike rider riding on the roof of the Pinnacle Observation Shelter as part of a paid product promotion were detected, with the content subsequently propagated across multiple Australian and international platforms. The content quickly garnered tens of thousands of views. This activity was undertaken without approval, in violation of the *Wellington Park Regulations 2019*, and showcased extremely high-risk behaviour. The Trust took action immediately to have the content removed and is progressing compliance action against the parties involved.

The increase in Commercial Filming Approvals issued in 2024-25 is due in part to the increased detection of activities that have resulted in retrospective Approval being sought.

Activity	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23
Commercial filming	34	14	30
Use of a remote piloted aircraft (drone)	12	9	10

Licences

Nature-based tourism and other commercial operators within or visiting Wellington Park require a Commercial Operator Licence under s 31 of the *Wellington Park Act 1993*.

Operators that conduct business in Wellington Park only obtain a Commercial Operators Licence from the Trust. At the end of 2024-25, there were four operators licensed directly by the Trust, each contributing an annual licence fee of \$300.

For operators that also conduct business in other reserves, Wellington Park can be included on a broader, multi-reserve licence issued by the PWS under a 'one-stop-shop' arrangement. This arrangement covers land managed by PWS, Sustainable Timber Tasmania and the Trust.

As at May 2025, there are 118 operators licensed to access Wellington Park through the 'one-stop-shop' arrangement, each contributing an annual licence fee of \$300 to the PWS. There is no disbursement of one-stop-shop licence fees to the Trust.

	As at May 2025	As at May 2024	As at May 2023	As at May 2022
No. of business licensed to conduct commercial operations in the Park	122	121	127	91

Regulations Awareness Program

The Trust's Education and Regulations Coordinator (ERC) leads the Regulations Awareness Program to maintain Park values. The ERC works with Hobart and Glenorchy City Councils, Tas Water, Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service and Tasmania Police. This includes creating a network of Authorised Officers (AOs) who are trained to educate users about the Park's values and are empowered to enforce the *Wellington Park Regulations 2019*.

Three AOs resigned or ceased agency employment in 2024-25 and four new AOs were trained. There are currently 38 Authorised Officers from the Trust and member agencies active in Wellington Park.

Education and Awareness

The ERC carries out a range of activities to help the community understand and care for Park values:

- developing permanent, temporary, occasional and seasonal regulatory signage to support the delivery of key messages to visitors
- delivering field presentations about the Park's values to school and university groups
- posting information and alerts about trail status to pedestrian and cycling websites, apps and social media user groups
- preparing and disseminating regulatory and educational information to Park users including field staff, advocacy groups, user groups and clubs, tour operators and local businesses
- posting educative content on the Trust Facebook and Instagram pages
- regular interviews on local ABC radio
- attendance at community events
- responding to stakeholder requests for data and information about Park usage.

Community Feedback

The ERC responded to various reports, complaints, concerns and suggestions from local users and visitors. Information and intelligence from the community helps the ERC to respond quickly and effectively to issues and offences and fosters trust and custodianship.

During 2024-25, 25 issues were reported by the public using the Trust's dedicated 'Report an Issue' webform on the WPMT website. Reports included rubbish dumping, fallen trees, dog attacks, weeds, abandoned vehicles and woodhooking.

The ERC responds to all valid reports. Responses include:

- on ground awareness raising campaigns
- compliance monitoring on foot, electric mountain bike, and 4WD vehicle



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- multi-agency compliance operations
- temporary or permanent signage
- website articles and social media posts
- radio interviews
- media releases
- data gathering via surveys, visitor counters and motion sensing trail cameras both overt and covert
- partnering with key online and mobile platforms to vet and improve trail information and provide authoritative content.

Enforcement and Compliance Activities

The ERC coordinated one multi-agency compliance operation in 2024-25. Scheduling of these operations is constrained by the availability of Police and PWS officers and particularly the Authorised Officers employed by Trust member agencies.

Technological innovations have made compliance monitoring more efficient, reducing the reliance on agency personnel. SMS-enabled motion sensor cameras provide early warning of unauthorised users such as motorbike riders, allowing operation participants to coordinate, prepare and manoeuvre more flexibly and effectively to address offences.

Drones have been used successfully to detect and identify unauthorised vehicle users and will continue to play an important part in compliance operations.

Ranger surveillance operations throughout the Park are conducted routinely in response to monitoring data and intelligence gathered from a range of sources, including member agency field staff, Authorized Officers, contractors, and the very large community of regular concerned Park users and neighbours.

The Trust benefits greatly from the continued support of many areas of Tasmania Police including Radio Despatch Services, Marine Search and Rescue, Uniform and Traffic. These officers play a vital role in organised joint operations, as well as contributing random mid-week patrols when available. The Park also benefits from the conduct of training within the Park by Tasmania Police Search and Rescue and wilderness paramedics.

Monitoring

Social media and fitness apps continue to be valuable tools for gaining information about Park use, as well as communicating with Park visitors. The ERC has established working relationships with key providers in this space to enhance the Park's visitor information and signage on-ground and online. As the userships of these platforms grow, these partnerships will increase the reach of authoritative information, improving the experience and especially safety of participating users.

The ERC maintains a dynamic network of trail cameras around the Park, deployed in response to intelligence and information gathered from a range of sources. Council Bushland managers have also increased their fleets, and the ERC works in concert with agencies' field staff to cover target areas. As well as providing real-time images of offences, the cameras are simultaneously used to gather new information about trail usage and corroborate data from other monitoring sources. Together, these data inform planning and decision making for compliance as well as monitoring and maintenance of the recreational track and fire trail network and other assets.

Infringements of the Regulations

Due to limited personnel, most infringements are detected on motion sensor cameras and offenders cannot be identified. However with the introduction of more real-time surveillance data from SMS enabled trail cameras, the ERC is able to respond immediately, mustering Authorized Officers and Police as circumstances require.

Overall numbers of offences observed in 2024-25 are again lower than some previous years. This can be partly attributed to year-on-year organic growth in community awareness of regulatory information, augmented by increasing uptake of online devices, proliferation of apps and web-based platforms and social media and ease of sharing. As in 2023-24, the ERC has focused on unauthorised vehicle use in areas of the Park with much lower visitation, which does not yield the same number of incidental detections as compliance activities in areas of the Park subject to higher visitation.

Number of offences recorded

2024–25

156

2023–24

168

2022–23

278

Infringement issued

2024–25

Informal Caution	2
Conditional Caution	3
Formal Caution	0
Prescribed Infringement Notice (PIN)	4

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Infringement issued

		2024-25	2023-24	2022-23
	> Contravene no-access sign (walker, runner, rider)	19	27	181
	– Detected by surveillance, offenders not identified	19	22	171
	– Infringement notices	-	2	10
	– Conditional cautions	-	3	-
	> Dog-related offences	49	8	9
	• Dog off-lead offences	18	7	4
	– Detected by surveillance, offenders not identified	18	7	3
	– Infringement notices	-	-	1
	– Conditional cautions	-	-	-
	• Taking dogs where not permitted	31	1	5
	– Detected by surveillance, offenders not identified	29	1	4
	– Infringement notices	1	-	-
	– Conditional cautions	1	-	-
	– Informal cautions	-	-	1
	> Unauthorised vehicle use (motorcycle, quad bike or 4WD)	75	100	23
	– Detected by surveillance, offenders not identified	73	98	23
	– Infringement notices	2	-	-
	– Conditional cautions	-	-	-
	– Informal cautions	-	2	-
	> Unauthorised drone use	6	5	5
	– Investigation ongoing	5	-	-
	– Informal cautions	1	1	-
	> Unauthorised lighting of fires	2	14	5
	– Remains found but offenders not identified	2	9	-
	– Infringement notices	-	5	-
	> Disturb natural substances (evidence found but offenders not identified)	4	3	-
	> Possess and use axe or saw	5	-	-
	– Infringement notices	1	-	-
	– Conditional cautions	2	-	-
	– Evidence found offenders not Identified	2	-	-
	> Camping (evidence found but offenders not identified)	1	-	-

Remotely Piloted Aircraft / Drones

The Trust's policy on Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA or drone) use in the Park allows for the use of drones under permit for the purposes of Park management, research, commercial and other filming, subject to the operator have a CASA Remote Pilot Licence and public liability and aviation insurance.

Since late 2022, 'no drones' overstickers have been applied to various sign structures around the Pinnacle and The Springs to reinforce awareness.

In 2024-25, there were 6 instances of a drone being used without a permit. An infringement notice was issued for one detection at The Pinnacle and investigations are ongoing regarding the other 5 detections.

Marking Out and Cutting Tracks Without a Permit

In June 2025, an unauthorised mountain biking trail was discovered to have been cut from near the Springs lookout on Pinnacle Road and the lower end of Radfords Track. The work appeared to be very fresh and very little used at time of discovery, however several hundred offences had already been committed, including

- disturbing, taking, damaging and cutting natural substances and fauna habitat
- making and marking out a track
- possessing and using saws
- leaving litter
- riding a bicycle other than on a bicycle track.

Covert trail cameras were installed while rehabilitation works were planned. In this period a small number of under-age and mature-age riders were observed riding the trail; however no further trackworks were observed. The ERC is currently investigating the footage obtained, the intention being to identify and interview suspects, educate them about Park values and enforce Park Regulations as necessary depending on the outcome of investigations.

Non-emergency Overnight Use of Huts

In early 2025, the Trust became aware of a significant increase in the number of personal and food items being left in huts, with log book entries recording visitors' intentions to continue furnishing the huts for planned overnight stays, whereas the huts are strictly managed for day use only. Overnight use is only permitted in cases of emergency. The ERC and Ranger removed all surplus contents and left messages in log books reminding the community about the purpose and status of the huts. The ERC and Ranger have increased the frequency of hut inspections in order to more closely monitor their use, and will adapt their strategies for ensuring compliance.

Commercial Use of Photos and Videos Captured Within the Park Without a Permit

The ERC is investigating numerous instances of suspected commercial use of photos and film captured within the Park without a permit. Some of this activity appears well-intentioned in promoting messages that align with the Trust's management objectives; however, others appear to be intended to attract followers to a social media channel or promote a product or brand, which contravenes the Trust's existing commercial filming guidelines.

Any unauthorised commercial use of photography and video captured within the Park has the potential to adversely affect natural, social and cultural values, as seen in numerous other protected areas around the world in recent years. At the same time as investigating this issue, the Trust is working on a revision of its Commercial Filming Guidelines and how it promotes these to more effectively reach and inform the community.

WHS Incidents

There have been no WHS incidents involving Trust staff that are notifiable under the *Work Health and Safety Act 2012*.

The Trust receives a brief situation report from Police Search and Rescue when they are called to respond to incidents in Wellington Park. 2024-25 is the first year that these reports have been made available to the Trust, hence the significant increase in visitor incidents reported.

The Trust does not receive data on Ambulance call-outs to the Park.

The year's most significant visitor incident occurred in September 2024, when 18 people required rescue from The Pinnacle and Big Bend during blizzard conditions. Other visitor incidents included lost walkers, slips and trips. Further visitor incidents will have occurred during the year without reports being received by the Trust.

Summary of WHS hazard and incident reports

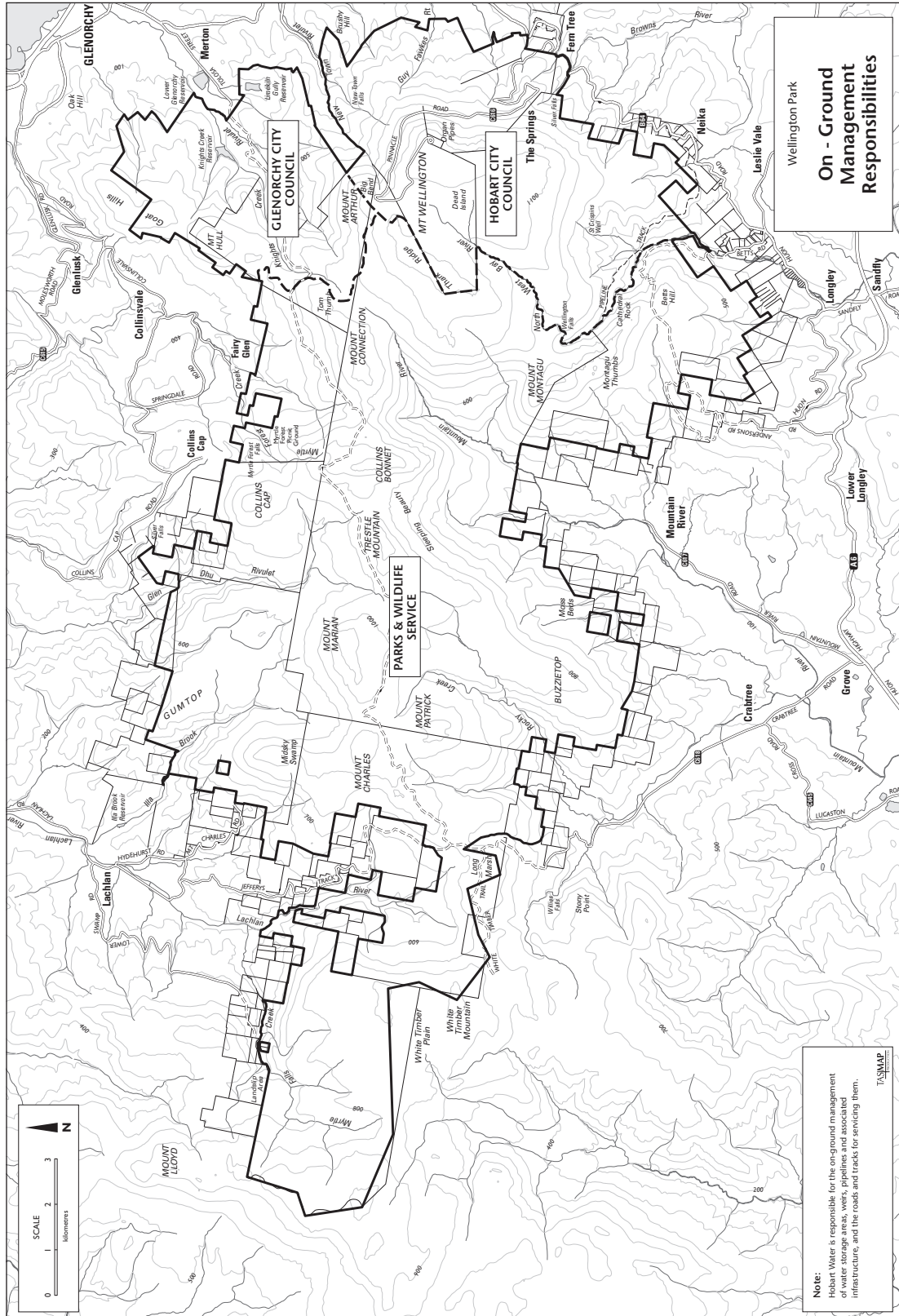
Incident/Hazard	Number reported		
	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23
Lost time injury	0	0	0
Hazards identified through incident/near hit reports	0	0	0
Staff incidents reported	3	1	1
Visitor incidents reported	20	4	5
Contractor incidents reported	0	0	0



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Appendix 1

Wellington Park – On Ground Management Areas



Appendix 2

Membership of the Wellington Park Management

1 July 2024 – 30 June 2025

MEMBER	DEPUTY
Chairperson Dr Christine Mucha	(Deputy not provided for in the Act)
Director-General of Lands Mr Stuart Fletcher, NRE	Ms Joanna Crisp, NRE
Glenorchy City Council Cr Molly Kendall	Mr Emilio Reale
Hobart City Council Cr John Kelly	Lord Mayor Cr Anna Reynolds
Cr Ben Lohberger	Cr Ryan Posselt
TasWater Ms Frances Smith	Mr Christian Attfield
Director of National Parks and Wildlife Ms Tory Ross	Ms Jennifer Parnell
Tourism Tasmania Ms Rita Warrenner	Ms Edwina Morris

Notes: Members and deputies may be appointed by the Minister for a period not exceeding 3 years. A member's appointment may terminate if they no longer occupy the position under which they were appointed or they resign. Members and deputies may be re-appointed. The term of the Chair expired on 30 June 2024. This appointment has been extended by the Minister through to 13 February 2026 whilst the Government awaits the outcome of the Our Mountain's Future review

Wellington Park Office

General Manager (1 FTE)	Amy Russell
Educations & Regulations Coordinator (1 FTE)	Ben Masterman
Wellington Park Project Officer (1 FTE)	Louise Jolly
Ranger (1 FTE)	Kaely Kreger (from 31/03/25)

FTE – Full time equivalent

Appendix 3

Trust Meeting Attendance Record

1 July 2024 – 30 June 2025

The Trust held 5 scheduled meetings between 1 July 2024 and 30 June 2025.

MEMBER	Meetings Attended During 2024–25	Meetings During Membership
Chairperson		
Dr Christine Mucha	5	5
Director-General of Lands nominees		
Mr Stuart Fletcher	4	5
Ms Joanna Crisp (deputy)	1	5
Glenorchy City Council		
Cr Molly Kendall	4	5
Mr Emilio Reale (deputy)	1	5
Hobart City Council		
Cr John Kelly	4	5
LM Cr Anna Reynolds (deputy to Cr Kelly)	0	5
Cr Ben Lohberger	5	5
Cr Ryan Posselt (deputy to Cr Lohberger)	0	5
TasWater		
Ms Frances Smith	3	5
Mr Christian Attfield (deputy)	2	5
Director of National Parks and Wildlife nominees		
Ms Tory Ross	3	5
Ms Jennifer Parnell (deputy)	0	5
Chief Executive Officer of Tourism Tasmania nominees		
Ms Rita Warrener	4	5
Ms Edwina Morris (deputy)	1	5

Clause 3 of Schedule 3 of the Act entitles members who are not State Service officers or employees to remuneration and allowances as determined by the Governor. These are specified in each member's Instrument of Appointment. During 2024–25 the Chairperson was paid an annual fee and councillors who are members or deputy members were paid a sitting fee for each meeting attended.

Disclosures of interests and related party interests

At the November 2024 meeting, Ms Edwina Morris declared her membership of Destination Southern Tasmania and advised that DST would be submitting a response to the Our Mountain's Future review. The Trust noted that most member organisations would also likely make a submission and did not warrant exclusion from Trust discussions regarding the review.

Appendix 4

Financial Report 2024–2025



Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of Parliament

Wellington Park Management Trust

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

I have audited the financial report of the Wellington Park Management Trust (the Trust), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2025, statements of comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the year then ended, notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and the statement of certification signed by the Chairperson.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial report:

- (a) present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Trust as at 30 June 2025 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended
- (b) is in accordance with the *Wellington Park Act 1993* and Australian Accounting Standards.

Basis for Opinion

I conducted the audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report* section of my report. I am independent of the Trust in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including Independence Standards)* (the Code) that are relevant to my audit of the financial report in Australia. I have also fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

The *Audit Act 2008* further promotes the independence of the Auditor-General. The Auditor-General is the auditor of all Tasmanian public sector entities and can only be removed by Parliament. The Auditor-General may conduct an audit in any way considered appropriate and is not subject to direction by any person about the way in which audit powers are to be exercised. The Auditor-General has for the purposes of conducting an audit, access to all documents and property and can report to Parliament matters which in the Auditor-General's opinion are significant.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

Responsibilities of Members of the Trust for the Financial Report

The Members of the Trust are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the financial reporting requirements of the *Wellington Park Act 1993* and for such internal control as determined necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, Members are responsible for assessing the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trust is to be dissolved by an Act of Parliament, or Members intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by Members.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of Member's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusion is based on the audit evidence obtained up to the

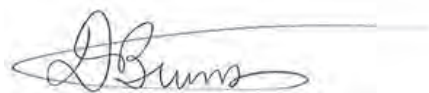
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Financial Report 2024–2025

date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Trust to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with the Members regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.



Derek Burns
Assistant Auditor-General
Delegate of the Auditor-General

23 September 2025
Hobart

Statement of Comprehensive Income For Year Ended 30 June 2025

	Note	2024/25 \$	2023/24 \$
REVENUE			
Grants - State Government	5	487,000	384,000
Grants - Other	5	156,542	161,836
Grant - SIIRP		149,634	-
Interest		5,426	5,722
Fines		1,426	1,268
Contract Funding Recognised		9,640	51,099
Profit on Disposal of Assets		8,153	-
Donations		13,619	-
Other		14,021	11,320
Total Revenue		845,461	615,245
EXPENSES			
Park Administration			
Advertising		2,716	2,746
Audit Fees		8,000	6,500
Chairperson Remuneration	11	13,938	13,875
Contractors and Consultants		142,829	105,692
Depreciation		13,263	11,409
Employee Costs - Management		164,292	160,942
Employee Costs - Other		234,445	250,223
Workers Compensation Insurance		4,276	4,305
Miscellaneous		25,562	29,356
Sitting Fees		1,950	2,250
Stationery & Printing		11,565	3,139
Vehicle Expenses		12,607	12,515
Total Expenses		635,443	602,952
Surplus/ (Deficit) for year		210,018	12,293
Other Comprehensive Income		-	-
Comprehensive Result		210,018	12,293

This statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of Changes in Equity For Year Ended 30 June 2025

	Note	2024/25 \$	2023/24 \$
Retained Earnings			
Balance at beginning of period		161,843	149,550
Comprehensive Result		210,018	12,293
Balance at end of period		371,861	161,843

This statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of Financial Position As At 30 June 2025

	Note	2024/25 \$	2023/24 \$
ASSETS			
Current			
Cash	6	434,058	232,257
Stock on Hand		12,035	12,218
Receivables		20,806	10,752
		466,899	255,227
Non-Current			
Plant & Equipment at Cost		54,131	61,261
Less Accumulated Depreciation		(15,248)	(25,015)
		38,883	36,246
TOTAL ASSETS		505,782	291,473
LIABILITIES			
Current			
Employee Benefits	7	63,313	74,971
Payables		27,146	4,728
Contract Liabilities	6	40,291	49,931
		130,750	129,630
Non-Current			
Employee Benefits	7	3,171	-
		3,171	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES		133,921	129,630
NET ASSETS		371,861	161,843
EQUITY			
Retained Earnings		371,861	161,843
TOTAL EQUITY		371,861	161,843

This statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Statement of Cash Flows For Year Ended 30 June 2025

	Note	2024/25 \$	2023/24 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts			
Grants - State Government		487,000	384,000
Grants - Other		306,176	182,035
Interest		5,426	5,722
Other		19,011	12,211
		<u>817,614</u>	<u>583,968</u>
Payments			
Employee and Contracted Services Costs		540,609	509,259
Other		67,458	64,114
		<u>608,067</u>	<u>573,373</u>
NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	4	209,547	10,595
Proceeds from			
Sales of Plant and Equipment		26,664	-
		<u>26,664</u>	<u>-</u>
Payments for			
Equipment purchases		34,410	4,256
		<u>34,410</u>	<u>4,256</u>
NET CASH (USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES		(7,746)	(4,256)
NET INCREASE / (DECREASE) IN CASH HELD			
Opening Cash Balance		232,257	225,918
Closing Cash Balance		434,058	232,257

This statement should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Notes to and forming part of the Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2025

1. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Wellington Park Management Trust (the Trust) is to deliver coordinated and effective management for Wellington Park to preserve the area's unique conservation and water catchment values while promoting appropriate tourism and recreation opportunities.

2. LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

The Trust was established by the *Wellington Park Act 1993* as a Statutory Authority to facilitate and provide a cooperative land management structure for Wellington Park, one of the State's largest distinct areas of reserved land and a primary icon in terms of tourism.

The Park was proclaimed under specific legislation due to its complexities in land tenure and ownership. At present, Wellington Park comprises twelve separate parcels of land with classifications and ownership ranging from Crown land, freehold land (held by the two city councils of Hobart and Glenorchy) and land vested in the City of Hobart for water supply purposes. TasWater also has a statutory responsibility for bulk water supply to the Greater Hobart area and maintains infrastructure within the Park associated with this role. Electricity and telecommunications suppliers also maintain infrastructure within the Park associated with their role.

The Trust has resolved that it does not control either the constructed or natural assets within the Park and accordingly has not recognised a value for those assets in its financial report.

3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of Preparation

The financial report is a general purpose financial report and has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB). Compliance with the Australian Accounting Standards may not result in compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), as the Australian Accounting Standards include requirements and options available to not-for-profit organisations that are inconsistent with IFRS.

The Trust has analysed its purpose, objectives, and operating philosophy and determined that it does not have profit generation as a prime objective. Consequently, where appropriate, the Trust has elected to apply options and exemptions within Accounting Standards that are applicable to not-for-profit entities.

The financial report has been prepared on the accrual basis under the convention of historical cost accounting and does not take into account changing money values. At the 30th June 2025, the Trust held cash assets of \$434,058 which are insufficient to cover the operating expenses of the Trust for 2025-26. The Government has announced, through the 2025-26 State Budget, that the appropriations awarded to the Trust in 2025-26 will be \$390,000 (2024-25, \$487,000). This additional funding is designed to ensure the Trust is sustainably resourced to carry out its function as the managing authority of Wellington Park. As such, the Trust has prepared this report on a going concern basis.

The financial report is presented in Australian dollars.

b) Revenue

The Trust recognises untied grant revenue and grants without performance obligations when received. In cases where funding includes specific performance obligations, a liability is recognised for funds received in advance with income recognised as obligations are fulfilled and which reflect the transfer of goods or services to customers in amounts that reflect the consideration to which the Trust expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. Interest is credited to revenue as it accrues. In 2024-25 Other Revenue consisted of sale of goods, fines, event permit application fees and commercial operator licence fees.

c) Expenses

Expenses are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income when a decrease in future economic benefits related to either a decrease in an asset or an increase in a liability has arisen that can be measured reliably.

d) Cash

Cash consists of funds held in bank accounts and cash on hand.

e) Stock

Stock on hand at the reporting date comprise a number of publications which are held with an expectation of generating future sales. Stock is valued at cost and adjusted when applicable for any loss of service potential.

f) Plant and Equipment

Plant and equipment are valued at cost and consist of a vehicle as well as office equipment. The vehicle has been estimated to have a useful life of seven and a half years in line with the Australian Taxation Office Commissioner's cap for vehicles of this type and the office equipment a useful life of three years. The estimated residual value of plant and equipment at the end of its useful life is reviewed annually. Useful lives are reviewed annually and depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method.

g) Employee Benefits

The provision for employee benefits represents the amount which the Trust has a present obligation to pay resulting from employees' services provided up to the reporting date in respect of salaries, annual leave and long service leave.

Provisions made in respect of employee benefits which fall due wholly within 12 months after the end of the period in which the employees rendered the related service, are measured at their nominal values using remuneration rates expected to apply at the time of settlement. Other provisions are measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made in respect of services provided by employees up to the reporting date. Discount rates used are those attaching to national government guaranteed securities at balance date which most closely match the terms to maturity of the related liabilities. In determining pre-conditional long service leave entitlements, the amount of cash outflows required to be made by the Trust in the future have been estimated based on experience of similar not for profit entity trends.

Under current employment contracts there is no entitlement to payment of unused personal leave upon termination and so no provision has been made in this regard.

h) Comparative Figures

Where appropriate, comparative figures have been amended to accord with current presentation, and disclosure has been made of any material changes to comparatives.

i) Taxation

The Trust is subject to both Goods and Services Tax (GST) and Fringe Benefits Tax (FBT). No FBT events were experienced by the Trust in the year. The Trust's current payroll is below the annual threshold for Payroll Tax liability and is exempt from all other taxes.

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office. In these circumstances, the GST is recognised as part of the cost of acquisition of the asset or as part of an item of expense. Receivables and payables in the balance sheet are shown inclusive of GST.

Cash flows are presented in the Statement of Cash Flows on a gross basis, except for the GST component of investing and financing activities, which are disclosed as operating cash flows.

Commitments and contingencies are disclosed net of the amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the taxation authority.

j) Change in Accounting Policies

There are no new and revised Accounting Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board which are relevant to the Trust's operations and effective for the current reporting period.

k) New accounting standards for application in future periods

In the current year, Management has reviewed and assessed all the new and revised Standards and Interpretations issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board, and determined that none would have a material effect on the Trust's operations or financial reporting.

4. RECONCILIATION OF 'NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES' TO SURPLUS / (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR

	2024/25 \$	2023/24 \$
Surplus / (Deficit)	210,018	12,293
Add back Depreciation	13,263	11,409
Less: Gain on Sale of Asset	(8,153)	-
(Increase) / Decrease in Receivables	(9,870)	(5,931)
Increase / (Decrease) in Employee Benefits	(8,488)	18,995
Increase / (Decrease) in Payables	22,417	4,728
Increase / (Decrease) in Contract Liabilities	(9,640)	(30,899)
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	209,547	10,595

In 2024/25 the Trust has recorded a surplus primarily due to an increase in the amount of grant funding received. In accordance with AASB 15, recognition of revenue associated with \$74,791 of grant funds received and unexpended in 2024/25 has been deferred. The funds will be progressively recorded as revenue as grant conditions are met.

5. GRANT REVENUE

	2024/25 \$	2023/24 \$
Grants - State Government		
Park Administration	487,000	384,000
Grants - Other		
Grants - Other	156,542	161,836

The Grants – Other figure of \$156,542 includes the following contributions: \$39,992 from the Hobart City Council, \$40,749 from the Glenorchy City Council, and \$75,801 from TasWater. These figures and those in the above table are exclusive of applicable GST.

6. CASH

The Trust has received a number of grants. At 30 June 2025, the Trust is expected to expend \$40,291 of its cash balance relating to these grants. These amounts being made up of:

	2024/25 \$	2023/24 \$
Restricted Cash		
Contract Liabilities (Unspent Funding)		
Urban Renewal & Heritage Fund	15,595	20,705
State Emergency Service	15,670	20,200
Jefferys Track	9,026	9,026
	<u>40,291</u>	<u>49,931</u>
Unconditional Grants		
Website Development	19,172	19,172
	<u>19,172</u>	<u>19,172</u>
Unrestricted Cash	374,595	183,354
Total Cash	<u>434,058</u>	<u>232,257</u>

Recognition of \$15,595 grant income received in prior years for the Urban Renewal and Heritage Fund, \$9,026 received from Huon Valley Council in 2020/21 for maintenance of Jefferys Track, and \$15,670 received from State Emergency Service has been deferred until grant conditions are met, as per AASB 15 *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*.

7. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PROVISIONS

	2024/25 \$	2023/24 \$
PAYG Withholdings	25,190	30,592
Annual Leave	10,057	18,512
Long Service Leave	17,880	12,341
Superannuation	13,357	13,527
	<u>66,484</u>	<u>74,971</u>
Current	63,313	74,971
Non-Current	3,171	-
	<u>66,484</u>	<u>74,971</u>

8. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Financial Risk Management

The Trust's financial instruments consist of receivables and payables. Financial risk is managed by ensuring that investments are carried out in accordance with the Trust's Investment Policy Statement.

Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Trust if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations. The maximum exposure to credit risk is the carrying amount of recognised financial assets as disclosed in the Statement of Financial Position. The Trust does not have any material credit risk exposure.

Market Risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. The primary market risk that the Trust is exposed to is interest rate risk. The Trust's cash held is subject to variable interest rates. Remaining financial assets and all financial liabilities are non-interest bearing. The Trust's exposure to interest rate risk in relation to cash held at bank is considered to be minimal.

Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Trust will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Trust manages liquidity risk by monitoring cash flows. Exposure to liquidity risk is considered to be minimal.

Net Fair Value

The Trust considers that the carrying amount of its financial assets and liabilities approximate their fair value.

9. EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO BALANCE DATE

No events have occurred subsequent to balance date that would require adjustment to, or disclosure in, the financial report.

10. CONTINGENT ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

There were no material contingent assets or contingent liabilities at year-end.

11. KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL**a) Responsible Persons**

Names of persons holding positions of responsibility at any time during the year are:

Trust Members	Organisation	Title	Appointment	Expiry
Dr Christine Mucha		Independent Chair	01-Jun-05	13-Feb-26
Mr Stuart Fletcher	NRE	Member	31-Mar-23	31-Dec-25
Cr Molly Kendall	GCC	Member	31-Mar-23	31-Dec-25
Cr Ben Lohberger	CoH	Member	31-Mar-23	31-Dec-25
Cr John Kelly	CoH	Member	31-Mar-23	31-Dec-25
Ms Frances Smith	TasWater	Member	30-Apr-20	31-Dec-25
Ms Tory Ross	PWS	Member	31-Mar-23	31-Dec-25
Ms Rita Warrenner	Tourism Tas	Member	07-Sep-17	30-Jun-26

Trust Deputy Members	Organisation	Title	Appointment	Expiry
Ms Joanna Crisp	NRE	Deputy	21-Aug-22	30-Jun-25
Mr Emilio Reale	GCC	Deputy	01-Sep-21	30-Jun-27
Mr Christian Attfield	TasWater	Deputy	21-Aug-22	30-Jun-25
Ms Jennifer Parnell	PWS	Deputy	24-Jun-24	31-Dec-26
Ms Edwina Morris	Tourism Tas	Deputy	24-May-23	30-Jun-26
Cr Ryan Posselt	CoH	Deputy (BL)	31-Mar-23	31-Dec-25
Lord Mayor Cr Anna Reynolds	CoH	Deputy (JK)	31-Mar-23	31-Dec-25

Trust General Manager: Amy Russell	09 May 2022 – Current
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b) Key Management Personnel Compensation

	2024/25 \$	2023/24 \$
Short-term employee benefits	147,329	141,869
Post-employment benefits	16,963	15,066
Chairperson Remuneration	13,938	13,875
Sitting fees	1,950	2,250
	180,180	173,060

Short-term employee benefits represent wage-related benefits paid, payable or provided by the Trust to the General Manager while in the employ of the Trust. Post-employment benefits include superannuation paid or payable by the Trust for the General Manager while in the employ of the Trust. Amounts are calculated on an accruals basis.

12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

a) Transactions with other related parties

There have been no transactions with related parties during the 2024-25 financial year.

b) Loans and guarantees to/from related parties

The Trust has not entered into any loans or guarantees with related parties.

c) Commitments to/from related parties

The Trust has not entered into any commitments with related parties.

d) Transactions with related parties that have not been disclosed

Most of the entities and people that are related parties of the Trust live within greater Hobart. Therefore, on a regular basis, ordinary citizen transactions occur between the Trust and its related parties. Some examples are:-

- Permit Application Fees
- Licence fees
- Fines for breaches of Wellington Park Regulations

The Trust has not included these types of transactions in its disclosure where they occur on the same terms and conditions as those available to the general public.

The Trust has made full disclosure in the financial report of information concerning related party transactions in accordance with the Applicable Australian Accounting Standards and/or legislative requirements.

Certification

The accompanying financial statements of the Wellington Park Management Trust are in agreement with the relevant accounts and records and have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and other authoritative pronouncements issued by the Australian Accounting Standards Board.

I believe that, in all material respects, the financial statements present a view which is consistent with my understanding of the Trust's financial position as at 30 June 2025 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended.

At the date of signing, I am not aware of any circumstances which would render the particulars included in the financial statements misleading or inaccurate.



Dr Christine Mucha

Chairperson

Date: 22 September, 2025



Vision

For Wellington Park to be a special place, accessible and enjoyed by all for its prominent landscape, natural and cultural diversity, and community value.

Mission

To preserve the natural, cultural, recreational, tourism and drinking water qualities of Wellington Park for their own value and for the safe enjoyment of all people.

This will be achieved through outstanding management, sympathetic development and a co-operative relationship with our communities.

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Lutruwita Art Orchestra x Dewayne Everettsmith performance Muylatina Tapilti Nayri