



**Wellington Park**  
*Management Trust*

## MINUTES OF MEETING

9.30am Thursday 10 July 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 (from 10.09am)
	Cr J Kelly	City of Hobart
	Mr S Fletcher	Dept of NRE
	Ms F Smith	TasWater
	Ms A Russell	WPMT

APOLOGIES: Cr B Lohberger (City of Hobart), Cr Ryan Posselt (City of Hobart), Ms T Ross (PWS), Ms J Parnell (PWS)

The meeting opened at 9.35am.

The Chair noted that this would be a short meeting to be followed by a Trust workshop with the consultants appointed to deliver progress on the Wellington Park Business Case project.

The Trust acknowledges and pays respect to all Tasmanian Aboriginal people, all of whom have survived invasion and dispossession, and continue to maintain their identity and culture. This meeting is being held during NAIDOC Week, a time to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The theme for 2025 is 'The Next Generation: Strength, Vision and Legacy'. It is timely, then, that today the Trust has received from its Palawa Knowledge Circle the consultation report on the Palawa values of Kunanyi and the land within Wellington Park, providing the Trust with the opportunity to work with Palawa to incorporate these privileged insights into the future of Wellington Park.

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

Cr Ryan Posselt provided a notice in meeting papers advising his Chair and coordination role for a new group brought together as the voice of Kunanyi recreational trail users, comprising representatives

from the Climbing Club of Tasmania and Cragcare, Hobart Trail Runners, Hobart Wheelers/Dirt Devils, Pandani Bushwalking Club, Hobart Walking Club and Destination Southern Tasmania. The group seeks 'to influence the future of the mountain outside of government agencies and land managers'. As a deputy Trust member, Cr Posselt receives Trust meeting papers and minutes but does not attend Trust meetings unless the corresponding member is absent, and is therefore not party to moderating discussions on Trust matters. The Trust noted that Cr Posselt was nominated to the Trust by the City of Hobart, and that this appointment ends in December 2025.

**Resolution:** The Trust resolved to:

1. Advise Cr Posselt that the Trust would prefer that he stand down from his position of Trust deputy member unless he is able to demonstrate how he will manage conflict of interest issues related to his new role.
2. Seek confirmation through the City of Hobart CEO that Cr Posselt remains the Council's preferred nominee to the position of Trust deputy member in light of the new role.

### **3. PRESENTATION – STATE GROWTH 'OUR MOUNTAIN'S FUTURE' REVIEW UPDATE**

State Growth staff provided a short presentation to the Trust on the status of the mountain review. Following release of the Vision document, the next stage is the preparation of an action plan for release in late 2025, noting that the State election had introduced some uncertainty into the process.

Trust member R Warrener joined the meeting 10.09am.

State Growth staff left the meeting at 10.20am.

### **4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING AND ACTIONS ARISING**

**Resolution:** The Trust endorsed the minutes of the previous meeting held on 1 May as a true record of that meeting.

### **5. IN CAMERA SESSION**

N/A

### **6. WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT**

A Work Health and Safety report was tabled, noting 4 visitor incidents and 2 staff incidents. The focus of discussion was a vehicle rollover incident on the Humphreys Rivulet Fire Trail that resulted in the write-off of the Trust vehicle but no staff injury. The incident has been the subject of multiple debriefs with staff, a WHS investigation undertaken by Glenorchy City Council, and

has resulted in additional amendments to the Trust's field work protocols. A second-hand replacement vehicle has been purchased with the insurance pay out.

The Trust questioned if this was a notifiable incident. The General Manager responded that the incident did not meet Worksafe Tasmania notification criteria as a motor vehicle is not Registered Plant. The second staff incident was a minor strain injury.

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

## **7. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

The Trust was presented with the financial reports to 30 June 2025, noting that these were preliminary reports and 2025 Financial Statements were still in preparation.

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

## **8. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

In light of meeting time constraints, the Trust received a brief verbal report from the General Manager.

The Trust has received the Palawa Values report contracted as part of the Management Plan review, to be circulated in confidence to Trust members.

The General Manager advised the Trust that the 2025-26 Budget had assumed a CPI of 2.5%. The actual figure was 1.6% so income will be below budget.

New appointments for TasWater and NRE deputy membership of the Trust had been returned from the Minister's office unsigned owing to the caretaker period associated with the State government election. Therefore, the existing deputy members will continue for a period of up to 6 months after the end of their appointment on 30 June.

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

## **9. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION / DECISION**

### **9.1 OUR MOUNTAIN'S FUTURE – DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS**

With the approval of the review team, draft recommendations as seen by the review Working Group were circulated to Trust members in the meeting papers with initial feedback annotated by the General Manager. Following on from the earlier presentation by State Growth, the Trust noted that the draft recommendations did not recognise previous work and analyses. These need to be cited in feedback provided to State Growth.

**Resolution:** The Trust directed the General Manager to provide a written response to draft recommendations for submission to State Growth by the deadline of 18 July.

### **9.2 2024-25 ANNUAL REPORT**

The Trust was supplied new content proposed for inclusion in the Annual Report. The General Manager noted that this would be sent for formatting on 15 July, and members will also have an opportunity to review the final document. Members requested minor changes to a single item.

**Resolution:**

1. The Trust approved content updates for the 2024-25 Annual Report, subject to changes discussed at the meeting.
2. The Trust directed the General Manager to circulate the Financial Statements 2025 when available.
3. The Trust endorsed the Chair to sign the Financial Statements 2025 on behalf of the Trust.

**9.3 REVISED FIELD WORK PROTOCOLS**

The General Manager provided the Trust with an updated WHS Policy and Procedures document following a requested review of Lone Worker Protocols following the appointment of a second ranger. The review has been undertaken by the ERC and Ranger as part of the Ranger induction, and coincides with investment in new field worker monitoring and safety technology.

**Resolution:** The Trust endorsed the revised WHS Policy and Procedures.

**11. ITEMS FOR NOTING****11.1 VISITOR AND DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS TOOL UPDATE**

**Resolution:** The Trust noted the updated data provided by the General Manager.

**11.2 CORRESPONDENCE**

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

**11.3 WPO WORK PROGRAM**

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

**11.4 WPO SUMMARY**

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

**12. GENERAL BUSINESS**

The Trust noted recent media coverage of base jumping in Wellington Park.

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

The next Trust meeting will be on Thursday 11 September at the Hobart Council Centre.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.51am.