

**Garden of Tane RC meeting minutes**  
**Tuesday December 12, 2023, 5:30**  
**Held at Garden of Tane Reserve and Madeira Hotel**

**Present:** Suky Thompson, Lynda Wallace, Jeremy Buchanan, Leigh Hickey

**1 Apologies**

- Apologies from Alan Hemsley, Steffan Kraberger, Ron Birch and Bryn Thompson were accepted.

**2 Declarations of Interest**

- None

**3 Minutes of the previous meetings**

*The minutes of the meeting on September 12, 2023 are approved.*

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**4 Summary of Progress since previous meeting**

- Track work to repair slip damage completed
- Three Year Plan presented to Community Board and maintenance aspects progressing
- Mystery of felled Thuja resolved – it was on road reserve and felled by TreeTech because in a dangerous condition

**5 Slip damage/Lawsons Cypress work**

- Bernie's track has been re-routed across the slip.
- Cemetery Link Track repaired
- Lawsons cypress at Grotto milled in conjunction with the slip repair work. This has produced 12 flitches of approx. 3.4m long which are now fillet stacked and drying at Thompson property in Robinsons Bay for use in the Garden in future for tables and benches
- Cost of milling (\$350) to be reimbursed to Suky Thompson from the funds held by Akaroa Civic Trust

**6 Progress with Three Year Plan and objectives**

- Three Year Plan presented to Community Board on 3 October and well received.
- City Care have now gps captured all tracks accurately and added all the assets into their system.
  - Each track has been done to match the committee's map and track names are included
  - All assets are shown on the tracks
  - Next steps are for the committee to check the assets are all correct and add in the dates when each track and asset was created
- Extensive work carried out in conjunction with Kerri Bowen to identify the operational maintenance requirements for track maintenance including leaf blowing, trimming vegetation, weed control and clearing culverts, plus mowing some areas and tidying up after storm damage. This has been entered into a spreadsheet supplied by the Community Board and will be

presented to Board on 13 December. Suky Thompson and Ron Birch to attend.

## **7 Sequoia**

- The Coronation sequoia has died and will need to be replaced
- Lynda Wallace will continue work on the plaque

## **8 Tree Planting programme**

- David Barwick from the Botanic Gardens sent through a list of suggestions on new trees to plant in the Garden under the Three Year Plan. The list was well received and David thanked for sending these through.
- Work to design the replanting of Area 1 – between Ōnuku Road and Upper Nikau track to be discussed at the first meeting of the new year.

## **9 Tree Tech work**

- Tree Tech will be working in the Garden to tidy up the logs and branches of the felled that were left on the Fern Gully track. They will have extra time to carry out other work in the Garden
- A walkabout held at the start of the meeting identified several locations where arborist work would be useful including; clearing away the remaining Lawson's cypress log, removing a branch obscuring the face of the Tane carving, removing Tasmanian blackwood and other weeds growing below Big Pine Lookout, and, giving advice on the Yellow Pine in the Playground and the Cypress near the shed that has had its branches removed. Suky Thompson will send a list to Tree Tech and walk them around at the start.
- Some of the Thuja rounds will be used to make a seating circle at the bottom of the Fern Gully Track.

## **10 Financial Report**

- There is no capital budget this financial year from CCC.
- Steven Gray has advised that the Parks Unit are looking to spread out the future funds allocated for the Garden in the LTP (\$100k in 2030) at the rate of \$10k per annum. The Three Year Plan has been based on this occurring.
- The Akaroa Civic Trust holds \$1,204.39 behalf of the Garden of Tane (less the \$350 for the milling).
- Project manager Steven Gray has indicated that due to restructuring of the Parks team, the Garden may be managed by a Community Parks project manager in future.

***Thanks were given to Steven Gray for his support as project manager for the Garden of Tane for the past 7 years. The Garden of Tane Committee has found Steven very helpful to work with.***

***Hickey/Wallace***

## **11 Health and safety**

- The committee remains concerned about the number of trees that are falling in the Garden. Tree

## **12 Public forum**

- The Lumiere event is proposed for May 2025. The Lumiere organising committee still needs to

find an umbrella organisation provide a banking service. Akaroa Civic Trust and Friends of Banks Peninsula to be approached.

### **13 Meeting schedule for next year**

- Meetings will take place quarterly on a Tuesday evening at 5:30pm on February 13, May 14, August 13 and November 12.

***Meeting closed 7:25***