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*Kāpiti Island*

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## Co-Chair's report

It is with much enthusiasm that we present the 2023-2024 Annual Report of the Wellington Conservation Board, as we reflect over a year filled with much change and mahi.

This year we have inducted new board members and had an equal number of board members step down, including a change of our co-chair. We have taken opportunities to raise concerns with the new political direction where we see it impairing conservation outcomes, as well as Te Tiriti o Waitangi obligations.

We made a written submission on the Fast Track Consenting Bill as well presenting to Select Committee in early 2024. We would like to particularly thank outgoing board member Toni Love for her incredible focus and dedication in assisting with this, even after stepping down from the Board. A sustained focus this year has been our Board Strategy and 3-year action plan to ensure we have clarity of purpose and meet not only our statutory functions but also identify where we feel we can best add value to the Department and to Conservation.

Alongside other Board Chairs, we have participated in a Conservation Board Chair Working Group initiated by the Director-General to better understand how Board's can contribute to statutory and integrated planning. Throughout all this work, we have maintained a constructive and solution-focused perspective on how to monitor and work with our Conservation Management Strategy.

We would like to acknowledge the political and financial pressure on the Department over this last year, with incoming legislation and political focus at times seeming at loggerheads with conservation and community expectations. This has put much pressure on staff to 'do more with less' and the national and regional leadership has risen to meet this challenge, navigating this with staff and focusing on making sure that conservation priorities are clear. We continue to be concerned about the impact of budget cuts on conservation outcomes and have communicated this strongly to the Minister, urging the Government to fund conservation more appropriately given its importance for Aotearoa.

Despite these challenges, the Department's operational and regional staff in our rohe have provided the same steadfast support, attendance, updates, presentations and site visit coordination over this last 12 months. This has not gone unnoticed or unappreciated, and on behalf of the Board we thank them for their unwavering dedication and honest korero.

Out of necessity we have deviated from our Te Tiriti o Waitangi co-chair model, since Manaaki Barrett stepped down from this position early in 2024 due to pressing family and work commitments. We have agreed as a board that we seek to continue this model, as soon as we have more iwi affiliated board members who feel both confident in understanding our kaupapa and have capacity to meet this commitment. However, over this period Asher Wilson-Goldman has stepped up to cover this vacant role, and this is something that Carla Bates as co-chair has immense gratitude for. This role is almost unmanageable without partnership. Both of us greatly appreciate the support and shared workload the other provides. We also have continued our exploration of what being an honourable Te Tiriti o Waitangi partner means in our board's role, including specific areas to progress this over the next 3 years.

Last but by no means least, Rachael Mora (Statutory Manager LNI) and Claire Jacobs (Board Support Officer) have been their usual superstars this year getting us the info we

need, advising, coordinating, proactively seeking ways to help the board and always willing to help. All that we manage to achieve in our meetings would not be possible without these two wonderful people.

Co-Chairs

Carla Bates and Asher Wilson-Goldman

C. Bates 

## Introduction

This is the tenth Wellington Conservation Board Annual Report. Section 6(O) of the Conservation Act requires conservation boards to provide the New Zealand Conservation Authority (the Authority) with an annual report as soon as practical after 30 June each year. In recognition of this requirement the Wellington Conservation Board submits this annual report.

Conservation boards are appointed by the Minister of Conservation under section 6(P) of the Conservation Act 1987. Board functions are outlined in section 6(M) and the powers, which enable the conservation boards to carry out those functions, are under 6(N) of the Act.

Conservation boards are independent advisory bodies, established by statute. They represent the community and offer interaction between communities and the Department of Conservation (the Department), within their area of jurisdiction.

Conservation boards have several statutory roles under various Acts including:

- The recommendation of the Wellington Conservation Management Strategy (CMS) to the Authority for approval.
- Advising the Department and the Authority on how conservation management strategies and plans will be put into practice.
- Reporting on the implementation of the CMS.
- The approval of conservation management plans (CMP).
- The recommendation of national park management plans to the Authority for approval.
- Advising the Department and Authority on conservation matters, and proposed changes to status of land of national and international significance.
- Liaising with the regional Fish and Game Council on conservation matters; and
- Carrying out other powers delegated by the Minister of Conservation, the Conservation Act, or any other Act.

Conservation boards also have several functions under section 30 of the National Parks Act 1980. These functions include recommending the review or amendment of national park management plans and recommending approval of these plans by the Authority.

# Conservation Board Region

## Wellington Conservation Board

The Wellington Conservation Board's area of jurisdiction covers the area of 2,974,763.62 hectares. The jurisdiction extends from the bottom of the North Island to the mouth of the Turakina River in the west, up the Turakina River and over the top of the Ruahine Forest Park, down the eastern boundary of the Forest Park and then out across to the east coast near Waimarama. It includes the three Wellington harbour islands, Matiu/Somes, Mokopun and Makaro/Ward as well as Kāpiti and Mana islands. The area also extends out to the 12-nautical mile limit with respect to coastal and marine issues, and out to the 200-nautical mile limit with respect to protected species.

Approximately 4.75% of New Zealand's public conservation land and area lie within Wellington's jurisdiction.

Public conservation land and areas make up 23.04% of all land in Wellington. This consists of:

- 286,726.70 hectares of Public Conservation Land
- 395,638.22 hectares of Sanctuaries to Protect Marine Mammals
- 3,021.11 hectares of Marine Reserves

The large number of issues which are of interest to the Board include:

Deer and Goat Control in the Lower North Island Forest Parks

## Conservation features of the area

The main features of Public Conservation Land and Waters within the Board's boundaries are:

- Tararua Forest Park - 114,894.14 ha
- Ruahine Forest Park - 94,819.85 ha
- Aorangi Forest Park - 19,406.07 ha
- Remutaka Forest Park - 19,775.57 ha
- 98 Scenic Reserves - 10,241.54 ha
- 1 Historic Reserve - 5.95 ha
- 21 Recreation Reserves - 841.58 ha
- 151 Stewardship Area - 21,621.09 ha
- 171 Marginal Strip - 1,066.83 ha
- 2 Specially Protected Areas - 416.52 ha
- 2 Marine Reserves - 3,021.11 ha

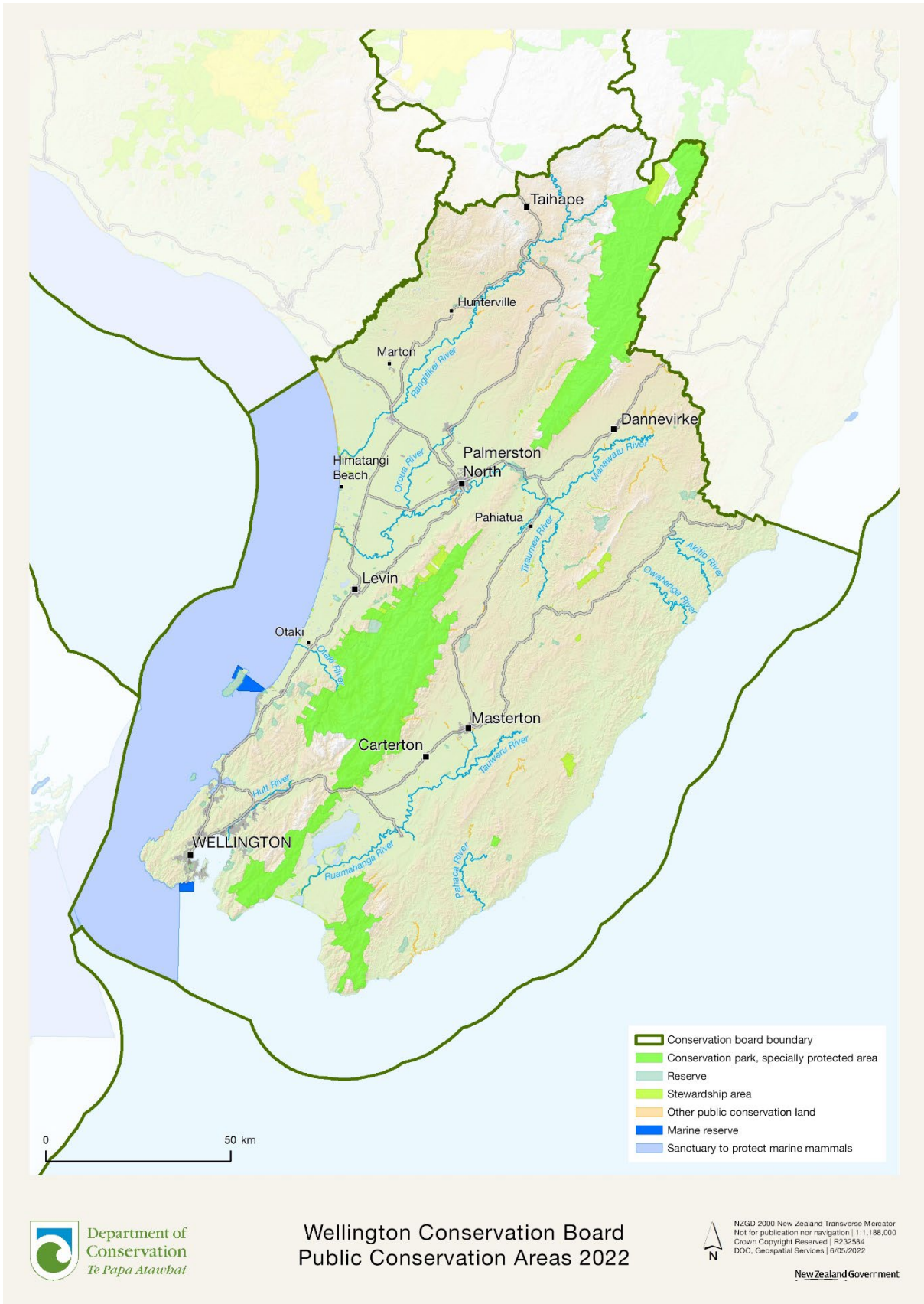


Figure 1 Wellington Conservation Board Jurisdiction



## Board functioning

### Board functions under section 6M of the Conservation Act 1987

The functions of the Board are:

- 1) To recommend the approval by the Authority of conservation management strategies, and the review and amendment of such strategies, under the relevant enactments.
- 2) To approve conservation management plans, and the review and amendment of such plans, under the relevant enactments.
- 3) To advise the Authority and the Director-General on the implementation of conservation management strategies and conservation management plans for the area within the jurisdiction of the Board.
- 4) To advise the Authority or the Director-General:
  - a) on any proposed change of status or classification of any area of national or international importance; and
  - b) on any other conservation matter relating to any area with the jurisdiction of the Board.
- 5) To liaise with any Fish and Game Council on matter within the jurisdiction of the Board.
- 6) To exercise such powers and functions as may be delegated to it by the Minister under this Act or any other Act.

### Powers of the Board under section 6N of the Conservation Act 1987

- 1) Every Board shall have all such powers as are reasonably necessary or expedient to enable it to carry out its functions.
- 2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), each conservation board may:
  - a) advocate its interests at any public forum or in any statutory planning process; and
  - b) appoint committees of members and other suitable persons, and delegate to them functions and powers.
- 3) The power conferred by subsection (2)(a) shall include the right to appear before courts and tribunals in New Zealand and be heard on matters affecting or relating to the Board's functions.

### Functions of the Board under section 30 the National Parks Act 1980

- 1) To recommend management plans, and the review or amendment of such plans, for parks within the jurisdiction of the Board in accordance with sections 45 to 47.
- 2) To consider and determine priorities for the implementation of management plans for national parks.
- 3) To make recommendations to the Minister for the appointment of honorary rangers under section 40.
- 4) To review and report to the Director-General or the Authority, as appropriate, on the effectiveness of the administration of the general policies for national parks within the jurisdiction of the Board.
- 5) To give advice to the Director-General or the Authority:
  - a) on the interpretation of any management plan for a park; and

- b) on any proposal for the addition of land to any national park or the establishment of a new national park; and
- c) on any other matter relating to any national park, –  
within the jurisdiction of the Board.

## Board membership

There were 9 Board members for the reporting year, appointed by the Minister of Conservation. Manaaki Barrett and Nina Mercer were elected as Co-Chairs. Upon Nina’s resignation, Carla Bates was elected as Co-Chair.

The following table lists the membership of the Board between 1 July 2022 and 30 June 2023 and their term of office.

**Table 1: Board membership**

Board member	Area	Term start	Term end	Years served
Manaaki Barrett	Otaki	1 Jul 2021	30 Jun 2024	3
Nicole McCrossin	Wellington	1 Jul 2019	30 Jun 2025	5
Sara Arhaim	Wellington	1 Jul 2020	30 Jun 2026	4
Toni Love	Wellington	1 Jul 2021	30 Jun 2024	3
Carla Bates	Wellington	1 Jul 2022	30 Jun 2025	2
Asher Wilson-Goldman	Paraparaumu	1 Jul 2022	30 Jun 2025	2
Pam Crisp	Lower Hutt	1 Jul 2023	30 Jun 2025	1
Anahera Nin	Wellington	1 Jul 2023	30 Jun 2023	1
Sonia Wansbrough	Wairarapa	1 July 2023	30 Jun 2024	1

## Member profiles

### **Asher Wilson-Goldman of Paraparaumu (Co-Chair – elected 17 November 2023)**

Asher has strong community engagement and governance skills at a local Government and national level and in the recreation sector. He offers knowledge of the machinery of government, and provides extensive experience in communications, planning and supporting outdoor recreation.

### **Carla Bates of Wellington (Co-Chair)**

Carla has varied experience in the environmental field, including consultancy work with oil industry and environmental compliance roles on road and rail construction projects. She is skilled in collaboration and consensus building, whilst providing knowledge of sustainability and adaptability to the Board and has a strong understanding of environmental strategy, including action plan coordination.

### **Manaaki Barrett of Ōtaki**

Manaaki is of Te Ati Awa ki Whakarongotai, Ngāti Raukawa, and Ngāti Toa descent and the Operations Manager for Kāpiti Island Nature Tours, providing 10’ years’ experience in whanau-owned ecotourism business. He brings extensive knowledge of Kāpiti Island and the surrounding marine reserve to the Board.

### **Nicole McCrossin of Wellington**

Nicole is a principal advisor in the Māori Agribusiness Directorate at the Ministry for Primary Industries. Her studies and career have been centred on the relationship between the Treaty of Waitangi and environmental management, with a background in the negotiation and implementation of natural resources redress in Treaty settlements. Outside of work, she spends as much time as possible outdoors, particularly tramping in the Tararua.

Nicole is also a student of raranga, having recently completed two years study at Te Wānanga o Aotearoa in Porirua, furthering her desire to learn about history, use, and protection of New Zealand's plants. She is also a Crown representative on the Matiu/Somes Katiaki Board.

### **Sara Arhaim of Wellington**

Sara is a Strategic Operations Director with a background in law and accounting. She is a risk and compliance expert, able to analyse proposals from a risk perspective, and has extensive work experience in government agencies.

### **Toni Love of Ōtaki – Resigned 12/03/2024.**

Toni is of Te Ātiawa descent and a senior solicitor at Whāia Legal. She has been working in community-based conservation as well as mana whenua lead kaitiakitanga in Te Whanganui-a-Tara for over 10 years and is a current board member for Para Kore Marae Incorporated.

### **Pamela (Pam) Crisp of Lower Hutt**

Pam is co-director of the Nature Through Arts Collective Trust – lives in Lower Hutt. She previously worked for DOC for 25 years in the community engagement space. Pam brings extensive knowledge and experience in nature conservation, community engagement and governance.

### **Anahera Nin of Porirua**

Anahera is Policy and Engagement Advisor for Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira – lives in Porirua and whakapapa's to Ngāti Toa Rangatira, Ngāti Raukawa, Tauranga Moana and Ngāti Tūwharetoa. She is Te Whanganui-ā-Tara Representative to Papa Pounamu – NZ Planning Institute. Anahera brings strong knowledge and experience in nature conservation, community engagement, governance, planning and kaitiakitanga and has been appointed for a term of 3 years.

### **Sonia Wansbrough of Martinborough**

Sonia is a self-employed public policy contractor living in Martinborough. She has lead work on environmental policies and programmes at the Department of Conservation, the Ministry for the Environment, and the Ministry for Primary Industries. She brings extensive knowledge and experience in developing strategy, policy and legislation, and has qualifications in terrestrial ecology, environmental law, and science communication.

## Board meetings

The Board held six meetings during the reporting period. Venues for the meetings vary each year to ensure a wide coverage and enable members of the public in the district to attend meetings and access the Board.

**Table 2: Board meeting dates and location**

Board meeting date	Meeting location and venue
11 August 2023	DOC office, Palmerston North, 28 North Street
6 & 7 October 2023	DOC office, Masterton, 220 South Road
17 & 18 November 2023	Kāpiti Island
16 & 17 February 2024	DOC office, Palmerston North, 28 North Street
12 & 13 April 2024	DOC office, Masterton, 220 South Road
7 & 8 June 2024	DOC office, Wellington, 18 Manners Street

## Attendance

The table below summarises the number of Board meetings attended by members out of the total number of meetings held during the year.

Members attended other meetings and events in their role as Board members, including subcommittee meetings and representative roles.

**Table 3: Board meetings attended by members.**

Board members	Board meetings	Liaison meetings	Special events
Anahera Nin	4		
Asher Wilson-Goldman	5		
Carla Bates	6		1 (Chair's Hui)
Manaaki Barrett	5	2	
Nicole McCrossin	6	2	
Pam Crisp	5		
Sara Arhaim	3		
Sonia Wansbrough	5		
Toni Love	2		

## Field trips and site inspections

Field trips are an excellent opportunity for Board members to become more aware of conservation issues within their region and to meet with community members undertaking conservation activities.

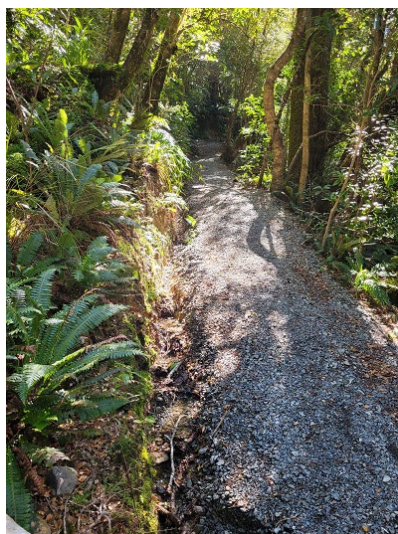
**Table 4: Field trips and site inspections**

Field trip date	Field trip destination and purpose
6 October 2023	Holdsworth Tararua Forest Park – Donnelly Loop Track – restoration of the damaged tracks and work done after Cyclone Gabrielle.
17 November 2023	Kāpiti Island
16 February 2024	Himatangi Beach - to view the only 16 examples of Pimelea Actea remaining in the wild.
12 April 2024	Pūkaha Wildlife
7 June 2024	Wilderlab and Predator Free Wellington

### 6 October 2023 Field Trip – Donnelly Loop Track

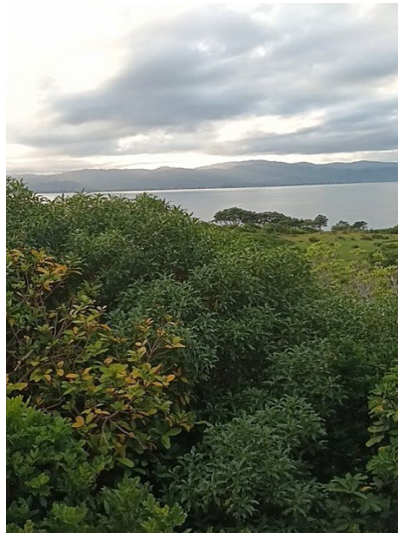


*Figure 2 Pre Restoration of Donnelly Loop Track*



*Figure 3 Donnelly Loop Track on 6 October 2023*

17 and 18 November 2023 Field trip with the Wellington Conservation Board on Kāpiti Island



*Figure 4 View from the Redhouse*



*Figure 5 View from the Wetlands*

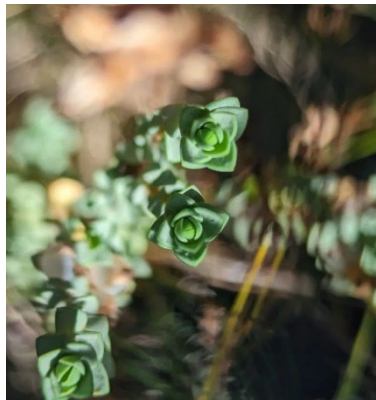


*Figure 6 View from the Visitor's Gathering Area*

16 February 2024 field trip to Himatangi Beach where the only remaining plant species, *Pimelea Actea* is found in the wild.



*Figure 7 Site where Pimelea Actea is being protected*



*Figure 8 Pimelea Actea - flower has been magnified to view properly*



*Figure 9 Pimelea Actea seen with naked eye through wire mesh*

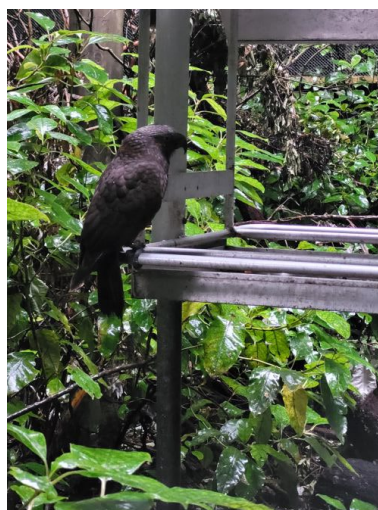
12 April 2024 field trip to Pūkaha National Wildlife Centre.



*Figure 10 Extinct NZ bird - The Huia*



*Figure 11 The Tuatara*



*Figure 12 The Kaka*



## 7 June 2024 field trip to Predator Free Wellington and Wilderlab.



Figure 13 Predator Free Wellington - Mt Victoria

### Training for members

In addition to the regular updates on the Department's activities provided in the status report, which is considered at each meeting, the following was also covered this year.

- Iwi Relationships
- Treaty of Waitangi Workshop

### Department involvement in Board meetings

DOC Staff who regularly attending our meetings include:

- Alice Heather, Regional Director, LNI.
- Rachael Mora, Statutory Manager, LNI.
- Angus Hulme-Moir, Operations Manager (Kāpiti/Wellington)
- Kathy Houkamau, Operations Manager (Wairarapa)
- Moana Smith-Dunlop, Operations Manager (Manawatu).
- Claire Jacobs, Board Support Officer, LNI.

In addition to the above the following DOC Staff also attended meetings:

- Penny Nelson (7 June 2024 Meeting – Director General – Department of Conservation)
- Matthew Russell (7 June 2024 Meeting – Senior Policy and Negotiations Advisor) and Miles Sutton (7 June 2024 Meeting – Senior Treaty Negotiations Advisor)
- Hayden Barrett (12 April 2024 Meeting – Regional Planning Manager – Planning Workshop)
- Huia Forbes (16 February 2024 Meeting – Chief Advisor – Treaty Relationships)
- Kelly Hancock, Supervisor (in lieu of Moana Smith-Dunlop), Elly Peters, Senior Ranger Community (in lieu of Angus Hulme-Moir), Melody McLaughlin, Supervisor (in lieu of Angus Hulme-Moir) and Briggs Pilkington, Supervisor (in lieu of Kathy Houkamau).

### Annual work plan

Please refer to Appendix 1 for the full Board Annual Work Programme and progress commentary.

## Statutory activity

### Wellington Conservation Management Strategy (CMS)

The CMS has now been operative for 5 years.

The Board receives verbal updates from Operations Managers intermittently at board meetings.

### Management plans

Apart from ongoing work with the development of the Kāpiti Island conservation management plan, the Board has not undertaken any work involving management plans over the reporting period.

## Advice and advocacy

All Board members have responsibility for liaising with other groups when opportunities arise, and some members have specific roles in liaison. The Board appointed various members to liaise with other groups and agencies.

**Table 5: Board liaisons and representatives**

Board members	Group/agency/organisation
Asher Wilson-Goldman	Chairs Working Group
Carla Bates	Chairs Working Group
Manaaki Barrett	KISAC - Kāpiti Island Strategic Advisory Committee.
Nicole McCrossin	Wellington Harbour Islands Kaitiaki Board

### Other Conservation Boards liaison

Niki McCartney is the East Coast Hawke's Bay Conservation Board member liaison to the Wellington Conservation Board. Claire Dowsett is the Taranaki/Whanganui Conservation Board member liaison to the Wellington Conservation Board.

The Board also collaborated with other Conservation Boards on the Fast Track Approvals Bill.

### Authority liaison

Wendy Nelson is the NZCA member liaison with the Board. Wendy has attended some of the Board meetings during the year and updated the Board on the activities of the NZCA.

The Board received the agenda, papers and minutes of the NZCA meetings, and the Board Chair received regular communication from the NZCA.

### Department advice

The Board provided advice to the Department on the following issues:

CMS milestone reporting - the Board provides ongoing advice to the Department in the design of milestone reporting and relevant content in order to track progress against the Wellington Conservation Management Strategy.

The Board provided advice to the Director General (Penny Nelson) and the Minister of Conservation (Hon. Tama Potaka).

## **Community advocacy and involvement**

The Board believes that working with conservation organisations and members of the public is very important. Meetings were held in different parts of the Wellington Conservation Board's region and opportunities for the public to attend Board meetings were advertised.

Members of the public attended the Public Forum at several of the year's meetings and a range of issues were raised. The Board appreciated their input and efforts made to attend the meetings and responded by letter with a response to questions asked or concerns raised.

The Board also enjoyed meeting with conservation volunteers on their field trips and learning about their mahi for local conservation.

## **Community visibility**

The Board maintains a presence on the Department's website. Updates from the Board were provided throughout the year on activities undertaken. The Board also provided contributions to the Conservation Boards email newsletter.

## **Iwi liaison and advocacy**

The Board has an informal relationship with iwi rōpū and through the district offices information relating to Board meetings are advised.

The Board also has members on KISAC and the Wellington Harbour Islands Kaitiaki Board which strengthens relationships with Ngāti Toa Rangatira and Taranaki Whānui respectively.

# Appendix I –Annual Work Plan

## Wellington

### Te Rūnanga Papa Atawhai o Te Upoko o te Ika Conservation Board

#### Work Programme 1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024

##### Work Programme overview

This Work Programme responds to the Letter of Expectation from the Minister of Conservation received 1 May 2023.

It comprises three parts, some of which contain overlapping objectives:

##### Part A: The Board’s priorities:




1. Support delivery of the Wellington CMS.
2. Increase engagement with the community, including with whānau, hapū, and iwi.
3. Identify ways in which climate change considerations can be incorporated into the delivery of the Wellington CMS.
4. Support the development of the Kāpiti Island Management Plan under the Ngāti Toa Rangatira Claims Settlement Act 2014.

##### Part B: The Minister’s Board-specific priorities as set out in the Letter of Expectation:

5. Progress development of the Kāpiti Conservation Management Plan.
6. Provide a board member for the Wellington Harbour Islands Kaitiaki Board and Kāpiti Island Strategic Advisory Committee.
7. Focus on supporting pest free islands in the Board’s area of jurisdiction.
8. Maintain strong working relationships with whānau, hapū, iwi and mana whenua.
9. Continue to increase Board engagement and networking with the community, in particular to understand and reflect their interests in the work of the Board.

##### Part C: Government and ministerial priorities contained in the Minister’s Letter:

10. Support the implementation of Te Mana o te Taiao – the Aotearoa New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy.
11. Embed the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi in accordance with the obligations of section 4 of the Act in all aspects of work.
12. Support the transition to a lower-carbon conservation delivery model, having regard to the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Act 2019.

Key:	Means...
	Action under way and on track, ongoing or completed.
	Potential for concern, early flag.
	Risks identified, delay or concern.

## PART A: The Board's priorities

<b>1</b>	<b>Support delivery of the Wellington CMS</b>	
	<b>Board objective</b>	Support the delivery of the Wellington Conservation Management Strategy
	<b>Outcome</b>	The Board understands and contributes to the achievement of milestones contained within the CMS
	<b>Measures</b>	Regular reporting received Board members support DOC operations staff to priorities key milestones

### Planned Board Activities

	Action	Status	Progress commentary
1.1	Regular reporting received		DOC reporting systems do not allow for regular reporting on CMS milestones. Board receives informal reports from DOC operations managers on some milestones only.
1.2	Board members support DOC operations staff to prioritise key milestones		Board are unable to do this owing to lack of reporting systems and ability to input into DOC business planning. Commitments have been made that Board will have opportunity to input into DOC business planning in 2024/25.

<b>2</b>	<b>Increase engagement with the community, including with whānau, hapū, and iwi.</b>	
	<b>Board objective</b>	The Board increased its external engagement
	<b>Outcome</b>	The Board meets with members of the community to understand their views, needs and activity relating to conservation
	<b>Measures</b>	Public forum at every Board meeting Opportunities for field trips undertaken with community volunteers

### Planned Board Activities

	Action	Status	Progress commentary
2.1	Public forum at every Board meeting		Complete
2.2	Opportunities for field trips undertaken with community volunteers		Board members regularly met with community members during conservation field trips

<b>3</b>	<b>Identify ways in which climate change considerations can be incorporated into the delivery of the Wellington CMS</b>	
	<b>Board objective</b>	Climate considerations are incorporated into the delivery of the Wellington CMS
	<b>Outcome</b>	Board members understand and advocate for climate considerations
	<b>Measures</b>	Board members advocacy results in climate considerations being incorporated into delivery of specific CMS milestones

#### Planned Board Activities

	Action	Status	Progress commentary
<b>3.1</b>	Board members advocacy results in climate considerations being incorporated into delivery of specific CMS milestones		Board members do not have an understanding of which milestones are likely to be impacted by climate change, the status of those milestones or the ability to influence delivery of them.

<b>4</b>	<b>Support the development of the Kāpiti Island Management Plan under the Ngāti Toa Rangatira Claims Settlement Act 2014.</b>	
	<b>Board objective</b>	Support the Kāpiti Island Management Plan through the nomination of a Board member to KISAC.
	<b>Outcome</b>	The Board has input into the Kāpiti Island Management Plan based on the CMS and community views and perspectives
	<b>Measures</b>	Board members nominated. Regular reports received from nominated Board member

#### Planned Board Activities

	Action	Status	Progress commentary
<b>4.1</b>	Board member to sit on the Kāpiti Island Strategic Advisory Committee		Complete
<b>4.2</b>	Reports received at each Board meeting		Complete
<b>4.3</b>	Nominated Board member, seeks the views of the rest of the Board		Complete

#### PART B: The Minister's fundamental priorities as set out in the Letter of Expectation

<b>5</b>	<b>Progress development of the Kāpiti Conservation Management Plan</b>	
	<b>Board objective</b>	Support the Kāpiti Island Management Plan through the nomination of a Board member to KISAC.
	<b>Outcome</b>	The Board has input into the Kāpiti Island Management Plan based on the CMS and community views and perspectives
	<b>Measures</b>	Board members nominated. Regular reports received from nominated Board member

#### Planned Board Activities

	Action	Status	Progress commentary
5.1	Board member to sit on the Kāpiti Island Strategic Advisory Committee		Complete
5.2	Reports received at each Board meeting		Complete
5.3	Nominated Board member, seeks the views of the rest of the Board		Complete

6		Provide a Board member for the Wellington Harbour Islands Kaitiaki Board and Kāpiti Island Strategic Advisory Committee
	Board objective	Provide a Board member for the Wellington Harbour Islands Kaitiaki Board and Kāpiti Island Strategic Advisory Committee.
	Outcome	Wellington Conservation Board member appointed to Kaitiaki Board Board member appointed to the Kāpiti Island Strategic Advisory Committee
	Measures	Nominate a Board member to the Director General for the Kaitiaki Board. Regular reports received from nominated Board members

#### Planned Board Activities

	Action	Status	Progress commentary
6.1	Discuss at a Board meeting and identify potential nomination to the Kaitiaki Board		Complete
6.2	Draft letter to go to the Director General with preferred nominee for Kaitiaki Board		Complete
6.3	Nominated Board member, seeks the views of the rest of the Board		Complete

7		Focus on supporting pest free islands in the Board's area of jurisdiction
	Board objective	Understand and advocate for the improved conservation outcomes and ongoing Pest Free status of the Islands.
	Outcome	Greater community support for pest free Islands
	Measures	Regular reports received from Operations Managers. Board members attend and contribute to KISAC and the Kaitiaki Board.

#### Planned Board Activities

	Action	Status	Progress commentary
7.1	Receive regular updates from Operations Managers		Complete, as well as a visit to Kāpiti Island

7.2	Advocate for pest free islands as a priority to DOC through Business Planning		Complete
7.3	Ensure continuity of Board representation in this area		Complete

<b>8</b>	<b>Maintain strong working relationships with whānau, hapū, iwi and mana whenua</b>		
	<b>Board objective</b>	The Board has a strong working relationship with whānau, hapū, iwi and mana whenua	
	<b>Outcome</b>	Board members understand the desires of whānau, hapū, iwi and mana whenua and whānau, hapū, iwi and mana whenua understand how the Board can support them to achieve them	
	<b>Measures</b>	The Board meets with whānau, hapū, iwi and mana whenua The Board receives briefings on Treaty settlements in its area	

#### Planned Board Activities

	Action	Status	Progress commentary
8.1	The Board meets with whānau, hapū, iwi and mana whenua		Board members on KISAC and the Harbour Islands Kaitiaki Board work regularly with Ngāti Toa Rangatira and Taranaki Whānui respectively. The Board was briefed by Ngāti Toa Rangatira on their plans for the Kāpiti Island Conservation Management Plan
8.2	The Board receives briefings on Treaty settlements in its area		The Board received a briefing on DOC's involvement in the Treaty settlement process generally but is still seeking a specific briefing on settlements in its area.

<b>9</b>	<b>Increase engagement with the community, including with whanau, hapū and iwi</b>		
	<b>Board objective</b>	Through increased engagement with community, whanau, hapu and iwi. The Board gains a better understanding of community aspirations and can contribute effectively to Business planning, as community representatives.	
	<b>Outcome</b>	Business planning will partially represent the aspirations of the community.	
	<b>Measures</b>	The Board develops a communications and engagement plan The Board meetings regularly with community groups on field trips	

#### Planned Board Activities

	Action	Status	Progress commentary
9.1	The Board develops a communications and engagement plan		Complete



9.2	The Board meetings regularly with community groups on field trips		Ongoing
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**PART C: Government and ministerial priorities contained in the Minister's Letter:**

10	<b>Support the implementation of Te Mana o te Taiao – the Aotearoa New Zealand Biodiversity Strategy</b>		
	<b>Board objective</b>	Build the board's understanding of Te Mana o te Taiao and how the Board can best support DOC staff to implement.	
	<b>Outcome</b>	The Board can effectively support DOC staff in implementing the Strategy.	
	<b>Measures</b>	Board members understanding Te Mana o te Taiao and their role to support implementation of Te Mana o Te Taiao by DOC staff.	

**Planned Board Activities**

	Action	Status	Progress commentary
10.1	Understand how the Board can support implementation of Te Mana o Te Taiao		The Board has been unable to understand how, within its scope of responsibility, it can support the implementation of Te Mana o Te Taiao in any meaningful or concrete sense

11	<b>Embed the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi in accordance with the obligations of section 4 of the Act in all aspects of work</b>		
	<b>Board objective</b>	To increase understanding of what it means to embed the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi in all work undertaken as required by Section 4 of The Conservation Act 1987.	
	<b>Outcome</b>	The Board considers any proposed review or partial review is light of priorities and business planning for the region.	
	<b>Measures</b>	Proposed reviews are added to the Board Agenda for discussion.	

**Planned Board Activities**

	Action	Status	Progress commentary
11.1	Board members familiarise themselves with Section 4.		Workshop held
11.2	Te Tiriti o Waitangi induction material accessible via MS Teams channel		Complete
11.3	The Board to have a co-chair model, with an iwi representative		Complete – although put on pause temporarily in second part of year due to makeup of Board
11.4	The Board will undertake a facilitated korero on Section 4 Treaty responsibilities		Complete

12	<b>Support the transition to a lower-carbon conservation delivery model, having regard to the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Act 2019</b>		
	<b>Board objective</b>	Board supports the transition to a lower-carbon conservation delivery model	

	<b>Outcome</b>	The Department adopts a lower-carbon conservation delivery model in part thanks to the work of the Board
	<b>Measures</b>	Board members successfully advocate for specific changes to be made by the Department to lower its carbon emissions

**Planned Board Activities**

	<b>Action</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Progress commentary</b>
<b>9.1</b>	Board members successfully advocate for specific changes to be made by the Department to lower its carbon emissions		The Board does not have sufficient information to be able to undertake this



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