



Garden of Tāne Reserve Committee

Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held:

Date: 24th July 2026

Time: 5.30pm (Garden Walk through 4pm to 5pm Suky and Jeremy?)

Location: Madeira Hotel Akaroa 5.30pm start.

Present: **Chairperson:** Bryn Thompson
Committee: Suky Thompson, Jeremy Buchanan, Leigh Hickey, Angeline Van Zuilen (CCC)

1. Welcome

We welcome Angeline Van Zuilen, from Council and thank her for her attendance and support shown to the committee.

All other members were welcomed and thanked for their time.

2. Apologies

Received: - Lynda Wallace, Mark Herring, Don Milne

3. Declarations of interest

Nil.

4. Confirmation of Previous Minutes - 01/05/2026

Approved by Suky Thompson, 2nd Bryn Thompson

5. Matters Arising from the Meeting 01/05/2026

Nil

6. Health & Safety Concerns or incidents

Tracks are slippery due to the fallen leaves and rainfall. The top gravel has been washed away on many tracks. These will need to be tidied prior to summer use.

Many standing and fallen dead trees throughout the Garden, some along the tracks and overhanging tracks and Ōnuku Road verge. Council has been advised via Snap send Solve app, still waiting for work to be carried out.

Ruts within tracks and along the Ōnuku Road verge, caused by heavy rainfall and no drainage protection from water run-off from light House & Ōnuku Roads. Suky and

Jeremy have met with Council roading engineers to discuss the repairs. The committee is waiting to hear back.

The new steps that had been built by Steffan Wood under contract to Council, have failed. Suky Thompson has sent an email to Steffan advising of the failure and requesting they are repaired and made safe.

7. Volunteer Hours between the May and July meetings

Jeremy working and clearing tracks within the garden: - 4hours

Bryn working on Triennial plan and meeting doc's: - 10 hours.

Lynda working on meeting minutes and docs: - 10 Hours

Suky support with local contacts and meeting with CCC Roothing :- 3 Hours

8. Chairperson's Report

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Prepared by: Mr. Bryn Thompson.

Welcome to the third meeting for 2026.

The Garden of Tane is an important reserve for Akaroa and Canterbury, the preservation of this is important for local and international visitors.

It has been a quiet period with very little work completed in the garden during the winter months; the tracks have suffered from the volume of rain and winds we are now experiencing.

We required the local Council Parks team to keep the open drains cleared and the grates along the Beach Rd at the end of the Garden drains clear of debris and slit run-off.

I have completed the draft "Garden of Tāne Reserve Triennial Goals & Operational Plan 2026-28" to be submitted after this meeting and the committee has placed feedback, I would like the wider support/approval of the committee members to be able to submit this document.

Please see my draft attached in your document set.

The challenge for the winter period will be access to the garden, we will need the support of Council to ensure the drains and tracks are kept clear prior and after the storms.

I would like to thank the local Council team for the work they have done clearing branches and limbs in the garden; it would be great if we could set a maintenance program with them for blowing and clearing the tracks, not raked.

We would also like to invite Jason Crew to the next meeting and garden walk though. Due to a major back operation my time will be limited for 8 weeks.

9. Finance Report

This committee does not hold a bank account and has zero funds to current work with from Council.

There are a few funds \$600.00 ish held with the Akaroa Civic Trust, Suky and Linda to follow up on the access to these funds.

10. Working Bee update.

Jeremy to update on possible dates and areas of focus once the garden dries out and the tracks are safe to use post winter.

It was agreed there would be a working bee held on the weekend of 15th August 26 and again 22 August 26, working in the Tui valley area, clearing way and planting the three Kahikatea tree gratefully supplied by Angie and Council.

September we will work with Council to move the Teddington chip to Tui Valley so we can spread it, also relocate the sign for the failed track.

We will also work around Big Pine Lookout to clear and plant new plantings where some trees have died.

11. Lumiere 2027

Update from Lynda and Leigh on progress and what could be required of the GOT committee.

Leigh spoke that her and Linda still hope to progress, with a show around the 22nd May 2027. They are seeking around \$25K from sponsors.

Leigh and Linda will report to Bryn and committee the first week of September 2026 if they are able to proceed.

12. Correspondence

Inward: Doc from Council to review and approve Reserve Schedule Doc, check details and advise Linda Burkes. No Changes to be made.

Outward: Nil

13. General Business

- (1) **Items:** Review and approve the Draft copy of the GOT Triennial Plan then forward to Council for reading and funding approvals. The committee spoke in depth with input from Angie on some of the wording and structure. The committee approved the changes and notes made. The main document will be altered to reflect prior to submitting to the local board.

Approved: - Suky 2nd :- Leigh.

- (2) The Pipe O phone requires new paddles, Bryn suggested a conveyor belt 10mm thick rubber and will find some to replace the paddles prior to summer.
- (3) Meeting and feedback due from Council roading team on the road and drainage edge from Lighthouse Road. This is ongoing.
- (4) Angie via Council to supply some stakes and ties for the new tree planting.
The committee is very grateful for Angie and the Council teams support shown.

13. Next Meeting

Date: Friday 23rd October 2026

Time: 5.30pm

(Garden walk through 4pm-5pm)

Location: Madeira Hotel Akaroa

14. Meeting Closed

Time: 7.30pm