

Trelissick Park Group: Minutes of the 177th meeting, held at Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday 2 August 2016

Abbreviations:

WCC	Wellington City Council	BotSoc	Wellington Botanic Society
GW	Greater Wellington Regional Council	NCDRANgaio	Crofton Downs Residents' Association
F & B	Forest and Bird Protection Society	WRA	Wadestown Residents' Association
DOC	Department of Conservation	OWBT	Otari Wilton's Bush Trust
WW	Wellington Water	OMB	Old man's beard
HPPA	Highland Park Progressive Association	OHS	Onslow Historical Society
TPG	Trelissick Park Group	VW	Volunteer Wellington

[Square brackets: subsequent to meeting.]

Present

Peter Reimann	Frances Lee
Jenny Lewis	Stan Pillar
Tim Harkness (WCC Ranger)	

Apologies

Barry Durrant	Julia Williams
Karin Wiley	Elizabeth Knopf

Minutes

The minutes of the 176th meeting, held on 31 May 2016, were confirmed.

WCC Items

Fish Passage Study - Frances Forsyth (Wildlands) has completed the study and the results have gone to Myfanwy Emeny, who is looking at WCC prioritise and where to start with fish passage enhancement or removal of structures. Is this for the whole catchment down to the estuary? Timing and details to be advised.

Myfanwy Emeny

131 Silverstream Road, Crofton Downs Development – WCC will not notify the resource consent application, to the concern of Andrew McLellan acting for NCDRA, local residents and TPG. However, the decision document stipulates ["hydraulic neutrality from the site for all rainfall events up to and including the 10% Annual Exceedance Probability ("AEP") event"]. Fast stormwater run-off is the main issue for TPG, the park being downstream.

Ngaio Gorge Road Strengthening - Tim Harkness advised that the strengthening opposite #51 Ngaio Gorge Rd is complete and will now be planted.

No advice yet on plans for the top section of Ngaio Gorge Road. ***Faiz Tawfeek/Rebecca Ramsay/Tim Harkness***

Pseudopanax lessonii - Jonathan Anderson of WCC would like to remove two of these trees, as they are not endemic. Peter Reimann will contact Jonathan to check locations and aftermath of removal [eg debris, replacement planting]. ***Peter Reimann***

Pest Plant Control

The steep areas around the original forest remnant will be included in abseil work 2016-17 by contractor NZBSL. Climbing asparagus below Oban Street – an additional area requiring abseiling has been identified.

Illona Keenan

TPG will identify further places for possible weed control by WCC's contractor. ***Peter Reimann***

TPG continue with manual control of tradescantia, OMB, Himalayan balsam, karaka seedlings, bindweed and buddleia by individuals, working bees and corporate groups. ***TPG***

Nursery/Planting Update.

Fitness Volunteers pulled out dying flax and planted opposite the powder magazine building ruin and a small group from Thorndon School planted near the streamside memorial seat below Hanover Street - both in conjunction with Sustainable Coastlines. Young children from Te Puna Reo O Nga Kakano in conjunction with EnviroSchools planted next to Bridge 6 and near the streamside memorial seat below Hanover Street.

670 have been planted to date this season by the above groups and TPG working bees, most sourced from WCC, [About 90] more plants are to be picked up from F & B nursery, surplus to their needs.

Tim Harkness advised that the WCC nursery have more plants available due to cancellations. Peter Reimann will check and contact WCC if any more are needed. ***Peter Reimann***

Around 600 - 700 seedlings should be available for next year (WCC's surplus seed trays and propagation).

Animal Pest Control

Bait station and mustelid trap servicing continues. Trap scores since 2008:140 rats,16 stoats, 17 hedgehogs. TPG have a new volunteer, increasing the team to six.

A review and re-positioning of some bait stations has been carried out by WCC/GW/TPG in the light of experience with dog access. Two self-resetting A24 traps have been installed as a trial. Map revision is ongoing. **WCC/GW/TPG**

The problems of bait spillage from the bait station entrance, rain ingress and access to Norway rats (poor climbers) remain - WCC/GW to advise. **Illona Keenan/Bernard Smith**

Park Access from Oban St and Kaiwharawhara Stream Bridge

HPPA/WRA have met to consider a strategy for the residents' survey to verify need for the track/bridge and produced a draft consultation document for residents. There were a number of comments on the draft, which will accordingly be updated and discussed at another HPPA/WRA meeting on Monday 8 August. [Following another check with TPG], the update and strategy will then be sent for a final check with WCC via Tim Harkness, before distribution to residents. **HPPA/WRA**

Lower Kaiwharawhara Stream and Estuary/Reclamation

57 Kaiwharawhara Road Clean-up - Tim Harkness advised that the site is ready for the start of the cleanup by TPG, subject to agreement with WW, who own the land. Subsequent maintenance to be resolved and it was suggested that TPG discuss this initially with the neighbouring furniture shop. Tim Harkness will advise the WW contact person. **Tim Harkness**

Submissions

Kaiwharawhara Point - The TPG submission on the Kaiwharawhara Point resource consent concerned the adverse effects of this proposal being more than minor and should be publicly notified. However, Jeffrey Loo of WCC advised that the consent will be processed as a non-notified application, in accordance with the District Plan. GW also will not publically notify the application on the basis that it is not required under the Resource Management Act.

However, in view of the interest of many parties, Mayor Celia Wade-Brown has suggested strongly to WCC staff that the application should be publicly notified for the land part which is WCC responsibility. There is a meeting on 4 August at CentrePort with interested parties to discuss the proposal.

[WCC Draft Open Space Access Plan 2016 - TPG lodged a submission, with suggested additions and some corrections, also a request to urgently complete the Sanctuary to Sea Walkway.] .

Correspondence

Emails

Recent web alerts, resource consents	WCC
Nature Space email update	DOC Nature Space Team
Rubbish collection	John Curran /Tim Harkness (WCC)
Bell's Track newsletters	Des Smith
Nature Space website updating	Tim Bailey (DOC)
FOOS newsletters	Janet Campbell (Friends of Owhiro Stream)
Volunteer Wellington news	Julie Thomson (VW)
Bait station and trap reports	Matt Robertson/Tim Harkness (WCC)
Branch Out Winter 2016	WCC
Kaiwharawhara Point resource consent	Community representatives, Centreport, Wellington Civic Trust, GW, WCC, Boffa Miskell
Kaiwharawhara Point plant species	Chris Horne, Barbara Mitcalfe (BotSoc)
Upcoming weed control	Illona Keenan (WCC)
Statistics on predator control.	Isobel Green (Wellington Girls' College)
Large tree down in gorge across stream/track	Tim Harkness/Bernard Smith (WCC)
Wellington Fresh Water Hui proceedings	Zoe Studd (Whitebait Connection)
Fitness Volunteers, Thorndon School, Te Puna Reo visit arrangements	Oliver Vetter (Sustainable Coastlines) Amanda Dobson (EnviroSchools)
Ngaio Venturers (Scouts) information evening on reducing carbon footprint	Pam Crisp (ECO), Jordan Barrett (Ngaio Venturer Unit)
Donation from science assignment	Jade Stapleton (Samuel Marsden Collegiate), Michelle Stapleton
Stream bank engineering, water measuring boxes, Triumph gel, Project Kaiwharawhara queries	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Dead flax collection and port-a-loo	Tim Harkness (WCC)

National Volunteer Week - Nikau Foundation Corporate Challenge 2016	Lyne Pringle (VW)
131 Silverstream Road - notification decision	Andrew McLellan
WW water monitoring cabinets wording	Myfanwy Emeny/Tim Harkness (WCC)
June post: Wild Fruits of Wellington	Helen Mechen (WCC)
Trees That Count - How many native trees are you planting this year?	Caroline Wallace (Project Crimson Trust)
Bait station positions	Bruce Brewer (GW)
Thanks for the Plants - Trelissick Park	Anita Benbrook/Helen Mechen (WCC)
Latest stories from Predator Free NZ	Predator Free NZ
Volunteer Wellington AGM Invite - 27 July	VW
Plant ID, bird count and natural heritage short courses starting August	Nelso Marlborough Inst of Technology
Workshop: caring for injured birds	Amy Brasch (DOC)
Surrounding pest control/ potential trapper	Bernard Smith (WCC)
Power, politics, freshwater and climate change: coming to Auckland in August	ECO
Submission on Draft Open Space Access Plan 2016	Joel (WCC)
Conservation Volunteers assistance	Illona Keenan (WCC)
Closed for Good project has been approved	BNZ
Procedures for the Hearings – proposed Natural Resources Plan for the Wellington Region	Matthew Hickman (GW)
Get Home Safe free app for people working alone	Amy Brasch (DOC)
Interact Wellington (Youth Rotary) visit	Liam Dick (Ngaio Venturer Unit)
Surplus plants	Gary James (F & B)
New Zealandia Ranger	Jo Ledington (Zealandia)
TSS Winter Webinars coming up - Whaitua Collaborative Planning and Stormwater Harvesting	Sarah (The Sustainability Society)
Issues from TPG meeting (Oban St access, Kaiwharawhara Point, Silverstream Rd consent)	Cr Andy Foster (WCC)
Further Conservation Volunteers Work in Trelissick Park	Edward Tregidga (Conservation Volunteers)
Thanks for removing the Flax Pile	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Winter Webinars coming up - Whaitua Collaborative Planning and Stormwater Harvesting	The Sustainability Society

Inwards Letters

Newsletters - Volunteer Wellington and Otari Wilton's Bush Trust.

19 July - Matthew Hickman (GW). Procedures for the Hearings – Proposed Natural Resources Plan

Outward Letters

None.

Finance

Thanks to Jade Stapleton's Samuel Marsden School's science project fundraising for her \$209 donation. It is proposed to use this for nursery expenses and plants associated with planting around Trelissick Cres and at the Hanover St entrance.

Payment to Peter Reimann of \$74.76 for potting mix and fertiliser approved.

The bank balance at 4 July was \$1,718.95. This includes the \$1,000 'gift' money, being kept aside for initial Oban St track expenses.

Other

Water Quality Monitoring Station - Still coming, but slow progress. **Tim Harkness**

Memorandum of Understanding - Tim Harkness will be updating this in conjunction with TPG within the next 12 - 18 months. **Tim Harkness**

Project Kaiwharawhara Meetings - Stopped due to lack of interest.

Ngaio Venturer Unit Information Evening - Peter Reimann gave a presentation, along with representatives from ECO and 350.org on reducing carbon footprint.

BNZ 'Closed for Good' - A team of 4 - 6 volunteers will visit on 31 August to work on tradescantia removal beside the vehicle track upstream of the debris trap.

Interact Wellington (Youth Rotary) Visit - A group of students from Wellington College and Wellington Girls' College will join the TPG working bee on 7 August.

Conservation Volunteers Visit - Due 5 August for weeding in the lower valley.

The next meeting is to be at **9:30 a.m. Tuesday 1 November 2016** Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 86 Khandallah Road.

The meeting concluded at 10.50 a.m.