

Trelissick Park Group: Minutes of the 178th meeting, held at Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday 1 November 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	Karin Wiley
Frances Lee	Jenny Lewis
Barry Durrant	Stan Pillar
Olaf John	

Apologies

Julia Williams	Cr Diane Calvert
Tim Harkness (WCC Ranger)	Amanda Dobson
Chris Moore	Elizabeth Knopf

Minutes

The minutes of the 177th meeting, held on 2 August 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. This has been outstanding for several months so Peter Reimann will check with Myfanwy Emeny. **Peter Reimann**

Ngaio Gorge Road Strengthening - The area below the recently strengthened section opposite #51 Ngaio Gorge Rd has been planted.

The next area to be strengthened is opposite the section at 123 Ngaio Gorge Road (above driveway to debris trap). Commencement will be some time in 2017.

Water Quality Monitoring Station - It now transpires that the monitoring station is the one installed a few months ago next to the vehicle track about 500 m upstream of the debris trap. This monitors waste water in the sewer system to help WW trace stormwater/sewer cross-connections. GW sample the Kaiwharawhara Stream monthly, but this is unlikely to 'catch' high pollution peaks. Monitoring for e-coli is a manual process, so continuous monitoring is not practicable.

Damaged Gabion upstream of Debris Trap - High stream flow in a September storm caused two rock gabions to fall into the stream. WCC have employed an engineer from Tonkin and Taylor to propose remedial options, following a site assessment. **David Halliday/Tim Harkness**

Bins at Entrances - Installation of bins the entrances that do not have them is due for completion by the end of the year. WCC will monitor usage and will remove them if they are not used or if dumping occurs around them.

Pest Plant Control

The steep areas around the original forest remnant will be included in abseil work 2016-17 by contractor NZBSL, also follow-up of climbing asparagus below Oban Street. **Illona Keenan**

TPG has identified further places for possible weed control by WCC's contractor. Update of WCC's projected work requested. **Illona Keenan**

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.

Planting total so far this year = about 1,250 (WCC, F & B and home nurseries). Main areas: entrances at Ngaio Gorge Rd, Hanover St and above Waikowhai St, streamside opposite magazine ruin, above debris trap, upstream and downstream of bridge 6, Trelissick Cres. verge, railway slope opposite Wightwick's Field, streamside below Waikowhai St, infill elsewhere.

Peter Reimann will order plants for 2017 from the WCC community planting list, which is the same as the 2016 list. It is expected that all 500 will go into 57 Kaiwharawhara Rd. There are several hundred home nursery plants for park infill which will be ready in 2017. **Peter Reimann**

Animal Pest Control

Bait station and mustelid trap servicing continues. Trap scores since 2008:145 rats,16 stoats, 17 hedgehogs. The two self-resetting Goodnature A24 traps have only scored two catches, one being a mouse.

Map revision is to be completed (some inaccuracies in lower Kaiwharawhara). It is important that the WCC and GW maps are consistent for bait station, trap and track locations. **WCC/GW**

Due to continued problems of bait spillage from the bait station entrances for free-range dogs, all bait stations are being converted by GW to use block bait instead of pellets. They had to reposition a few stations for bait accessibility.

This conversion means the bait stations no longer target possums - WCC think there is low risk of possums due to almost no evidence over the last 10 years and control has been expanded into areas of the Skyline. TPG will look for signs of possum activity into the future. **TPG pest animal team**

Access to Norway rats (poor climbers) remains - WCC have suggested a ground bait station. TPG will advise comments. **Bill Hester/Peter Reimann**

Park Access from Oban St and Kaiwharawhara Stream Bridge

The residents' survey is due to start within the next 10 days. Jenny Lewis (WRA) will be meeting Elizabeth Knopf (HPPA) later this week to finalise arrangements [eg printing, circulation]. TPG is concerned about delays because of the approaching holiday period when residents might be absent.

It was suggested that tramping clubs should be included in the survey, with local WCC Councillors kept informed.

Updates on progress and results of the survey to be advised. **Elizabeth Knopf/Jenny Lewis**

Lower Kaiwharawhara Stream and Estuary/Reclamation

57 Kaiwharawhara Road Clean-up - P. Reimann and Conservation Volunteers have completed an initial weed sweep. There is still much more weed clearing required. Peter Reimann will organise more volunteers and a TPG working bee. **Peter Reimann**

[After that: weed spraying, planting, mulching - Peter Reimann to organise in conjunction with Tim Harkness]. **Peter Reimann**

Tim Harkness advises that the owner of the land leased to the Living Room is not keen on extending the area he mows further into 57 Kaiwharawhara Rd.

Sanctuary to Sea Walkway - Despite TPG's advocacy, WCC's have no plans to extend this beyond the magazine building ruin. Frances Lee will draft an email for WCC/GW requesting they pursue this, given the opportunity afforded by the Kaiwharawhara Point development work. **Frances Lee**

Kaiwharawhara Point - At the CentrePort environment committee meeting early in August, community representatives, Wellington Civic Trust and TPG, expressed concerns about lighting, noise, fencing, excavation/stability/bunding, landscaping. The non-notified resource consent has been approved by GW. If the project is approved by the CentrePort Board, the work could commence by the end of the year or early in 2017.

Hutt Road Bridge over Kaiwharawhara Stream - WCC is widening the cycle/foot path on the south side.

Submissions

None.

131 Silverstream Road Development - A stormwater detention dam will control fast stormwater run-off into the Silverstream. Peter Reimann will check the documentation to see whether there will be additional provisions, such as permeable surfaces, soakage areas or planting. **Peter Reimann**

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	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Branch Out Spring 2016	WCC

Orleans Makererua Street Reserve Newsletter	Robin White
Latest stories from Predator Free NZ	Predator Free NZ
Sep 28 Wildlands Freshwater News #1	Frances Forsyth (Wildlands)
Centreport Environmental Committee meeting and Kaiwharawhara Point upgrade concerns	Representatives from Centreport, community organisations, WCC, GW, Wellington Civic Trust.
Kaiwharawhara Point consent certificates	Carys Coleman (GW)
Widening of Hutt Rd bridge cycle/footpath	Brett McPhedran (WCC)
Sanctuary to Sea Walkway	Tim Harkness (WCC)
57 Kaiwharawhara Rd clearing	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Dog problems with spilled bait, repositioning of bait stations, change to block bait and map updating	Illona Keenan/Bernard Smith/Tim Harkness (WCC), Bruce Brewer (GW)
Next Ngaio Gorge Rd strengthening opposite #123	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Park Access from Oban St Residents' Survey	Tim Harkness/Cr Andy Foster (WCC)
Falcon, tui, kaka photos and perch in Zealandia	Danielle Shanahan (Zealandia)
Areas for pest weed control	Illona Keenan (WCC)
Cutting karaka	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Pollution monitoring in streams	Susan Sturman, Paul Bruce (GW), Michelle Chew/Samantha McCluskey (WW)
Nature Space survey	Tim Bailey (DOC), Natalie de Burgh (Hawke's Bay Regional Council)
Extra rubbish bins	Tim Harkness (WCC)
School group rubbish pick-up in park	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Damaged rock gabion	David Halliday/Tim Harkness (WCC), Andrew Kennedy (Tonkin and Taylor)
Graffiti on magazine ruin	WCC 'Fix-it' link
Project Kaiwharawhara meetings	Cr Andy Foster (WCC)
Invitation to Project Kaka seminar at VUW	Stephen Hartley (Victoria University)
Orienteering Hutt Valley: rogaine in and around Ngaio	Leonie Waayer, Tim Harkness (WCC)
Park details for potential "Walk for Kids" event	Deepak Ravindran
Mulch supply	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Conservation week - join the team!	Lee Barry (DOC)
Restoration workshops	Rebecca Bird (GW)
Volunteer Wellington workshops	Julie Thomson (Volunteer Wellington)
Otari Wilton's Bush Garden of International Significance award congratulations	Rewi Elliot (WCC) Phil Parnell/Margaret Crimp (OWBT)
Community GIS mapping workshop	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Outward Bound scholarships for young conservation volunteers	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Volunteer work in park	Nick McNeil (Coordinator Academic Programs International)
Pseudopanax lessonii elimination	Jonathan Anderson/Tim Harkness (WCC)
Thanks for plants	Gary James (F & B)
Extra plants	Anita Benbrook/Tim Harkness/Brian Thomas (WCC)
Two small tree ferns	Julie Coulson
Conservation Volunteers work	Ed Tredidga/Siobhan O'Grady (Conservation Volunteers)
BNZ Closed for Good Day	Anthony Boobier (BNZ)
Protecting Paradise book	Pauline Esposito (Potton & Burton)
The Sustainability Society - Invitation to Wellington Imagined event	Sarah Bowman (Sustainability Society)
Keen interest in park	Cr Diane Calvert (WCC)
Draft Wellington Region Natural Hazards Management Strategy	Iain Dawe (GW)
Thanks for Kaffee Eis	Gellicious Gellato Ltd [53 Kaiwharawhara Rd]
Plant ordering for 2017	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Parks Week	Tim Harkness (WCC)

Inwards Letters

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

18 August - Hayley Scurr (WCC), Concerned neighbour update for 131 Silverstream Road development

28 August - Fiona Lewis (WCC), Draft Open Space Access Plan submission and link to Officer's Report

Outward Letters

None.

Finance

Payment to Peter Reimann of \$158.62 for potting mix and fertiliser approved. With the previous \$74.76 approved at the last meeting, this now uses all the \$209 donation from Jade Stapleton's Samuel Marsden School's science project fundraising. The potting mix/fertiliser is being used for 'potting-on' of grasses from WCC's surplus seed trays and home nursery propagation. Many of these have already been planted. Peter Reimann to write to Jade Stapleton with update on how the funds were spent. **Peter Reimann**

The bank balance at 4 October was \$1,644.19. This includes the \$1,000 'gift' money, being kept aside for initial Oban St track expenses.

Other

Perch in Zealandia Lower Reservoir - Zealandia are considering getting rid of the 20,000 - 30,000 perch in the lower reservoir. As it is part of a wider tributary, they think this could help coordinate a whole-of-catchment waterway improvement effort (allowing fish and eel migration). TPG has signified that they would be keen to participate. This could be a trigger to rejuvenate 'Project Kaiwharawhara', involving all interested parties.

Groups in Park - Thanks to Conservation Volunteers, BNZ 'Closed for Good' Day, Academic Programs International (Victoria University). A large orienteering group used the park in September and a school group visited to pick up rubbish.

Parks Week - TPG participation will be at the working bee on 5 March 2017.

GW Natural Hazards Management Strategy - Peter Reimann will peruse to see if it has any relevance to TPG.

Peter Reimann

The next meeting is to be at **9:30 a.m. Tuesday 7 February 2017** Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 86 Khandallah Road.

The meeting concluded at 10.35 a.m.