

Trelissick Park Group: Minutes of the 182nd meeting, held at Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday 7 November 2017

Abbreviations:

WCC	Wellington City Council	NCDRAN	Ngaio Crofton Downs Residents' Association
GW	Greater Wellington Regional Council	WRA	Wadestown Residents' Association
F & B	Forest and Bird Protection Society	OMB	Old man's beard
DOC	Department of Conservation	VW	Volunteer Wellington
HPPA	Highland Park Progressive Association	VUW	Victoria University of Wellington
TPG	Trelissick Park Group	OHS	Onslow Historical Society
BotSoc	Wellington Botanic Society	WWF	World-Wide Fund for Nature

[Square brackets: subsequent to meeting.]

Present

Peter Reimann (TPG)	Barry Durrant (TPG)
Ian Shearer (HPPA)	Frances Lee (TPG)
Jenny Lewis (WRA)	Stan Pillar (OHS)
Tim Harkness (WCC Ranger)	Cr Andy Foster (WCC) - part-time
Eduardo Barros (VUW)	

Apologies

Elizabeth Knopf (HPPA)	Chris Ward (Walking Access Commission)
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Minutes

The minutes of the 181st meeting, held on 8 August, were confirmed.

WCC Items

Fish Passage Improvement in Catchment - Daniela Biaggio has found a contractor to rectify the barrier at the Kaiwharawhara/Korimako junction. She hopes to have the work carried out before Christmas. Because of ecological and safety concerns, the work is unlikely to involve earthworks removal - details to be advised.

Daniela Biaggio

Ngaio Gorge Road Strengthening - The area opposite the section at 123 Ngaio Gorge Road (above driveway to debris trap) is currently being strengthened. Planting will be needed when the work is finished. **Tim Harkness**

According to a 'Registration of Interest' advertisement, strengthening of another section (Wall RW39) opposite # 91 Ngaio Gorge Rd is to come. However, Tim Harkness said that the next section for strengthening is at the upper end of the road.

Bridge 3 Replacement - Construction is finished and much appreciated by users. The contractor also cut a new track to the bridge and upgraded/gravelled the upstream track up to Wightwicks Field.

131 Silverstream Rd Development Siltation - Andrew McLellan, Kelvin Hastie of Crofton Downs, other residents and TPG are continuing to monitor. Siltation has reduced following remedial measures.

Andrew McLellan on behalf of NCDRA has written to Brett Osborne (WCC) about the resource consent application for a variation, with concerns concerning the outfall, reserve vestings, northern open channel, Silversky connection boardwalk and removal of fencing requirement.

Ngaio Gorge Road Slips - No further problems. The containers/road diversions are expected to be in place indefinitely.

Boardwalk for Forest Remnant Track - Due to safety concerns about the 'log' bridge across the gully below upper Ngaio Gorge Road, the western section of the track has been closed, pending replacement with a boardwalk. Action on this is awaiting a decision on the possible development at 128 Trelissick Crescent, as this may affect the track. **Tim Harkness**

Mulch for Magazine Area - Preferred delivery by 30 November for possible visit by Mobil volunteers (Conservation Volunteers are organising this visit, but still have to confirm). **Tim Harkness**

Pest Plant Control

Tradescantia control has been carried out by WCC contractor Kaitiaki o ngahere Ltd, mainly below the Trelissick Crescent verge, below Ngaio Gorge Road, beside the vehicle track up the Kiawharawhara Stream and below Waikowhai Street.

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

Nursery/Planting Update.

Planting so far this year = just over 1,100, including many for 57 Kaiwharawhara Rd and hounds-tongue ferns for ground cover. The area at both ends of the removed bridge 3 has been planted, as suggested by David Halliday (WCC). About 120 kohekohe seeds from Richard Grasse have sprouted.

Animal Pest Control

Trap Scores - Trap scores since 2008:176 rats,17 stoats (5 may have been weasels), 17 hedgehogs. There are now 24 traps in the Park.

DOC 200 Trap Upgrade - Barry Durrant is installing replacement stainless steel trap components provided by Bernard Smith (WCC). The chocolate paste has proved attractive in the self-resetting A24s, with 5 rats caught in October. Due to continuing low catches in the DOC 200s (none in October) Barry may try the paste in those. **Barry Durrant**

Bait stations - Consumption of block bait in many of the stations is high].

Photographic Monitoring - VUW MSc student Olivia Carson's photographic monitoring shows presence of rats, also many rabbits and hedgehogs - more details when her report is finished. **Olivia Carson**

Map Revision - 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**

Park Access from Oban St

After comments from the owner of 112 Oban Street (adjacent to the legal right of way), TPG has submitted a revised draft of the consultation document to WCC and to the owners of 112/114.

WCC's Myfanwy Emeny, Mike Oates and Cath Taylor met with the owners of 112/114 last week to ensure that their views are fairly represented.

The next step is for Cath Taylor to see the proposed access into the Park and complete a draft of the survey questions [assumed to be those in a 'Have your Say' brochure to accompany the consultation document].

Cath Taylor

Those survey questions would then be given to TPG and the owners of 112/114 for initial feedback. WCC will be using the information TPG provided, to form the basis of the consultation documents. These will go back to interested parties before being finalised. **Myfanwy Emeny/Mike Oates/Cath Taylor**

Peter Reimann may add a little more to the 'environmental' sections of the TPG draft consultation document. **Peter Reimann**

Lower Kaiwharawhara Stream and Estuary/Reclamation

Sanctuary to Sea Walkway Signage and Website - WCC are not keen on directing walkway users through the ferry terminal area, so will not proceed with signage to describe the footpath/road section below the Park down to the harbour via the Aotea Quay bridge and the ferry terminal.

However, WCC will change the description on the web site, so that it commences at the 'Sanctuary' and proceeds to the lower end of the Trelissick Park. **Tim Harkness/David Halliday**

Kaiwharawhara Point - Following the extensive damage to the port after the 2016 earthquake, CentrePort's plans for the development of this area for logs and containers were put on hold. This seemed an ideal opportunity to raise again with GW the question of public access to the estuary and public northern beach. Frances Lee wrote to the Chair of GW (Chris Laidlaw) on 8 May (on behalf of other members of the Kaiwharawhara Restoration Working Group) to pursue this request. In the interim reply in May we were told that GW had requested a Recovery Plan from CentrePort for the entire port. So far no further information has been received. **GW/CentrePort**

CentrePort proposes to hold the next Environmental Consultative Committee meeting on 30 November - no agenda yet received. **CentrePort**

Restoration of the Estuary and Reclamation Area - VUW MSc student Eduardo Barros gave a talk on his study of the Kaiwharawhara estuary and adjacent reclamation area. This includes re-routing the stream through the central reclamation area in association with a wetland. The existing stream outlet into the harbour would be retained to take flood flow during heavy rain. He will also be taking with William Woods of CentrePort about his study. A copy of the study is to follow after VUW review. **Eduardo Barros**

Submissions

128 Trelissick Crescent - TPG has written to Nathan Keenan of WCC Resource Consents expressing concerns about an application for a 17-unit development at 128 Trelissick Crescent. It is in a very steep area of beautiful forest. WCC also have some concerns and has requested further details from the applicant before making a decision on notification. **WCC Consents Team**

GW Proposed Natural Resources Plan - GW advise that they are half-way through hearings of the Proposed Natural Resources Plan. Further hearings will occur in the first half of 2018. TPG's submission on the original draft was in 2015.

10-Year Plans - Peter Reimann will investigate WCC and GW consultation situation, with a view to possible participation. **Peter Reimann**

Correspondence

Emails

Recent web alerts, resource consents	WCC and Ana Medina (WCC)
Nature Space email update	DOC Nature Space Team
Rubbish collection	John Curran /Tim Harkness (WCC)
Bell's Track newsletters	Des Smith (Bells Track Group)
Nature Space website updating	Tim Bailey (DOC)
FOOS newsletters	Janet Campbell (Friends of Owhiro Stream)
Volunteer Wellington news and workshops	Julie Thomson (VW)
Bait station and trap reports	Tim Harkness/Ilona Keenan (WCC)
More bait needed	Paul Horton (GW), Ilona Keenan (WCC)
Replacement DOC200 traps	Bernard Smith (WCC), Paul Horton (GW)
Oban St track draft consultation document and follow-up	Genevieve Hancock, Clive Litt (owners of 112/114), Myfanwy Emeny//Mike Oates (WCC), Chris Ward (Walking Access Commission)
Webinar on water	Sarah (The Sustainability Society)
Fish passage at Kaiwharawhara tunnel and exit	Daniela Biaggio/Tim Harkness (WCC)
Forest remnant track closure and replacement boardwalk	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Workshops for volunteer groups	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Outdoors Forum - September 4-5	Chris Ward (Walking Access Commission)
Weedbusters events update	Carolyn Lewis (Weedbusters)
Conservation Innovation Awards	Livia Esterhazy (WWF)
Trees That Count	Tessa Lohmann (Trees that Count)
Bush regeneration on Old Porirua Rd	Jak Wild
Tradescantia control work	Ilona Keenan (WCC), Stu Whiterod (Kaitiaki o ngahere Ltd)
Minister's decision on proposed amendments to the National Policy Statement for freshwater management	Martin Workman (Ministry for Environment)
Sanctuary to Sea meeting/Project/comments	Pascale Michel (Zealandia),
Bridge 3 replacement	Tim Harkness/David Halliday (WCC)
Proposed Natural Resources Plan - Change of Hearing Dates	Matt Hickman (GW)
Arrangements for Conservation Volunteers visits, Port-a-loo and possible visit by Mobil	Ed Tregidga/Aviva Stein (Conservation Volunteers), Tim Harkness/Matt Robertson (WCC)
128 Trelissick Crescent submissions	Various local residents, interested parties and Councillors - see TPG website
Media release about TPG and the Park	Anne McLean
Nature Space: upcoming content freeze and website testing	Nature Space team
Outdoor Access Awards	Chris Ward (Walking Access Commission)
Student presentations at VUW and Zealandia	Pascale Michel (Zealandia)
Kilmarston subdivision update request	John White (NCDRA)
OHS change of office bearers	Murray Pillar (Millwood Gallery)
Flax harvesting	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Master student from Victoria University with a question about possible research sites	Katherine de Silva (VUW)
Kaiwharawhara estuary restoration and access	Eduardo Tanos Barros (VUW)
131 Silverstream Rd - application to change consent conditions	Andrew Mclellan, Brett Osborne/Bob Barber/Leslie Guerin (WCC)
Various workshops/courses/lectures	Julie Thomson (VW)
Volunteer queries	Several
Project on animals in Trelissick Park	Olivia Carson (VUW)
Update on Crofton Downs BUPA development application	Ian Turk, Michael Jenkins (local residents)
Outer Green Belt Management Plan review	Bec Ramsay (WCC)
Mulch request	Tim Harkness (WCC)

'Wild Fruits' update	Helen Mechen
Query on rabbits	Illona Keenan (WCC)
Sanctuary to Sea citizen science project	Pascale Michel (Zealandia)

Inwards Letters

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

Finance

The bank balance at 4 October was \$1,432.61 There have been no transactions since then. This balance includes the \$1,000 'gift' money, being kept aside for initial Oban St track expenses.

Other

Zealandia's Sanctuary to the Sea Project - The meeting on 8 August discussed the WCC 2004 report on Project Kaiwharawhara and identified catchment issues and actions, including stormwater, fish passage, stream ecology, riparian planting, pest animal/weed control, monitoring, the estuary area and education/community engagement. A number of actions are already in train. The next meeting on 23 November will cover updates of catchment issues and talks from group leaders and students.

Groups in Park - Thanks to Conservation Volunteers for their further work weeding/planting/mulching along the vehicle track beside the Kaiwharawhara Stream.

Railway Slip Repair - Abseil Access have completed mesh-covering the slip face above the Kaiwharawhara Stream.

Crofton Downs BUPA Development - The previous structure on the site has been demolished. Notified local residents are participating in a hearing set down for 6-7 December.

Publicity for TPG - Correspondence with Weedbusters triggered an article on TPG and the Park recently in the Dominion Post. Some interested volunteers then emerged.

Student Presentations - Frances Lee and Bill Hester attended some of the short presentations at VUW and at Zealandia by students, relevant to the Park and Kaiwharawhara estuary (Olivia Carson - pest and pet animals, David Munro - predator-free Wadestown, Hannah Graham-Cox - trap data, Kat de Silva - Kaiwharawhara Stream riparian assessment and management, Holly Rose - native fish in Kaiwharawhara stream, Eduardo Barros - Kaiwharawhara estuary restoration).

The next meeting is to be at **9:30 a.m. Tuesday 20 February 2018** Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 86 Khandallah Road.