



## **Trelissick Park Group: Minutes of the 207th Meeting held at Wilton Bowling Club, 122 Wilton Rd, 9:30am Thursday 6 March 2025**

### **Welcome and Introductions**

**Apologies:** Ian Shearer, Ian Turk (NCDRA), Tim Park (OWB), Jenny Lewis, Anne Holmstead, Bill Hester, Kelvin Hastie, Adam Groenewegen (WCC)

**Present:** Anne Tuffin, Tim Harkness (WCC), Mike Oates, Howard Moore (NCDRA), Nate Rigler (StoS), Jonathan Anderson, Peter Reimann, Angus Napier

### **1. WCC Reports**

a. Weed control (Illona Keenan) - None

b. Tracks (Tim Harkness):

Work started this week on new steps on the Northern Walkway between the pylon and bridge 6. In the 2025/26 year, bridge 6 will be replaced. Probably a ready-made aluminium bridge already approved for use. Cost circa \$30k installed. Foundations additional.

Signs – WCC policy is to not have signs for individual trees.

c. Ranger Adam Groenewegen - None

2. **GWRC Items** - None.

3. **Kia Mouriora te Kaiwharawhara / Sanctuary to Sea** (Dr. Nate Rigler)

- Strategy Group will have 3 sub-groups: technical; comms. and education; community projects.
- 11 kiwi are to be released in the Outer Green Belt. Community comms. is required regarding the threat that dogs pose. Neither Kia Mouriora te Kaiwharawhara | Sanctuary to Sea nor Capital Kiwi intend leading such comms.
- Plastic has been found in the Kaiwharawhara stream that comes from plastic flowers in Karori cemetery. Community awareness is required. Friends of Karori Cemetery is working with Kia Mouriora te Kaiwharawhara | Sanctuary to Sea and Taranaki Whānui on the Plastic Free Urupā initiative.
- Wellington City Council is beginning the planning process for redesigning Appleton Park, Ian Galloway Park, and Wilton Park. Kia Mouriora te Kaiwharawhara | Sanctuary to Sea will work with Wellington City Council to advocate for the health of the Kaiwharawhara.
- Toitōi (common bully) introduced to Zealandia have been found in Birdwood Reserve. If successful, they should return to Trelissick Park in the future.
- Zealandia is planning to replace its boundary fence. Likely a 5-10 year project. Hoped to be the last fence: a vision that in 30-40 years Zealandia would be a viable, unfenced biodiversity hot-spot enabled by successful completion of Predator Free Wellington.

- Around 100 inanga eggs found in the spawning area.
- 17m<sup>3</sup> of rubbish removed from the stream sides along School Road with help from Te Ohu Kaiwharawhara businesses Hypha Fitness and Woods Waste .
- 7-week student IT project complete with history and data of the catchment. Potential to be built upon. The pilot is hosted on Worcester Polytechnic Institute's website (<https://kmks2sdashboard.wpi.edu/>) which will likely be moved to Zealandia's domain after Zealandia's website upgrade.
- Taranaki whanau holding a weeds wananga in June to outline their approach to weed management. Nate will attend. Their view is that Karaka is not a weed.
- Response to the sewage leak in Trelissick Park near the Northern Walkway has been escalated by Wellington Water Ltd., Wellington City Council, and Greater Wellington Regional Council.

#### 4. TPG

##### a. Finance Report

On call Savings account:

Opening balance – 1/12/2024                      \$ 65,761.23

Interest received to 1/3/2025                      \$    385.49

Closing balance – 5/3/2025                        \$ 66,146.72

Transaction account balance                      \$ 912.64

**Motion passed:** To reimburse Anne Tuffin \$30 for hire of the rooms at Wilton Bowling Club for this meeting.

##### b. Animal Pest Control (Bill Hester)

In future: **Briony Ellis** will oversee all the trapping activity (DOC200s, tunnel traps, A24s) within the Park and **Jim Nicolson** will oversee the brodifacoum bait stations (28 of them).

The Oban slope's 15 A24 Goodnature traps are now serviced by **Andrew Cutler**. WCC is providing supplies as needed. This area has the only A24s in the Park.

WCC has requested we upgrade all the DOC200 traps in the Park to be the 'longer' ones – to avoid possible kill of a Kiwi when they start venturing into the Park. This trap replacement to be considered and done when sensible – a bigger danger to Kiwi will be the off-leash dogs in the Park.

The Trelissick Park Group currently has eight volunteers (plus Bill) doing the predator control.

The **Wellington Regional Council** provides support when needed and maintains 20 Baitsafe possum stations (brodifacoum pellets) to prevent infiltration by possums.

##### c. 2025 Plant Order Order (Jonathan Anderson)

Plant orders will be submitted in batches of 500.

An order of 400 plants will be placed for the new podocarp grove; for delivery in May.

##### d. Weed control

There are cherry trees below the scout hall. Climbing gear is probably required. Cherry trees also in the Korimako valley below BUPA - being photographed by Howard Moore as their leaves turn to autumn colours.

Jasmine and honeysuckle has been removed by Kaitiaki O Ngahere.

Large areas of Old Man's Beard outside and above the Park are being removed.

New patches are being found within the Park. Patches have been seen across the road from the Crofton Downs supermarket and Bowen Hospital.

e. Working Bees (Angus Napier)

A plan will be developed for the locations of working bees for calendar year 2025.

f. Website

Catherine Van Hale is now doing all updating of the website – content and improvements to website design. The hosting of the website and domain name registration are now both with **MyHost**. Currently Trelissick Park Group, Catherine Van Hale and Bill Hester are the three contacts for the account. Account to be paid annually.

Next dates for annual payments are:

25/05/2025 for domain name registration (about \$26+ gst)

20/06/2025 for hosting (about \$100+ gst)

g. Facebook (Anne Holmstead)

Highest views have been for: the new streamside path downstream of bridge 6; the driftwood Christmas tree; and, the latest notification of our group working bees.

h. Gorge Gazette newsletter - Peter Reimann discussed the contents of the forthcoming issue.

i. Park mapping (Anne Tuffin): We need someone technically proficient at GIS mapping. Finn Illsley-Kemp has withdrawn. Howard Moore will ask someone.

j. Interpretive Signage Project (Mike Oates):

Working group to have a brainstorming session with TPG members to address questions, such as TPG objectives? To achieve what? Who are the park users? How many signs? Where? The project brief will then be written for approval by WCC.

Tim Harkness: Bart at WCC can facilitate mana whenua engagement. Need to factor this into the project time line.

Anne Tuffin: The Transpower grant must be spent by October 2026 (maximum 2 years from receipt of funds). There is also Frances Lee's fund to draw on.

k. Adopt-a-Spot Coordinator & Volunteer Coordinator (Anne Tuffin)

Kelvin Hastie has taken on the role of Adopt-a-Spot Coordinator.

Anne Tuffin is arranging a meeting with a potential Volunteer Coordinator.

l. Plastic Collection Boom (Jonathan Anderson) – no progress

m. Dog control – no progress

n. Road Reserve, Ngaio Gorge Rd (near Minor Entrance) – no progress

o. TPG membership – no progress

p. Memorial Trees & Commemorative seats

Sadly, long time supporter of Trelissick Park, Stan Pillar (OHS), died on 24 January 2025. A memorial tree will be planted in the park.

WCC will replace the decayed seats at Wightwick's Field. The new seats to be along the North facing side.

**Next meeting:** 9.30am Thursday 3 July 2025– Ōtari-Wilton's Bush Visitor Centre

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# Appendices

## A. Correspondence with External Parties

Topic	From
Hikoi at Trelissick Park in New Year	Te Hononga Catchments Collective
Numerous, various	Volunteer Wellington
WCC Resource consents notifications (regular)	WCC
GWRC Resource consent notification (regular)	GWRC
Sewer leak	WCC; Nate Rigler
GIS project	Merrin Pearse
Walk through Park	Diane Calvert; Ray Chung
Adopt-a-Spot	Jess Mazengarb
Kaiwharawhara catchment (various)	Nate Rigler
GIS project	Merrin Pearse
Deposit of Gorge Gazettes in National Library	National Library
Transfer of website domain	MyHost
Sponsorship	Mitre10 Crofton Downs
51 Trees site maintenance	Interfaith group
Adopt-a-Spot	Howard Moore, Bupa
Ngaio Crofton Downs community picnic 23Mar25	Kena Duignan
Park geo-mapping	Finn Illsley-Kemp
Wadestown Fair 15Mar24	Greg Hyland
Wilton Bowling Club meeting venue	WBC, Paul

## B. Newsletters received

- Your community Connector, Volunteer Wellington (Nov24, Dec24, Feb25)
- Ōtari Trust (Dec24, Mar25)
- OMB Wellington (Feb25)
- KiwiRail Wellington Project News (Nov24, )
- Let's Talk Newsletter, WCC (Nov24, Dec24, Feb25 )
- Predator Free Wellington, (Nov24, Dec24, Jan25, Feb25)
- Tawatawa SEA (Dec24)

## C. Submissions & Advocacy

Submission	Key points	Sent	Oral
WCC planning/consents	Hydraulic neutrality in catchment (128 Trelissick Cres; 123 & 136 Silverstream Rd)	Ongoing	N/A

WCC advises that stormwater neutrality is required on all housing development sites as per the rules in the 2024 District Plan. The Plan does not become fully in force until 2026, but there is a statement that all provisions are to be 'treated as operative' now.

That is reassuring, but the rigour of standard inspection procedures to verify stormwater neutrality during construction comes to mind.

The three dwellings proposed for 128 Trelissick Crescent are currently 'on hold'.

**D. Community** – Anne T. talked to Bupa residents, 8 Jan 25. Nate Rigler also did so in February.

**E. Grants Received** - None