

Trelissick Park Group: Minutes of the 192nd meeting, held at Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday 19 May 2020

Abbreviations:

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

[Square brackets: subsequent to meeting.]

Actions are in bold italics.

Present

Peter Reimann (TPG)	Murray Pillar (OHS)
Barry Durrant (TPG)	Anne Tuffin (TPG)
Jenny Lewis (WRA)	Howard Moore (NCDRA)

Apologies

Karin Wiley (F & B)	Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Ian Shearer (HPPA)	

Minutes

The minutes of the 191st meeting, held on 19th February, were confirmed.

WCC Items

Fish Passage Improvement in Catchment - TPG has advocated for more funding in its submission of 8 May 2019 on WCC's Annual Plan. The Plan will be discussed at Zealandia's next Sanctuary to Sea meeting. Peter Reimann will follow this up. **Peter Reimann**

Ngaio Gorge Road Stabilisation Project – Work on the slips was expected to commence late in March and should continue for two years. The container wall will remain until the slope stabilisation work begins. It has not started yet.

Parking Lay-by Opposite Container Wall and at Lower Entrance – WCC have provided a plan and TPG look forward to implementation. Some of Tim McIvor's lower entrance planting will be disrupted. TPG would like to be involved in the site meeting before commencement of the works. **Adam Groenewegen**

Earthquake Strengthening below Upper Ngaio Gorge Road - Due to budgets cuts, WCC has deferred any further concept exploration of Wall 7 until it knows how much Ngaio Gorge Road Stabilisation tender price will be. WCC will be in a better position to decide in late February 2020. Peter Reimann will follow up. **Peter Reimann**

Trelissick Park Five-Year Plan (2016-2021) – Needs an update. **Peter Reimann**

Garages on Ngaio Gorge Road – No further action required after investigation by Howard Moore.

Volunteer Safety Plan During COVID-19 Level-2 – TPG will adhere to the requirements, for safe working in the Park, as per WCC requirements. TPG's safety plan has been approved by WCC. [VW is keen for corporate groups to work in the Park and has sent their safety plan. Peter Reimann has asked Adam Groenewegen if they can. **Adam Groenewegen**]

Northern Walkway below Hanover Street – Upgrade – WCC's Tim Harkness is planning an upgrade in the coming financial year which should address drainage/erosion issues. This would involve removing all the timber edge boarding and rebuilding the stairs and new gravel. As this will be expensive, WCC will likely start from the bottom. Depending on costs, WCC may have to do the work over a couple of years.

Pest Plant Control

Karaka Trees – Dog walkers, concerned about poisonous karaka berries, have petitioned WCC for removal of the trees. Following meetings with the dog walkers and TPG/WCC, WCC will remove about five large trees along the valley walking tracks. **WCC**

WCC Pest Plant Control by WCC/Contractor – TPG is delighted with the work carried out all over the Park early in May by WCC's contractor Kaitiaki O Ngahere Ltd, controlling OMB, cherry, Japanese honeysuckle, climbing asparagus and tradescantia. TPG has liaised with Kaitiaki with further suggestions.

Control by TPG - TPG continue with manual control of tradescantia, OMB, Himalayan balsam, cherry, wattle, karaka seedlings, sycamore, bindweed and buddleia by individuals, working bees and groups. **TPG**

Nursery/Planting Update

500 plants are now due from WCC on 22 May.

160 are ready from the home nursery. Peter Reimann has provided 40 rengarenga for Bob and Colleen McClymont for a cleared patch below Kenya Street, which WCC could not supply in time.

Animal Pest Control

Trap Scores - Trap scores since 2008: 327 rats/mice, 17 stoats/weasels, 18 hedgehogs.

Bait Stations - Much consumption of block bait by rodents.

Rabbits - Still in evidence.

Oban Track/Bridge

Engineering/Consents – The final drawings, design specifications and schedule by Frame Group are complete. Tim Harkness of WCC has selected contractor Outsiders Ltd for construction.

The WCC Resource Consent and Building Consent and GW Resource Consent applications have been approved. Tim Harkness expects construction to start around the first or second week of June.

Peter Reimann will take the photographic record requested by the GW consent. **Peter Reimann**

Trevor Butler of Frame Group estimates that construction should take not more than six weeks (provided there is no delay in supply of the glulam beams from the manufacturer).

Access from Oban Street - WCC is funding and managing the access from Oban Street down the road reserve and the legal right-of-way. Work re-started late in April and is proceeding. **Tim Harkness**

Track – Following site visits by WCC/TPG, Barry Durrant is upgrading the middle section and asked Adam Groenewegen to assist with cutting trees. **Adam Groenewegen**

The lower section is steeper. Barry Durrant has an alternative route marked out, which may avoid need for a contractor – to be resolved with Tim Harkness. **Barry Durrant**

Plaque – Instead of a bronze plaque, a less-expensive stainless steel one is proposed. Barry Durrant will advise a suitable supplier. **Barry Durrant**

Agreed inscriptions (forward-slash divides lines): Funded by/Frances Lee/Transpower (with logo)/Tararua Tramping Club Michael Taylor Bequest/Public donations. Peter Reimann will seek approval from WCC to have a plaque and affix. **Peter Reimann**

Construction Contract Outsiders/NCDRA/TPG – Due from Outsiders Ltd at the end of this week for signing jointly by NCDRA/TPG. **Outsiders Ltd**

Funding from Tararua Tramping Club Michael Taylor Bequest – Once the construction contract has been signed, Peter Reimann will send a copy to their committee and ask for the transfer of the \$5,000 to NCDRA. **Peter Reimann**

Transfer of HPPA Funds to NCDRA – HPPA's term deposit now stands at \$52,294.90, which matures on 17 August 2020. However, NCDRA cannot sign the construction contract until the amount in the NCDRA bank account is at least the amount in the contract. Therefore, HPPA must break the term deposit and transfer the money they are holding to NCDRA. [Ian confirms he will do this ASAP]. **Ian Shearer**

Construction Progress Payments and Construction Period - Outsiders have already started manufacturing bridge components and will send the first invoice at the end of May. Monthly invoices will follow. The bridge should be finished by late July.

Memorandum of Understanding – WCC will take ownership of the bridge on completion. Tim Harkness is preparing a MOU between WCC/TPG. **Tim Harkness**

More Funding - Ian Shearer will follow up donor promises from the survey conducted by HPPA/WRA/TPG as there is currently a shortfall of around \$16K. **Ian Shearer**

Peter Reimann will seek more funding and initiate associated publicity after the construction contract signing. Bridge/track opening ceremony September? **Peter Reimann**

Lower Kaiwharawhara Stream and Estuary/Reclamation

Kaiwharawhara Estuary and Point – No further information from Centreport.

Nineteen people met on Monday 2 March 2020 at CentrePort for an inanga spawning workshop. The workshop gathered freshwater ecologists, ecological engineers, flood experts and landowners (DOC, CentrePort, KiwiRail and NZTA) to discuss the feasibility of habitat enhancement for fish at the estuary. The group discussed three main questions:

- **Where** should fish habitat restoration happen in the estuary?
- **What** should be done to enhance fish habitat in the identified locations?
- **How** can we implement the ideas developed above?

This discussion led to a series of prioritised actions for the area with three stages:

- First stage will be working on the DOC section of Kaiwharawhara estuary as there is no constraint on water ways and looking at further planting/weeding and sediment flow constraints, with the possibility for a community restoration day.
- Second stage will be looking at the NZTA/KiwiRail section under the state highway and will include a trial for planting block designs and installation of ultraviolet solar-powered lights.
- Third stage will be looking at the CentrePort section as the complexity of the estuary requires a long-term commitment.

Further updates on this project will be provided following lockdown **Pascale Michel (Zealandia)**.

Amanda Dobson of Enviroschools organised a Seaweed beach clean-up with Centreport, GW, Sustainable Coastlines and VUW for Sunday 8th March, to carry out an audit of the Estuary. 1,566 pieces of rubbish were collected, sorted and analysed. Some of the 50 volunteers representing the different organisations participating in the audit.

Submissions

128 Trelissick Crescent 17-unit Development - Still 'in suspend'? See November minutes.

112 Churchill Drive BUPA Development (next to Countdown) – Construction of building framework proceeding. No problems were observed from sediment run-off into the Park from earthworks.

Appeals to Environment Court on the Proposed GW Natural Resources Plan - TPG has received copies of appeals from various parties. Anne Tuffin has examined these but found no issues that needed a response from TPG. She will keep abreast with further developments and the upshot for the proposed final Plan. **Anne Tuffin**

Email Correspondence with External Parties

Recent web alerts, resource consents	WCC
Volunteer Wellington workshops/events/volunteers	Julie Thomson/Jo Nixon (VW)
Rubbish collection	John Curran (WCC)
Bait station and trap reports	Illona Keenan (WCC)
Sanctuary to Sea meeting postponement and update on Sea Week clean-up/analysis, inanga spawning and pollution in streams after fibre installation.	Sanctuary to Sea (Zealandia), Amanda Dobson (Enviroschools)
Volunteer safety plan for working in Park during COVID-Levels 2 and not during Levels-3 and 4	Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Wadestown Fair	Karen Roper (WRA)
Pest plant control updates	Stu Whiterod (Kaitiaki O Ngahere Ltd), Illona Keenan (WCC)
Potential volunteers	Collaborate and VW
Work in Park by Conservation Volunteers	Natalie Jones/Sonja Urban (CVNZ)
Polythene sheeting, plant protectors, plant protection, mulch, rubbish queries from Anne Tuffin	Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Draft Parks Network Plan update	Parks Planning (GW)
Track upgrade below Hanover Street	Tim Harkness/Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Pest Animal Control Guidance during COVID-19 Level-3	Paul Horton (GW)
CVNZ assistance during Lockdown	Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Ngaio Gorge Road works below the slips	Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Detail of TPG for Citizens' Advice Bureau	Citizens' Advice Bureau
Rengarenga for patch below Kenya Street	Bob and Colleen McClymont, Anita Benbrook (WCC)
Work suspension during lockdown	Sonja Urban (CVNZ)
Karaka berries	Stacy Heyman (dog walkers), Myfanwy Emeny/Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Cotton strips across stream for monitoring	Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Plaque wording for Oban Track Bridge	Tim Harkness/Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Updates on Oban Track bridge engineering, consents, also invoice	Tim Harkness/Adam Groenewegen (WCC), Trevor Butler/Helena Mayo (Frame Group), Dave Armour
Quotations for Oban Track Bridge	Tim Harkness (WCC)

Minutes for the Kaiwharawhara Sanctuary to Sea meeting - 2 December	Pascale Michele (Zealandia)
Timeline and cost estimate for Oban Track Bridge and track work	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Wadestown Fair arrangements	Karen Roper (WRA)
Plant order for 2020	WCC website/Adam Groenewegen/Anita Benbrook (WCC)
Oban track work and upgrade	Tim Harkness/Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Work in Park	Sonja Urban (CVNZ)
Volunteer requests	Lyne Pringle (VW)
Tree mortality	Oliver Vetter (Sustainable Coastlines)
Work in Park query	Lyne Pringle (VW), Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Fund transfer from Michael Taylor Bequest for Oban Track Bridge	Brian Hasell (Taranua Tramping Club)
Oban track bridge contract for construction and MOU TPG/WCC	Chris Logan (outsiders Ltd, Tim Harkness (WCC)
Catchment study for Oban track bridge	Trevor Butler (Frame Group)
Setting up electronic payments	Westpac Business On-line

Newsletters - VW, NCDRA, Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves.

Finance

The bank balance on 14 May was \$1,140.10. This includes \$1,000, which WCC passed on to TPG from an anonymous source in 2011 and TPG kept aside for initial Oban St track expenses. It was agreed that TPG will retain that in the bank account until needed later.

Anne Tuffin has set up a system for electronic payment with dual certifiers (Anne Tuffin and Peter Reimann) instead of using cheques.

Contribution for use of OHS Venue/facilities – It was agreed that TPG will pay OHS \$40/annum for the four TPG meetings held there each year (not the \$100 in the previous minutes). Peter Reimann will contact OHS (Judy Siers) for the bank account number. **Peter Reimann/Anne Tuffin**

Website Domain Payment – Thanks once again to Deidre Burke for paying the \$55.14 subscription.

Volunteer Wellington Subscription – Payment of \$50 subscription approved.

Other

Sanctuary to Sea Meeting - This was to be at Zealandia on 24 March at 5.30 PM to discuss achievements for 2019, plans for 2020 and the WCC district Plan. Revised date awaited. **Pascale Michel (Zealandia)**

Wadestown Fair – 29 February. Peter Reimann and Anne Tuffin attended, with a small TPG display.

Pollution in Kaiwharawhara Stream - An article in the Dominion Post about polluted Wellington streams included a photo of the Kaiwharawhara Estuary. It insinuated that the Kaiwharawhara Stream may be graded “E” which is an “unacceptable levels of risk” – the lowest possible grade.

Howard Moore drafted a letter for WCC concerning his experience with new fibre-optic cabling breaking into a sewer line, causing leakage. In view of recent extensive fibre-optic installations in Wellington, this leakage could be occurring elsewhere. Wellington Water is aware of the problem and has been dealing with this type of damage on a case by case basis. WW is also working with WCC on more pro-active investigation which could help identify issues where home-owners have not yet noticed damage. **WW/WCC**

CVNZ Work in Park – Thanks to CVNZ for the work in the Park on 20 February. They are due to return on 4 June (approved to work under COVID-19 Level 2 by Adam Groenewegen).

Turnbull Library Archives – The TPG website contains much historical information. Peter Reimann will check that this is ‘swept’ periodically by the library. **Peter Reimann**

Hi-vis Vests – Barry Durrant has contacted Mitre 10 for a donation of six hi-vis vests for volunteers e.g. during pest control or weed-eating. **Barry Durrant**

F & B Representative – Karin Wiley says she is no longer a volunteer for F & B and other commitments have resulted in her unavailability on Tuesdays. She wishes the Trelissick Park Group well and thanks TPG for the work that has been achieved to date - “a tribute to our environment and our city”. Peter Reimann will seek another representative via F & B Wellington committee contacts provided by Karin. **Peter Reimann**

The meeting closed at 10.20 a.m. Next meeting: **9.30 a.m. Tuesday 18 August 2020 at Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 86 Khandallah Road.**

Membership drawn from Highland Park Progressive Association Inc., Ngaio Crofton Downs Residents' Association Inc., Onslow Historical Society Inc., Private Landowners' Group, Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society Inc. (Wellington Branch), Wellington Botanical Society Inc., Wadestown Residents' Association.