

**Trelissick Park Group: Minutes of the 198<sup>th</sup> Meeting, held at Khandallah  
Automatic Telephone Exchange, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday 1 March 2022**



*Abbreviations:*

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

[Square brackets: subsequent to meeting.]

***Actions are in bold italics.***

**Present**

Peter Reimann (TPG)	Ian Shearer (HPPA)
Anne Tuffin (TPG)	Angus Napier (F & B)
Stan Pillar (OHS)	Jenny Lewis (WRA)

**Apologies**

Barry Durrant (TPG)

**Minutes**

The minutes of the 197<sup>th</sup> meeting, held on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2021, were confirmed.

**WCC Items**

Fish Passage improvement in catchment – TPG looks forward to the final report on barriers in the Kaiwharawhara catchment and proposals for improving fish passage, particularly in the 150 m culvert on Kaiwharawhara Stream below the Park (see minutes of the TPG meeting 29 June 2021). **Danelia Biaggio**

Ngaio Gorge Road Stabilisation Project – Work on the slips should continue until October 2022. For more information, photos and a video, see Projects - Ngaio Gorge stabilisation - Wellington City Council.

At the final phase of the project, WCC will engage a landscape architect to plan landscaping arrangements, where the areas are disturbed due to construction work. However, no planting will take place in the area immediately behind the retaining walls to facilitate future inspections and maintenance work.

New map-boards update showing track from Oban Street – Peter Reimann sent the TPG logo to Tim Harkness to allow progress on updating the map-boards. No finishing date yet. **Tim Harkness**

Dog Control update – The sign at the Oban track entrance is confusing, as some people may think on-leash applies to the whole park, whereas currently, the off-leash areas are in the valley and from all entrances except from Oban Street. TPG advocates for the Oban slope entrance to be off-leash, such as below the Hanover Street and other entrances. Myfanwy Emeny says that this will be part of the review of dog exercise areas and the dog policy, due at the end of 2021. **Myfanwy Emeny**

Storm Problems

- Track upgrade in gorge section downstream of bridge 6 - Fallen trees and a slip blocking the main track alongside Kaiwharawhara Stream upstream of the end of the vehicle track have now been cleared. However, the track in this area needs upgrading. **Tim Harkness**
- Reparation after sewer line repair next to Korimako Stream - The undermined sewer line foundations on the stream bank below Waikowhai Street have been fixed by WW's contractor. However, the contractor cleared a flat area adjacent/downstream of the sewer line crossing for storage of materials and scaffolding, destroying nikau palms and heritage trees planted and maintained by Marilyn Hester and Carolyn Theiler from 10 years ago. Ranger Adam Groenewegen met Fulton Hogan/WW to discuss and 80 reparation plants will be provided. Species have been suggested, but confirmation of species and delivery date are yet to be advised. **Adam Groenewegen**
- Bridge 4 – Washed downstream onto Bridge 5. Removed by helicopter. WCC's Tim Harkness advises that consents have been lodged. Work on replacement is due to start in April, Chris Logan is tentatively booked for construction. Track closed meanwhile. **Tim Harkness**
- Bank erosion affecting vehicle track alongside Kaiwharawhara Stream – A safety barrier next to the vehicle track was installed, but due to more erosion the barrier needs to be extended. **Adam Groenewegen**  
Date of fix to be advised. **Tim Harkness**

- Bank erosion downstream of debris trap - Track closed. Engineer Tonkin and Taylor has been employed to investigate re-positioning the track to above the retaining wall. **Tim Harkness**
- Track washout just upstream of bridge 6 - The barrier and signage need checking – currently misleading. **Adam Groenewegen**  
Date of fix to be advised. **Tim Harkness**

Parking improvement at Waikowhai Street entrance – Downer was to undertake this work for WCC in summer. [Peter Reimann will ask for an update. **Peter Reimann**]

Leaking sewer pipe – The leaking sewer pipe crossing Kaiwharawhara Stream downstream of bridge 6 has been fixed by WW.

[WW is going to contact Jonathan Anderson about the previously advised minor leak from the houses on the eastern side of Trelissick Crescent. **WW/Jonathan Anderson**]

### **Pest Plant Control**

Control by WCC/contractor – Peter Reimann marked up a map for Illona Keenan showing weed control suggestions. There was a follow-up Park walkthrough in January to agree on control by Kaitiaki o Ngahere and TPG/CVNZ. **Illona Keenan**

Kaitiaki has been controlling climbing asparagus below Oban Street.

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

Karaka below Oban Street – There were two chain sawing sessions of karaka next to the track by Adam Groenewegen, assisted by Warrick Fowlie and Peter Reimann. Clean-up of cut branches next to the track is required. **Peter Reimann**

Ringbarking by TPG continues. **TPG**

[Maintenance of the '51 trees' site – Carried out recently by the Interfaith and Sathya Sai Groups.]

[Weed-eating – TPG cut the areas up from the debris trap and around bridges 2 and 5 to control blackberry. WCC has resumed weed-eating Wightwick's Field and the slope below Trelissick Crescent.]

### **Nursery/planting update**

Delivery of 370 due from WCC on 13 May 2022. 80 unlisted grasses have also been requested, if available (for Trelissick Crescent verge infill). Jonathan Anderson has ordered 50 (mostly canopy trees). Peter Reimann's home nursery has about 120 mixed species. 80 reparation plants are also to come (see 'Storm Problems above').

### **Animal Pest Control**

Traps – Totals from 2008 to late February 2022:

20 stoats/weasels, 506 rats, 18 hedgehogs.

For 2021 the DoC 200s caught 21 rats and the A24s below Oban Street 125 rats/mice (attributed).

Bait Stations - Much consumption of block bait by rodents.

Rabbits – Often seen on or below Trelissick Crescent.

### **Kaiwharawhara Estuary – New ferry and rail facilities**

Peter Reimann attended a presentation by KiwiRail at the NCDRA AGM.

Overall plans to date - The proposed berth for the new ferry is just south of the estuary. There will be a new terminal building nearby, commercial vehicle marshalling south of the estuary, private vehicle marshalling at Kaiwharawhara Point (accessed by the existing bridge), landscaping around the estuary and an extension of the rail line along a built-up strip next to the northern beach.

Programme - Concept layout – done; consenting - April 2021 to July 2022; construction - 2022-2025; monitoring/detailed design/public engagement – ongoing, second sea trials - June 2025.

Environmental – KiwiRail is working with Iwi, DoC and GW. An environmental assessment report will be published on the KiwiRail website and will form part of the resource consent application – to be lodged in the first quarter of 2022.

- Monitoring of birds (including oystercatchers), penguins, nests, inanga spawning, lizards (37 lizards are to be temporarily rehomed).
- Possible creation of a salt marsh at the mouth of the stream, with riparian planting around the area.
- Still working on groyne
- Recreate beach?
- Penguin hotel?
- Drafting report version 2 on effects/mitigation.

TPG has raised concerns about sediment deposition in the estuary area, emanating from increasing very high stormwater flow events from the large catchment, due to climate change and increased urbanisation.

[TPG's wish for the new wharf to be further from the estuary cannot be accommodated.]

## February updates

- Geotech boreholes from barge in harbour
- Fast-track consenting approved
- Final design consultants: WSP and Jacobs, covering buildings, wharves, seawalls, scour protection, drainage, landscaping, stormwater.

## **Sanctuary to Sea Project**

Aaria Dobson-Waitere has been accepted into the PhD programme at Te Herenga Waka – Victoria University of Wellington next year with a full scholarship to focus on the pua o te Rēinga kaupapa, which was an important focus of Kia Mouriora te Kaiwharawhara – Sanctuary to Sea project in 2021.

A new Conservation and Restoration Manager, Jo Ledington, will support the appointment of two key roles for this project - a new project lead as well as an engagement role.

## **Submissions**

WCC Draft District Plan – TPG’s submission emphasised the increasing problems (e.g., stream banks, trees and a bridge washed away) from increasing very high stormwater flow events from the large catchment, due to climate change and increased urbanisation. TPG requested that sections in the Plan be strengthened to make Wellington a truly biophilic city, using the principals outlined in the WCC document ‘Water Sensitive Urban Guide – a Guide for WSUD Stormwater Management in Wellington’, to achieve more than ‘Hydraulic neutrality’.

The WCC report on submissions just received will be checked to see whether TPG’s submission needs to be followed up. **Anne Tuffin**

## **Correspondence with External Parties**

Recent resource consent web alerts	WCC and GW
VW workshops/events/volunteers/TPG update	Julie Thomson/Clare Teal/Heidi Quinn (VW)
Rubbish collection	John Curran (WCC)
Vegetation and debris clearance at sewer repair next to Korimako Stream below Waikowhai Street and plant reparation	Adam Groenewegen/Jonathan Anderson (WCC)
Potential bike trail [query] – Ngaio Gorge	Kevin O’Donnell (Brooklyn Trail Builders)
Plant orders	Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Updates on the ‘51 trees’ area to commemorate mosque shooting victims	Kumar Kumareswaran (Sathya Sai Group)
Group volunteering in Park [query]	Ruby Hickman (BDO Wellington)
Pest plant control	Illona Keenan/Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
ACC volunteering	Archie Pararasasing (SPCA)
Park map boards – TPG logo	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Donation	Chris Payne
Volunteer working bee collaboration	Amalia McLaren-Brown (Zealandia)
TPG 30 <sup>th</sup> birthday	Adam Groenewegen (WCC), Judy Siers (OHS)
Consent notifications	GW, WCC
Sanctuary to Sea update	Aaria Dobson-Waitere (Zealandia)
Duke of Edinburgh award work	Alex Thompson, Troy Thompson
CVNZ visits to Park	Sonja Urban (CVNZ), Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Natural environment in Draft District Plan - webinar	Daniela Biaggio (WCC)
Memorial trees in Park	Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Ferry terminal upgrade/relocation – Updates and comments	Aaria Dobson-Waitere (Zealandia), Bronwyn Brown, Sue Allen/Michele Grinlinton-Hancock/Rafael Ortiz (KiwiRail), Nicola Fenn (GW)
Removal of bridge 4 and replacement update	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Sanctuary to Sea – staff change	Aaria Dobson-Waitere (Zealandia)
Predator trapping information	Eleanor Dewar (Predator Free Wellington)
WCC Christmas party via voucher	Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Bird reports and WCC restoration publications online	Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Reinstatement of post at entrance 3	Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Ngaio Gorge Road work update	Sarath Amarasekera (WCC)
Myrtle rust reports needed	Renee Johansen (Manaaki Whenua – Landcare Research)

Submissions from TPG and Zealandia on Draft WCC District Plan	WCC Planning Team, Aaria Dobson-Waitere (Zealandia), Daniela Biaggio (WCC)
Park working bee brochures and Triumph gel	Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Car crash into Park from upper Ngaio Gorge Road	WCC 'Fixit' link
Block bait request	Adam Groenewegen/Henk Louw (WCC)
Debris trap clearance	Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Corporate group for volunteering	Zoe Kaczon (ACC)
Chain-sawing and ringbarking karaka	Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Removal of bridge 4 gabions in stream	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Volunteer survey	Heidi Quinn (VW)
Weed control in Park – history/methods	Harvey Wood (Massey University student)
Clearing around podocarps	Jonathan Anderson (WCC)
Draft District Plan oral submissions	WCC
Track washout restoration downstream of debris trap and barriers	Tim Harkness/Adam Groenewegen (WCC), Dylan Fraser (Fulton Hogan)
Kaiwharawhara catchment StoryMap	Aaria Dobson-Waitere (Zealandia)
Tree requests/TPG plant order/home nursery update	Jonathan Anderson/Anita Benbrook (WCC)
Possible Titipounamu sighting old Porirua Road	Kim McKendry
OMB Free Wellington	Nigel Charman (OMB Free Wellington)
Leaking sewer pipe into Park below Trelissick Crescent and at pipe crossing Kaiwharawhara Stream down from bridge 6	Jonathan Anderson/Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Opening of lower Ngaio Gorge Road entrance and rubbish bin emptying	Dylan Fraser (Fulton Hogan), Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Wadestown Fair cancelled	Greg Hyland (HPPA)
Draft WCC District Plan report on submissions	WCC
Heavy rain/stream/track walk-through	Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
VW membership renewal invoice	VW

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

### Finance

A \$100 donation was gratefully received from Chris Payne.

The bank balance currently stands at \$643.80.

Payment by TPG of the annual subscription of \$50 to VW was ratified.

TPG omitted to record in the Minutes of 18/8/20 that \$40 was sent to OHS on 30/5/20 to cover use of the OHS venue for TPG meetings on 19/5/20, 18/8/20, 17/11/20 and 23/2/21.

TPG is grateful for a \$50 donation from HPPA: \$30 to cover meetings at the OHS venue on 29/6/21, 26/10/21 and 1/3/22, and \$20 for future venue hire (see next item below). **Ian Shearer**

### Other

TPG meeting venue – Stan Pillar sets up the OHS meeting venue but is moving to Karori. Anne Tuffin will contact Zealandia and Otari Wilton's Bush to see if TPG could have future meetings there. **Anne Tuffin**

Groups in Park – Angus Napier is looking into a group from F&B adopting a spot. The area at the end of the vehicle track, next to Kaiwharawhara Stream has been suggested. **Angus Napier**

A group from ACC worked on clearing a tree from the stream and weeding near the bridge 4 site.

Website update and scamming – Personal email addresses have been removed from the TPG website, following scamming.

Bill Hester has adopted a new format for the website. Advantages:

- It has html code, which is more modern, hence more sustainable and supportable in future
- can be altered in structure in future more easily than current site
- can be improved in cosmetic ways, whereas the current site is not easily changed
- current site doesn't really work well on cell phone size screens, or larger screens.

TPG's 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday – Thwarted by weather and the pandemic limitations.

Soliciting for new volunteers – A draft for a short piece for the next F & B newsletter has been sent via Angus Napier.

F& B also put an article on Trelissick Park in their December 2021 newsletter, including links to the 'Gorge Gazette' and Predator Free NZ (2016). This encouraged volunteers to help in the Park. No response so far.

Suggestion to encourage more volunteers: A gathering to celebrate TPG's 200<sup>th</sup> meeting, which will be early in November. This could include a guest speaker. **Anne Tuffin/Ian Shearer**

TPG email address – Bill Hester advises that if we retain 'our' domain registration company, it would cost about \$69 + gst per annum for five mail addresses (our current domain registration costs about \$60 a year - rolls over in May each year, and is currently paid for by Deidre Burke as a donation). Bill suggests we could have a target to implement a new mail address in May this year - to keep the rollover dates at about the same time.

Specifications: see Appendix below. It was agreed that TPG should proceed in May. **Bill Hester**

More organising assistance for TPG – It is suggested that much of Peter Reimann's work could be handed over to others in conjunction with setting up the new email address. Angus Napier has volunteered to take on some of this. Peter Reimann will circulate a task-list to help this proceed. **Peter Reimann**

The meeting closed at **10.40** a.m.

Next meeting: **9.30 a.m. Tuesday 5 July 2022 – venue to be advised.**

## **APPENDIX**

### Specification for new TPG email address

- 5 mailboxes
- 5GB email storage
- Unlimited email addresses (aliases)
- Unlimited auto-responders
- Unlimited email traffic
- POP or IMAP Access
- Catch-all mailbox
- Spam & virus filtering
- Roundcube or Nutsmail webmail console
- Compatible with popular email programmes (ie. Outlook, Apple Mail etc.)
- Fully redundant load-balanced mail platform
- Save up to 10% on 2-5 year terms
- Free phone & email support
- 30-day money-back guarantee
- 99.9% uptime guarantee
- 24/7/365 server monitoring
- NZ-based servers & support.