

MINUTES OF THE 119th MEETING OF THE TRELISSICK PARK/NGAIO GORGE WORKING
GROUP held at KATE, Ngaio on Tuesday 4 July 2006.

Present: P Reimann (Ch), F Lee (Sec), D Douglass, J Fleming, O John, J Staffan (Minute Sec)

In Attendance: K Jamieson & S Peters (WCC)

Apologies: J Holmes (GWRC), C Theiler, B Durrant.

MINUTES: (a) The minutes of the meeting of 23 May were confirmed subject to a correction to "118th meeting" in the heading. (Note: Previous minute numbers 115-117 also need altering).

(b) **Matters arising:** Signage. The Group wished to know when the meeting regarding the mapboards was to be held as there were issues, such as the prohibition of bikes, which needed discussing before a design was finally established.

Funding of Group. Kevin said this had not been forgotten but a system of payment had yet to be devised.

Zone changes in the Park. Frances reported that WCC did not regard our request for some constancy in the Park zones as a priority. Maybe it will be examined at the end of the year.

Picnic tables. No WCC action yet on the simple picnic tables, designed by Charles Gordon (WCC), on the historic site.

Double garages, Ngaio Gorge Rd. Still no reaction from WCC on the use of these garages for storage, rather than cars.

WCC: Kevin Jamieson reported -

Pest Management Plan. Justin McCarthy will get in touch shortly to go through the Park.

Korimako Track. D Grace will walk through the park with members to discuss the problem of gravel placed on the tracks. WCC was attempting to work on city-wide plan for maintaining tracks.

Design Network - plan to build a deck on building alongside KaiW stream was provided by S McColl (Resource Consent Planner) for comment as a resource consent was being sought.

Plantings. Mulch supplies - aim to deliver them on 11 July for the working bee. WCC plantings (2000) on historic site planned for 8 August. 320 trees available for planting by the four new bridges by Ngaio School, organiser Richard Romijn. (GWRC)

DOC Reserve. (just downstream from Hutt Rd bridge). A contractor is to plant around 200 trees (arranged by GWRC).

Cost of four bridges. \$93,625, with extras, for GST & resource consent, at \$105,328.

Steve Peters reported -

NZ Post Community Relationship Awards. WCC and GWRC wish to nominate Project Kaiwharawhara for this award, subject to consent of participants. The Group agreed. We will receive a copy of the application - closing date 14 July.

Community Planting. 400 trees to be planted 15 July with Ngaio Progressive Assoc.

Reimbursement for Compost Purchase. This has been actioned.

CORRESPONDENCE: IN.

19 May	DOC: nominations for Conservation Awards
22 May	WCC: review of Otari Management Plan
29 May	GWRC: decision on discharge of "endothall" herbicide.
29 May	WCC: extension of time for decision on Kilmarston Subdivision.
31 May	DOC: our interest in community partnerships with businesses
1 June	WCC: road edge/Trelissick Crescent now a "no cut" for flax
1 June	C Theiler to WCC (copy) : further damage to young trees.
21 June	WCC to ANZNAT Bank (copy) re work in park in September.

21 June WCC: Decision approving Kilmarston subdivision.
22 June Otari Trust: copy of submission on review Otari Man. Plan
23 June WCC: ack. our comments on review of Otari Man. Plan
26 June WCC: progress report on Track Implementation Plan.
27 June WCC: requesting quantities re future use of Vigilant.
28 June TCB: proposed planting plan for Ridvan Gdns Subdiv.
28 June WCC: copy of Pest Management Plan, June 2004.

OUT.

28 May WCC: mutilation by WCC of flax along Trelissick Crescent.
31 May WCC (J Bussell): thanks for our 500 trees.
6 June WCC: thanks for removing trees from KaiW Stream
12 June WCC: examples of Group's financial expenditure.
21 June GWRC/DOC: thanks for Weedbusters Award (copy to Bot.Soc)
23 June WCC: submission on review of Otari Man. Plan.
26 June Ngaio Progressive Assoc: request for it to apply for WCC grant for a park brochure on our behalf (now agreed).
26 June WCC: comments on proposed programme for ANZNAT work in Park
30 June WCC: re log jam in waterfall , lower sewer tunnel.

ADOPT-A-SPOT PROJECT. (MfE funded).

There had been 8 applications for the coordinator, now 3 shortlisted to be interviewed. Peter and Angus Napier expected to decide by end of the week. The appointee would work around 15/20 hrs per week, perhaps more initially. (NB. There was a lot of correspondence on this subject - not listed).

WEEDBUSTERS AWARD. The group received the initial "Weedbusters Award 06" for "overall excellence", following nomination by Wellington Botanical Soc. Inc. An article and photo appeared in GWRC's "Elements" June 2006 (with subsequent article/photo in "City Life" 12 July). GWRC and DOC were thanked for this award.

WEED SPRAYING Now that the Group had received a special spray for 'wandering willie' (prize for Weedbusters Award), Peter, with a Growsafe Certificate, asked if WCC could provide a back pack and clothing. S Peters to look into this.

WEBSITE. Peter had discussed our website with Deidre and it should be running later today.

FINANCE. An invoice for Vigilant purchased by C Theiler was APPROVED for payment.

MEMBERS CORNER.

Rubbish Bin for Ngaio Gorge Rd Carpark: Kevin Jamieson to look into our earlier request.

Picnic Table on Wightwicks Field.. this had suddenly appeared, with no warning from WCC, as a replacement for an ancient cable 'spool' regarded as a table!! Frances had talked to the Assets officers - it might be removed if we really objected to it. Under the circumstances (with additional costs) it was decided to let it remain.

Planting on railway land. Wayne Cowan plans for one spray on two railway sites around Jan/Feb 2007. He has no problems with some adjacent planting planned around the bridges in August.

Concrete Block in Korimako (affecting the stream banks). WCC proposes to use a contractor to break it up.

Ngaio Progressive Assoc gift of two simple bench seats. Two sites had been investigated by Frances and Trevor Lloyd - one on first open area downstream from Wightwicks Field and the other on TTC area, downstream from 4th bridge. Both will be sited to get views of the stream, waterfalls and the valley.

Brookside Development. Kevin is discussing the landscaping with Julia Williams.

Park Brochure. An application is to be made for a WCC Environmental Grant.

Discussion on B Durrant's photos led to a suggestion that an 'unleashed' dog (in the canyon) might not be acceptable to WCC, and perhaps there could be an overall view of the valley from Crofton Downs shopping centre. A brochure could

be helpful for the Adopt-a-Spot Project. (NB. We will not 'make' the 31 July date so it will be next date in November).

Telstra Tree Cutting It was reported that Telstra had cut cabbage trees in its line work along Trelissick Crescent. What authority do they have? Do they use professional arborists?

Links with relevant WCC branches. M Oates had informed the Group that K Jamieson and S Peters would attend our meetings and will be the link with other WCC branches to ensure we are kept informed of proposed work in the Park, so there is the opportunity for us to comment.

Open Space Access Plan/Track Implementation. The Plan which dealt with all WCC tracks has been deferred until next year's Annual Plan process as proper consultation procedures were not followed. This was disappointing. The Group can present our comments again acks towards the end of this year when staff are considering the draft Annual Plan 2007/8.

NEXT MEETING AT KATE, TUESDAY 22 AUGUST 2006. 9.30am.

NB. Working bees 6 August- Trelissick Crescent, 15 August- Waikowhai St, 3 and 12 September - Trelissick Crescent.

Kaiwharawhara Catchment Project - next meeting 16 August, Otari, 5.30pm.

Conservation Week 7-13 August. The Group will have a display in the Cathedral, Molesworth St. Note talks in the Cathedral Mon-Fri.12- 1.0pm; Mon.Richard Hall (Astronomer - Extraterrestrial Connection), Tues.Anthony Dancer (environment - everyone's business), Wed. Jonathan Mane-Wheoki (Te Papa - art, creation & conservation), Thurs. Debate (Vic. v Greens on 'roading v public transport'), Fri.John Sawyer (DOC- future of native plants).

Kilmarston Subdivision (below Crows Nest), Ngaio. Three appeals made to Environment Court. Group will consider RMA sec.274 support for them based on our submission.