

**MINUTES OF THE 120th MEETING OF THE TRELISSICK PARK/NGAIO GORGE
WORKING GROUP held at KATE, Ngaio on Tuesday 22 August 2006.**

Present : P Reimann (Ch), F Lee (Sec), B Durrant, O John, D Douglass, C Theiler

In attendance: K Jamieson & S Peters (WCC), J Holmes (GWRC) and K Mackenzie (Adopt-a-Spot Coordinator).

Apologies: J Fleming

MINUTES. The minutes of the meeting of 4 July were confirmed.

Matters arising: **Pest Management:** P Reimann and F Lee had accompanied Justin McCarthy through the Park on 11 July to assess the weed situation (since then Rosie Doole, ex GWRC, had visited with Justin). Justin is to e-mail a copy of the Weed Management Plan for us to see. WCC is to start poisoning the willows, working up from the lower valley, when the leaves start to show (ie in about one month.) The willows will die in about 4-6 weeks.

Korimako Track: D Grace had been taken down the N Walkway from Treliissick Crescent and then along the Korimako track to examine the gravelling which had been done. It was agreed that the surface of the N Walkway at all the bends would be improved by placing simple timber pieces across the track to stop gouging after heavy rainfall, and that meanwhile no more gravel would be used on the Korimako track. Work on the N Walkway has now been done.

Concrete Block in Korimako: This had been removed by WCC.

2006 Plantings: WCC had delivered the mulch to the lower valley and it had all been distributed. Since then WCC had planted 2000 trees in the historic site, Ngaio School had planted 320 trees around the new Korimako bridges (under K Mackenzie), we had planted our 500 allocation from WCC plus 175 purchased, 90 had been planted by Ngaio Progressive Assoc near the '2 elephant' bridge, plus home nursery trees. (NB since the meeting we have collected 8 replacement Northern Rata from Excell as well as some others, amounting to about 92 in all). Total planting for 2006 around 3200.

GWRC; J Holmes reported –

Fish passage: funds were now available to build the fish passage at Blackbridge Rd.

Work would start next week and it was hoped plantings would be possible from 9 September. Nikki Woods (Capacity) was to arrange a press release. In addition photos would be taken as the crane 'dropping' material to the stream would be quite spectacular.

DOC Reserve: 200 trees to be planted shortly in this area below the Hutt Rd bridge.

Kaiwharawhara Project: this project would be receiving less GWRC funding in the future as the Council wishes to support other catchments.

WCC: S Peters reported –

Vigilant: requests from all groups for vigilant supplies had been enormous and WCC was examining the situation because of the overall costs.

Weed Spraying: our request for equipment to spray tradescantia (using the weed killer we received for the WeedBusters Award) will not be granted as WCC is not keen on volunteers using such sprays – even those with GrowSafe certificates. WCC's weed control unit might purchase the material from us to use in the Park. No decision on this yet.

Working Bee Notice: a design for a permanent notice for us to use at Working Bee sessions is still being considered by WCC.

K Jamieson reported:

Carpark Waste Bin: WCC believes such waste bins encourage rubbish dumping. Instead WCC could do an occasional clean-up of the area. Currently members regularly collect rubbish.

Mapboard: the Group should be consulted within 2 months on the mapboard design. (Kevin can this be arranged for the next meeting on Tuesday 3 October as we had been told the boards would be in place during this calendar year?).

Adopt-a-Spot Project: K Mackenzie reported: progress since appointment in July included press releases (Wellingtonian and City Life had carried photos/articles), visiting the Park, new contacts, Ngaio School plantings, Flyers prepared for distribution to businesses and individuals/community groups, getting to know all those involved with the Park. She is also taking over from J Kennett in the GWRC project for the Korimako plantings on the two railway pieces of land in 2007.

CORRESPONDENCE : IN

4 July	Highland Park – donation of \$50
4 July	WCC organisation chart for Parks & Gardens.
14 July	DOC –invitation to Conservation Awards 9 August
11 July)	F & N McGuire – appeal on Kilmarnston Subdivision.
13 July)	Ngaio Progress.Ass. “ “ ‘
20 July)	R Pauls - “ “ “
16 July	Cathedral Conservation Organiser –re stand for display.
July	Glenside News & Tawa Bush Newsletter
20 July	WCC – invitation to Workshop on Otari Man. Plan Review
31 July	WCC - reply on WCC Long Term Plan
Aug.	WCC – WCC Long Term Plan (2 vols.)
Aug.	WCC – Notice of KaiW Project meeting 16/8/06
16 Aug	Cllr C Wade-Brown – possible KaiW Project mural
19 Aug.	WCC – form for working hours of volunteers

OUT

6 July	WCC (D Curran) mutilated flax on Trelissick Crescent
6 July	Highland Park – thanks for \$50.
20 July	WCC – quantity of Vigilant requested.
20 July	WCC – thanks for mulch, comments on waste bin, mapboards.
22 July	V Mackenzie – thanks for carpet squares.
22 July	A Napier – thanks for help in Adopt-a-Spot Project.
24 July	WCC – stormwater/culvert problems in 3 areas of park
25 July	WCC – re placement/type of furniture in park
30 July	WCC – D Graces, comments on track visit
2 Aug.	WCC/Capacity –location of old sewer pipes
2 Aug.	WCC, request for replacement planting in historic site.
2 Aug.	WCC, thanks for concreted wheelchair access at lower gate.
5 Aug.	TCB, comments on landscape plan for Ridvan Gdns Subdiv
7 Aug	WCC copies of above comments to Parks & Resource Consents.
8 Aug.	Letter to T.Cres/Ngaio Gorge residents re garden waste in park
12 Aug.	WCC, thanks for 2000 trees planted on historic site.
17 Aug.	Environment Court, Sec.274 support for 3 appeals on Kilmarnston Subdivision.
21 Aug.	WCC, thanks to D Grace for track work.
21 Aug.	WCC/Capacity, thanks for removing old sewer pipes.

Comments on above correspondence: **a)** Peter prepared a good display for Conservation week in the cathedral (it remained there for 2 weeks and was seen by a lot of people). **b)** As we were not fully aware of which site was being proposed by Cllr Wade-Brown for a mural, we need to go back to her before commenting, as possibly one site would not be very obvious to passers-by. **c)** Kevin is to get greater clarity from D Curran over what exactly is put on the WCC road reserve weed register to avoid future mutilation of the flaxes along Trelissick Crescent. **d)** Kevin was asked to add Wadestown Residents Assoc to the list of invitees to future KaiW Catchment Project meetings. **e)** the three stormwater/culvert problems in the Park would be put on a WCC maintenance schedule, with the Rangers initially checking them.

FINANCE: a donation of \$150 was received from Wadestown Residents Assoc.

MEMBERS CORNER:

Peter Reimann: a) with Kate and Murray Cowan (GWRC) he had visited the two railway sites – one strong weed killer application would be given in March 2007, with planting possible from end of April. b) GWRC could also have some funds available for destroying tradescantia in the park. c) At the KaiW Catchment Project meeting, the issues of Capacity's Code of Practice had been raised (for its effect on soakage of stormwater on site to reduce amounts entering the streams), landscaping for the approved Ridvan Gardens subdivision, the appeals on the Kilmarston Subdivision and our Group's support through Sec. 274 RMA application and any progress on follow-up of P Blaschke Report. d) He reported that the website was still not up and working.

Dorothy Douglass: the O'Neill subdivision site, Highland Park, was still somewhat 'in the air.' Five garages had been built off Sefton St on road reserve and one objection to the 'road stoppage' had gone to the Environment Court - no decision yet. The developer proposes to give land on the lower hillside to WCC as a reserve in exchange for the garages built on road reserve (WCC reserve would be immediately above the railway line). An access way would be provided from Sefton St. between the houses – 5 currently planned but earlier approval was for 19 houses.

Frances Lee: a) streamside plantings had been completed at the Brookside site immediately downstream from the lower Park entrance. b) regarding the pine trees on adjoining Hanover St properties, DOC had been approached about its Biodiversity Fund to establish if it could be used for removal of the mature pines (NB two had fallen into the park recently). The officer was not sure and would contact QEII National Trust for its views as the land in question was covenanted to that Trust. c). WCC was informed of two gates being left open – lower entrance pipe gate and lower sewer tunnel gate. d). having missed the July date for an application for funds for a Park Brochure, we would apply at the next November date. e) as a member of the KaiW Reclamation Group, we were still seeking a reply from the Ministry of Justice about CentrePort's ownership of the KaiW estuary. f) The Wellington Civic Trust's proposed seminar on the Northern Gateway (which includes the KaiW reclamation) had been postponed to 2007 as some speakers were not available. g). WCC had done some tree clearance at the waterfall next to the lower sewer tunnel but many branches still obscured the waterfall.

Three drafts were briefly discussed – a list of jobs yet to be fulfilled in the Park; some Park Guidelines (eg. keeping some areas free of tree planting to maintain views, sun light, etc); and list of jobs normally done by WCC staff. Some of this material will be useful in the context of WCC preparing a Memorandum of Understanding about the relevant responsibilities of volunteers and WCC staff.

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD AT KATE TUESDAY 3 OCTOBER 2006.

WORKING BEES ; Sunday 3 September; Tuesday 12 September; Sunday 1 October. NB we may need to alter the exact place to fit in with our requirements – so please check.

27 August 2006.