

**MINUTES OF THE 121th MEETING OF THE TRELISSICK PARK/NGAIO  
GORGE WORKING GROUP held at KATE, Ngaio on Tuesday 3 October 2006.**

**Present:** B Durrant (Acting Ch), F Lee (Sec), O John, D Douglass.

**In Attendance:** K Jamieson (WCC), J Fleming (Otari) & K Mackenzie (Adopt-a-Spot Corordinator).

**Apologies:** P Reimann, C Theiler, D Burke & S Peters(WCC).

**MINUTES.** The minutes of the meeting of 22 August were confirmed.

**Matters Arising:** Pine Trees at Hanover St. DOC and QEII Nat. Trust confirmed that the removal of these pines on private land adjoining the Park – and a possible hazard – could not be funded from the Biodiversity Fund. **Action.** Kevin Jamieson is to ask relevant WCC officer to examine the site – possibly only one pine initially to establish if it is in danger of falling into the Park like two others about 2 years ago.

Kaiwharawhara Reclamation. A reply had been received from the Ministry of Justice about CentrePort ownership of the Kaiwharawhara estuary. Evidently the Foreshore & Seabed legislation does not apply to this area as CentrePort had title to it prior to 25 November 2004. **Action.** Frances to investigate further the history of the title itself and any restraints on possible development of the estuary – an important part of the Kaiwharawhara Catchment.

**WCC: K Jamieson reported:**

Photos of the old factory slab: P Harvey had asked WCC for any photos of the slab before it was broken up. **Action.** Frances to see if any photos would be acceptable.

Permanent “Working Bee” sign. S Peters hopes to have one for next meeting. Kate suggested it could contain a message about “Adopt-a-Spot” if Working Bees were not convenient. However, the purpose of the notice was solely to alert those already notified of how to reach the spot where work would take place and was only placed there for about 2 hrs twice a month..

Comments received on the Group’s planting methods. **a)** some flax were too close to tracks creating a danger to walkers (the new plantings by Ngaio school and NPA could fall into this category). It was noted that possibly some flax were planted years ago before tracks had been opened or developed. These might need some pruning –recent plantings could be re-sited. (**NB.** C Theiler & M Hester had been most careful in planting flax 1 ½ m away from tracks as discussed with D Grace, WCC). **b)** some planting by streams was too dense restricting views of the water. It was noted that some were located specifically to support stream banks which could erode during heavy rainfall. Others were chosen because they would not grow too tall and so restrict views..

Volunteer hours of work in the Park The value of this to WCC was emphasised so that the full extent of volunteer work was appreciated. **Action.** Barry Durrant to establish hours.

Vigilant Supplies. WCC doing some costings on bulk supply. The group should have the equivalent of 10 bottles up to Christmas. We must keep all our empty bottles for refill.

Mapboards: There was nothing to report on our mapboards. We had wanted the designer to come to a meeting to discuss information to be shown on them. **Action.** Kevin to talk to M Oates as this subject had been on our agendas for many years and we had hoped to have them placed at entrances during this calendar year.

Memorandum of Understanding: work on this would be started shortly.

NB. S Peters had been asked on 1 September to report on damage occurring after the storm, eg from various stormwater outlets, from stream bank erosion and possible need for restoration, downstream structure of third new bridge. Also what planting to be done around slopes affected by strengthening of Ngaio Gorge Rd.

### **ADOPT-A-SPOT PROJECT: K Mackenzie reported:**

- three posters had been designed and printed for placing in libraries, Park entrances, etc.
- some government departments had been approached. Ministry of Fisheries had replied and some 15 officers would be available (could be a one-off).
- The Group had signed up with Volunteer Wellington which would publicise the project.
- The Activity Centre, Kaiwharawhara, would make a regular Tuesday visit – initially for a talk on 9 Oct and then to work from 16 Oct. A plant nursery would be organised at the Centre.
- A few individuals had made contact.
- L Carruthers, WCC Parks & Gardens, was interested in locating exactly where ‘spots’ were being adopted. (There was some discussion on locating blocks where each annual planting had been done. However the group’s system was to distribute each year’s supply from Berhampore to ‘spotees’ and volunteers so, apart from early work in 1991-3 and some deliberate small streamside work, the trees had been widely distributed. WCC plantings along the historic site in 2005 and 2006 provided the only recent massed block planting.)

### **CORRESPONDENCE: IN.**

- 29 August WCC. Details on “No Cut Register” noted for Trelissick Crescent and double garages, Ngaio Gorge Rd
- 30 August Overton Scott, reply on landscaping Brookside development
- 1 Sept. WCC. Help to collect rubbish at carpark, Ngaio Gorge Rd.
- 4 Sept. WCC minutes of KaiW Project meeting 15 August.
- 8 Sept. WCC, Group not allowed to spray tradescantia with RoundUp Transorb.
- 13 Sept Environment Court – invite to mediation/Kilmarston subdivision 13 Oct.
- 15 Sept. WCC. Communication & Participation Project.
- 26 Sept. WCC. G Poole thanks for feedback on WCC tree planting.
- 26 Sept. WCC update on draft Otari Man. Plan
- 28 Sept. WCC draft Engagement Policy for comment.
- 29 Sept. GWRC. Wellington Regional Strategy for comment.
- 2 Oct. WCC- comments on our suggestions for Ridvan Gardens landscaping plan.

### **OUT.**

- 29 August. NPA- thanks for two bench seats gifted to Park
- 29 August. E Abraham – thanks for organising Conservation Display in cathedral
- 29 August. Overton & Scott – thanks for landscaping Brookside streamside.
- 3 Sept. WCC.a case for our Growsafe operators to spray tradescantia.
- 4 Sept. Wadestown Residents – thanks for donation of \$150
- 5 Sept.. Excell Corp – nursery M Gardiner. Thanks for plants.
- 18 Sept. D Burke – items for our website.
- 21 Sept. WCC. Formal complaint (with NPA) about house at 97A Waikowhai St. too close to the road. (A stopwork had been placed on the building.)
- 24 Sept. WCC – D Grace thanks for track work.
- 25 Sept. NPA - request for formal support letter for our application to WCC for funds for a brochure.
- 26 Sept. WCC – thanks for mulch and 10 mature trees.
- 28 Sept. Norwester – correcting mistakes in article on Kate – 25 Sept.

## FINANCE.

Payment of \$35.12 to C Theiler approved (special potting mix for home nursery).  
\$310.00 to be received from WCC for cost of Roundup Transorb (our prize for WeedBusters Award) to be used in Park. (Cheque now received).

## MEMBERS CORNER.

B Durrant. Brochure. A suggested layout for the brochure was circulated. J Foden is to colour one of his maps. Barry to meet Amanda Cox, GWRC, to discuss layout, printing, etc, as she had been involved with production of the MIRO brochure which was most attractive. It was suggested that a small location map could be placed in a corner of the map.

F Lee.

Zone changes in the Park. B McKay had been approached (as the officer dealing with this matter had left WCC) about the necessity of having consistent zones for the Park, eg at Waikowhai St. the land was zoned Outer Residential. We had been told some months ago that it would be advertised later this year. He will look into it.

Zone Changes for land bordering Huntleigh Park. Two of the eight residents wanted to change from Rural to Outer Residential to allow houses to be built on current bush areas. We will prepare a draft to WCC opposing this – it is all part of the KaiW Catchment Area..

Annual Plan 2007/8. Our requests should be presented by December 2006. **If members have suggestions, please let Secretary know.** Examples could be activating the recommendations of the P Blashke report; hydrological study to examine the long term effects of subdivision/infill on the soakage factor of rainfall versus the fast runoff from hard surfaces/culverts.

Tradescantia. On 15 Sept. P Reimann, M Hester and F Lee walked through lower area of Park to establish where tradescantia spraying could begin, ie in small isolated sites.

Mulch. We will need help in distributing the mulch around trees in the historic site and access road.

Old Sewer Pipes. Following the storm, more sewer pipes need removing from the streams. This was being organised by Capacity.

Mountain Bike Policy. A review is to be notified early 2007, which we will need to examine.

Drafts of "Division of Work" and "Guidelines". The circulation of these drafts was delayed and so they need discussing at the next meeting in order to develop a final version.

Hutt Rd Mural. We had not yet established with Cllr C Wade-Brown the exact location of any mural on a Hutt Rd building/pump station. The mural could depict the Kaiwharawhara valley, plus fish, insects, birds found in the Park.

Plants from Otari. 39 plants had been obtained from the Otari nursery.

Fish Passage. The fish passage had been completed at the exit of the Kaiwharawhara stream from its tunnel.

## **NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD AT KATE ON TUESDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2006.**

**WORKING BEES ; Tuesday 10 October, Ngaio Gorge Rd (not Trelissick Crescent) to spread mulch, Sunday 5 November, probably Ngaio Gorge Rd, and the last one for this year 14 November – location yet to be established . Please check each location nearer the time.**

**4 October 2006.**