

**MINUTES OF THE 126th MEETING OF THE TRELISSICK PARK GROUP held at
KATE, Ngaio on Tuesday 26 June 2007.**

Note: Responsibility for action is in bold/italics/underlined/brackets after the relevant item.

PRESENT: Peter Reimann (Ch.), Frances Lee (Sec.), Dorothy Douglass, Barry Durrant, Andy Foster and Steven Peters (WCC), Kate Mackenzie (GWRC).

IN ATTENDANCE: Phil Parnell and Peter Buxton (Otari Wilton's Bush Trust (OWBT)), Malcolm McDonald (assisting Frances), Harry Barton (adopt-a-spot volunteer) and Jock Fleming (invited past OWBT member).

APOLOGIES: Kevin Jamieson, Jack Rueben, John Morrison, Celia Wade-Brown (all WCC), Deidre Burke, Caroline Theiler, Dianne Stanley (representing Forest & Bird).

MINUTES The minutes of the meeting of 8 May 2007 were confirmed.

WCC ITEMS

Staff Changes: Mike Oates is taking over Jo Gillanders' position while she is on 6-months maternity leave. David Sole will take over Mike's position during this period. The ranger team is covering Kevin Jamieson's volunteer coordinator work during his illness.

Weedeater: TPG need to nominate 1 - 3 people to use the weedeater, so that they can attend a WCC competency training session. **(Frances Lee)**

Memorandum of Understanding: WCC will reply shortly on the Group's comments on the draft. **(Steven Peters)**

Volunteer Hours: TPG will provide an approximation for the quarter to end June 2007, and thereafter quarterly. **(Peter Reimann)**

Track Counter: Problems almost resolved – installation next week, all going well. This will allow decision on mapboard locations. **(Steven Peters)**

Mapboards: David Halliday (WCC) is now working on the final versions of the large and small boards and the interpretative board. He will let TPG review these before production. (Subsequent to meeting: they have now been received). **(Frances Lee to comment)**

Tracks through Properties off Trelissick Crescent:

118 Trelissick Crescent: Owner has provided written agreement to TPG on track encroachment, subject to suitable notice about private land.

120 Trelissick Crescent: Frances has discussed track encroachment with new owner and given him a map showing the track. (Since the meeting he too has sent his agreement).

Northern Walkway zig-zag on descent to Wightwick's Field from Trelissick Crescent: Owner (at Hewett Way) has provided written agreement to TPG on track encroachment (subsequent to the 26 June TPG meeting).

Suggested private land signage has been received from David Halliday and will be sent to 118 and 120 Trelissick crescent. **(Frances Lee)**

Completion of "Illegal" Track: After resolution of the above encroachment issues, the "illegal" track, which runs below and parallel with Ngaio Gorge Road needs to be examined for some improvements. This goes through the best forested area of the Park. Barry reported that it is already well used, despite its incomplete state. Mountain bikers are also using it. He is concerned that it should not be anything better than a "tramping track" to discourage more mountain bike use in a steep/fragile area. A safety barrier is needed where the track traverses a drop above the gully (including the above land encroachments). **(Steven Peters)**

Weed Control: Members have been asked for comments on WCC's 5-year draft Pest Implementation Plan. A meeting is being arranged with Justin McCarthy and Wayne Cowan (GWRC) to discuss the detail. **(France Lee)**

Debris Trap: This has now been cleared.

GWRC ITEMS

Take Care Funding: Kate advised that there is \$5,000 in the budget for Trelissick Park for the 2007-08 financial year and possibly \$3,000 in the subsequent year. This could be used to purchase plants or to set up a nursery, with related equipment, material, potting mix and fertiliser. TPG will arrange a separate meeting with Kate to decide allocation. **(Peter Reimann)**

Weed Control: GWRC have a budget of \$8,000 for weed control in Trelissick Park for the 2007-08 financial year. This will be organised in conjunction with WCC's Pest Implementation Plan currently being finalised.

Restoration Day: Kate is looking for a theme for next year's Restoration day. Frances suggested the important role played by headwaters/ephemeral streams in urban hillside areas.

Project Kaiwharawhara: GWRC (Murray McLea) is reviewing Project Kaiwharawhara and "where to from here?" This will use input from GRWC staff and will be coordinated with the current WCC survey of opinions from community individuals.

Other Take Care Groups: Albermarle Stream Group has received Take Care funding for 3 years. They will have a sign matching the Project Kaiwharawhara sign in Trelissick Park. It was noted that there was no group based in Khandallah.

OTHER ITEMS

Logo: At a "logo" meeting the logo for the Group was agreed. This has also been incorporated on the template for letters/faxes.

Brochure: The final draft of the brochure was reviewed, actions as follows:

Spelling of Kaiwharawhara: **(Barry Durrant)**

Change from "major track" to "route" on map for tracks on railway land across from Wightwick's Field: **(John Foden has done this for Barry Durrant)**

TPG and WCC logos: **(Barry Durrant with Kate Mackenzie to advise contacts/procedure)**

Barry will be away for several weeks from August, so this needs to be finished in July.

Ngaio Gorge Road Strengthening: TPG (Frances, Marilyn and Peter) and Ngaio Progressive Association (NPA) (Julia Williams) met the Engineer Opus and the Contractor Geovert on site prior to commencement of the work to discuss effects on the Park (TPG) and on traffic (NPA). Peter advised Steven Peters of a bad old man's beard patch at the boundary of the area to be excavated. Frances noted that the "fence" along the lower perimeter to protect the slopes in the Park from debris had not yet been installed. **(TPG to monitor periodically)**

Huntleigh Park Zone Changes/Infill: Andy Foster advised that following a letterbox drop to all residences in the area and inspection by Councillors, some Councillors have changed their views. WCC are hoping to propose a clear definition of a revised conservation zone boundary in August.

Wadestown Residents Association: Barry tabled a letter from Wadestown Resident's Association noting omission of their past contributions to the Park and to TPG on the GWRC Project Kaiwharawhara information board near the historic magazine site and requesting due recognition on map boards and the brochure. (Subsequent to meeting: the information board refers to TPG and NPA. NPA is mentioned because of its own stream plan for the upper Koromiko Stream (outside

TPG scope). There is no mention of any Groups on the mapboards or brochure. (The latter does have “Ngaio and Wadestown” under the heading.) (***Frances Lee to reply***)

Railway Land: Frances has received a letter from John Bishop of QEII Trust concerning its discussion with On-Track on a licence to occupy the railway land bordering the Park. TPG is requested to contact On-Track before the Trust makes any further moves.

On-Track has \$29 million for the Johnsonville line upgrade, including tunnel alterations. This is expected to occur in the next 2 years. The shut-down of the line while this work proceeds would be an opportunity to put in a railway line crossing for a track connecting Trelissick park with Otari-Wilton’s Bush. There is also an urgent need for control of bad weed infestations along the whole railway land strip, as this is a source for spread into the Park. A meeting needs to be arranged with On-Track (Charlotte Lamerton) about what funds might be available to implement the above. Before this occurs, all interested parties need to agree on the issues, outcomes and approach (WCC (including Andy Foster and Celia-Wade Brown?) as owner of Trelissick Park, GWRC for weed issues affecting Take Care restoration work, TPG for weed and track issues and protection of biodiversity on covenanted land and OWBT for its track ideas). (***Kate Mackenzie will draft a “discussion” email for the above 4 parties***)

Adopt-a-Spot: Harry Barton was introduced, to continue on with Kate’s role of coordinating the needs of “spotees” after the end of June, but in a voluntary capacity. He has visited all the “spots” with Kate and Peter and been given all the relevant information on the Park, planting, restoration procedures and health and safety. He has met most of the “spotees” while distributing about 1,000 plants to them recently. A “spotee” function at Peter’s place is planned for Saturday 30 June. Kate’s summary report of her year’s activity for Ministry of Environment (MfE) will be available then.

Trees for Planting this Year: Kate advised approximate numbers as follows:

WCC allocation to TPG:	500 (most planted)
GWRC Take Care funded:	1,000 (most planted)
For “spotees” ex-Otari:	1,000 (to be planted by “spotees”)
WCC opposite magazine site	1,000 (due 10 July)
TOTAL	3,500

This includes about 100 podocarps.

Kate will have 200 trees available for the Youth Forum visit hosted by MfE on 2 July.

Together with home nursery plantings, the total number for 2007 will be around 4,000.

Kaiwharawhara Estuary: Frances, Peter (and Malcolm McDonald?) will meet Celia Wade-Brown and possibly Myfanwy Emeny and Steven Peters at the estuary at 3 PM on 16 July to examine the whole area and plan its improvement, bearing in mind that it would be one exit for the proposed “Sanctuary to the Sea Walkway”.

Submissions:

Infill housing due 2 July. TPG is preparing a submission in relation to protecting biodiversity and stormwater issues (***Frances Lee & Peter Reimann***).

Draft Code of Practice for Land Development: Peter has commented to Nicci Wood on her draft relating to stormwater.

New Policies and Rules for Earthworks: TPG has commented on Jonathan Anderson’s draft, concerning stormwater, vegetation removal limits, stream ecology, definition of earthworks limit from stream and notification of “affected persons”. Jonathan will collate all replies, but action will be deferred until after the Council elections in October.

WCC Draft Annual Plan: TPG lodged a submission concerning need for a hydrological study of the catchment, erosion from stormwater outlets, sewage leaks, survey of sources of silt, increase of budget for weed eradication, action on new tracks (from Oban Street, connection to Huntleigh Park and “Sanctuary to the Sea” track), restoration of historic wall and cleanup/restoration of the Kaiwharawhara estuary. Frances and Peter presented the submission at the Council hearing.

CORRESPONDENCE: IN

- 14/5 Environment Court – dates when papers to be served - Kilmarston Sub-division
- 14/5 WCC – draft 5 Year Pest Implementation Plan
- 16/5 Phillips Fox requesting statement of issues relating to Kilmarston Subdivision
- 21/5 Environment Court – Kilmarston appeal to be delayed until after September
- 6/6 WCC – Huntleigh Park plan change – delayed
- 15/6 Phillips Fox – copied letter to Environment Court with all “statement of issues” received
- June DOC – Information Sheet on Grants - Pacific Development & Conservation Trust
- 17/6 Sangster agreeing to TPG (John Foden’s) map on mapboards
- 18/6 WCC – list of pollution complaints
- 25/6 QEII National Trust – on-going process to covenant private land
- 25/6 QEII National Trust – re Johnsonville rail corridor (with attachments).

CORRESPONDENCE: OUT

- 18/5 WCC – submission on Draft Annual Plan 07/08
- 20/5 WCC - new access route below Hanover Street
- 20/5 WCC – proposed District Plan Change, Huntleigh Park
- 21/5 Tregear/Freeman – request agreement to use Foden map for mapboards and brochure
- 21/5 Sangster - request agreement to use Foden map for mapboards and brochure
- 23/5 WCC – further information on Proposed District Plan Change, Huntleigh Park
- 25/5 WCC – comments on District Plan change for earthworks
- 31/5 Phillips Fox – issues TPG might raise at Env. Court Hearing on Kilmarston Subdivision
- 1/6 WCC – Request regarding Project Kaiwharawhara review
- 4/6 WCC – TPG comments on draft Memorandum of Understanding
- 5/6 WCC – asking for reply to our letter 22/3 on stream pollution complaints
- 5/6 GWRC - asking for reply to our letter 22/3 on stream pollution complaints
- 6/6 WCC – thanks to Berhampore for our 500 trees
- 9/6 Nicola Cook – thanks for logo design work
- 17/6 Stephen Drakeford – thanks for his work on the logo
- 17/6 QEII National Trust – asking for promised letter on its talks with On-Track (J’ville Line)
- 18/6 Tregear/Freeman – Follow-up asking for agreement on map for mapboards
- 18/6 Sangster - Follow-up asking for agreement on map for mapboards
- 22/6 Nicci Wood of WCC – Code of Practice for Land Development comments
- 24/6 WCC (Mendoca) – asking for details of pollution complaints
- 24/6 WCC (Agate) – requesting confirmation that Ngaio Gorge Rd. garages house only cars
- 24/6 WCC (Cotton) – requesting conf. that proposed Ngaio Gorge Road car-deck is withdrawn.

FINANCE

Retrospective approval was given for payment of \$100 to Nicola Cook for logo design.

Note (not mentioned at meeting): Further to the agreement to change the name of the Group from “Trelissick Park/Ngaio Gorge Working Group” to “Trelissick Park Group” at the meeting of 27 March, the bank account name for the Group has also been changed. A new cheque book has been received.

Next meeting: Tuesday 7 August, KATE building, 9.30am.

Next Working Bees- 10 July, Ngaio Gorge Road, 5 August, Trewissick Crescent.