

Trelissick Park Group: Minutes of the 128th meeting, held at Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday 18 September 2007

Members present

Peter Reimann (chair)
Malcolm McDonald (secretary)

Frances Lee

In attendance

John Shrapnell
Steven Peters (Senior Park Ranger, WCC)
Justin McCarthy, Pest Plant Officer, WCC

Kate McKenzie, GW
Wayne Cowan, Biosecurity Officer (Plants), GW
Darryl Key, Pest Plant Officer, GW

Apologies

Dorothy Douglass
Barry Durrant
Carolyn Theiler

Jack Ruben (Wellington City Councillor)
Andy Foster (Wellington City Councillor)

Minutes

The minutes of the 127th meeting, held on 7 August 2007, were confirmed.

WCC Items

Vehicular access to Trelissick Park

WCC receives random calls from members of the public questioning whether particular vehicles seen in the park are validly present. It is appropriate for the group to notify Steven Peters in advance when members of the group are scheduled to take vehicles into the park, for example to carry equipment associated with working bees.

Members and spotees seeking to take vehicles into the park should in the first instance contact Malcolm McDonald to make arrangements to open the gates.

Signs

WCC now has access to equipment capable of producing a sign board incorporating a whiteboard. The board promised for use when the group holds working bees should now be available within one month. The board is intended to be placed at the relevant entrance for a working bee, with directions to the work site being entered on the whiteboard component.

Two other signs are also to be produced for the group by WCC. One is to notify users of the route which emerges from the park at the upper Ngaio Gorge Road that the route crosses private property and that walkers should keep to the track. The other is to indicate the route to the fish ladder at the confluence of the Korimako and Kaiwharawhara Streams.

GW Items

Equipment

Emphasis is being placed on updating the location of equipment loaned by GW to organisations like the group. Discussion indicated that the group does not hold any such equipment.

Planting

Wadestown School pupils are to put in plants at revegetation site #2 on 19 September. About 90 pupils and 150 plants will be involved.

Weed control

Kate Mackenzie will be the point of contact between the group and the two councils during the implementation of the three year plan for weed control in the park [see item below].

Water Watch

Volunteers are sought to collect water quality data quarterly at several of the 6 monitoring sites along the Kaiwharawhara and Korimako Streams. Peter Reimann indicated an interest in taking up one site.

Project Kaiwharawhara Meeting

The items canvassed at the meeting held in the Otari Bush Vistors Centre on Wednesday 22 August were discussed.

Map Boards, Interpretative Board

Six of the 8 boards are satisfactorily installed. Those still to come are for the shelter at the lower Ngaio Gorge Road entrance and for the flat area adjacent to the Hanover Street bridge.

Brochure

The brochure has been delivered from the printer, and distribution has commenced.

Adopt-A-Spot

Progress at many spots is highly visible.

Draft Weed Control Plan

WCC and GW have jointly agreed the specifics of weed control initiatives to be undertaken in the park in 2007/08. Funding is also secured for further work in 2008/09 and 2009/10. The annual funding for each of the 3 years will be \$8,000 from GW and \$4,000 from WCC.

In 2007/08 five tradescantia control areas will be sprayed, as will two honeysuckle control areas, concentrating at first on the high visibility areas mainly along the lower Kaiwharawhara Stream, below Hanover Street and below the Waikowhai Street entrance. The planted adopt-a-spot areas will be avoided. The tradescantia areas will be sprayed in October/November 2007, with a follow-up application in March 2008.

One of the two honeysuckle areas will be sprayed in October/November 2007, with follow-up application in or before March 2008, and the other sprayed during March/April 2008. The tradescantia areas will be available for planting in winter 2008.

Follow-up spraying of knotweed will be undertaken as necessary.

Ngaio Gorge Road Work

The strengthening work is continuing. The supervising consultants notified the group of inadvertent damage to a karaka, and apologised for same. Jonathan Bussell of WCC's Berhampore Nursery is to advise the consultants on what can be done for the tree.

Railway Land/Otari to Trelissick Park Link Track

An interim response has been received from Kevin Ramshaw of OnTrack to the request from the group (on behalf, also, of WCC, GW, and Otari-Wilton's Bush) for a meeting to canvass issues relating to OnTrack land adjacent to the park. Those issues include identifying points at which the Sanctuary to Sea walkway might cross the rail corridor, and revegetation.

Submissions

Biodiversity Action Plan

An oral submission was made to the WCC Strategy and Policy Committee on 6 September, reinforcing points made in the group's written submission lodged on 10 August. The other 8 oral submissions included one from the Otari-Wilton's Bush Trust.

Managing Infill Housing Development

The WCC District Plan Hearings Committee heard oral submissions on proposed District Plan Change 56: Managing Infill Housing Development on 7, 10, 12, and 14 September. The final hearing is to be held on 27 September. The group did not seek to present an oral submission in support of its written submission dated 30 June.

Rezoning of land off Huntleigh Park Way, Heke Street, and Thatcher Crescent from Rural to Residential (Outer)

On 8 September WCC notified proposed District Plan Change 61, which will rezone 6 properties and make 5 of the properties subject to a new discretionary activity rule requiring a resource consent for any subdivision, use or activity, earthworks, or vegetation clearance. Proposed new residential buildings and driveways are to be located in accordance with a new appendix to the rules.

Submissions on the proposed plan change close on Monday 1 November. In November 2006, and again in May 2007, the group informed WCC of its views on preliminary proposals.

Correspondence

Inwards

10 August	Environment Court – acceptance of WCC's deferred timetable for exchange of Kilmarston evidence
13 August	WCC – acknowledgement of submission on Draft Biodiversity Action Plan.
13 August	GW – draft minutes on meeting of 3 August about issues with On Track
13 August	Volunteer Wellington – receipt for \$35:00 annual membership fee for 2007/08
14 August	WCC – response to enquiry about OSH training for weed-eater users
14 August	Tonkin and Taylor – further submission on Plan Change 56 (Infill Housing Development) to the Wellington District Plan by Housing New Zealand Corporation
15 August	WCC – reply to notification of rimu being felled at 15 Hewitt Way, with rubbish dumped over fence into Wightwick's Field.
16 August	WCC – officer's report on proposed District Plan Change 46 [subdivision design guide].
20 August	WCC – hearing dates for submissions on proposed District Plan Change 56 [infill housing]. Further notifications dated 10 and 13 September also received.
20 August	WCC – notification of hearing time for oral submission on Draft Biosecurity Action Plan.
27 August	Fitzbeck [printers] – invoices for printing of Trelissick Park brochure.

28 August WCC – Officer’s Report Proposed District Plan Change 56 [infill housing].
 30 August WCC – update on Huntleigh Park Proposed District Plan Change.
 3 September WCC – invitation to comment on esplanade strip at 97 Waikowhai Street.
 10 September WCC – notification of Proposed District Plan Change 61.
 12 September Ngaio Progressive Association – confirmation of payment of \$2,250:00 to Fitzbeck.
 14 September OnTrack – interim response to request of 24 August and reminder of 12 September.
 14 September WCC – invitation to comment on draft Health and Safety brochure.
 18 September Spencer Holmes – resource consent application, Bowen Hospital.

Outwards

10 August WCC – submission on Draft Biodiversity Action Plan (DBAP).
 13 August Members, others – minutes of the meeting held on 7 August, accompanied by submission on DBAP.
 13 August WCC – enquiry about OSH training for weed-eater users
 15 August WCC – advice that the two weed-eater trainees will be Peter Reimann and Stuart Mackenzie.
 15 August WCC – advising rimu felled at 15 Hewitt Way and rubbish dumped over fence into Wightwick’s Field
 17 August GWRC – comments on draft minutes for meeting of 3 August about issues with On Track
 17 August WCC *Branch Out* – material for possible article on Northmore commemorative rewarewa and seat.
 17 August WCC – advising TPG wants to make an oral submission on BDAP on 6 September to the Strategy and Policy Committee.
 24 August OnTrack – list of items for discussion at desired meeting involving TPG, WCC, GW, Otari-Wilton.
 28 August WCC – advice Group does not want to be heard on submission on proposed District Plan Change 56 [infill housing].
 31 August Paul Easton, Dominion Post – material for possible article for GreenZone on change of secretary
 3 September Warwick Greenwood – condolences on death of Ron Greenwood
 12 September OnTrack – follow up reminder on item of 24 August

Finance

After the payment of printing costs associated with the brochure, funds stand at \$1,126. That sum includes \$735 from St Luke’s Church, intended for a special project. The payment of \$306.63 for the remainder of the brochure costs (above the \$2,250 WCC Grant allocation via Ngaio Progressive Association) was approved. Peter Reimann will clarify treatment of GST with WCC.

Other

The Gorge Gazette newsletter circulated in August has attracted an enthusiastic response.

Peter Reimann and a spotee, Stuart Mackenzie, have been approved by WCC to operate weed eaters in Trelissick Park.

The Dominion-Post, on 17 September 2007, printed an article on the contribution to the park, and to other community interests, by Frances Lee. The group provided the impetus for the article. A feature article on Trelissick Park is likely to be carried in the Norwester issue to be published on 1 October. The Dominion-Post has been provided with assistance towards an article drawing attention to the unfortunate state of the Kaiwharawhara estuary.

A 12 metre rimu was cut down on private property adjacent to the park in August. The property owner claimed this action was necessary to deal with the old mans beard which was climbing it. This incident has promoted discussion as to whether the group might produce a flyer inviting residents near the park to contact group members for advice on the means of protecting native plants when dealing with problem plants.

The date for the exchanging and filing of papers relating to the Kilmarston Developments remains 27 September.

WCC has approached the group about an esplanade strip associated with a sub-division being planned for 97 Waikowhai Street.

The draft WCC Health and Safety brochure, sent for comment by the group by Kevin Jamieson, has been considered by Peter Reimann and Malcolm McDonald. Peter will respond to Kevin, and in doing so wish Kevin well in his continuing recovery from illness.

Spencer Holmes has written to the group advising they are in the initial stages of seeking a resource consent approval on behalf of Bowen Hospital, and providing initial plans.

Malcolm will check with Celia Wade-Brown for any further developments with ideas for the Kaiwharawhara estuary area and adjacent land.

Next Meeting

9:30 a.m., Tuesday 30 October 2007, Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 86 Khandallah Road

The meeting concluded at 11:50 a.m.

Next working bees:

Sunday 7 October	1.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	Waikowhai Street
Tuesday 16 October	9.30 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.	Trelissick Crescent