

Trelissick Park Group: Minutes of the 135th meeting, held at Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday 1 July 2008

Members present

Peter Reimann (chair)
Malcolm McDonald (secretary)
Carolyn Theiler

Stan Pillar
Frances Lee

Olaf John
Barry Durrant

In attendance

Marc Slade, WCC Community Biodiversity
Coordinator

Steven Peters, WCC Senior Park Ranger

Apologies

Dorothy Douglas

Robyn Smith, GW Take-Care Coordinator

Minutes

The minutes of the 134th meeting, held on 20 May 2008, were confirmed.

WCC Items

Marc Slade has replaced Myfanwy Emeny – who is on maternity leave – as WCC's Community Biodiversity Coordinator. Marc was welcomed.

Steven Peters, on behalf of WCC's Pest Plant Manager, Justin McCarthy, advised the group that Megan Banks has replaced Wayne Cowan as GW's Biosecurity Officer (Plants).

Steven alerted the group to WCC having been advised by Ontrack that, to facilitate tunnel-lowering work on the Johnsonville line, Ontrack desires land access through the lower park for heavy equipment. Earthworks consent is required. Consideration is being given to temporary bridging being installed, near the magazine building, to enable 12 and 20 tonne diggers to cross the Kaiwharawhara stream. From the crossing point, equipment including the diggers could then be taken up to the line via much the route of the current Ontrack zigzag pathway. Plantings by the group in affected areas will need to be removed or sacrificed, with later reinstatement by Ontrack.. It is expected by WCC that Ontrack will take the opportunity to deal in adjacent areas with intensive populations of brush wattle, blackberry and banana passionfruit. Spoil from the work on the line will be removed on rail wagons. The tunnel-lowering work is likely to be done in December 2008 and January 2009.

David Halliday, WCC Walkways and Reserves Project Officer, has advised the group that a contractor is to refurbish the northern walkway track from Trelissick Crescent to the Hanover Street bridge. Frances Lee asked the WCC officers present to arrange consideration of the depth of the step-downs obliged of users of the northern walkway below the Hanover Street entrance to the park. Frances offered that some of the steps offer too great a challenge to some users of the northern walkway. The entrance to/exit from to the bush by the signboard at Trelissick Crescent needs recutting and gravelling, as it is treacherous in wet weather and always challenging.

Peter Reimann mentioned that 5 volunteers from the group have put their hands up to undertake training in mustelid trapping so as to clear and reset traps. Peter urged that the training be undertaken, if possible, in the next 3 weeks or so. Marc Slade said he believed that Justin McCarthy is almost ready to go with the training [and advised by email after the meeting that Justin will be in touch, and that the training will probably be undertaken before the end of July].

Peter Reimann informed the meeting that David Halliday has advised that an engineer has looked at the Hanover Street bridge abutment and has advised that there is no need for concern about undercutting by the Kaiwharawhara stream.

Neither of the WCC officers present could respond to questions relating to the funding and scheduling of work to reinstate the gulch caused by storm water discharging into the park near the Hanover Street entrance, and to prevent repeats by extending the piping and diffusing peak flows.

Peter Reimann said that brochure holders have been acquired – with the assistance of Myfanwy Emeny – and installed by Peter at the Kaiwharawhara Road, Hanover Street and Waikowhai Street entrances to the park.

Peter advised the meeting that the 500 plants to be supplied by WCC from the Berhampore Nursery are to be delivered at 10.00 am on Friday 4 July [later in the day Peter was contacted by Berhampore and the delivery time was brought forward to 11.30 am on Thursday 3 July, and the delivery arrived in the afternoon. The plants look in top shape, though with some differences from those requested].

Peter drew attention to the recent installation at Otari-Wilton's Bush of a prominent supplementary sign advising mountain bikers of the prohibition of biking within Otari and asking that bikes are to be walked within the park. Several members offered views as to the worth of similar signs at entrances to Trelissick Park. The general view was that as mountain bikers wilfully ignore already-abundant "no biking" signs, and respond contemptuously to protests from volunteers, walkers and joggers in the park, further signs will be ineffectual. Larger signs were seen to run counter to efforts to recreate a wilderness area in the park. Several members worried that an Otari to Trelissick Park link track will exacerbate social conflict with mountain bikers in both locations.

Frances Lee pointed to signs that a vagrant has been camping in the park, adjacent to the magazine building. Steven Peters undertook to remove a collection of clothing, sleeping equipment and miscellanea from the magazine site.

Carolyn Theiler mentioned that young totara tree has been blown over near the Ngaio tennis courts. Steven Peters said WCC welcomed attention being drawn to such incidents, for remediation by the tree team, on the general number 499 4444.

Frances Lee drew attention to deficiencies in WCC Capacity's response of 10 January 2008 to GW's request for overdue annual reports as required by the Kaiwharawhara gravel extraction consent. An aspect of concern to Frances was that the response said Capacity would be seeking to amend condition 13 to the consent. Frances asked whether Capacity had kept Parks and Gardens informed. The WCC officers present were unaware whether there had been liaison, and were provided with a copy of the letter of 10 January to assist with in-house enquiries.

Steven Peters said he held two wooolsacks for the group to assist in the collection of weeds and rubbish in the park.

GW items

Peter Reimann told the meeting that Bill Hester had agreed to maintain the possum bait stations within Trelissick Park, with Peter as backup. Glen Falconer had confirmed the locations of the 19 bait stations in the park and demonstrated the work involved to Bill and Peter.

Peter reported that three corporate volunteer groups have planted 818 trees, funded by GW through the Take Care scheme, with assistance from GW and the group. The groups represented the VUW disability support team, ANZNational Bank, and OMV New Zealand Limited. The plantings comprised infill plantings along the true left bank of the Kaiwharawhara Stream from near the Kaiwharawhara Road entrance to the magazine site, and plantings in the areas cleared of tradescantia by spraying in 2007/08 from near the detritus trap to the site of the rata planted as a memorial to Rod Donald.

Steven Peters asked that the group supply him with records of locations and species planted where there have been significant plantings in the park. Steven hoped he could obtain information covering winter 2008 plantings and those over the previous couple of years. These would be loaded into the WCC's GIS system. Discussion covered the practicalities. The group indicated a general willingness to assist as possible.

Frances Lee described the state of Asiatic knotweed in the park following spraying, and sought confirmation that this was indicative of a complete kill. Steven Peters provided assurance.

Adopt-A-Spot

Peter Reimann reported that much of the winter 2008 planting is completed.

Project Kaiwharawhara

Marc Slade said he had so far failed to locate minutes prepared within WCC from the Project Kaiwharawhara meeting of 12 March 2008. Marc indicated that the project remains alive, and that he is charged with arranging the next meeting

Weed Control Plan

Peter Reimann noted that tradescantia has been sprayed recently of on the true left bank of the Kaiwharawhara stream from west of the Rod Donald rata to the vicinity of the Hanover Street bridge. No notification has been received from GW or WCC; while the group welcomes the spraying of itself, in general the group needs prior knowledge, to prevent wasted work on weeding or planting in areas to be sprayed in the future.

Plant orders for winters 2008 and 2009

Peter Reimann proposed that much or all of the Take Care funding for 2009 be devoted to the clearance and spraying of blackberry, and subsequent replanting, on the true right of the Korimako Stream, opposite the grassy spot (the original site adopted by the Tararua Tramping Club) on the true left. The area concerned is adjacent to the south-eastern edge of revegetation site #2. Revegetation plot #2 covers an area which WCC has a licence to occupy from Ontrack. Peter has sought that Robyn Smith of GW convene a meeting on site with WCC representatives from Parks and Gardens and members of the group, to canvass the proposal.

Robyn Smith has located a source of eco-sourced ferns for supply for planting in winter 2009. The meeting agreed to an order being placed through Robyn for 100 polystichum richardii and 100 asplenium oblongifolium. Areas for which the ferns are intended include the bare understories immediately below the Hanover Street entrance, and area towards the bottom of the northern walkway down from Trelissick Crescent to the Korimako Stream. Possibilities for transplanting ferns within the park, from the few pockets where they are intensive, were discussed.

Peter Reimann told the meeting that Berhampore is unable to meet further orders for plantings for 2008.

Sources of further plants possible for 2008 to be paid for from donations, and more certainly for plantings in 2009, include seedlings offered by a Wadestown resident, and plants from Manawa Karioi Society, Rimutuka prison through GW (Robyn Smith is investigating), home propagation and Clifton Buck in Highbury.

A Catholic youth group is providing 10 volunteers to plant for 3 hours on 8 July. It is intended that they put in plants, from the 500 supplied by WCC, at the gorse-cleared area below Trelissick Crescent, and take other plants down to Barry Durrant's spot near revegetation site #2.

Railway Land/Otari to Trelissick Park Link Track

David Halliday of WCC is organising an on-site reconnaissance for Thursday 3 July. Peter Reimann and Malcolm McDonald will represent the group, and it is expected that one or more representatives of the Otari-Wilton's Bust Trust will participate. .

97 Waikowhai Street

Peter Reimann and Frances Lee reported on their meeting with Kelvin Hastie of Modus Homes, the new owner of the undeveloped property at 97 Waikowhai Street, to discuss the vegetation on the site, which includes a 6 metre esplanade strip.

Members examined maps identifying the boundary between 97 Waikowhai Street and 99 Waikowhai Street (99 and 101 Waikowhai Street have been rezoned conservation reserve as elements of District Plan Change 63, adopted by WCC earlier this year).

Environment Court

Kilmarston Developments

The Environment Court has set 7 July 2008 as the date for a hearing of the outstanding appeals relating to Kilmarston Developments Limited. The applicant's solicitors have sought that the Court agree that the filing of draft consent orders and the hearing be deferred, due to the illness - and death on 24 June – of the mother of the applicant's sole representative. [The Court vacated the sitting scheduled for 7 July and parties are required to file a signed consent memorandum and draft consent order with the Court no later than 18 July].

Subdivision Design Guide

Lincolnshire Farms Limited and Woodridge Estate Limited have lodged appeals against WCC in relation to District Plan Change 46 – Subdivision Design Guide. The group has registered as a section 274 party, in support of WCC, and has confirmed its agreement to participate in mediation in the week commencing 15 September.

Submissions to WCC

District Plan Change 61 (Rezoning of land off Huntleigh Park Way, Heke Street, Thatcher Way)

Hearings on submissions were held in May.

Bowen Hospital Redevelopment

The group has made a submission to WCC on the application for a land use consent for the redevelopment of Bowen Hospital. The submission opposed a consent, on the basis of the element of the application relating to discharges of stormwater, which provides for discharges up to 2.4 times the present maximum volume.

District Plan Change 65 – Earthworks Provisions

Submissions are imminently to be invited by WCC. The closing date is to be 4 August [the date was extended to 25 August in the public notice published on 1 July]. The group will consider whether to make a submission.

Submissions to GW

Draft Regional Pest Management Strategy

The group lodged a submission. A summary of all submissions has been received. Hearings are to be held in July for submitters who have asked to be heard.

Donations from St Luke's Church, and other assistance in the park from St Luke's

The new St Luke's liaison person, Mike Ormsby is consulting with St Luke's members before a possible meeting on the site below the Hanover Street entrance where infill planting is to be carried out, with plants funded by St Luke's.

Permanent Names for Features in the Park

Members have from time to time informally discussed the idiosyncracies in the names they and familiar users of the park apply to features in the park. Members have been aware of instances of confusion on the part of strangers in the park arising from familiar usages.

Members have commonly called the initial bridge built in the park across the Korimako Stream (between the Waikowhai Street entrance and Wightwick's Field) the "two elephant" bridge. The 4 bridges later built over the stream have been referred to, progressing downstream, as bridges 1 to 4. Members are aware of council staff, referred to an issue occurring between bridges "2" and "3", looking to find it between bridges "1" and "2", unaware that the "two elephant" bridge is, in this usage, number "0" and not number "1". Similarly, members refer to the track exiting the park near the top of the Ngaio Gorge Road by names including "the waterfall track" or "the illegal track" (reflecting an historical circumstance). The point at which 5 tracks converge on the northern walkway up to Trelissick Crescent from the Hanover Street bridge is known locally as "the crossroads", but there are numerous other track intersections in the park.

Members agreed that it made sense to number the 5 bridges in the park over the Korimako Stream "1" to "5". This was more public-friendly than giving each a name. Barry Durrant offered that the general convention is to number from downstream to upstream, so moving downstream from Waikowhai Street the order should be "5" to "1".

It was agreed that WCC (David Halliday) should be asked for information on the naming conventions applied by WCC in parks and reserves, including bridge numbering, and for an informal reaction. [On 3 July, David indicated initial agreement that the Korimako bridges be numbered 1 to 5, and sympathy for the naming of significant features within the park in a manner which will assist council staff, the group, and visitors to locate them.

Martin Hunt memorial plantings, and donation from the Hunt family

Peter Reimann informed the meeting that on Saturday 21 June several members of the group, and Martin's brother Andrew and his wife and children, planted heritage trees (4 kahikatea, 2 miro and 1 rimu) in memory of Martin. The plants were put in at the edge of revegetation site #2, in an area chosen in an earlier reconnaissance, and part of the spot adopted by Barry Durrant. The location was chosen for its aspect, and in the knowledge that Forest and Bird are considering donating a seat in Martin's memory. Barry has undertaken to peg out a suitable location for the seat.

Relatives of Martin – his mother Barbara, brothers and sisters Andrew, Gerald, Kathryn and Janet, and nine nephews and nieces – have donated \$450 to the group. The preferred application of this money is the planting of heritage trees in various locations through the park. as plants become available over the next year or two.

Correspondence

Inwards

21 May	WCC, Myfamwy Emeny – alert as to Plasticraft being a possible supplier of brochure holders.
21 May	Bowen Hospital – invitation to presentation on proposed redevelopment on 3 June 2008.
26 May	DLA Phillips Fox – brief of evidence from WCC in relation to Kilmarston Developments proceedings in the Environment Court.

- 28 May St Luke's Church, Mike Ormsby – agreement to get back regarding plantings below Hanover Street and St Luke's possible adopting a spot below Hanover Street.
- 28 May Andrew Hunt – wish to contribute some heritage trees in the park in memory of Martin Hunt.
- 30 May GW, Christina Parnell-Harris – acknowledgement of group's comments on the draft Regional Policy Statement.
- 1 June NPA, David Hedgley – comments on proposed esplanade strip restoration, 97 Waikowhai Street.
- 3 June Andrew Hunt – agreement to survey of park for suitable spot for tree planting in memory of Martin Hunt.
- 3 June OMV, Juilee Bhandeker – enquiry about OMV New Zealand Limited volunteers undertaking planting sessions
- 3 June WCC, Myfanwy Emeny – support for extension of licence Ontrack:WCC for additional area to be restored beside Korimako Stream.
- 3 June Simpson Grierson – copy of letter from Morrison Kent concerning the Kilmarston Developments-related appeal McGuire v Wellington City Council.
- 4 June GW, Angie Lenz – copy of annual report by WCC covering work undertaken by WCC in 2005/06 and 2006/07 in relation to the Kaiwharawhara gravel extraction consent.
- 5 June WCC, David Halliday – suggestion that scoping of track crossing be undertaken on site with Jonathan Kennet on Thursday 3 July.
- 5 June WCC, Myfanwy Emeny – advice that 5 waterproof holders are to be delivered.
- 8 June Andrew Hunt – confirmation that the site selected for memorial plantings for Martin Hunt is satisfactory.
- 9 June WCC, Myfanwy Emeny – thanks for provision of five brochure holders.
- 9 June WCC, Jonathan Bussell – advice there are no more plants available for purchase.
- 10 June Opus Consulting, Katherine Butterfield – advice of completion of 2007/08 strengthening work on Ngaio Gorge Road, and indications of future work for 2008/09.
- 10 June WCC, David Halliday – advice that an engineer has looked at the Hanover Street bridge abutment and has advised that there is no need for concern about undercutting by the stream.
- 10 June DLA Phillips Fox, Phillipa LeCouteur – Notices of reply filed with the Environment Court concerning the appeals of Lincolnshire Farms Limited and Woodridge Estate Limited against WCC in relation to District Plan Change 46 – Subdivision Review Guide.
- 11 June GW, Juzah Zammit-Ross – list of plants ordered from the Berhampore Nursery for the group.
- 11 June Simpson Grierson – amended statement of evidence from Paul Thomas for Frank and Noeline McGuire relating to Kilmarston Developments.
- 11 June Environment Court, Joseph Buxton – papers related to the group's supposed involvement with the appeal of Tan v Wellington City Council regarding District Plan Change 48.
- 12 June GW, Juzah Zammit-Ross – arrangements for ANZ and OMV plantings in the park June to August.
- 16 June GW, Wayne O'Donnell – summary of submissions on the draft Regional Pest Management Strategy.
- 18 June WCC, Amber Bill – reminder that submissions on Bowen Hospital resource consent application close on 20 June.
- 18 June Environment Court – acknowledging receipt of application of 2 June to become an s274 party concerning the appeals of Lincolnshire Farms Limited and Woodridge Estate Limited against WCC in relation to District Plan Change 46 – Subdivision Review Guide.
- 19 June WCC, David Halliday – advice that a contractor will be refurbishing the northern walkway track from Trelissick Crescent to the Hanover Street bridge in the next fortnight or so.
- 19 June Andrew Hunt – advice the Hunt family is donating \$450 to the group to continue the work of which Martin Hunt was so supportive.
- 19 June GW, Bruce Brewer – response to enquiries relating to handling/storing of bait for possum bait stations, and scheduling of re-fillings of stations.
- 19 June VUW, Disability Support Services Team – thanks for the opportunity to assist with the regeneration of Trelissick Park on 30 May.
- 20 June Morrison Kent – advice that Kilmarston Developments has reached agreement in principle with appellants Frank and Noeline McGuire, and with WCC in respect of the sale and purchase of the Crow's Nest. Invitation to sign consent orders reflecting the agreements.
- 20 June WCC, Helen Lingard – acknowledgement of submission on the application for land use consent for the redevelopment of Bowen Hospital.
- 20 June Ngaio Scouts, Susan Weekes – message relating to work undertaken in the park on 19 June.
- 20 June Environment Court – Request confirmation of agreement to participate in mediation for s274 support Plan Change 46, Subdivision Design Guide Review form week commencing 15 September.
- 25 June WCC, Helen Lingard – notice that hearing on Bowen Hospital land use consent is to be on 8 and 9 July 2008.
- 26 June WCC, Helen Lingard – hearing on Bowen Hospital land use consent is to be delayed.
- 26 June Morrison Kent – copy of memorandum of counsel for Kilmarston Developments in relation to the status of the appeals (in the circumstances of the death of Betty Cottier).
- 26 June GW, Robyn Smith – availability of Crofton-Downs sourced NZ ferns from Westport, available in May 2009.
- 26 June NPA, Julia Williams – advice of NPA's position in relation to the Kilmarston Developments appeals.
- 27 June WCC, Myfanwy Emeny – notification that Myfanwy is on maternity leave from 27 July, her

replacement as Community Biodiversity Coordinator being Marc Slade [phone 801 3501; email marc.slade@wcc.govt.nz].

Outwards

- 21 May Ngaio Progressive Association, David Hedgley – alert to possible restoration of esplanade strip at 97 Waikowhai Street, and enquiry about NPA views and knowledge.
- 21 May WCC, Myfanwy Emeny – thanks for alert as to Plasticraft being a possible supplier of brochure holders.
- 27 May St Luke’s Church, Mike Ormsby – suggestion of on-site meeting regarding plantings below Hanover Street funded by first St Luke’s donation, and St Luke’s possible adopting a spot below Hanover Street.
- 31 May WCC, GW – suggested extension to the area of Ontrack land to be cleared and replanted under licence to occupy; invitation to survey on site adjacent to Korimako Stream. .
- 2 June Modus Homes, Kelvin Hastie – agreement to meet on site, 97 Waikowhai Street, soon.
- 2 June Andrew Hunt – acknowledgement of willingness for trees to be planted in memory of Martin Hunt, and indication of suitable plants held.
- 2 June Environment Court – notice of the group becoming a section 274 party to the appeals of Lincolnshire Farms Limited and Woodridge Estate Limited against WCC in relation to District Plan Change 46 – Subdivision Review Guide.
- 3 June GW, Nic Conland and Angie Lenz – request for an update as to WCC’s compliance with condition 13 of land use consent to extract gravel from the Kaiwharawhara stream.
- 4 June Duncan Graham – material for freelance journalist relating to Trelissick Park.
- 4 June GW, Angie Lenz – copy of annual report by WCC covering work undertaken by WCC in 2005/06 and 2006/07 in relation to the Kaiwharawhara gravel extraction consent.
- 5 June NPA, David Hedgley – report on the intentions of the developer of 97 Waikowhai Street, Kelvin Hastie, following on-site meeting.
- 5 June WCC, David Halliday – agreement to meet on Thursday 3 June to scope track crossing with Jonathan Kennett.
- 6 June WCC, Jonathan Bussell – enquiry as to availability of plants for purchase.
- 6 June OMV, Juilee Bhandeker suggested dates OMV New Zealand Limited volunteers undertaking planting sessions
- 7 June Andrew Hunt – follow up to walk through the park identifying spot for memorial plantings for Martin Hunt.
- 9 and 15 June WCC, Myfanwy Emeny – names of group people prepared to be trained for mustelid control.
- 11 June VUW, Rachel Anderson-Smith – thanks for planting done on 30 May by the VUW disability support team.
- 11 June GW, Robyn Smith, Juzah Zammit-Ross – arrangements for ANZ and OMV plantings in the park June to August.
- 12 June GW, Robyn Smith – invitation for Robyn and Wayne Cowan to visit the park to look at proposed additional Ontrack land to be restored.
- 15 June Environment Court, Joseph Buxton – reply to letter of 11 June advising that the group is not involved with Tan v Wellington City Council regarding District Plan Change 48.
- 16 June GW, Glen Falconer – notification that all 19 bait stations have been checked and filled and that Bill Hester will be responsible for future periodic refilling, backed up by Peter Reimann.
- 19 June GW, Bruce Brewer – enquiries relating to handling/storing of bait for possum bait stations, and scheduling of re-fillings of stations.
- 19 June WCC, Dave Halliday – thanks for early advice of contract work scheduled to refurbish part of the northern walkway through the park.
- 19 June WCC – acknowledgement of submission on the application for a land use consent for the redevelopment of Bowen Hospital.
- 24 June Environment Court – confirmation group will participate in Court-assisted mediation relating to WCC Plan Change 46 – Subdivision Design Guide Review.
- 27 June NPA, Julia Williams – thanks for information relating to the Kilmarston Developments appeals.
- 1 July Andrew Hunt – formal thanks for donation of \$450 from the Hunt family for heritage plants in memory of Martin Hunt.
- 1 July GW, Robyn Smith – request that GW order 200 ferns from the Westport supplier for winter 2009.

Brochures

700 brochures remain from the print run of 2,000 in August 2007. Initial indications of the rate of uplift from the newly-installed brochure holders at three of the park entrances suggest that a further printing will be required in the next few months. The \$1,061.61 + GST held for the group by the Highland Park Progressive Association has been earmarked towards a reprint. Barry Durrant is to enquire of Fitzbeck

what lead time is necessary for a reprint to be undertaken and how many brochures this amount would supply.

Finance

The bank balance is \$1,802.69, with an additional \$96.00 incoming from Fly and Plant.

Payments were approved to Carolyn Theiler for \$39.70 and to Peter Reimann for \$40 to reimburse them for purchases of potting mix. The purchase of a pot of Vigilant was authorised.

Other

Peter Reimann has provided material relating to the group and the park to Duncan Graham, a freelance journalist. Malcolm McDonald was interviewed by Olivia Holborrow, a Massey University journalism student, whose article appeared in *City Life* on 25 June.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be at **9:30 a.m., Tuesday 26 August 2008**, Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 86 Khandallah Road.

The meeting concluded at 11:55 a.m.

Dates for working bees in July and August 2008, and general location details, are:

Sunday 6 July	Ngaio Gorge Road entrance
Tuesday 12 July	Ngaio Gorge Road entrance
Sunday 3 August	Trelissick Crescent (firebreak) entrance
Tuesday 12 August	Trelissick Crescent (firebreak) entrance