

Trelissick Park Group: Minutes of the 140th meeting, held at Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday 31 March 2009

Abbreviations:

<i>WCC</i>	<i>Wellington City Council</i>
<i>GW</i>	<i>Greater Wellington Regional Council</i>
<i>NPA</i>	<i>Ngaio Progressive Association</i>
<i>HPPA</i>	<i>Highland Park Progressive Association</i>
<i>OWB</i>	<i>Otari Wilton's Bush</i>
<i>DOC</i>	<i>Department of Conservation</i>
<i>TPG</i>	<i>Trelissick Park Group</i>

Persons to action: in bold italics

Square brackets – subsequent to meeting or other relevant information.

Members Present

Peter Reimann (chair)	Frances Lee
Fiona Glasse (secretary)	Barry Durrant
Olaf John	Carolyn Theiler
Dorothy Douglass	Stan Pillar

In Attendance

Steven Peters, WCC Park Ranger	Robyn Smith, GW Team Leader, Community Environmental Projects
Megan Banks, GW Biosecurity Officer (Plants)	Justin McCarthy, WCC Pest Plant Officer

Apologies

Andy Foster, Wellington City Councillor	John Morrison, Wellington City Councillor
Marc Slade, WCC Community Biodiversity Coordinator	

Minutes

The minutes of the 139th meeting, held on 3 February 2009, were confirmed.

WCC Items

Steven Peters will replace Stu Bailey until a new Park Ranger is appointed in June.

Restoration after Ontrack Work – Ontrack are proceeding with restoration agreed with WCC and TPG following Johnsonville line upgrade. Ontrack is funding 1,000 trees from WCC. Steven Peters met Ontrack two weeks ago to discuss the work, which will include a landscape plan with locations for planting and species – to be vetted by TPG before Ontrack proceeds. **Steven Peters**

[Inspection after the meeting by Stan Pillar and Olaf John established that the broadleaf plant on the hydroseeded railway embankments is the weed *Plantago lanceolata*, common name: banjo plant]

WCC 500 Tree Allocation – Ordered for mid-April delivery, but TPG is not averse to later delivery if this is more convenient for WCC – date to be confirmed. **Steven Peters**

WCC Trees for Lower Valley – Jonathan Bussell advises about 1,000 trees will be planted by WCC in the lower valley (in addition to the Ontrack 1,000) – locations and numbers to be confirmed. **Steven Peters**

Picnic Benches – Steven Peters confirmed 2 picnic benches are being made for installation by WCC next to the magazine building, from surplus railway sleepers provided at no charge by Ontrack. **Steven Peters**

Reveg Track below Hanover Street – David Halliday, WCC Walkways and Reserves Project Officer, has organised a contractor to bridge the stream by the memorial seat within the next month and requests TPG to put rocks in the gully to help stabilisation – needs more discussion. **TPG/Steven Peters/David Halliday**

Debris Trap – [The Consent only permits gravel extraction during the months of March, August, September, October, November and December. The silt depth is measured from two marker posts on the southern stream bank. Sam Lister of Capacity advises that his budget has expired, so gravel extraction will have to wait until later in the year.] Meanwhile, Sam is investigating missing text on the marker posts, what can be done about the downward migration of the rocks and the hindering of fish passage, in conjunction with AC Consulting, the original contractor. Sam will advise the outcome. **Sam Lister/Capacity**

GW has confirmed that WCC is not proposing to seek a change to the Resource Consent conditions for annual silt sources.

Ngaio Gorge Road Strengthening – No action yet on weed control/restoration of the excavations associated with previous strengthening, also the state of the road reserve, used for parking heavy machinery. Frances Lee has contacted Jonathan Bussell on this. [Suggestions were made of low growing thin-stemmed plants to grow through the wire mesh, eg koromiko or other hebes, poroporo or Muelenbeckia complexa.] **Steven Peters/Justin McCarthy/Jonathan Bussell**

Trelissick Park 5 Year Plan Update – The 5 Year Plan has been updated following comments from Marc Slade in relation to the Management Plan. This needs to replace the plan on the web-site subject to any further comments from Marc. **Marc Slade/Peter Reimann**

Puddling of Mud onto Bridge 6 – Drainage of Northern Walkway on Wadestown side has still not been done, to avoid wet weather hazard [from 2 December meeting]. **Steven Peters**

Northern Walkway Weed-eating – Needs including in WCC regular weed-eating schedule (from below Hanover St entrance down to bridge 6). **Steven Peters**

Sign Post Downstream of Bridge 5 – There is a need for a post with a blue direction marker, where the track forks at the end of the grassed area downstream of bridge 5. People get confused here, as the right hand track just goes to the stream, then ends. **Steven Peters**

Leasing of Railway Land – Marc Slade is investigating the implications and cost of extending the existing leases to cover all of the railway land bordering Trelissick Park. **Marc Slade**

Memorandum of Understanding (WCC and Volunteer Groups) – Dorothy Douglass advised HPPA has received a draft for comment. Steven Peters to check whether one will also be sent to TPG. **Steven Peters**

Health and Safety – WCC is working on guidelines for volunteers groups.

GW Items

Remainder of “Take Care” Funding – [The remainder of the “Take Care” funding for 2008-9 stands at \$1,750.70.] Following discussion with Robyn Smith, it was agreed that the funding could be used for spraying of small areas of montbretia and tradescantia. Megan Banks has organised a contractor (Mark McAlpine) [who will take 5 days to do the work]. \$1,000 is available for 2009-10 for expected follow-up work.

DOC Community Conservation Fund (Railway Land Restoration below Bridge 5) – TPG thanked Robyn Smith of GW and Marc Slade of WCC for their assistance and support. Peter Reimann is now finishing the application, to be lodged after the next round opens in April. Jonathan Bussell advises he cannot provide the trees required in the time frame. However, Taupo Native Plants are working on their quotation for eco-sourced trees. Robyn stressed the importance of including estimates for volunteer hours. **Peter Reimann**

Ferns – Some of the 960 ferns from Fern Factor received as “plugs” and potted have been planted, in moist areas. Robyn needs about 1 month’s notice of when the 200 ferns in pots from FerNZ (“Take Care funded”) and 195 ferns and 12 tree ferns from Fern Factor (Honda Treefund) are wanted – probably in July. **Peter Reimann**

Fish Passage at Debris Trap – Robyn Smith advised more reliable passage for fish at the debris trap is a WCC responsibility. (see also under “WCC Items” above).

Possums and Mustelids

Bill Hester reports that many of the possum bait stations are still being quickly emptied (probably by rats). He is increasing frequency of servicing to suit. 2 stoats and 10 rats have been caught in the 14 mustelid traps since September.

Weed Control

Tradescantia – The first spray has been completed, subject to some small areas missed – to be done in the next few days. A second follow-up spray is due late in April. **Justin McCarthy(WCC)/Megan Banks(GW)**

Robyn Smith emphasised the importance of not planting in areas with tradescantia growing.

Japanese honeysuckle – Complete

Project Kaiwharawhara

[At the meeting at Otari on 25 February the proposed vision and goals/objectives were discussed and a presentation given on draft plan changes (urban and suburban centres)]. Minutes are to be provided. The hydrologist that was to come will now come to the next meeting. **Marc Slade**

Kaiwharawhara Estuary

A meeting on site was held – see notes in appendix. [A future working bee should be transferred to the area – note prior contact for the Interislander Duty Manager to clear access 498 3223]. **Peter Reimann**

The annual “Seaweek” beach cleanup was attended by about 15 people, around 40 bags of rubbish and other bulk items collected.

Adopt-A-Spot

George and Andrew Symmes have taken and planted about 50 trees.

4 new “spottees” have joined the scheme [Mark Sheriff at the track junction downstream of Wightwick’s Field in conjunction with an environmental course, Judy Paulin by the memorial seat, Eva Durrant in the gorge section (at the end of the vehicle track), Don Foote with a friend at an area of gorse below Trelissick Cres and a small streamside spot just downstream of bridge 5 on land leased from Ontrack.]

Environment Court

Kilmarston Developments

There is no movement towards a “Memorandum of Consent” with appellants – but deferrals of Environment Court deadlines seem to be ongoing.

Subdivision Design Guide

There is still no sign of when mediation will occur.

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

TPG have become a Section 274 Party opposing the pro-development appeal and supporting the “no development/clearing” appeal, with a fall-back option of limited development at 11A Huntleigh Park Way. About 12 parties are involved in the appeal **Peter Reimann**

Submissions

2009 to 2019 Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP)

TPG have been involved in consultation meetings.

WCC Draft Plan Changes for Residential Area and Suburban Centre Zones of the District Plan

TPG have lodged a submission with WCC.

Draft Changes to the Resource Management Act

It was agreed after some discussion and a vote that TPG would lodge a submission (due 3 April). **Frances Lee**

GW 10 Year Plan

[Submissions due 24 April]. It was suggested that if TPG lodge a submission it would be worthwhile asking for retention of the “Take Care” scheme and funding for weed control. **Peter Reimann**

Permanent Names for Features in the Park

The draft of track name and track section designations by Frances Lee as agreed have been sent to Marc Slade for comment [before TPG asks John Foden to incorporate in map updates]. This will facilitate identification of any future maintenance locations. **Marc Slade**

Correspondence

Emails

A large number of emails were received and sent, covering the subjects below:

Johnsonville line open day	Martin Taylor, NPA, Aroha Tanirau (Ontrack), John Shrapnell
Kaiwharawhara estuary & meeting summary	Celia Wade-Brown (WCC), Paul Bruce (GW), Matt Todd (DOC), Peter Birse (Interislander), Neville Hyde, Jacqui Hill & Neil Hatfield (Centreport)
Kaiwharawhara estuary “Sea Week” clean-up	Don Richards, Donna Sherlock (WCC)
OWB educator role (still optimistic about funding)	Susan Waugh
Stream restoration and monitoring by bridge 4 (MSc research)	Jessica Dodds
Long Term Council Community Plan consultation	Aroha Rangi (WCC)
New signage (private land) – forest remnant track	Dave Halliday/Stu Bailey (WCC)
Restoration after Ontrack upgrade work	Stu Bailey (WCC)
Corporate volunteer work	Juzah Zammit-Ross (GW)
OWB species list & ecosourcing information	Robyn Smith (GW)
District Plan Change 61 appeals (land bordering Huntleigh Park)	12 appeal parties
Plant order 2009	Marc Slade (WCC)
Changes to “Branch Out” listing	Lyn Murphy (WCC)
Trelissick Park 5-Year Plan	Marc Slade (WCC)
Project Kaiwharawhara meeting	Marc Slade (WCC)
Leasing of Ontrack land	Marc Slade (WCC)
Community restoration update	Marc Slade (WCC)
Volunteer hours	Marc Slade (WCC)
“Branch Out” faces the axe	Dave Hansford, Amber Bill (WCC)
Debris trap full	Sam Lister (Capacity)
Mulch & rubbish bags	Stu Bailey and Steven Peters (WCC)
Stream pollution	Robyn Smith (GW)
Graffiti at powder magazine building	Steven Peters (WCC)
Sewer work from Waikowhai St into park	Stu Bailey (WCC)
OWB left-over plants	Phillipa Lloyd (WCC)
Trelissick Park map	Tiffany Palmer (Opus)
Poplars and revetment wall below Crofton Downs station	Stu Bailey (WCC)
TPG application for funding from DOC Community Conservation Fund (CCF) - GIS map, threatened ecosystems map	Robyn Smith (GW), Marc Slade (WCC)
Outcomes from meeting on leasing railway land and CCF application	Robyn Smith (GW), Marc Slade (WCC)
Draft letter to Ontrack seeking agreement to restoration on land	Robyn Smith (GW), Marc Slade (WCC)

down from bridge 5	
Remainder of "Take Care" funding for 2008/9	Robyn Smith (GW)
Quotation for spraying montbretia and tradescantia patches	Megan Banks (GW)
Rat, stoat, possum update	Justin McCarthy (WCC)
Request for quotation for plants for CCF application	Jonathan Bussell (WCC)
Request for quotation for plants for CCF application	Taupo Native Plants
Tracks – from Oban Street and Cummings Park to Simla Cres	Andrew Hollings, Ian Shearer (HPPA)
Possum spreadsheet	Bruce Brewer (GW)
Restoration Day invitation	Robyn Smith (GW)
ANZ volunteer visit	Juzah Zammit-Ross (GW), Roland Idaczyk (ANZ)
Quotation for spraying small patches of montbretia & tradescantia	Megan Banks (GW)
Boardwalk near memorial seat below Hanover Street	David Halliday (WCC)

Letters

Inwards

From WCC and GW supporting TPG for DOC CCF application

From St Luke's Wadestown – donation

From Wayne Hawkins Contracting Ltd – quotation for spraying blackberry for DOC CCF application

Various Environmental Court DPC61 appeal documents

Ngaio Progressive Association – thanks for assistance with organising Johnsonville Railway line walk

From GW - brochures for DOC and MfE funding

From WCC – invitation to Long Term Plan consultation

Outwards

To Environment Court and other appellants with s274 DPC61 appeal (land adjacent Huntleigh Park)

To HPPA to thank them for donation

To Ontrack with draft of letter from Ontrack agreeing to restoration on land down from bridge 5

To St Luke's Wadestown to thank them for donation

To Marc Slade (WCC) - names for tracks

To WCC – submission on Draft Plan Changes for Residential Area and Suburban Centre Zones of the District Plan.

Finance

The bank balance as at 4 March is \$774.64. \$267 from St Luke's Wadestown has come in subsequently (see below).

Gottfried Theiler has suspended TPG participation in the "Fly and Plant" scheme, so there is no need to pursue tax exemption for donations to non-profit organisations.

A donation of \$267 has been received from St Luke's Church in Wadestown. It was agreed this would be used for purchase of rimu and other heritage trees. There are few rimu in the park and they should go well below Hanover Street. Frances will write to St Luke's accordingly. **Frances Lee**

Other

Restoration Day – Saturday 9 May at Te Wananga O Aotearoa in Porirua [– theme is total catchment management from the mountains to the sea]. Invitations have been circulated.

Funding for New Track from Oban Street – Andrew Hollings suggests in his email [and discussion after the meeting] that the only way such a track will be built will be by TPG seeking funds from an outside source after all necessary investigations, consents and engineering have been done. Dorothy Douglass advised that HPPA are happy to channel the funding for TPG (HPPA being an incorporated society). [This would be a good project for someone in TPG to pursue].

Home Nursery Update – Some planting has started. Various plant species were potted from trays from OWB, surplus to their requirements. Many thanks to Phillipa Lloyd (WCC). An excellent morning was spent with Phillipa showing/discussing our 3 nurseries and part of the park.

120 Trelissick Crescent – [One of the properties where TPG has discussed QEII Trust covenants]. Still for sale.

Corporate Groups – ACC due to work on their spot above bridge 6 [subsequently deferred to a date in June, to be confirmed]. ANZ are coming to help at the Tuesday 12 May working bee off Trelissick Crescent.

Next Meeting

The next meetings are to be at **9:30 a.m., Tuesday 19 May and 7 July**, Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 86 Khandallah Road.

The meeting concluded at 11.30 a.m.

Dates for working bees in April 2009, and general location details, are:

Sunday 5 April	Ngaio Gorge Road (lowest entrance)
Tuesday 14 April	Waikowhai Street

Appendix – Notes on Site Meeting at Kaiwharawhara Estuary, 2 March 2009.

Present:

Celia Wade-Brown	Wellington City Council (WCC)
Paul Bruce	Greater Wellington Regional Council (GW)
Peter Birse	Interislander
Jacquie Hill	CentrePort
Neville Hyde	CentrePort
Neil Hadfield	CentrePort
Frances Lee	Trelissick Park Group (TPG)
Carolyn Theiler	Trelissick Park Group
Peter Reimann	Trelissick Park Group

Importance of the Estuary – The Kaiwharawhara Stream carries all of the water from the catchment that stretches from Karori to Khandallah and is an important ecological corridor, eg for fish and bird life. As one of the estuaries on Wellington harbour its protection is vital for the marine and bird life it supports. Further information on the estuary and the catchment is on the Project Kaiwharawhara sign. TPG has a concern about the area, being involved in restoration work in Trelissick Park, just upstream. Native fish go all the way up the estuary and up "fish ladders" along the Kaiwharawhara stream to Otari Wilton's Bush. Pollution at the estuary is thus very harmful.

The estuary is an integral part of Project Kaiwharawhara – a scheme initiated by GW and supported by WCC – which has been operating since 2001. The project involves various community groups in protecting and restoring the whole stream and its catchment, including the estuary.

“Sea Week” Beach Clean-up - The clean-up of both sides of the Kaiwharawhara estuary and also the beach at the northern side of the reclamation land (north of the estuary) will take place from 9.30 AM on Saturday 7 March – to be confirmed to Interislander duty manager on 04 498 3223. Car parking – north-west of the marshalling area, ie not on bitumen sealed marked area, which is used by trucks.

Weeding at Estuary Planted Area - Interislander and CentrePort to arrange gardeners, possibly concurrently with beach clean-up. Some infill planting will probably be required. TPG could arrange to do this.

Rubbish Bins - Interislander will not install rubbish bins because of the way rubbish collects and overflows around them.

Truck Parking at Northern End of Marshalling Area - No changes due to Interislander's need for truck parking space. TPG/WCC/GW noted that wooden barriers had been overturned and would welcome their reinstatement to protect the planted area.

Project Kaiwharawhara Sign – Interislander will trim off the right-hand (cracked) 1/3 of the sign and remove the end post, as an interim measure. Interislander to advise where the removed part of the sign can be picked up (for future use of the information). The long-term solution would be to reinstall the sign away from the truck parking area, but still close to the planting and the estuary and for estuary clean-ups.

Security – Shortly, Interislander proposes to secure the whole of the marshalling area so that it is only available to ferry users. However, access for maintenance of the estuary plantings and for estuary clean-up can be obtained by prior arrangement with the Interislander duty manager on 04 498 3223.

Owners of small boats cannot access the beach at the northern side of the reclamation for launching, so they currently use the estuary beach. This situation will be complicated by the proposed security measures.

Future Cycle/Foot Track Plans – WCC and GW would appreciate Interislander and CentrePort consulting them before undertaking any development works in the estuary and reclamation area so that possible future cycle/foot tracks can be accommodated in a way that doesn't materially affect Interislander and CentrePort security issues. These tracks are:

- Karori “Sanctuary to the Sea” walking track ending at the estuary
- Great Harbour Way walkway and cycleway around all of the harbour (from Pencarrow, via Petone to Wellington and round to Red Rocks).

Riparian Planting on North Side of Estuary – Some time ago CentrePort agreed to this area being planted. This will be taken up again with CentrePort for confirmation if planting proceeds in the future.

Interislander Relationships – Interislander come under the umbrella of Railways Corporation and Kiwi Rail.

Land Ownership

- Southern shore of estuary and marshalling area (leased?), apart from DOC shoreline strip (see below)

Interislander

- Northern shore of estuary and reclamation area, except for DOC northern beach and Transit NZ strip (see below) CentrePort

From earlier information held by TPG, the land ownership appears to be as follows, but this needs confirmation of the current situation:

CentrePort Land - The original 1967 planned reclamation area included an oblong section out to sea and land right along marshalling yards to the corner of Aotea Quay. This was only partially reclaimed. (Subsequently transferred from Wellington Harbour Board to GW and then to CentrePort).

Later, two parcels of land (on northern side of the land that was reclaimed) were transferred from the Crown to CentrePort in 1992 subject to Part IVA of the Conservation Act 1987 and Sections 10 and 11 of the Crown Minerals Act 1991.

Crown Land managed by DOC

- A 20 m marginal strip of land along the northern edge of the reclamation, measured from 'mean high water mark spring outer line'.

- Another strip of land along the sea edge of the car/truck marshalling area.

Transit NZ Land – A narrow strip of land alongside the motorway, widening towards the northern edge of the reclamation, eg it includes the access road to the beach.