

Trelissick Park Group: Minutes of the 141st meeting, held at Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday 19 May 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>MfE</i>	<i>Ministry for the Environment</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
Barry Durrant	
Dorothy Douglass	Stan Pillar

In Attendance

Marc Slade, WCC Community Biodiversity Coordinator Robyn Smith, GW Team Leader, Community Environmental Projects

Apologies

John Morrison, Wellington City Councillor	Carolyn Theiler
Megan Banks, GW Biosecurity Officer (Plants)	Fiona Glasse

Minutes

The minutes of the 140th meeting, held on 31 March 2009, were confirmed.

WCC Items

Debris Trap and Fish Migration Blockage - Sam Lister of Capacity advises the silt level has not yet reached its limit. There will be money in the budget for removal in July. The AC Consulting staff who originally designed the debris trap, have gone and AC Consulting are not interested in examining the rocks that have moved downstream.

Of particular concern is the blockage of fish passage as this affects the fish life in almost the entire Kaiwharawhara Stream and tributaries (which had 2 fish ladders installed at significant expense). Moving the rocks back up to their original positions would restore fish passage. As a crane is used to clear logs and branches from the debris trap, it appears that the rocks could be moved at the same time. A long-term solution may be to install a fish passage at one side of the debris trap. Marc Slade will discuss this issue with Amber Bill. **Marc Slade/Amber Bill**

Permanent Names for Tracks in the Park – WCC have agreed to the names proposed. Marc Slade will provide copies of the map showing these. **Marc Slade**

WCC 500 Tree Allocation – Will arrive at Trelissick Crescent (opp. No. 19) at 9.30 AM on Tuesday 14 July (the date of the working bee at Ngaio Gorge Road). Marc provided a list of species.

[Reveg Track below Hanover Street – Thanks to David Halliday, WCC Walkways and Reserves Project Officer, for the boardwalk across the stream by the memorial seat.]

Dog Poo – Piles of bags at track junctions and Park entrances are an ongoing problem. [Article in Dominion Post “Our Wellington” page? Bin?]. Frances Lee is reviewing WCC draft dog policy. **Frances Lee**

[Trelissick Park 5 Year Plan Update – The 5 Year Plan has been updated and agreed with Marc Slade. This needs to replace the plan on the web-site. **Peter Reimann]**

Leasing of Railway Land – Marc Slade/Frances Lee and Peter Reimann are to view all of the railway land bordering Trelissick Park on Thursday 21 May, meeting at the lowest entrance at 1.30 PM. Marc will subsequently pursue extending the existing lease. **Marc Slade**

Memorandum of Understanding (WCC and Volunteer Groups) and Health and Safety – WCC is working on these. **Marc Slade**

Items for Steven Peters – There are a number of items from the last meeting and later emails for Steven Peters. Peter Reimann will list in an email. **Peter Reimann**

WCC Parks and Gardens Staff Changes – Myfanwy Emeny is returning part-time next month to take over from Marc Slade. The new ranger to replace Stu Bailey for our area is Joby Mills. He has already started.

Possible Addition to Park below 113 – 117 Sefton Street – It appears that a developer Mr O'Neill and WCC have agreed on a swap between a road reserve at 113 – 117 Sefton Street and some land with a right of way – the land to be added to the Park. However, it appears neighbours have objected and taken the matter to the Environment Court. This emerged from the Wadestown Resident's Association meeting last night, but details are not clear. Marc Slade will check and advise. **Marc Slade**

GW Items

Extension of Take Care Funding – Robyn Smith advised that TPG could apply for further “Take Care” funding to supplement next year’s \$1,000 and on-going for up to 5 years. As the need for planting will diminish, it is likely that this could be used mostly for weed control, such as along the railway corridor (assuming WCC do extend the lease from On Track). **Peter Reimann**

Corporate Groups – Any further assistance via GW to be reviewed in relation to areas/planting/releasing. **Peter Reimann**

Ferns – 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**

[Plants/Planting

Several hundred ferns and bush rice grass have been planted in tradescantia sprayed areas along the Korimako valley and below Hanover Street – on-going.

About 150 - 200 trees (including some matai) were planted by 5 volunteers from ANZ National and 2 working bees in the gorse cleared area below Trelissick Crescent.]

[Adopt a Spot

George and Andrew Symmes have extended their 2 spots (between bridges 1 – 3) both across the track and already planted about 100 trees there (including kahikatea and matai).

Other information – see “Gorge Gazette”.]

Animal Pests

Phil Parnell of OWB confirms damage to karamu at the north end of the Park is from rabbits. [Mesh protectors have been made for subsequent planting.] Pindone poisoning would not be suitable as many dogs traverse the Park. Glen Falconer of GW might be able to arrange a night shoot, if this becomes a serious problem.

Weed Control

Tradescantia – All spraying for this year has been completed.

Japanese honeysuckle – Complete. Megan Banks advises a “touch-up” may be required in spring and new areas further east then sprayed.

Remainder of “Take Care” Funding –The contractor (Mark McAlpine) is currently spraying mostly montbretia, subject to weather. \$1,000 is available for 2009-10 for expected follow-up work.

DoC Funding Application

Peter Reimann is now finishing the application, to be lodged by 17 June. Taupo Native Plants have provided a quotation for eco-sourced trees. **Peter Reimann**

Project Kaiwharawhara

Next meeting 5.30 PM at OWB Visitor Centre Wednesday 3 June. Items on the agenda:

Bethanna Jackson, VUW presenting on Hydrology of the Kaiwharawhara catchment

Presentation by Trelissick Park Group on their 5 Year Plan

Update by WCC on Porirua Stream Catchment priorities

Kaiwharawhara Estuary/Reclamation

Frances Lee has sent a comprehensive summary of all known issues to Paul Bruce (GW), Celia Wade-Brown (WCC) and Ian Shearer of HPPA. This is intended for discussion at a meeting to formulate a plan of action.

Frances Lee is expediting responses and meeting arrangements. **Frances Lee**

Robyn Smith advised that GW funding is available for replacing the Project Kaiwharawhara sign in a location less vulnerable to damage from trucks.

Environment Court

Kilmarston Developments

Resolution of NPA’s appeal appears close, but one of the appellants, Frank McGuire, is still awaiting answers.

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

Mediation adjourned – status report due 30 June.

Submissions

Lodged:

2009 to 2019 Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP)

Draft Changes to the Resource Management Act

GW 10 Year Plan

Correspondence

Emails

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

Trelissick Park 5 Year Plan	Marc Slade (WCC)
Lease extension for railway land	Marc Slade (WCC)
Volunteer day in Trelissick Park	Roland Idaczyk (ANZ National)
WCC 10 Year Plan submission	WCC
Kaiwharawhara estuary	P. Birse (Interislander), Neville Hyde (Centreport), Matt Todd (DoC), Frazer Tweedie (On Track), Celia Wade-Brown (WCC), Paul Bruce (GW)
Conservation Week (Sept 13 – 20)	Matt Barnett (DoC)
Project Kaiwharawhara	Marc Slade (WCC)
Track from Oban Street	Ian Shearer (HPPA), Andrew Hollings
Community Conservation Funding Quote	Helen Gillies (Taupo Native Plant Nursery)
Restoration Day	Helen Gillies, Robyn Smith, Juzah Zammit-Ross (GW)
Forest remnant track	Grant Preston-Thomas
GW 10 Year Plan submission	GW
Submission on Resource Management Act	Pavan Sharma (Select Committee Office)
QE II Trust covenants	Jayden Devonshire & Celia Wade-Brown (WCC)
OWB Trust & Wilton Foundation environmental interpreter agreed	Susan Waugh
Youth Environment Forum visit	Eileen Delahunty (MfE), Nick Potter
Japanese honeysuckle spraying	Megan Banks (GW), Justin McCarthy (WCC)
Filming in Trelissick park	Brian Thomas (WCC), Stacey Ferdinands
“Tawa Bush Telegraph”	Allan Todd
MSc research withdrawal (on stream/riparian)	Jessica Dodds
Trees across Korimako Steam	Steven Peters (WCC)
Rubbish collection and mulch delivery	Steven Peters (WCC)
Brochure holders	Steven Peters (WCC)
New boardwalk	David Halliday (WCC)
Spraying update	Megan Banks (GW)
Request for articles on community group work from the New Zealand Biosecurity Institute	Megan Banks (GW)

Letters

Inwards

From On Track agreeing to streamside restoration work on their land beyond bridge 5

From GW responding to TPG submission on GW 10 Year Plan

From GW responding to TPG submission on GW Regional Pest Management Strategy

From Charles Chauvel (Labour MP) – invitation to meet Group members to discuss any concerns

Finance

The bank balance as at 4 May is \$1023.64.

A payment of \$18 to Carolyn Theiler for signage costs (relating to rubbish and dog poo dumping) was approved retrospectively.

Thanks to Deidre Burke for her meeting the fee for renewing the website domain name for \$44.94, as a donation.

Other

Committee work sharing and succession – Peter Reimann will advertise for someone to assist with projects and coordination (e.g. submissions and funding applications). **Peter Reimann**

Track from Oban St – Andy Foster has advised that there is a legal right of way between 112 and 114 Oban Street. Barry Durrant has examined the area, past history and potential locations for the track and bridge. Barry would be prepared to organise the track, but not the funding. It was thought project management and seeking funding should lie with Wadestown or Highland Park residents/organisations.

“Spot” identification – Agreed not to identify “spots” on site.

Website – Peter Reimann to provide updates to Lindsay Bonnett. **Peter Reimann**

Next Meeting

The next meetings are to be at **9:30 a.m., Tuesday 7 July and Tuesday 1 September**, Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 86 Khandallah Road.

The meeting concluded at 11.35 a.m.

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

Sunday 7 June	Hanover Street
Tuesday 16 June	Hanover Street