

**Trelissick Park Group: Minutes of the 145<sup>th</sup> meeting, held at Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday 2 February 2010**

**Abbreviations:**

WCC Wellington City Council  
GW Greater Wellington Regional Council  
NPA Ngaio Progressive Association  
HPPA Highland Park Progressive Association  
DoC Department of Conservation  
TPG Trelissick Park Group  
F & B Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society

Square brackets – subsequent to meeting or other relevant information.

**Members Present**

Peter Reimann (chair) David Grace  
Frances Lee  
Dorothy Douglass

**In Attendance**

Joby Mills, WCC Park Ranger

**Apologies**

Andy Foster, Wellington City Councillor Robyn Smith, GW Team Leader, Community  
Celia Wade-Brown, Wellington City Councillor Environmental Projects  
Carolyn Theiler Megan Banks, GW Biosecurity Officer (Plants)  
Stan Pillar

**Minutes**

The minutes of the 144<sup>th</sup> meeting, held on 17 November 2009, were confirmed.

**Carolyn Theiler**

Carolyn Theiler is moving to Auckland, so has resigned from the Group. Carolyn has done fantastic work in the Park over the years and will be greatly missed.

**WCC Items**

Debris Trap and Rock Repositioning – Amber Bill advised in an email that GW says the debris trap may be a barrier to fish species with limited climbing ability (e.g., inanga/smelt) but the upstream habitat isn't really of high value for these species. So there may be limited benefit in trying to improve passage. GW hope to do a survey early this year to see if high value juveniles are present upstream. GW are concerned about other barriers further downstream, that may be more significant - could be included in the Kaiwharawhara estuary study, which extends up to the tidal limit at Wood's Waste. Climbing rope trials for fish passage look hopeful. The next month allowed for silt removal in the Consent is March. Joby Mills will follow this up with Sam Lister.

**Joby Mills**

Willows Across Stream – The tree team have agreed to remove these - no date set yet. **Joby Mills**

Gulch below Hanover St entrance – David Halliday will organise a water-disperser made from rip-rap rock within the gulch. **Joby Mills**

Bridge Foundation Undermining – David Halliday is organising repair/gabions at the undermined foundations for bridges 4 and 5. He visited these with a contractor yesterday. **Joby Mills/David Halliday**

Work on Railway Land – Permission Letter from Ontrack – Amber Bill is still waiting for Ontrack written confirmation of permission for weed removal and tree planting on railway land by the streams. **Amber Bill**

Memorandum of Understanding – Following discussions WCC/TPG, TPG have only minor comments on the draft MOU. David Grace will send a copy to Rosemary Balantine Scott of HPPA prior to the imminent HPPA meeting. He will then send our comments to Leicester Cooper. **David Grace**

Health and Safety A draft park-wide Health and Safety Assessment form has been filled in and sent to Joby Mills - comments awaited. **Joby Mills.**

Weeds from Past Ngaio Gorge Road Work - The previous excavated areas are infested by weeds, particularly buddleia. These will act as a seed source for spread further into the park. The weeds need to be replaced by tree planting, suitable for the steep slope and mesh on the surface. **Joby Mills**

Weed Trees along the Valley - Buddleia and willow is emerging in various places along the valley - needs a cutting/poisoning sweep. **Joby Mills/Justin McCarthy**

Water Pepper Infestation - What is thought to be water pepper is taking hold of the mulched plantings done at the conclusion of the new sewer work leading down from Waikowhai St to bridge 1. A sample was handed to Joby Mills to pass on to Justin McCarthy, with a request for information on how to eradicate this without affecting the planting. Apparently it is a problem in the Waikanae area. **Joby Mills/Justin McCarthy**

Sewer Pipe Relining - Joby Mills is monitoring this work closely (upstream of bridge 1 on the Ngaio side) to avoid damage to valuable plantings. **Joby Mills**

Picnic Tables at Magazine Site - Peter Reimann will write to WCC/Ontrack to thank them for the excellent picnic tables just installed. **Peter Reimann**

Dog Poo - People leaving poo bags at park entrances is a problem. **Joby Mills**

## GW Items

Weed Spraying Update (as advised by Megan Banks) -

- Tradescantia: spraying in gorge between bridges 5 and 6, and around the scout hall has been done, with a March 2010 follow-up.
- Follow-up spray of previous areas where necessary (from Waikowhai St to the gorge and bridge 6 to the bottom entrance) - yet to be done.
- The contractor has been advised of the tradescantia below the Waikowhai St entrance
- Japanese honeysuckle: in area above the gorge between bridges 5 and 6 and below Hanover Street to the rail track (cut/spray completed, with follow-up in March 2010).
- The contractor for the above 4 items is David Williams of GSL.
- Mark McAlpine has completed work on the tradescantia at Trelissick Cres.
- Climbing asparagus: dig out and remove (with in-tact tubers) above historic site, between bridges 5 and 6 and below Hanover Street – contract not organised yet.

Wetland Symposium - GW is sponsoring 20 people to the National Wetland Trust 2010 Wetland symposium on 3-5 March in Rotorua. See Peter Reimann for more information.

GW Environmental Awards – Peter Reimann has contacted 3 local schools about use of the \$500 prize money for environmental projects. Ngaio School has responded to date [visited Thurs 4th]. **Peter Reimann**

## Plants/Planting

Honda Tree Fund Plants for 2010 – The 1,000 riparian grasses/sedges/rushes will be delivered to 51 Heke St, Ngaio in July. All will be in root trainers, except the toetoe in pb3s. These are for planting along ephemeral streams, at stormwater outlets, on stream banks and on the open patch below the debris trap (recently sprayed for montbretia).

DoC Community Conservation Fund - The streamside area on railway land down from bridge 5 has been cut and sprayed and is ready for planting. Some minor blackberry re-growth has been grubbed out. All 1150 plants have been delivered in root trainers and re-potted to pb3 bags/pots. Some mulch has been carried to the site. Peter Reimann has submitted the first progress report to DoC. A group of 10 - 12 from AIG Insurance, arranged through Volunteer Wellington, are coming on Thursday 11 March to do the first planting.

WCC Allocation - Delivery of the requested 500 plants has been requested for Tuesday 13 July at Trelissick Cres. These will be 350 standard revegetation species and 150 canopy (heritage/podocarp) species.

Home Nursery - the 3 home nurseries have a variety of species to supplement the above. In particular, at least 50 lemonwood will be used for the railway site below bridge 5, in place of the 50 wineberry that were unavailable from Taupo Native Plant Nursery.

## Oban St Track Funding

David Grace has discussed possibilities with David Halliday (WCC), Barry Durrant, Andy Hollings and Jono Baddiley. David Grace's text for a survey of locals about the need for a track was agreed. This will go into HPPA's annual newsletter and onto Wadestown Resident's website. **David Grace**

## Animal Pest Control

Bait is still being emptied consistently from several bait stations – probably by rats, which are still being caught in the mustelid traps. Since September 2008, 31 mustelids and 1 hedgehog have been caught in the 14 traps. All eggs have been replaced with empty (blown) eggs (thanks Marilyn Hester).

GW has obtained a TPG volunteer sign-off of their health and safety guidelines for bait stations and traps.

## Project Kaiwharawhara

Next meeting: Wednesday 10 March at Otari Wilton's Bush Visitor Centre at 5.30 PM. Items will include "Halo" projects in the catchment, Year of Biodiversity update and a talk on the Kaiwharawhara Estuary Scoping Paper by Boffa Miskell.

## Kaiwharawhara Estuary/Reclamation

The scoping paper, funded by GW has been completed by Boffa Miskell. Now that funding has been obtained from WCC, the Kaiwharawhara Estuary and reclamation scoping study by Boffa Miskell will be proceeding, based on the scoping paper. This will examine options for restoration and access, in conjunction with the proposed Great Harbour cycling/walking track and Sanctuary to the Sea track. Support is being sought from ministers and Centreport. **Frances Lee**

The replacement Project Kaiwharawhara sign (less vulnerable to damage from trucks) has been installed.

## Environment Court

### **Kilmarston Developments**

No further advice of any resolution of NPA and Frank McGuire's appeals.

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

The Environment Court hearing commenced on 1 February. Peter Reimann will speak to TPG evidence on 2 February.

### **Submissions**

Plan Change 70 – Earthworks – Peter Reimann spoke to TPG submission late last year.

WCC Dog Control Policy – The Dog policy now allows unleashed but under control dogs on all tracks in the park. WCC say they are reviewing signage and excrement provisions.

### **Correspondence**

#### Emails

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

Environmental awards ceremony	(GW)
Health and Safety Guide for Volunteers	Joby Mills (WCC)
Human birds programme	Jo Fagan (GW)
Bulk potting mix	Wayne Sio (The Bark Farm)
Tawa Bush Telegraph	Allan Todd (Friends of Tawa Bush)
Plant order, delivery, invoicing	Helen Gillies (Taupo Native Plant Nursery)
Earthworks DPC70 oral submission	Lauren Neale (WCC)
Asiatic knotweed	Justin McCarthy (WCC), Megan Banks/Darryl Kee (GW)
Environmental leadership awards photos	Robyn Smith (GW)
Support for funding for booklet on Matiu-Somes Island	Steve Gentry
Donation of prize money from GW leadership award	Liz Millar/Kristin Sheppard (Ngaio School), Sue Ryan (Crofton Downs Primary School), Rosemarie Ellis (St Benedict's School)
TPG pamphlet	Joby Mills (WCC)
Article in "Northern Courier" about GW environmental leadership award	Jamie Melbourne (Northern Courier)
Project Kaiwharawhara sign at estuary	Robyn Smith (GW)
Trelissick Park map	Joby Mills (WCC) and John Foden
Invoice for cutting/spraying blackberry	Wayne Hawkins (Wayne Hawkins Contracting)
Plant order	Steven Peters/Joby Mills (WCC)
Honda Treefund plants	Robyn Smith (GW)
GW environmental leadership award	Katrina Shanks (MP) and 27 others
Kaiwharawhara estuary study and funding	Celia Wade-Brown (WCC), Boydon Evans/Katie Bailey (Boffa Miskell), Amber Bill/Jenny Rains (WCC), Peter Dunne (MP), and others
Stormwater gulch below Hanover St	Joby Mills (WCC)
Ngaio Gorge Road strengthening	Scott Kirkland (WCC)
Ontrack Christmas barbecue	Tiana Warren (Ontrack), Joby Mills (WCC)
Take Care annual report	Robyn Smith (GW)
Response to dog policy submission	Aroha Rangi (WCC)
Volunteer projects	Judy Kerr (Volunteer Wellington)
International Year of Biodiversity	Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)
Tent in park, container at Waikowhai St entrance, clearing debris trap	Joby Mills (WCC), Sam Lister (Capacity)
Tree planting below Ngaio Gorge Road	Mary Munro/Julia Williams (NPA)
Community Conservation Fund report, 2nd invoice	Katrina Edwards (DoC)
Karori Sanctuary celebrations	Alan Dicks (Zealandia)
Removal of willows across stream	Joby Mills (WCC)
Memorandum of Understanding draft	Joby Mills & Leicester Cooper (WCC)
Friends of Ohiro Stream newsletter	Janet Campbell & Paul Blashke
Project Kaiwharawhara meeting	Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)
Properties next to Huntleigh Park - DPC61 Environment Court hearing	Andrew Hazelton (Hazelton Law), Debra Gainey (Ministry of Justice), Gordon Purdie,
Sewer pipe repairs below Waikowhai St	Joby Mills (WCC)
IAG Insurance visit	Judy Kerr (Volunteer Wellington)

#### Letters

#### Inwards

- Jo Fagan (GW) - Promotional Care Group Flyers
- Murray Waititi (GW) - Parks and forests management plans review - Stage 1 - invitation to comment
- David Benham (GW) - Kilmarnock Developments Limited - concerns over resource consent process
- Elizabeth Hedgley (NPA) - Change of secretary to Mrs Robin White
- Newsletters - Parks Community (GW), Volunteer Wellington, Otari Wilton's Bush Trust, Wellington Botanical Society
- Charles Chauvel (MP) - Congratulations for GW environmental leadership award
- GW - Volunteers - H & S Guidelines for bait stations and traps
- Evidence concerning Environment Court programme on DPC61 appeal (properties adjacent Huntleigh Park) from: DLA Phillips Fox (for WCC), Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves
- Joseph Buckton (Ministry of Justice) - Timetable for Environment Court evidence and hearing on DPC61 appeal (properties adjacent Huntleigh Park)
- J F McGuire (NPA) - copy of submission on WCC Plan Change 70 - Earthworks.

#### Outwards

- Charles Chauvel - Thanks for congratulations for GW environmental leadership award
- Katrina Edwards (DoC) - Community Conservation Fund Progress Report at 24 January 2010, and 2nd invoice.

### **Finance**

The bank balance as at 31 December was \$335.04.

#### Incoming

\$2,025 was received from DoC in November 2009, as the initial payment for the DoC Community Conservation Fund, as per the Deed of Grant. An invoice has just been submitted for the second scheduled payment of \$1,812. The final payment of \$500, will be due on completion (about October 2010). The total of the CCF is the sum of these: **\$4,337**.

Peter Reimann paid TPG \$1,800 as a bridging loan to supplement the \$2,025 received from DoC, to allow payment of the contractors/suppliers for DoC Community Conservation Fund work listed under "outgoing" below.

#### Outgoing

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| • 27/11/09 | The Bark farm (1.5m <sup>3</sup> bulk potting mix)      | \$357.19   |
| • 30/11/09 | Taupo Native Plant Nursery (plants)                     | \$1,657.13 |
| • 8/12/09  | Wayne Hawkins Contracting (blackberry cutting/spraying) | \$2,025.00 |
| • 8/12/09  | Taupo Native Plant Nursery (plants)                     | \$147.38   |

Because Taupo Native Plant Nursery could not supply the 50 wineberry requested, Peter Reimann incurred extra nursery costs to propagate/on-grow substitutes (lemonwood). In addition, there were "other expenses" as part of the "funds contributed by the Group" in the funding application. These were:

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| • 12 bags Results compost    | \$60.00 |
| • 5 pots Osmocote fertiliser | \$69.85 |

The total of the above outgoings is **\$4,316.55**

TPG has applied to DoC to have these "other expenses" included in the CCF fund, as the total of \$4,316.55 is still lower than the \$4,337 granted. No other expenses for the DoC work are expected.

Peter Reimann incurred the following home nursery and other expenses, aside from the DoC work:

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| • 3 bags of potting mix                   | \$39.96 |
| • Photocopying, biscuits, Christmas cards | \$27.02 |

Payment to Peter Reimann for the above home nursery and other expenses of \$196.83 was approved. Reimbursement by TPG of \$1,800 will also be made as soon as the 2nd DoC payment comes through.

### **Other**

New Secretary – Peter Reimann is initiating enquiries for a new secretary from the mailing list and via Volunteer Wellington - draft text for advertisement agreed subject to minor comments. **Peter Reimann**

Balsam - Bill Hester, with occasional help from others, has completed a sweep of the entire valley, pulling out balsam before it seeds. He intends a follow-up shortly.

Park Name - Some options for more descriptive names discussed.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meetings are to be at **9:30 a.m. Tuesday 6 April** and **Tuesday 8 June** Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 86 Khandallah Road.

The meeting concluded at 11.35 a.m.