

**Trelissick Park Group: Minutes of the 147<sup>th</sup> meeting, held at Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday 8 Jun 2010**

**Abbreviations:**

WCC	Wellington City Council
GW	Greater Wellington Regional Council
NPA	Ngaio Progressive Association
HPPA	Highland Park Progressive Association
DoC	Department of Conservation
MfE	Ministry for the Environment
TPG	Trelissick Park Group

Square brackets – subsequent to meeting or other relevant information.

**Members Present**

Peter Reimann (chair)	David Grace
Frances Lee	Stan Pillar
Dorothy Douglass	Barry Durrant

**In Attendance**

Robyn Smith, GW Team Leader, Community Environmental Projects

**Apologies**

Andy Foster, Wellington City Councillor	John Morrison, Wellington City Councillor
Megan Banks, GW Biosecurity Officer (Plants)	Joby Mills, WCC Ranger

**Minutes**

The minutes of the 146<sup>th</sup> meeting, held on 6 April 2010, were confirmed.

**WCC Items**

Gulch below Hanover St entrance – David Halliday has organised a water-disperser made from rip-rap rock within the gulch. This has not washed away yet. However, it does not address the safety issue of someone falling into it.

First Aid Course - Peter Reimann, as the "Community Group Coordinator" designated in the Memorandum of Understanding will be attending a first aid course later in the month.

Health and Safety - Following the park walk-through review by Joby Mills/Peter Reimann, the final park-wide Health and Safety Assessment form [has been prepared by Joby and will be sent]. **Joby Mills.**

Ngaio Gorge Road Work -

- Infill planting has been arranged below wall 8 by WCC via Joby Mills.
- Work on wall 6 has started. David Grace and Peter Reimann inspected this on 3 June - no issues. A fabric fence to prevent debris falling into the park is in place.

Branch-out Newsletter - Trina Saffioti of WCC advised recipients advised by TPG were inadvertently left off the mailing list - copies to be sent shortly.

Dog Litter Bins/Signs - WCC [has arranged for bins at the two Ngaio Gorge Road entrances, to be installed in July, and is trying to get another for the Waikowhai Street entrance. Citi-Ops will be responsible for emptying them. Joby Mills has pictograms to install around the park]. **Joby Mills**

**GW Items**

Take Care Fund Application - TPG application was successful for 3 years of funding for a "careful sprayer" (continuation of the last two year's work by Mark McAlpine) for tradescantia and montbretia, also home nursery expenses (\$1,500/annum). Robyn Smith advised bagged potting mix can be ordered through her.

Peter Reimann will provide a list of areas for Mark to spray to Megan Banks. These could then be reviewed in a walk-through with Megan Banks and Mark McAlpine, ensuring also there is no clash with the larger GW/WCC funded spraying contract (see under "Weed Control" below). **Peter Reimann**

Take Care Celebration and Planting Day, Queen Elizabeth Park - 13 August, for care groups and the public - all invited.

Restoration Day - a successful day on 22 May at Silverstream - attended by 4 from TPG.

Community Max Work - This Labour Department scheme provided a small team and supervisor for hand weeding below the car park half-way up the Ngaio Gorge Road.

GW Environmental Awards – Ngaio School advise that the final design for the propagation hut built from recycled material is expected this school term.

"Encore" Award - Robyn Smith recommended that TPG apply for an "Encore" award for the group. **Peter Reimann**

**Weed Control**

Last Year's Contract - GSL (David Williams)

- Reparations for spray damage entail cutting then spraying streamside blackberry on railway land opposite the track junction about 20 m downstream from Wightwick's Field and between bridges 3 and 4. This will allow restoration of these areas next year. The cutting has been done, with spraying to come [in spring] and follow up later as necessary.
- Japanese honeysuckle in area above the gorge between bridges 5 and 6 and below Hanover Street to the rail track has also been sprayed, which completes the combined work for this year.

#### Plans for next financial year

- There are another 3 years [at least] of jointly funded GW/WCC spraying work at a slightly reduced budget of \$8,000/annum. This will avoid planted areas (left for Take Care funded "careful sprayer" follow-up). [The plan is to concentrate on some of the more difficult tradescantia areas, eg those needing abseilers on cliffs, and Japanese honeysuckle spraying follow-up. They also want to spray the Mexican daisy around the fish ladder area (with Round-up, which does not affect fish/invertebrate life). They will also consider the buddleia below the Ngaio Gorge Road, but in general want to concentrate on the ground-cover/climbing weeds, rather than the woody weeds, to give natural seedling regeneration a chance. Justin McCarthy also plans to spray old man's beard, which includes some in the park, and more Asiatic knotweed appearing in the lower valley]. **Megan Banks/Justin McCarthy**

#### **Plants/Planting**

Honda Tree Fund Plants for 2010 – The 1,000 riparian grasses/sedges/rushes have been delivered. These are being planted, especially on the open "flood plain" below the debris trap. Robyn Smith advised the funds available for the next round have decreased.

DoC Community Conservation Fund - About [1,000] trees have been planted on the streamside area on railway land down from bridge 5 - another 100 trees will probably fit, leaving another 100 surplus to be planted elsewhere.

WCC Allocation - Delivery of the requested 500 plants has been requested for Tuesday 13 July at Trelissick Crescent. 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.

#### **Oban St Track Funding**

David Grace is conducting a survey via HPPA newsletter and letterbox drop of the need for a track by the locals. So far, 60 have said they would use the track, 40 more than once per month. More survey areas are to be done. **David Grace**

Barry Durrant has a straightforward route for the track and several suggestions for the bridge location. The major obstacle is the route past the houses from the street (even though there is a right of way). Once impediments are resolved, a fenced set of steps would be needed. Barry will contact Andy Foster to see if a meeting on site can be arranged to discuss how to overcome this obstacle. **Barry Durrant**

David Halliday has advised that there should be an approved track maintenance plan and [following experience with a track at Fort Buckley] a geotechnical report.

#### **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, 38 mustelids and 5 hedgehogs have been caught in the 15 traps. Empty (blown) eggs are successfully catching animals.

Rabbits are destroying some new plantings below Trelissick Crescent and on the new railway riparian site below bridge 5 (karamu, koromiko, cabbage tree, kowhai and lancewood). Bruce Brewer of GW advises that some extermination may occur soon, in conjunction with similar problem at Crofton Downs

#### **Project Kaiwharawhara**

The minutes of the last meeting are awaited. **Myfanwy Emeny**

Myfanwy is still pursuing with the Victoria University lecturer the hydrological survey of the Kaiwharawhara catchment, but as this would be done on a voluntary basis, this is somewhat difficult. **Myfanwy Emeny**

Myfanwy advises that the land at the top of Silverstream Road is still owned by Pavan Land Ltd, according to WCC records.

There has been considerable discussion about a mural on the pump station building at the lower end of Kaiwharawhara Road.

#### **Kaiwharawhara Estuary/Reclamation**

The scoping study by Boffa Miskell is proceeding. CentrePort have yet to confirm additional funding. The services contract with Boffa Miskell has not been signed yet pending resolution of some aspects in the document. **Frances Lee**

#### **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 decision could mean up to six new household units, if implemented.

WCC has prepared a revised Plan Change in accordance with the decision and parties are responding. WCC is responding to these.

## Correspondence

### Emails

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

Spray damage audit	Megan Banks (GW), Justin McCarthy (WCC)
Safety assessment walk	Joby Mills (WCC)
Youth Environment Forum visit	Joan Fernandez (MfE)
Community website seminar	Joel Umali (Wellington ICT Director)
Helicopter for lifting trees	Joby Mills (WCC)
Best wishes	Jamie Melbourne (Northern Courier - now moved to Capital Times)
Honda Treefund delivery	Robyn Smith (GW)
Collection of large rubber drain pipe	Alex MacIver (Ontrack)
Honda Treefund delivery	Wayne Turner (Department of Corrections), Robyn Smith (GW)
Old man's beard infestation	Justin McCarthy (WCC), Megan Banks (GW)
DomPost article	Kiran Chug (Dompost)
Restoration Day	Shelley Martin (GW)
Working bee participation	Rachel Davis (St Benedict's School)
Trelissick Park in the 1940s	George Fink
ACC visit to work in park	Karen Munro (ACC)
Before and after photos for Take Care celebration	Robyn Smith (GW)
Surplus milk cartons for Otari nursery	Rewi Elliott (WCC)
Heritage in the environment walk	Murray Pillar (Onslow Historical Society)
First aid course	Brian Thomas (WCC)
Branch-out e-newsletter	Trina Saffiotti (WCC)
Dog issues	Joby Mills/Richard Natusch/John Morrison (WCC)
Access to Ontrack land above magazine building	Alex MacIver (Ontrack)
Take Care fund success and spraying coordination	Joby Mills/Justin McCarthy (WCC), Megan Banks (GW)
Photos of stormwater drain issuing into filled gulch	Joby Mills/David Halliday (WCC)
Reports on possum bait stations and rabbit problems	Bruce Brewer (GW)
Debris trap clearance	Sam Lister (Capacity)
Tawa Bush Telegraph	Allan Todd (Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves)
Bells Track Group - winding up and tools	John Foden (Bells Track Group), Joby Mills (WCC)
Gorge Gazette feedback	Kristin Sheppard (Ngaio School), Katrina Edwards (DoC), Jack Ruben, Andy Foster/John Morrison (WCC) and others
Contact for Schools poster competition for Restoration Day	Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)
Rubbish removal	Joby Mills (WCC)
Oban track support and issues	Andy Foster/Paul Andrews/John Morrison/David Halliday (WCC)
Community Max team to work in park	Megan Banks/Robyn Smith (GW), Justin McCarthy (WCC)
Working bee update	Jo Fagan (GW)
Ngaio Gorge Road work	Siva Arumugam (Opus)
Kaiwharawhara estuary/reclamation	Paul Bruce (GW), Celia Wade-Brown (WCC), Boyden Evans/Katie Bailey (Boffa Miskell), Jo Cook (CentrePort), Rosemary Balantine-Scott (HPPA), Peter Dunne (MP)
Friends of Owhiro Stream newsletter	Janet Campbell (Friends of Owhiro Stream)
Project Kaiwharawhara minutes, Pavan land, Year of Biodiversity, hydrological survey	Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)
Filling in of gulch below Hanover Street with rock	Joby Mills/David Halliday (WCC)
Appreciation of TPG work	Jock Fleming
Graffiti removal	Joby Mills
Friends of Owhiro Stream planting day 12 June	Janet Campbell (Friends of Owhiro Stream)
2010 "Encore" Environmental Awards	Robyn Smith (GW)
Decision on District Plan Change 70 - Earthworks	Lauren Neal (WCC)

## Letters

### Inwards

- Newsletters - Volunteer Wellington, Otari Wilton's Bush Trust
- Office of Transport Minister Steven Joyce - not supporting at this stage Kaiwharawhara estuary and reclamation study due to internal issues within the Ministry, but providing useful contact details
- David Bishop (DoC) - Answers on land ownership questions
- Libby Masterton (MfE) - Thanks for TPG assistance with Youth Environment Forum
- Robyn Smith (GW) - Take Care Funding application success
- Katrina Shanks (MP) - Invitation to morning tea on 25 June at 2 Broderick Road, Johnsonville to celebrate Volunteer Awareness Week - all invited, RSVP by 18 June
- Volunteer Wellington - invitation to celebrate Nikau Foundation Corporate Challenge 2010 and Volunteer Awareness Week, 5.30 to 7.30 PM, 21 June - various speakers including Tariana Turia (MP), KPMG, Level 9, 10 Customhouse Quay. RSVP to Judy Kerr by 15 June, ph: 499 4572
- Follow-on from Environment Court Decision on appeals concerning Plan Change 61 (properties adjacent to Huntleigh Park):
  - DLA Phillips Fox - WCC revised Plan Change
  - DLA Phillips Fox - WCC response to suggested amendments from 6 parties and resulting revised Plan Change
  - Morrison and Kent - 2 memoranda of counsel for Hingston and Stockwell
  - IzardWeston - memorandum of counsel for Kellys
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### Outwards

- Office of Transport Minister Steven Joyce - thanks for Kaiwharawhara estuary and reclamation study letter
- Robyn Smith (GW) - thanks for Take Care Funding
- Ann Neill - thanks for plants
- David Bishop (DoC) - thanks for information on estuary/reclamation land ownership

## **Finance**

The bank balance as at 4 May was \$322.56.

Many thanks to Deidre Burke for the \$85.39 subscription to Freeparking.co.nz (associated with the TPG website) as a donation.

## **Other**

Ontrack Access - David Grace has organised access to the barrier on the bridge by the magazine building, for access to the planting on railway land.

Heritage Walk - Carolyn Theiler and Peter Reimann are taking a group from the Onslow Historical Society through the park on 26 June, associated with heritage in the environment, to supplement a talk by Maria Archer and Nicci Woods of WCC on 22 June (7.45 PM at Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange) about urban effects on the streams in the Kaiwharawhara Stream catchment.

Seat for Open Area between Bridges 4 and 5 - Peter Reimann will check the terms of the railway land lease and then ask WCC for prices for a seat or bench. **Peter Reimann**

## **Next Meeting**

The next meetings are to be at **9:30 a.m. Tuesday 3 August, Tuesday 5 October**, Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 86 Khandallah Road.

The meeting concluded at 11.45 a.m.