

Trelissick Park Group: Minutes of the 148th meeting, held at Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday 3 Aug 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

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| Peter Reimann (chair) | Stan Pillar |
| Frances Lee | Barry Durrant |
| Dorothy Douglass | Olaf John |

In Attendance

Joby Mills, WCC Ranger

Apologies

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| David Grace | John Morrison, Wellington City Councillor |
| Justin McCarthy, WCC Pest Plant Officer | |

Minutes

The minutes of the 147th meeting, held on 8 June 2010, were confirmed.

WCC Items

Dog Litter Bins/Signs - WCC has installed bins at the two Ngaio Gorge Road entrances. Citi-Ops are responsible for emptying them. Joby Mills has installed pictograms at park entrances.

Some dog littering problems are still occurring throughout the park, as reported by a volunteer, but it is no doubt the bins have helped. If they are seen to be overflowing, WCC should be advised (499 4444). They needed to be at the entrances for ready vehicle access for service.

A range of other dog control issues was discussed, various members of TPG having diverging views. As a wilderness park, Trelissick Park is not analogous to nearby Otari Wilton's Bush, where more strict dog control regime/signage are employed. It was concluded that education rather than policing is the preferred approach. To this end, apart from talking to dog users on site, a newspaper article was suggested, covering the dog control philosophy for the park, what WCC have done (bins and pictograms), owner's responsibility for dog control/not littering and effects on other users, particularly children. **David Grace**

Joby Mills was thanked for the considerable efforts he has made with these complicated issues.

Spraying near Track Entrances - Marilyn Hester recently found out that the sprayers were working from out-of-date maps. Joby Mills provided WCC's spraying map for TPG to mark updates. **Peter Reimann**

Seat on Railway Land - WCC have advised prices for a seat or bench on the grassy area between bridges 4 and 5. Donations have been requested. Words for the plaque are to be composed and the final location (to catch the winter sun) is to be agreed with Barry Durrant/Joby Mills. **David Grace/Frances Lee**

Peter Reimann is to mark up a map showing the location for Dorothy Douglass, for the forthcoming HPPA meeting, in order to solicit more donations. **Peter Reimann/Dorothy Douglass**

Ngaio Gorge Road Strengthening - Joby Mills advised that many trees have now been planted at the previous strengthening site - Peter Reimann to view. **Peter Reimann**

Reserves Classification - Following an earlier WCC reserve classification exercise, Mike Oates (WCC) has said another exercise will be introduced later this year. After a discussion with him, he suggested the Group resubmit its letters of 2005 and 2007 regarding both reserve classification and relevant changes to District Plan maps relating to the Park. **Frances Lee**.

GW Items

Weed Spraying Update - Peter Reimann has provided a marked up map of tradescantia areas to Megan Banks and Justin McCarthy. They are working on a new contract for plant pest control.

Take Care Fund - Thanks to Robyn Smith for arranging potting mix deliveries (20 bags). The marked up map above shows possible areas for Mark McAlpine to spray for tradescantia. Megan Banks to advise whether a walk-through with Mark is required and when he will start. **Megan Banks**

Take Care Celebration and Planting Day, Queen Elizabeth Park - 15 August, for care groups and the public - all invited.

"Encore" Award - It was decided that if David Grace is willing, he could draft an application for an "Encore" award for the group (closes 20 August). **David Grace/Peter Reimann**

Natural Resources Workshop - TPG has been invited to a workshop on managing the region's natural resources. Dorothy Douglass is attending one on behalf of HPPA. Peter Reimann will confer with David

Grace about attendance, eg the one at Karori Community Centre on Wednesday 8 September at 7 PM. **David Grace/Peter Reimann**

Resource Consent Application - Stormwater Discharge - WCC has applied to GW for a resource consent to discharge stormwater and contaminants into the Coastal Marine Area for a 10 year period. Open streams such as the Kaiwharawhara, Owhiro and Ngauranga were not covered by the application. [TPG lodged a submission on 5 August asking for these streams to be included and generally opposing such discharges for up to 10yrs, specifically into the harbour].

Plants/Planting

[So far plants have been received from the Honda Tree Fund (1,000), DoC Community Conservation Fund (1,200). Most of these, along with some hundreds from home nurseries, have been planted during working bees, by corporate and volunteer groups/individuals.]

TPG recorded thanks to WCC for the successful delivery of 500 plants and for planting a further 500 down-hill from the Kaiwharawhara Road entrance.

Oban St Track Funding

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). Barry has met Andy Foster on site to look at the route and associated issues. Andy wants to meet TPG and HPPA to discuss the next steps. [Arranged for Thursday 12 August at Dorothy Douglass' house at 4.30 PM].

David Grace has been talking to potential architects/engineers for the bridge. Barry tabled photographs of DoC standard bridges - a suitable one would cost about \$1,000/metre.

The survey of potential users in Highland Park/Wadestown conducted by David Grace gave the following results: [56 questionnaires returned, 54 households positive, 2 opposed. Of the 54, 63 people would use it frequently and 65 occasionally. The population in the area surveyed is fairly static at just under 3,500].

Animal Pest Control

Bait is still being emptied consistently from several bait stations – probably by rats. Since September 2008, 41 mustelids and 5 hedgehogs have been caught in the 15 traps. Usage of empty (blown) eggs has been endorsed by Bruce Brewer of GW, though Barry Durrant is not convinced, the catch being lower recently.

Rabbits are destroying some new plantings below Trelissick Crescent and on the new railway riparian site below bridge 5. Protectors have been put around vulnerable species and other species substituted. Bruce Brewer of GW advises that some extermination may occur soon, in conjunction with a similar problem at Crofton Downs. **Bruce Brewer**

Project Kaiwharawhara

Meeting Wednesday 4 August at Otari Wilton's Bush visitor centre, 5.30 PM.

Kaiwharawhara Estuary/Reclamation

After some delay, CentrePort confirmed additional funding of \$15,000 by letter dated 20 July but subject to conditions which are still being examined together with Boffa Miskell. We were asked to sign-off our agreement to these conditions. These delays have meant the earlier project completion of May/June will not be met. A new time-line is being prepared. Frances attended a meeting with NZ Transport Agency to express our interest in its proposal to have a fourth lane on the motorway adjacent to the reclamation (some of it on the shoulder of the motorway). **Frances Lee**

Environment Court

Kilmarston Developments

No further advice of any resolution of NPA and Frank McGuire's appeals. NPA have written to the Environment Court requesting the Court to set a hearing date to resolve the 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, though it is unlikely all of these will proceed).

WCC has prepared a revised Plan Change.

District Plan Change 46 - Subdivision Design Guide

Woodridge Estate Ltd and Lincolnshire Farm Ltd appealed regarding the WCC Subdivision Design Guide. TPG became a Section 274 party to the appeal, supporting WCC concerning minimising earthworks and protection of streams, watercourses, wetlands and aquatic habitats. WCC officers and the appellants have reached agreement on amended wording to resolve the appeal. WCC have asked for comments from TPG by Wednesday 11 August.

The amended wording represents a reduction of requirements but retains the original intent. It was suggested that the TPG response should request assiduous monitoring during implementation (often neglected in the past). Frances Lee will review the amended wording for any additional comments. **Frances Lee**

Correspondence

Emails

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

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| Walks in the park | Sarah Grant, Joby Mills (WCC), Mary Munro (NPA) |
| Work in the park | Ray (Global Volunteer Network) |
| Environmental education | Kate Day (Cashmere Avenue School) |
| Areas for Mark McAlpine to spray | Justin McCarthy (WCC), Megan Banks (GW) |
| Potting mix delivery | Robyn Smith (GW) |
| War on weeds talk | Jo Fagan (GW) |
| Secretary for Group | Judy Kerr (Volunteer Wellington), Clare Green |
| Plant delivery | Joby Mills (WCC) |
| Mustelid trap eggs | Bruce Brewer (GW) |
| 10 years of Take Care celebration | Catherine Wylde/Michelle Groves (GW) |
| Incident form | Joby Mills (WCC) |
| Restoration Day records | Max Barnett (DoC) |
| Working bee participation | Rachel Davis (St Benedict's School) |
| Appeal, District Plan Change 46 | Brett McKay (WCC) |
| ACC visit to work in park | Karen Munro (ACC) |
| Spot in park | Amanda |
| Bait station reporting/bait | Bruce Brewer (GW) |
| Heritage in the environment walk | Murray Pillar (Onslow Historical Society) |
| First aid course | Brian Thomas (WCC) |
| Branch-out e-newsletter | Karen London (WCC) |
| Weed spraying by track entrances | Joby Mills/John Curran (WCC) |
| Tawa Bush Telegraph | Allan Todd (Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves) |
| Kaiwharawhara estuary/reclamation | Paul Bruce (GW), Celia Wade-Brown (WCC), Boyden Evans/Katie Bailey (Boffa Miskell), Jo Cook (CentrePort), Peter Dunne (MP), Amber Bill/Myfanwy Emeny (WCC), Jane Tronson (NZ Transport Agency) |
| Project Kaiwharawhara minutes | Myfanwy Emeny (WCC) |
| 2010 "Encore" Environmental Awards | Robyn Smith (GW), Bronwyn Bell (DoC) |

Letters

Inwards

- CentrePort - confirming additional funding for Kaiwharawhara estuary study
- Fran Wilde/Te Waari Carkeek (GW) - Workshop invitation - valuing our environment
- Amy Holden (GW) - Resource Consent Application - stormwater discharges
- Follow-on from Environment Court Decision on appeals concerning Plan Change 61 (properties adjacent to Huntleigh Park):
 - DLA Phillips Fox - WCC revised Plan Change
 - Morrison and Kent - memorandum of counsel for Hingston and Stockwell
 - Environment Court - decision.

Outwards

- Megan Banks (GW), Justin McCarthy (WCC) - marked up maps, showing areas for spraying
- Joby Mills (WCC) - Incident form (eye abrasion)
- Card for Mrs Wightwick on her husband's death on 28 July.

Finance

The bank balance as at 2 July was \$322.56.

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.

Poplar Trees below Crofton Downs Station - WCC planted these some years ago as a temporary measure for slope stabilisation. Native trees have since grown amongst the poplars. TPG will write to WCC suggesting removal of the poplars, before they become too big. **Peter Reimann**

Next Meeting

The next meetings are to be at **9:30 a.m. Tuesday 5 October, Tuesday 7 December**, Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 86 Khandallah Road.

The meeting concluded at 11.50 a.m.