

Trelissick Park Group: Minutes of the 149th meeting, held at Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday 5 Oct 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)	Stan Pillar
Frances Lee	Barry Durrant
Dorothy Douglass	Olaf John
David Grace	

In Attendance

Andy Foster, Wellington City Councillor

Apologies

Joby Mills, WCC Ranger John Morrison, Wellington City Councillor

Minutes

The minutes of the 148th meeting, held on 3 August 2010, were confirmed.

WCC Items

Follow-up of Items from Last Meeting:

Dog Litter Bins/Signs - The situation has improved, with less litter and the new rubbish bins being emptied regularly. David Grace said the *Independent Herald* had interviewed him for an article on the problem of dog droppings in the district. Trevor Lloyd of NPA has also been interviewed. No article yet.

Spraying near Track Entrances - Peter Reimann has provided a map marked up with areas to spray to Joby Mills, who has passed this on to John Curran.

Seat on Railway Land - Frances Lee advised that just over half the \$1400 price required by WCC had been received and that with her own contribution, an order could be placed with the council. 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**

Ngaio Gorge Road Strengthening - The work is expected to be completed by the end of October (some difficulties with piling) - a bit late for planting. The grassed area further down the road will need to be cleared of gravel. **David Grace**

Peter Reimann asked Scott Kirkland to pass on to the consultant/contractor TPG thanks for planting extra trees at the previous strengthening site, which he has done.

Reserves Classification - Mike Oates (WCC) has 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.**

Planting too Close to Tracks - Joby Mills has passed on an internal WCC email with photos of plantings deemed too close to track edges. Peter Reimann/David Grace will examine and discuss when Joby Mills returns. **Peter Reimann/David Grace**

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 - David Calcinae of Downer EDI, preferred for gun and abseil work, has been shown the work and a quotation is awaited

Take Care Fund - The marked up map above showing possible areas for Mark McAlpine to spray for tradescantia was used for a park walk-through with Megan Banks and Justin McCarthy, accompanied by Peter Reimann, Marilyn Hester and Carolyn Theiler. Megan subsequently took Mark McAlpine through this. He intends to spray the tradescantia areas marked up during October.

10 years of "Take Care" Celebration and Planting Day, Queen Elizabeth Park 15 August - Peter Reimann attended, also providing some display items. 10,000 trees were planted in less than 3 hours.

"Encore" Award - David Grace drafted an application for an "Encore" award for the group and took an adjudication group through the park with Marilyn Hester on 27 September. He said that Marilyn provided an excellent commentary.

Natural Resources Workshop - TPG was invited to a workshop on managing the region's natural resources. Peter Reimann participated in the one at Karori Community Centre on Wednesday 8 September. This is part

of GW's process of developing its next generation of plans, using a more integrated/consultative approach, combining non-regulatory and regulatory methods.

Plants/Planting

Planting for the year is virtually completed (about 3,000 plants). Final payment from DoC's Community Conservation Fund has been received. Twelve hundred plants went into 1000 sq m of cleared railway land.

Oban St Track

A meeting was held at Dorothy Douglass' house on Thursday 12 August with Andy Foster, Barry Durrant, Dorothy Douglass, John Shrapnell and Peter Reimann to discuss the next steps. Andy agreed to organise a letter with David Halliday to assist in discussions with the two households that the track would go past. This would advise that following the recent survey indicating support for the track, WCC approve in principle the construction of the track by TPG, supported by HPPA and Wadestown Resident's Association. The track would need to meet WCC requirements and standards, all to approval of David Halliday. WCC support the construction of the track and will assist where possible. The letter would be addressed to TPG, HPPA and Wadestown Resident's Association.

After discussion it was decided there should instead be a joint approach by WCC and TPG and that Barry Durrant should liaise with David Halliday, Andy Foster and others so that the proposed work could be fully explained to the householders. Barry Durrant will be implementing the track and bridge building, liaising with WCC. **Barry Durrant**

Animal Pest Control

Bait is still being emptied consistently from several bait stations – probably by rats. Since September 2008, 47 mustelids and 5 hedgehogs have been caught in the 15 traps.

Rabbits are still causing problems. Two were seen together on Wightwick's Field recently (male and female?). Bruce Brewer of GW advises that some extermination may occur soon, in conjunction with a similar problem at Crofton Downs. **Bruce Brewer**

A cage trap for rabbits might be feasible? **Peter Reimann/Bruce Brewer**

Project Kaiwharawhara

At the meeting on Wednesday 4 August Myfanwy Emeny outlined WCC work/plans on biodiversity related projects.

Kaiwharawhara Estuary/Reclamation

After some delay, CentrePort confirmed additional funding of \$15,000 by letter dated 20 July but subject to conditions. The study is now due to be completed early in 2011. Frances Lee will advise WCC about the delay.

Frances Lee and Peter Reimann met Robert Stone and Kerry Swadling of DoC to emphasise the importance of the marginal strip, which is under Crown ownership and not available for use by Centreport. This includes the sheltered/attractive beach at the northern side of the reclamation. Frances Lee has also met Interislander to discuss their ideas for the area in relation to the estuary. **Frances Lee**

Frances added that the general manager of Interislander has offered to have staff clean up rubbish in the estuary area.

Submissions

Resource Consent Application - Stormwater Discharge - WCC/Capacity have 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. It was subsequently discovered that the reason for the exclusion is that the application only applies to piped discharges directly into the marine area, not those via streams. Discharges into streams is already permitted, subject to conditions. [Frances Lee attended a pre-hearing meeting on 6 October].

Fish Poisoning - Zealandia has given notice that it has applied for resource consent from the Regional Council to introduce the poison rotenone into the upper lake and its tributaries. The work will be carried out in late summer by DOC. The intention is to remove introduced fish species, trout and perch. This is the first step in populating the park with native fish only. As many as possible will be trapped and held until the water is safe, and more will be introduced. Zealandia says rotenone is very effective and breaks down quickly. The upper lake will be sealed so that there is no discharge until the water is safe. A similar procedure is planned for the lower lake if the first operation succeeds. Peter Reimann said that TPG had not been asked to comment and permission had already been granted.

Environment Court

Kilmarston Developments

[NPA advise this is now awaiting resolution of a fencing issue raised by McGuire].

Correspondence

Emails

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

Tawa Bush Telegraph	Allan Todd (Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves)
Newsletter	Friends of Ohiro Stream
Nerwsletter	Otari Wilton's Bush Trust
Brochure holders	Joby Mills (WCC)
Areas for Mark McAlpine to spray	Megan Banks (GW)
Moving mustelid trap 3	Justin McCarthy (WCC)
Appeal District Plan Change 46	Brett Mckay (WCC)
Dog litter bins	Joby Mills (WCC)
Plant delivery	Joby Mills (WCC)
Fish eradication (Zealandia)	Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)
10 years of Take Care celebration	Catherine Wylde/Michelle Groves (GW)
Track erosion by upper sewer tunnel	Joby Mills (WCC)
Slip at Kaiwharawhara Stream tunnel exit	Joby Mills (WCC), Murray McLea (GW), Robin Simenaur
Working bee participation	Rachel Davis (St Benedict's School)
Debris trap clearing	Sam Lister (Capacity)
Thanks for trees below previous Ngaio Gorge work	Scott Kirkland (WCC)
Dislodged rocks on banks upstream of debris trap	Joby Mills (WCC)
Bait station reporting/bait	Bruce Brewer (GW)
Track hazard below Wightwick's Field	Joby Mills (WCC)
Draft report on estuaries in Wellington-Hawkes Bay Conservancy	Helen Kettle (DoC)
Restoration planning workshop	Matt Barnett (DoC)
Weed spraying by track entrances	Joby Mills/John Curran (WCC)
Otari events	John Shrapnell (Otari-Wilton's Bush Trust)
Kaiwharawhara estuary/reclamation	Boyden Evans/Katie Bailey (Boffa Miskell), David Bishop/Rob Stone/Kerry Swadling (DoC)
Plants from WCC	Joby Mills (WCC)
2010 "Encore" Environmental Awards	Matt Velde (GW), Bronwyn Bell (DoC)
Photos for Capital Times	Editor (Capital Times)
Oban Street track meeting and draft letter	Andy Foster
Natural Resources Workshops	regionalplan-workshop@gw.govt.nz
WCC agenda/paperwork electronically & web alerts	public.participation@wcc.govt.nz
Copy of Community Conservation Fund final report	Robyn Smith (GW)
Spraying programme	Megan Banks (GW)
Plantings too close to tracks	Joby Mills/Deane Virtue (WCC)
Pre-hearing meeting 6 October - stormwater discharge	Amy Holden (GW)
Free plants for community groups	Joby Mills (WCC)

Letters

Inwards

- 27 Aug: Boffa Miskell to CentrePort - proposing study area for Kaiwharawhara estuary and study context for the area (including the reclamation)
- 31 Aug: Stephanie Weller (DoC) - Effect of GST increase on invoices for Community Conservation Fund
- Taupo Native Plant Nursery - Catalogues
- 1 Sept: Follow-on from Environment Court Decision on appeals concerning Plan Change 61 (properties adjacent to Huntleigh Park) - further decision
- 9 Sept: Democratic Services (WCC) - WCC agenda/paperwork electronically & web alerts
- 15 Sept: Brian Sheppard (DoC) - Thanks for recent report and invoice concerning Community Conservation Fund
- 21 Sept: DoC - Remittance advice for final payment for Community Conservation Fund work on riparian railway land restoration
- 23 Sept: Barbara Franklin (WCC) - Grant for Kaiwharawhara estuary study report back due date reminder.
- 24 Sept: Environment Court - Decision on Costs concerning Plan Change 61 (properties adjacent to Huntleigh Park)
- 26 Sept: - Dorothy Douglass (HPPA) - \$100 donation for seat.

Outwards

- 5 Aug: Alistair Cross (GW) - Submission on discharge of stormwater and contaminants into the Coastal Marine Area for a 10 year period
- 20 Aug: Boyden Evans (Boffa Miskell) - Concern about delays on Kaiwharawhara estuary study

- 12 Sept: Katrina Edwards (DoC) - Community Conservation Fund - final report and invoice
- 13 Sept: Rob Stone (DoC) - Confirming/elaborating matters discussed at meeting 10 September about Kaiwarawhara estuary
- 4 Oct: Thomas Davis (Interislander), confirming/elaborating matters discussed at meeting 27 September about Kaiwharawhara Estuary.
- 4 Oct: HPPA - Thanks for donation for seat.

Finance

The bank balance as at 3 September was \$697.56. A further \$500 has come since then from DoC, as final funding payment for the railway riparian restoration and \$400 for the seat.

Other

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**

Parking at the lower entrance on Ngaio Gorge Road. David Grace said this was difficult and could be improved. Frances Lee said an idea to move the gate and install angle parking had been put to WCC some years ago, but was ruled impracticable..

Next Meeting

The next meetings are to be at **9:30 a.m. Tuesday 7 December, and Tuesday 8 February**, Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 86 Khandallah Road.

The meeting concluded at 11.20 a.m.