

Trelissick Park Group: Minutes of the 151st meeting, held at Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday 8 Feb 2011

Abbreviations:

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

Square brackets – subsequent to meeting or other relevant information.

Members Present

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

In Attendance

Joby Mills, WCC Ranger

Apologies

Deidre Burke	Justin McCarthy, WCC Pest Plant Officer
Megan Banks, GW Biosecurity Officer (Plants)	John Morrison, WCC Councillor
Robyn Smith, GW Team Leader, Community Environmental Projects	

Minutes

The minutes of the 150th meeting, held on 7 December 2010, were confirmed.

WCC Items

Seat on Railway Land - It is expected that the seat would be installed early in 2011. Frances Lee has now asked WCC to proceed.

A seat "unveiling" ceremony will be held, where the contributing parties could be acknowledged. Ontrack is also to be invited, as the seat is on land leased from them. Frances Lee will ask Barry Durrant about the Wadestown Residents Association donation. **Frances Lee**

Ngaio Gorge Road Strengthening Restoration - Peter Reimann has written to Scott Kirkland (WCC) to organise cutting/poisoning the buddleia/willows/weeds on the strengthened sites, prior to planting later in the year (see previous minutes). In Scott's absence, Allan Moul from WCC Infrastructure is following this up.

Scott Kirkland/Allan Moul

Poplar Trees below Crofton Downs Station - WCC planted these some years ago as a temporary measure for slope stabilisation. TPG has written to WCC suggesting removal of the poplars, before they become too big. Joby Mills has so far been unable to speak to anyone in Ontrack to see if they are happy for these to be removed now. **Joby Mills**

TransPower Pylon Foundation Upgrade - The pylon foundation next to the Northern Walkway below Trelissick Crescent is to be upgraded. Joby Mills has met TransPower on site. There should be no significant effects. A date for the work (planned for March) is to be advised. **Joby Mills**

Liquid Fuel Pipeline Upgrade (Tanks off Kaiwharawhara Road down to the Ferry Terminal) - Joby Mills has discussed the work with Exxon Mobil and Downer EDI and is waiting for a copy of their specification. He has also contacted the Body Shop, as their streamside plantings will be affected. Joby will provide TPG with a copy of the specification. **Joby Mills**

Once the specification is received, Frances Lee will advise Leigh Bull/Boyden Evans of Boffa Miskell, as this traverses some of the area covered by the Kaiwharawhara estuary/reclamation study they are doing.

Frances Lee

Track Erosion by Stream below Wightwick's Field - The track has been excavated to temporarily remove the hazard, but a more permanent measure such as a gabion, may be required in the future to protect the stream bank from erosion

Date for 500 Trees Delivery - Delivery early in autumn is preferred to give the plants a chance to establish themselves before winter and for organising a corporate group for planting. Joby Mills will advise date/time for delivery opp #19 Trelissick Cres, preferably to coincide with a working bee date (eg AM Tuesdays 15/3, 12/4, 10/5, 21/6). **Joby Mills**

Debris Trap/Fish Survey - In Alton Perrie's (GW) email to Amber Bill 15-12-09 (via Joby Mill's email 20-1-10) it was suggested that a fish survey should be carried out early in 2010 upstream of the debris trap to ensure fish are able to negotiate the debris trap. Peter Reimann will follow this up with Amber Bill **Peter Reimann**

Flax Yellow Leaf Disease - Peter Reimann accompanied Myfanwy Emeny, Nicky Oliver Smith and her off-sider around the park to survey the extent and effects of the flax yellow leaf disease. There is no remedy.

BNZ Closed for Good Volunteer Day - TPG has not received a response to the application for weeding/mulching on the park side of the carpark half-way up Ngaio Gorge Road in March. Peter Reimann will follow up. **Peter Reimann**

TPG Five-Year Plan - Following a meeting with Frances Lee, Peter Reimann will update the Plan (May 2009) **Peter Reimann**

Signage Upgrading - Joby Mills is upgrading northern walkway signage external to the park. After this he will upgrade bollards/pictograms in the park. He also has 3 pictograms for bollards for TPG restoration sites. One is for Marilyn Hester's "flood plain" site. The other sites suggested are below Hanover Street and at the gorse-cleared area below Trelissick Crescent. Joby will contact Peter Reimann to agree on locations for these. **Joby Mills**

Brochure Holder - Joby Mills will install a brochure holder at the map-board by bridge 6. TPG will then keep this topped up. **Joby Mills**

Encroachments - TPG is grateful for the removal of the upper two garages on Ngaio Gorge Road. Frances will contact WCC to see if the garages further down Ngaio Gorge Road can be removed (if they are not being used for vehicles). **Frances Lee**

Stormwater - Following the WCC resource consent application to GW for stormwater discharges in the harbour and subsequent submissions/meetings/discussions, there is a proposal to form consultative community groups covering stormwater and catchment management. TPG have had longstanding concerns with the effects of fast run-off, sedimentation and pollution on the streams in the park, but it is thought a wider local interest group such as NPA could more effectively be involved in the above consultative groups. Frances Lee is discussing this with NPA. **Frances Lee**

"Meet the Mayor and Councillors" - Frances Lee will apply to be included in one of the three group discussions on Tuesday 1 March. The suggestion is to discuss stormwater concerns and lax monitoring of resource consents. **Frances Lee**

"Branch Out" - Peter Reimann commented favourably on the e-version of WCC's "Branch Out" publication.

Apartments around Crofton Downs Station - Effects on the Park - TPG will need to keep an eye on any resource consents and work in connection with the idea of building apartments around Crofton Downs station

Other WCC Issues - Joby Mills has dealt with: the dead willow impaled onto bridge 5, the printing of 300 TPG working bee pamphlets and the campervan parked long-term on Ngaio Gorge Road carpark - thank you Joby.

GW Items

Weed Spraying Update

Large-scale spraying of tradescantia/honeysuckle - Justin McCarthy has advised that the contractor will start this month **Megan Banks/Justin McCarthy**

Reparation spraying of blackberry on railway land by Dave Williams - Kill very effective, which will allow planting from early April. **P. Reimann**

Take Care Fund - Robyn Smith has organised some follow-up spraying for Mark McAlpine in February (see details in last minutes). TPG will do further manual removal of these areas as necessary. **Mark McAlpine/Peter Reimann**

[The next year of the funding commences on 1 July 2011, for further spraying by Mark McAlpine and home nursery requirements (to be advised). Robyn Smith suggested applying in February for an increase in funding to, say, \$2,000 per year, to allow more comprehensive follow up spraying. (There are 2 more years of funding to go, currently at \$1,500 per year).] **Peter Reimann**

Honda TreeFund Delivery - Robyn Smith will advise delivery date/arrangements. **Robyn Smith**

Oban St Track

Barry Durrant is to advise on any further developments. [See details, last minutes] **Barry Durrant/Andy Foster/David Halliday**

Animal Pest Control

Bait is still being emptied consistently from several bait stations – probably by rats. Since September 2008, 56 mustelids/rats and 5 hedgehogs have been caught in the 15 traps.

A rabbit night shoot is due this month when the weather is clear.

Project Kaiwharawhara

Frances Lee is continuing to pursue the minutes of the last meeting with Myfanwy Emeny (drafted for her by Joby Mills). **Frances Lee**

Kaiwharawhara Estuary/Reclamation

WCC have agreed to extend the time frame of their grant for 6 months to end of April 2011. Boffa Miskell has provided an update of their tasks and programme to achieve completion of their draft report on the estuary by then. The draft will then be sent to interested parties for comment. Frances Lee is following up progress with them. **Frances Lee**

Frances Lee will be providing separate information (alongside the study) covering political/ownership aspects in connection with the estuary and surrounds. Edgar Clark, who has had a longstanding interest in the area, is willing to assist her. This was noted by TPG. **Frances Lee**

NZ Transport Agency is commissioning a study of options for the motorway extension in the vicinity and will keep TPG informed of progress/upshot. **Frances Lee**

Interislander have promised to periodically remove rubbish down to the estuary from the north end of the vehicle marshalling area, also restore and move forward the timber bulwarks protecting the plantings and mapboard. TPG will need to schedule a visit for weeding and to check that Interislander staff have been doing as promised. **Peter Reimann**

Environment Court

Kilmarston Developments

Outstanding issues have been resolved, but Cottier has not signed..

Correspondence

Emails

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

Honda Treefund plants	Jo Fagan (GW)
Seat with plaque between bridges 4 and 5	Buzz/Ruth Graham (WCC), Donna Sherlock (F & B)
Gorge Gazette	Helene Ritchie (WCC)
300 working bee pamphlets	Joby Mills (WCC)
WCC stormwater discharge consent application to GW	Amy Holden (GW), Kris Eriksen (DoC)
Missing mustelid trap and updated trap catch spreadsheet	Justin McCarthy (WCC), Bruce Brewer (GW)
Branch Out, Issue 35, Summer 2010	Webcentre (WCC)
Kaiwharawhara estuary study	Mary Binney (Peter Dunne's secretary), Boyden Evans/Leigh Bull (Boffa Miskell)
Flax yellow leaf disease	Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)
Tree against bridge 5	Joby Mills (WCC)
Fish passage debris from slip at tunnel exit	Joby Mills (WCC), Murray McLea (GW)
Loose rocks at top of magazine building	Joby Mills (WCC)
Debris trap clearing	Sam Lister (Capacity)
Rubbish removal	Joby Mills (WCC)
Comments on draft report on estuaries in Wellington/Hawke's Bay Conservancy	Helen Kettles (DoC), Jim Mikos (Wellington Recreational Fishers Assoc.),
Bait station reporting/bait	Bruce Brewer (GW)
BNZ "Closed for Good" volunteer work application	Via website
Before and after photos for article & park information	Nikki Macdonald (Dominion Post)
Camper van on Ngaio Gorge Road	Joby Mills (WCC)
Rabbit shooting	Justin McCarthy (WCC)
Bait station supplies	Bruce Brewer (GW)
Project Kaiwharawhara minutes	Myfanwy Emeny/Amber Bill (WCC)
Asiatic knotweed	Justin McCarthy/Joby Mills (WCC)
Definition of an estuary	Helen Kettles (DoC)
Graffiti	Joby Mills/Buzz/Ruth Graham (WCC)
Motorway extension proposal near estuary	Jane Tronson/Peter Martineau (NZTA)
Bait station reports	Bruce Brewer (GW)
Weed eradication and planting after Ngaio Gorge Rd strengthening	Scott Kirkland/Allan Moul/Joby Mills (WCC)
Stormwater meeting suggestion for March	Kris Eriksen (DoC)
Spraying update	Megan Banks (GW), Justin McCarthy (WCC)
Link to GW community environmental projects newsletter	Robyn Smith (GW)
TPG content for GW web page	Robyn Smith (GW)
Web alerts	Wellington City Council
TPG signs in park	Joby Mills (WCC)
Blue markers in park	Joby Mills (WCC)

Letters

Inwards

- 7 December - Peter Dunne - Attaching 30 November letter from Celia Wade-Brown to Peter Dunne - Kaiwharawhara estuary study background
- 1 February - Julie Thomson (Volunteer Wellington) - Subscription request
- Volunteer Wellington - Newsletter
- Taupo Native Plant Nursery - Catalogues
- Otari Wilton's Bush Trust - Newsletter

Outwards

- 10 December - Fran Wilde (GW) - thanking for Community Partnerships Encore Award congratulations
- 13 December - Amber Bill (WCC) - thanking for \$1,000 from anonymous donor

Finance

The bank balance as at 31 December was \$2,840.83. This includes \$975 so far for the seat (\$635 still to come).

A cheque for \$45 for Volunteer Wellington subscription was approved.

Other

[Website - Lindsay Bonnett and Bill Hester have agreed to collaborate on TPG website updating]. **Bill Hester**

Small Leaflet - David Grace will draft a simple small leaflet to hand to park visitors for volunteer recruitment.

David Grace

More Brochures - Peter Reimann will see if WCC can fund another run of the coloured brochures, to put in the brochure holders, as current supplies are running low. **Peter Reimann**

Use for Anonymous Donation - TPG members will think of an appropriate use for the \$1,000 anonymous donation recently received from WCC. **All TPG members**

Next Meeting

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

The meeting concluded at 11.30 a.m.