

Trelissick Park Group: Minutes of the 153rd meeting, held at Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 9:00 a.m. Tuesday 14 June 2011

Abbreviations:

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

Square brackets – subsequent to meeting or other relevant information.

Person to action is shown in bold italics after each item.

Members Present

Peter Reimann (chair)	Stan Pillar
Frances Lee	Olaf John
David Grace	Dorothy Douglass
Barry Durrant	Stacey Tampi

In Attendance

Paulo Fuiono, WCC Ranger	Robyn Smith, GW Biodiversity Advisor
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Apologies

Megan Banks, GW Biosecurity Officer (Plants)	Justin McCarthy, WCC Pest Plant Officer
Andy Foster, WCC Councillor	

Minutes

The minutes of the 152nd meeting, held on 5 April 2011, were confirmed. Concerning the last item "Park Name Change", Stan Pillar mentioned "Trelissick Park" with a subtext "Native Forest Reserve" as a possibility.

Secretarial Assistance

Stacey Tampi (Meeting Secretary) has agreed to:

- distribute meeting agenda and minutes to recipients
- draft the minutes from a pre-written skeleton (by Peter Reimann)
- compile the email correspondence list for the minutes.

WCC Items

Ngaio Gorge Road Strengthening Restoration - Buddleia has been cut/sprayed on the various earthquake strengthened sites below Ngaio Gorge Road. Restoration planting - species/how/when/by whom? **Paulo Fuiono**

Tree planting has been completed on the recently strengthened site - looks good.

Is work to strengthen Site 7 still to happen? If not, the area above the lay-by half-way up the hill needs to be re-grassed. **Paulo Fuiono**

Peter Reimann will email Paulo the historical background to enable him to follow-up the above questions.

Peter Reimann

Poplar Tree Removal below Crofton Downs Station - Paulo Fuiono advises that the poplar trees have been ring-barked rather than cut, to avoid damage to native trees underneath.

TransPower Pylon Foundation Upgrade - The pylon foundation next to the Northern Walkway below Trelissick Crescent is to be upgraded. Similar work on a pylon on Barry Durrant's property indicates need for disposal of a considerable volume of spoil. Paulo Fuiono understands this was discussed at their meeting with Joby Mills and the spoil will be removed from the Park. A vehicle access permit is needed before construction in spring/summer. **Paulo Fuiono**

Liquid Fuel Pipeline Vegetation Clearance (Tanks off Kaiwharawhara Road down to the Ferry Terminal) - Frances Lee advises that this is still to be done. Downer EDI is continuing to liaise with WCC and GW.

Woods Waste Effluent - Concern has been expressed about toxic effluent being washed into the stream from Woods Waste (School Road). Myfanwy Emeny has been following this up. **Myfanwy Emeny**

Date for 500 Trees Delivery – Confirmed for 9.30 AM Tuesday 12 July at Trelissick Crescent opposite No. 19. **Paulo Fuiono**

Encroachments - A letter has been sent to WCC to see if the garages further down Ngaio Gorge Road can be removed (if they are not being used for vehicles and are in a poor state). WCC has told the garage owner that something needs to be done on site, because one of the garages is being used for timber storage. The owner is to report back to WCC. **Raewyn Picken**

Funding Application for 2,000 more Park Brochures - The application was successful (lodged under the Environmental Grant round that closed on 31 March, in accordance with a quotation from Fitzbeck Creative (\$1,512.25 incl. GST under HPPA umbrella). They are proceeding, via Barry Durrant. **Barry Durrant**

Fish Passage - debris trap - Could a load of large boulders be dumped in the stream bed just below the debris trap to lessen this obstacle for fish? Or perhaps the ropes trialled by Environment Waikato (Alton Perrie's email 15/12/09) or a fish passage to one side of the trap would help? Amber Bill is looking at what work could be possible in relation to the budget and any Resource Consent requirements. **Amber Bill**

Bridge by magazine ruin and land on slope above – These are on WCC land. Amber Bill is looking at modifying the current gated access in relation to railway access requirements. [Possibility to use the bridge then for the new track down from Wadestown/Highland Park?] **Amber Bill**

GW Items

Large-scale Spraying of Tradescantia/honeysuckle and weed-tree removal

[Megan Banks advises that Downer EDI (Dave Calcinaï) has finished the work on tradescantia and Japanese honeysuckle for now and GW/WCC are very pleased with the result. The main areas of large infestations of tradescantia worked on were:

- the area in and above Wightwicks Field. This is predominantly private land and some good control has been achieved right up to lawn boundaries so there is a good buffer zone against reinfestation.
- the gully running from private properties at the corner of Trelissick Cres and Ngaio Gorge Rd to the bottom track, including some private property.
- from the road edge at the Trelissick Cres and Ngaio Gorge Rd corner to the bottom entrance. The majority of tradescantia in this area has been hit apart from a few sites which require abseiling.
- an extension of the tradescantia (and Japanese honeysuckle) area at Hanover St; including some big pockets of tradescantia that were in gullies running from the railway line to the bottom.
- The Japanese honeysuckle site where the plantings are above the fish ladder was also revisited.

They missed out on a second hit on the tradescantia - or an extension of the area - which needed abseiling as it has become too cold now to ensure a good kill and the contractors didn't manage to return earlier. That means there is \$1,150 left over. This is being used for the following weed-tree work by Kaitiaki O Ngahere: scattered buddleia, willow, alder, sycamore, cherry, karo, montpellier broom and wattles down the stream and along the track, also the elongated terrace of buddleia across the stream (opposite the grassy clearing by the Rod Donald northern rata) if time allows. (This terrace looks like it could be a good planting spot for the future too.)]

Take Care Fund - TPG are doing some manual removal of small outbreaks of tradescantia and montbretia, subsequent to the spraying by Mark McAlpine and previous large-scale spraying.

The TPG has secured an increase in funding to \$2,000 per year (from \$1,500 per year), to allow more comprehensive follow up spraying of tradescantia and montbretia. This will commence on 1 July, for 2 years. Peter Reimann will identify suggested follow-up areas. **Peter Reimann**

Restoration Day – Report to be done. Suggestions of smaller groups or half-day workshops. **Robyn Smith**

Planting Update/Plan

[Sourced from Honda Treefund delivery, WCC 500 tree delivery (July), Peter Reimann (PR) and Marilyn Hester home nurseries. Numbers planted are in brackets - total so far, excluding grasses = 716.

- Streamside down from bridge 1 - grasses planted by Marilyn Hester, from her nursery, aided by student.
- Ngaio Gorge Road layby - planted by BNZ group (50).
- Streamside "island" above/across from debris trap - planted by Sathya Sai Service Organisation (84).
- 50 m2 down Northern Walkway from Trelissick Crescent entrance opposite No. 19 (37).
- "Karakā" spot downstream of bridge 3 - infill (16).
- 400m2 reparation site on railway land between bridges 3 and 4 - planted by AIG Insurance and PR (223).
- Bracken-cleared area on railway land between bridge 5 and new seat - via working bee or "spottee".
- At "minor" entrance from Trelissick Crescent - planted by AIG insurance (128). A few more preferable after WCC trees arrive (e.g. kawakawa).
- Infill by bridge 6 - by St Benedict's School and working bee 21 June.
- Honeysuckle cleared areas above and below sidle track above fish passage - planting started by PR (8).
- Infill on railway slope across footbridge above magazine building (David Grace's spot) - planting started (34).
- Gorse-cleared slope and border of grass slope below Trelissick Cres - via working bees. Some infill planted. About 400 more to go on open gorse slope after WCC trees arrive (100).
- Grass slope below entrance opposite 19 Trelissick Crescent to replace diseased flax (36). More to follow.
- Blackberry sprayed site across stream from the track "triangle" below Wightwick's Field.
- Infill elsewhere (e.g. adopt a spot sites).

New Track down from Wadestown/Highland Park

Following a meeting between WCC and TPG, WCC will investigate feasibility of a track crossing land to be gifted by Denis O'Neill. This would start from a track incorporated into a new housing development on Sefton Street. The section above the stream is very steep - practicability is in doubt. This is in accordance with an undertaking given by WCC to affected residents on Oban Street that before looking further at a track from Oban Street, other options would be investigated first. **Amber Bill/David Halliday**

Animal Pest Control

Bait is still being emptied consistently from several bait stations – probably by rats. Since September 2008, 66 mustelids/rats and 7 hedgehogs have been caught in the 15 traps.

For rabbit protection, Robyn Smith will provide a new type of fabric mesh sleeve to be cut into lengths to go over the recycled wire. (The mesh originally supplied breaks down in sunlight). **Robyn Smith**

Project Kaiwharawhara

Minutes of last meeting received. Date of next meeting to be advised. Myfanwy advises that a Victoria University student, Jackson Shanks, will be doing a hydrology study of the catchment, under supervision of Bethanna Jackson. **Myfanwy Emeny**

Kaiwharawhara Estuary/Reclamation

TPG reported to WCC Grants Committee at the end of April. Completion of the study by Boffa Miskell is awaited. The study then has to be approved by CentrePort before it will provide its grant of \$15,000. Meanwhile, the WCC grant has all been paid out to Boffa Miskell. **Boffa Miskell/Frances Lee**

Submissions

The TPG submission on the WCC Annual Plan is on the TPG website.

Environment Court

Kilmarston Developments

Outstanding issues have been resolved, but Cottier has not signed. As TPG is a Section 274 party, Frances Lee will draft a letter to WCC lawyers, expressing concern. **Frances Lee**

Correspondence

Emails

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

Seat with plaque between bridges 4 and 5	Buzz/Ruth Graham (WCC)
CentrePort's Environmental Consultative Committee	Neville Hyde (Centreport)
Kaiwharawhara estuary project	Boyden Evans/Leigh Bull (Boffa Miskell), Barbara Franklin, Myfanwy Emeny (WCC), Hon Peter Dunne (Ohariu MP, United Future), Liz Mellish (Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust)
Kaiwharawhara estuary woods waste	Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)
WCC Strategy & Policy Committee agendas	WCC
Seat "unveiling" ceremony	Donna Sherlock (WCC)
Poplar tree removal below Crofton Downs Station	Joby Mills/Paulo Fuiono (WCC)
Corporate volunteer day	Fraser Zhu (ACC), Jo Fagan (GW)
Storm water issues – discharge consent condition, signage, overflow notification	Paul Glennie (Capacity), Viv Chapple (NPA)
Honda Treefund plants	Robyn Smith (GW)
Proposed "restoration" bollards location	Paulo Fuiono (WCC)
Umbrella care group "Green Umbrella" - formation, inaugural minutes	Richard Sadlier
Stormwater report enquiry	Viv Chapple (NPA)
Oban St track	Amber Bill, Andy Foster (WCC)
TPG April 2011 Newsletter, Bell's Track Group Newsletter	John Joliff (Bell's Track Group)
Graffiti by Ngaio Gorge entrance	Paulo Fuiono, Adrian Rogers (WCC)
IAG Insurance Group (26 April) volunteer day in Trelissick Park	Judy Kerr (Volunteer Wellington), Richard Fryer (IAG)
Kaiwharawhara stream research	Jackson Shanks (Victoria University)
Sewer leak down Ngaio Gorge road	Paulo Fuiono, Lui Tofete (WCC), Naomi Middleton (GW)
Wasp nest	Robin Simenauer, George Symmes, Paulo Fuiono (WCC),
Transmission tower foundation upgrade	Paulo Fuiono (WCC)
Delivery of plants from Berhampore	Paulo Fuiono (WCC), Brian Thomas (WCC)
Draft minutes of Restoration Portal meeting - 13 April 2011	John Sawyer (DoC)
FOOS Annual Report	Janet Campbell (Friends of Ohiro Stream)
Fern species along Forest Remnant track	Jonathan Anderson (WCC)
WCC Subdivision Design Guide Review - Appeal Outcome	Aleise White (DLA Phillips Fox)
Restoration Day workshop 2011	Louise Odlin (GW)
Camping at park entrance	Paulo Fuiono (WCC)
2011/12 Annual Plan submission	Annual Plan (WCC), Andy Foster, Nicole Tydda (WCC)

TakeCare fund	Tessa Roberts, Jo Fagan, Robyn Smith (GW)
Wellington Community Network website record update	Wellington Community Network (WCN), Lindsay Bonnett
Community directory – display group update	Vasi Siohane (WCC)
Rubbish at Trelissick Crescent	Paulo Fuiono (WCC)
Bait stations report 19-22 May, April 2011	Bruce Brewer (GW), Justin McCarthy (WCC)
Trelissick update – weed spraying	Megan Banks (GWRC)
St. Benedict School Environment Group – 21 June 2011	Fiona Barnett (St. Benedict's School)
Wellington Outdoor Festival 30 Oct – 4 Dec 2011	Denise Clements (WCC)
Fuel pipe and plantings along Kaiwharawhara stream	Agung Osianto (Exxonmobil), Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)
Debris trap	Sam Lister (Capacity/WCC)
Quote for TPG brochures	Jocasta Whittingham (FitzBeck Creative)
"Your Weekend" article	Nikki Macdonald (Dominion Post)
FOOS June Newsletter	Janet Campbell (Friends of Owhiro Stream)
Adopt a spot enquiry	Paul Fuge (TransPower)

Letters

Inwards

- 8 April - Barbara Franklin (WCC) - Acknowledgement of funding application for brochures
- 11 April - Peter Noble (DoC) - changes to account and invoice support processes
- 14 April - Raewyn Picken (WCC) - acknowledgement of letter about garage encroachment concern
- 11 May - Mark Farrar (WCC) - funding application for brochures successful
- 24 May - Katrina Shanks - invitation to morning tea to celebrate Volunteer Awareness Week
- 3 June - Morrison Kent - change of solicitor for Kilmarston Developments appeal.
- 7 June - Robyn Smith (GW) - Take Care funding application successful
- Taupo Native Plant Nursery - catalogue
- Otari Wilton's Bush Trust - newsletter
- Volunteer Wellington - newsletter
- Wellington Botanical Society - newsletter.

Outwards

- 9 May - Aleise White (DLA Phillips Fox) - WCC Plan Change 46 - Subdivision Design Guide Review - signed Memorandum of Counsel
- 18 May - Eva Durrant (Wadestown Resident's Association) - thanks for donation for seat
- 13 June - Robyn Smith (GW) - Take Care funding acknowledgement.

Finance

The bank balance as at 3 June was \$1,542.38. The following cheque was approved:

- \$87.60 for potting mix purchases and photocopying by Peter Reimann.

\$1,000 gift money - It was suggested that this be put aside for initial track-making expenses (Highland Park/Wadestown down to valley).

Other

Seat on Railway Land - The seat has been installed. WCC are correcting the quotation on the new plaque - [available 1st or 2nd week in July] Frances **Lee/Buzz Graham**.

The "unveiling" ceremony will then be held. **David Grace**

CentrePort Environmental Consultative Committee - Frances Lee now represents TPG on this Committee. **Frances Lee**

Harbourside Development - Frances Lee, observing new housing sites and lack of trees, is concerned about WCC monitoring of the agreed conditions for this development. She will investigate this further with WCC.

Frances Lee

Parking at Lower Entrance - David Grace is concerned about lack of parking space by the lower entrance. He is investigating options. **David Grace/Paulo Fuiono**

Wellington Outdoor Festival - 30 October - 4 December, organised by Recreation Wellington, WCC, to encourage outdoor recreation and to link people to outdoor clubs/groups. **David Grace**

Track in the Korimako valley – Toetoe planted too close to (and over-growing) the track is to be cut back. **Peter Reimann**

Conservation volunteers – Possibility of overseas and corporate groups to volunteer once Wellington branch is set up. TPG would be interested. **Robyn Smith**

Next Meetings

The next meetings are to be at **9:30 a.m. Tuesday 9 August and Tuesday 4 October**, Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 86 Khandallah Road.

The meeting concluded at 10.15 a.m.