

Trelissick Park Group: Minutes of the 154th meeting, held at Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday 9 Aug 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.

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

Members Present

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

In Attendance

Apologies

Megan Banks, GW Biosecurity Officer (Plants)	Paulo Fuiono, WCC Ranger
Stacey Tampi	

Minutes

The minutes of the 153rd meeting, held on 14 June 2011, were confirmed.

WCC Items

Ngaio Gorge Road Strengthening Restoration - Buddleia cut/sprayed areas surveyed by Paulo Fuiono/Peter Reimann. Restoration planting - species/how/when/by whom? **Paulo Fuiono**

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**

TransPower Pylon Foundation Upgrade - Work not yet started. **Paulo Fuiono**

Liquid Fuel Pipeline Vegetation Clearance (Tanks off Kaiwharawhara Road down to the Ferry Terminal) - No further information on progress from Downer EDI.

Woods Waste Effluent - Myfanwy Emeny has been following this up, but not yet the relevant WCC officers. **Myfanwy Emeny**

Garages on Ngaio Gorge Road - Frances Lee advises the licence for the garages is for private vehicles only. However, the lower garage appears to contain something else. Frances Lee is continuing to follow up action with WCC officer Shane Crowe. **Frances Lee/Shane Crowe**

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**

Bollards near Waikowhai St Entrance - Requested to prevent vehicle entrance/party litter in the grassy area. There is no longer a need for the grass to be mowed in this area. **Paulo Fuiono**

Planting by Beaufort - WCC (Otari Wilton's Bush) are doing some planting on this DoC riparian strip in mid-August.

Trelissick Cres Park Entrance and Grass Slope Below - Bill Hester is concerned that the Northern Walkway entrances are not obvious from the road and people get confused - could be fixed by installing 3 bollard with direction markers, and a sign at the road-side. **Paulo Fuiono**

Parking by Lower Entrance - Amber Bill/David Halliday are investigating the sketch proposal by David Grace. **Amber Bill/David Halliday**

GW Items

Large-scale Spraying of Tradescantia/honeysuckle and Take Care Funded Spraying

Megan Banks advises GW/WCC will be following the same programme as last year - continue spraying out tradescantia, including abseil work on the cliffs and the tradescantia that has not yet been controlled in the middle levels between the valley floor and Ngaio Gorge Road. Mark McAlpine will also be continuing with control of tradescantia and montbretia along the valley floor under the Take Care funding. He will be going in there on a more regular basis to keep reinfestation at bay. **Megan Banks/Justin McCarthy**

Peter Reimann will help to identify suggested follow-up areas. **Peter Reimann**

Planting Update/Plan

TransPower has expressed interest in adopting one or more spots. They have looked at riparian across the stream upstream of the debris trap as far as the covenanted land below Hanover St. and/or grassy area upstream of bridge 2. Advice awaited.

An application has been lodged with Volunteer Wellington who said a group from ANZ might be interested in weeding/planting on a day in September. The area for this would be across the bridge on the slope opposite the magazine building ruin. Advice awaited.

New Track down from Wadestown/Highland Park

Barry Durrant provided an email from David Halliday to Andy Foster saying that the Kennett Brothers reported that the Sefton St to Trelissick Park link is not viable and that "we will need to meet with all interested parties regarding the Oban Street proposal to review this proposal and establish a sensible way forward. This will be done in due course." **Amber Bill/David Halliday**

Animal Pest Control

Bait is still being emptied consistently from several bait stations – probably by rats. Since September 2008, 70 mustelids/rats and 8 hedgehogs have been caught in the 15 traps.

Project Kaiwharawhara

Date of next meeting to be advised, depending on Boffa Miskell availability to discuss their stream/estuary report (24 or 31 August?). 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

Draft study is completed by Boffa Miskell and sent to CentrePort, Amber Bill and TPG. 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. Comments on draft to be provided by recipients. **CentrePort/Amber Bill/Frances Lee**

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 Environment Court, expressing concern. **Frances Lee**

Correspondence

Emails

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

Rubbish at Trelissick Crescent	Paulo Fuiono (WCC)
Rubbish plank at Waikowhai entrance	Paulo Fuiono (WCC)
Trelissick woody weed contract	Megan Banks (GW)
St. Benedict School Environment Group visit	Fiona Barnett (St. Benedict's School)
Protection from rabbits	Robyn Smith (GW)
Restoration planting after Ngaio Gorge Road strengthening	Paulo Fuiono (WCC)
Catchment community meeting	Janet Campbell/Charles Barrie (FOOS),
Adopt a spot enquiry	Paul Fuge (TransPower)
Track from Wadestown/Highland Park	David Halliday/Amber Bill (WCC), Secretary (NPA)
Tree planting in DoC riparian strip by Beaurepaires	Myfanwy Emeny/Amber Bill/Paulo Fuiono (WCC), Jim Mikoz
Weed control update	Megan Banks (GW)
Kaiwharawhara estuary project	Boyden Evans/Leigh Bull (Boffa Miskell), Amber Bill/Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)
Parking by lower entrance	Amber Bill/Paulo Fuiono (WCC)
Tree delivery for TPG	John Curran (WCC)
Unwell looking rewarewa	Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)
New seat plaque	Buzz/Ruth Graham (WCC)
Bell's track	John Joliff (Bell's Track Group)
Trelissick Crescent entrance & grass slope issues	Paulo Fuiono (WCC)
Trelissick Park cycle pictographs	Paulo Fuiono (WCC)
Encore awards	Tess Roberts (GW)
Our Wellington page article	Grahame Armstrong/Paulo Fuiono (WCC)
Wellington outdoor festival 2011	Denise Clements (WCC)
FOOS newsletter	Janet Campbell (FOOS)
GWRC Regional Plan review newsletter 2	Shelley Martin (GW)
GW grants open	Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)
Possum bait station results	Justin McCarthy (WCC), Bruce Brewer (GW)
Branch Out winter 2011	(WCC)
Strategy and Policy Committee meetings	(WCC)
Harbourside subdivision - check on conditions	Julia Williams (NPA), Rosanne Robertson (HPPA), Bronwyn Brown

Woods waste effluent	Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)
Double garage on Ngaio Gorge Road	Shane Crowe (WCC)
New Website for community restoration groups	Max Barnett (DoC)
Web Alerts	WCC
Corporate group visit	Judy Kerr (Volunteer Wellington)
Environmental grants pool changes	Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)

Letters

Inwards

- 11 June - Wilbur Dovey (St Luke's Wadestown) - donation
- 30 June - Viv Chapple (NPA) - support for track from Oban St
- 15 July - Baz Kaufman (WCC) - response to annual plan submission
- 4 August - Boyden Evans (Boffa Miskell) - Kaiwharawhara Stream and Estuary: Ecological Values Report
- 4 August - Dorothy Reynolds (HPPA) - donation
- 5 August - C J Thompson (Environment Court) - Consent Order (Plan Change 46 - Design Guide)

Outwards

- 21 June - Wilbur Dovey (St Luke's Wadestown) - donation thanks

Finance

The bank balance as at [8 August was \$1,941.53]. This includes the \$1,000 "gift" money, being kept aside for initial Oban St track expenses.

The following cheque was approved:

- \$59.48 for potting mix and fertiliser purchases and photocopying by Peter Reimann.

St Lukes Wadestown has kindly donated \$500 and HPPA \$50 to the Group.

Other

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 send a letter to WCC, following vetting of draft/comments from NPA/HPPA. **Frances Lee**

Next Meetings

The next meetings are to be at **9:30 a.m. Tuesday 4 October and Tuesday 6 December**, Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 86 Khandallah Road.

The meeting concluded at 11 a.m.