



Oban St Track - Now that Jonathan Kennett has recommended against the Sefton Street alternative to the track from Oban Street, TPG has sent WCC a draft letter and sketch for WCC to possibly send to affected residents, prior to WCC and TPG meeting them.

WCC arranged for an engineer to inspect the site for a bridge. He recommended it be upstream of the detritus trap. His report has just been received, via Amber Bill - estimated cost \$136,618 (incl 20% contingency, excl GST) - to be funded by TPG. Amber advises that WCC need to see from the group a funding plan and time-frame for the implementation of this project, before approaching the residents.

TPG consider the estimate excessive. Barry Durrant will obtain an alternative estimate. **Barry Durrant**

[In her 2003 feasibility study,] Julia Williams (Landscape Architect) mentioned that "there are 2 sites where the stream can be crossed on foot but access is restricted when the stream is in flood". TPG agree and can see no reason for the track not to go ahead now prior to any bridge installation, with appropriate warning signs (ie stream crossing at own risk).

Peter Reimann will reply to Amber's email, elaborating on the above. **Peter Reimann**

Oban St Track Funding – Various funding providers suggested by those present. Peter Reimann to follow up (including possible application text). **Peter Reimann**

## **GW Items**

### Large-scale Spraying of Tradescantia/honeysuckle

Megan Banks advises GW/WCC will be following the same programme as last year - continue spraying 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. Photograph opportunity. **Megan Banks/Justin McCarthy**

Take Care Fund - Megan Banks went through the Park with Mark McAlpine early in September. He will spray both the tradescantia and montbretia all the way down the streamside to the bottom track or road 3 times through the season. The first will be with Roundup and Grazon to kill the grass and expose the tradescantia under the grass. The following 2 times will be with Grazon for the tradescantia:

- Sept-mid Oct first
- Dec-Jan second
- March-April third

**Megan Banks**

Honda Tree-fund Peter Reimann has applied for 400-500 mainly fast growing "reveg" species, for recently cleared Japanese honeysuckle and gorse areas, and infill elsewhere. **Peter Reimann**

## **Planting Update/Plan**

All 500 WCC supplied plants are now planted, as well as most of the additional 96 recently provided.

Total for the year so far: almost 1,400 planted.

## **Animal Pest Control**

Bait is still being emptied consistently from several bait stations – probably by rats. Since September 2008, 71 mustelids/rats and 8 hedgehogs have been caught in the 15 traps.

## **Project Kaiwharawhara**

Meeting held 19 September and minutes received. A Victoria University student, Jackson Shanks is undertaking a study on the Kaiwharawhara Stream - key issues: speed and volume of water through the urbanised catchment and the pollutants entering the catchment, including sedimentation. 4 monitoring boxes have been installed along the Kaiwharawhara Stream. Frances Lee will contact Boffa Miskell to advise about the monitoring box by Spotlight. **Frances Lee**

WCC is working with GW on releasing tradescantia leaf beetle at trial sites within the city.

## **Kaiwharawhara Estuary/Reclamation**

Draft study is completed by Boffa Miskell (BM) and sent to CentrePort, Amber Bill and TPG. The study then has to be approved by CentrePort - comments expected at the CentrePort Environmental Committee meeting this Thursday (Frances Lee will attend). Meanwhile, it has been agreed that BM will send invoices direct to CentrePort (up to their \$15,000 funding amount). TPG and WCC have provided comments on the draft.

**CentrePort/Amber Bill/Frances Lee**

## **Environment Court**

### Kilmarston Developments

Outstanding issues have been resolved, but Cottier has not signed. As a Section 274 party, TPG has written a letter to the Environment Court, expressing concern about the continuing delays for a hearing and asking whether there is any legislation or rules which could close the application because of such delays. They have said that they cannot reply, because "that would be considered legal advice". Frances Lee will advise Julia Williams and Frank McGuire. **Frances Lee**

## **Correspondence**

### Emails

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

Trelissick Crescent entrance with grass slope below	Paulo Fuiono (WCC),
Conservation Week 2011	Kirstie Knowles (DOC)
Car and fire damage in Trelissick Park	Paulo Fuiono (WCC)
Oban St track, draft letter to affected residents	Amber Bill, Andy Foster, David Halliday (WCC)
Nature Space – new restoration website	Matt Barnett (DOC), Robyn Smith (GW)
Kaiwharawhara Stream and Estuary Ecological Values Report	Jim Mikoz (WRMFA), Myfanwy Emeny, Amber Bill (WCC), Boyden Evans (BM), Paul Bruce (GW)
Notes on Kaiwharawhara Stream and Estuary Report Meeting	Boyden Evans, Leigh Bull (BM)
Kaiwharawhara Study re NZTA	Boyden Evans, Leigh Bull (BM), Amber Bill (WCC)
Blue Wellington Storm water update	Steve Meads (Blue Wellington)
Oban St track bridge location proposal	Dave Halliday (WCC)
Community Environment Fund	Boyden Evans (BM)
Sewerage Leak	Kristina Shavez (WCC)
Kilmarston – Environment Court	Ministry of Justice, Julia Williams, Frank McGuire, Sarah Jeffs, Joseph Buckton (Ministry of Justice)
Port Nicholson Block Settlement – Statutory Areas	David Bishop (DOC), Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)
Kilmarston - Environment Court delay	Joseph Buckton (Environment Court)
Post down in Trelissick Park, footpath work	Paulo Fuiono (WCC)
GW Contact Person	Robyn Smith (GW)
Trelissick Park rubbish pick-up	Paulo Fuiono (WCC)
Take Care weed control plans	Megan Banks (GW)
Project Kaiwharawhara Meeting and Minutes	Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)
Request for interview	Jess Lee (Northern Courier)
St. Benedict's School Environment Group	Fiona Barnett (St. Benedict's School)
FOOS Newsletter	Janet Campbell (FOOS)
Branch Out – Spring 2011	WCC
Conservation Week – Weed swap	Kirstie Knowles (DOC)
NPA Website	Robin White
Bell's Track Group newsletter	John Jolliff
Honda Tree fund plants	Jo Fagan (GW)
Restoration planting after Ngaio Gorge re-strengthening	Paulo Fuiono (WCC)
Wellington Community Trust Meeting 26 Sept 2011	WCC
Possum bait station results	Justin McCarthy (WCC), Bruce Brewer (GW)
Oban St track bridge cost and actions	Amber Bill (WCC)
Encore Award	Tessa Rain (DOC), Tessa Roberts (GW)
Harbourside subdivision monitoring concern	Bob Barber, Amber Bill (WCC)

## Letters

### Inwards

- 10 August - Sarah Jeffs (Wellington Environment Court) - free mock court hearing
- 12 August - Katrina Shanks (MP) - invitation to have Christmas function at Bellamys
- Taupo Native Plant Nursery catalogue
- Otari Wilton's Bush Trust newsletter for September

### Outwards

- 10 August - Grants Coordinator (WCC) - project report for funding for 2,000 park brochures
- 10 August - Dorothy Reynolds (HPPA) - thanks for donation
- 12 August - Bob Barber/Amber Bill (WCC) - Harbourside subdivision monitoring concern
- 12 August - Boyden Evans (Boffa Miskell) - TPG comments on Kaiwharawhara Stream and Estuary Report
- 30 August - The Registrar (Environment Court) - concern about Kilmarston hearing delay
- 27 August - Mrs B C Fleming - condolences on death of Jock Fleming
- 1 September - DOC - Encore Award nomination for Frances Lee

## Finance

The bank balance as at 2 September 2011 is \$1,932.05. This includes the \$1,000 "gift" money, being kept aside for initial Oban St track expenses.

## 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 has sent a letter to WCC, following vetting of draft/comments from NPA/HPPA. Amber Bill is following this up with the WCC compliance team. No response yet. **Amber Bill**

Website - Bill Hester attended the WCN 'user's group' meeting - funding, volunteers and technology issues.

Encore Award 2011 Kaitiaki category nomination for Frances Lee – DOC coming to Trelissick Park on 13 October for a walk-through with Frances. **Frances Lee**

Victoria University "Give Back" Week – A group of 6 exchange students from USA assisted plantings on the 2 October working bee.

Planting volunteers from Talent Intenational – Two people assisted David Grace in planting 40 plants at his spot opposite the magazine building.

Hutt Rd Sign - One of the "Kaiwharawhara Stream" signs attached to the structure of Hutt Rd bridge on the downstream side is missing. Frances Lee has informed WCC [now replaced].

### **Next Meetings**

The next meetings are to be at **9:30 a.m. Tuesday 13 December (note this is a week later than advised in the previous minutes)**, Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 86 Khandallah Road.

The meeting concluded at 11.15 a.m.