

**Trelissick Park Group: Minutes of the 156<sup>th</sup> meeting, held at Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday 13 December 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 &amp; B</i>	<i>Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society</i>
<i>OWB</i>	<i>Otari Wilton's Bush Trust</i>
<i>CPort</i>	<i>CentrePort</i>
<i>BM</i>	<i>Boffa Miskell</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
Barry Durrant	Dorothy Douglass
Stacey Tampi	David Grace

**In Attendance**

Matt Robertson, WCC Ranger	Robyn Smith, GW Biodiversity Restoration Advisor (Community Projects)
Paulo Fuiono, WCC Ranger	

**Apologies**

Justin McCarthy

**Minutes**

The minutes of the 155<sup>th</sup> meeting, held on 4 October 2011, were confirmed.

**WCC Items**

New WCC Ranger, Matt Robertson, was welcomed and gratitude expressed for the help from Paulo Fuiono over the year.

Best wishes to Pest Plant Officer, Justin McCarthy, who has been a great help in the Park over the last few years.

Robyn Smith is transferring to 'Biodiversity Implementation' and not in charge for Take Care fund anymore. However, she will be TPG point of contact for the remaining 6 months of the TPG Take Care fund implementation.

Ngaio Gorge Road Strengthening Restoration - Restoration planting – cutting to be done now, planting to be done next year. Photograph opportunity. Harnesses needed because of steepness. Will need to cut wire mesh to plant - no reply yet to confirm OK. **Matt Robertson/Paulo Fuiono**

No date set by Opus for Site 7 strengthening. A study is underway to see if there are more areas to strengthen. **Matt Robertson**

TransPower Pylon Foundation Upgrade - Work completed. No problems with spoil dumping. Gravel for resurfacing the track in the vicinity is to be dumped at the entrance by WCC. Peter Reimann will spread. Acceptable low growing plants for planting by the footing to be advised. **Peter Reimann/Matt Robertson**

Liquid Fuel Pipeline Vegetation Clearance (Tanks off Kaiwharawhara Road down to the Ferry Terminal) - Done - sympathetic to the 2005 and 2008 WCC/GW plantings/landscaping in the area.

Woods Waste Effluent - Woods Waste have advised WCC Trade Waste Officer (Bruce Collier) that they do not wash their bins or vehicles. Myfanwy Emeny has asked for anyone in the area to report any washing they see. This has been passed on to The Body Shop, who are across the stream from Woods Waste.

Heritage building – Frances wrote to all Onslow Councillors about the poor state of Woods Waste building - possibly a heritage building (graffiti and broken windows present). Andy Foster will look into it but is not sure what WCC could do about it. **Andy Foster.**

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. Robyn Smith says she may have some rope - will advise. Matt Robertson says Banrock wines is a possible funding source. **Amber Bill/Robyn Smith/Matt Robertson**

Bollards near Waikowhai St Entrance - Requested to prevent vehicle entrance/party litter in the grassy area. Work completed. Matt Robertson has requested that the area beyond the bollards to be taken off the mowing schedule to allow natural regeneration.

Trelissick Cres Park Entrance and Grass Slope Below - A Trelissick Park sign has now been installed by WCC contractor at the entrance opposite 19 Trelissick Cres.

David Halliday is looking at possibly: a removable bollard instead of chain at the entrance, a signposting bollard down the grassy slope (to avoid visitor confusion), track upgrade at the entrance at the bottom of the slope - sometimes slippery. **Matt Robertson/David Halliday**

Parking by Lower Entrance - David Halliday reports the sketch proposal by David Grace is a major engineering exercise and is not financially feasible. [Other options have been previously canvassed but without unanimous support].

Oban St Track - TPG consider the WCC engineer estimate for the bridge excessive. Barry Durrant is obtaining an alternative estimate, by a Registered Engineer. **Barry Durrant**

Amber Bill has advised that WCC could not agree to the track going ahead to an easy stream crossing point prior to any bridge installation.

Planting by Beaufort - Myfanwy Emeny advises that the reveg site by Beaufort is on WCC regular reveg maintenance schedule, which means that it should have been visited within 3 months of planting. Peter Reimann will check and follow up with Myfanwy if necessary. **Peter Reimann**

Rubbish Dumping below Ngaio Gorge Road - Ongoing problem. Matt Robertson suggests TPG install a sign at the reveg site by the lay-by. Arrangements to be made. **Peter Reimann**

Plant Propagation Workshop and Seed Collection - The workshop was at Berhampore Nursery Sat 10 Dec. Attended by Jack Stanton and Peter Reimann - much information/inspiration and useful networking with other restoration groups.

Matt Robertson will renew seed collecting permit for Peter Reimann. **Matt Robertson**

Tradescantia Leaf Beetle - Released [14] December on the railway land side of the stream near the magazine site and hopefully from there it will spread upstream targeting those difficult to reach areas.

GW will be monitoring the success.

See the Landcare Research website for some of the information about the beetle and bio control in general. [http://www.landcareresearch.co.nz/research/biocons/weeds/book/documents/Tradescantia\\_Leaf\\_Beetle.pdf#search="tradescantia beetle"](http://www.landcareresearch.co.nz/research/biocons/weeds/book/documents/Tradescantia_Leaf_Beetle.pdf#search=)

WCC Christmas Hangi for Volunteer Groups - Held at Ngā Hau e Whā o Papanārangī last Sunday. Woodridge Planters are restoring this spectacular area. Several from TPG attended - excellent idea and enjoyable occasion.

Live Ammunition - Steven Peters will advise the location of live ammunition found by the WCC mowers. **Steven Peters/Matt Robertson**

Track Maintenance and Mowing - Scraping leaf litter to get back to gravel layer, and clearing side drains for water flow drainage: both to be done early next year, by PD workers. [Note that Trelissick Park is a "wilderness" park so any track maintenance should be consistent with this (ie not manicured)]. Grassy areas by the Rob Donald tree and upstream of the detritus trap to be mowed. **Matt Robertson**

## **GW Items**

Large-scale Spraying of Tradescantia/honeysuckle

Megan Banks advises GW/WCC are following the same program 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. This work is in progress - some delays with the abseil work. **Megan Banks**

Take Care Fund - The bad weather has delayed the spraying programme in the Korimako/Kaiwharawhara valleys, which was to be:

- Sept-mid Oct first spray (Roundup and Grazon to kill the grass and expose the tradescantia under the grass)  
Mark McAlpine is to complete the first phase spraying of the stream today. The upper tracks are yet to be started.

- Dec-Jan second spray (Grazon)

- March-April third spray (Grazon).

Work on montbretia has not been started yet, again due to unsettled weather. **Megan Banks**

## **Planting Update/Plan**

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. Robyn Smith will check outcome of the application with Jo Fagan. **Robyn Smith/Jo Fagan**

WCC Supplied Plants - 500 mainly fast growing "reveg" species, together with some heritage species, have been ordered from WCC for next year.

Home Nurseries - Currently over 500 at various stages of growth.

Total for 2011 - Just under 1,500 trees/plants.

## **Animal Pest Control**

Bait is still being emptied consistently from several bait stations – probably by rats. Since September 2008, 73 mustelids/rats and 8 hedgehogs have been caught in the 15 traps. All traps checked for operation recently. Some bait stations reoriented to reduce rain ingress at bottom opening.

Woodridge Planters advise success at repelling rabbits with Plantskydd, which repels by odour, is rain-fast and carries on working for up to six months after application - available from Taupo Native Plant Nursery - \$85 + gst for 1 kg. Agreed to obtain a small amount first from Woodridge for trials next planting season. **Peter Reimann/Matt Robertson**

### Project Kaiwharawhara

At the meeting on 16 November, Boyden Evans and Leigh Bull of BM reported on the findings of their study of the ecological values of the Kaiwharawhara Stream and estuary (see under next heading below).

[VUW student Jackson Shanks has advised Frances Lee that he has finished with the stormwater monitoring boxes - hydrology report to be sent in January]. **Frances Lee**

### Kaiwharawhara Estuary/Reclamation

The study by Boffa Miskell (BM) is complete after approval/comments on the draft. It is now being distributed to all interested parties.

Frances Lee is now working on papers about titles/ownership, Maori interests, statutory regulations (National, WCC and GW) and public recreational access. This material will be circulated, when available, to relevant companies/organisations/authorities for discussion.

The final objective, in conjunction with WCC and GW, is to see a Strategic planning exercise carried out for the lower Kaiwharawhara valley including the reclaimed land on either side of the Kaiwharawhara estuary. This activity would involve key people from WCC, GW, and the wider community (including business and Iwi) and aim to establish that future development of the area ensures that this important ecological corridor is protected, public access enabled including a route for the Great Harbour Way, and that the estuary is restored to a fully functioning ecosystem. **Frances Lee**

### Environment Court

Kilmarston Developments - No advice available yet on outcomes. **Frances Lee**

### Correspondence

#### Emails

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

Honda Tree fund plants	Jo Fagan (GW)
Trees by magazine building and historic wall below Waikowhai St	Paulo Fuiono (WCC)
Kaiwharawhara Estuary Study draft for comment	Boyden Evans (BM)
Kaiwharawhara Estuary Study invoice	Dianne Skelton (BM)
Kilmarston Development – Environment Court	Emma McCormack (Ministry of Justice)
Quarterly report hours	Tessa Roberts (GW)
New restoration website - photos, testing	Matt Barnett, Kayla Wilson (DOC)
Oban St to Kaiwharawhara Stream track and bridge estimate	Amber Bill (WCC)
NPA's Green Scene website - photos	Robin White (NPA)
Online plant order form	Paulo Fuiono (WCC)
The Body Shop plantings and infill plant sourcing - Kaiwharawhara stream (and fuel line clearance)	Ansonia Todd-Smith/Jackie Creagh (The Body Shop), Jo Fagan (GW), Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)
Centreport letter (received study)	William Woods (CPort)
Project Kaiwharawhara meeting	Boyden Evans (BM), Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)
Kaiwharawhara Ecological Report – Final version	Leigh Bull, William Woods (BM); Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)
Weed spraying magazine building and historic wall	Paulo Fuiono (WCC)
Rubbish collection	Paulo Fuiono (WCC)
Greater Wellington's "Your Environment" public workshops	Shelley Martin (GW)
Trelissick Park signage vandalism	Paulo Fuiono (WCC)
Environmental Consultative Committee meeting minutes	Susan Norman (CPort)
Ridvan Gardens – new track(s)	Mary Munro (NPA)
Dealing with a sprouting fallen willow – Trelissick Park	Justin McCarthy (WCC), Bruce Brewer (GW)

Take Care weed control	Megan Banks, Robyn Smith (GW)
Wellington Plant Me Instead	Ann Thompson (DOC)
Regional Plan public engagement	Jo Fagan (GW)
Mowing – Trelissick Park	Paulo Fuiono (WCC)
FOOS Newsletter November 2011	Janet Campbell (FOOS)
Wellington City Environmental Reference Group opportunity	Graeme Shimmin (WCC)
Notice of Entry to carry out works on the Kaiwharawhara Wilton A transmission lines	Melissa McPike (UGL), Murray Waititi, Jo Fagan (GW)
Plant propagation workshop	Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)
WCC Parks and Gardens peer review	Amber Bill (WCC)
Kaiwharawhara pipeline clearance	Agung Osianto (Mobil)
Planting by Beaurepaires	Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)
New Park Ranger – Matt Robertson	Paulo Fuiono (WCC)
Tradescantia leaf beetle	Amber Bill (WCC)
New sign at Trelissick Park	Paulo Fuiono, Matt Robertson (WCC)
Bait station & trap round – Trelissick Park	Matt Robertson (WCC)
Volunteer Christmas gathering invitation	Jenny Roberts (WCC)
Ferns	Robyn Smith (GW)
Trade waste visit to Woods Waste	Bruce Collier, Myfanwy Emeny (WCC), Jackie Creagh (The Body Shop)
Restoration Portal testing	Matt Barnett (DOC)
Mustelid trap results/checks, replacement screws	Matt Robertson (WCC), Bruce Brewer (GW)
FOOS Newsletter December 2011	Janet Campbell (FOOS)
Free tree offer	Doug Bell (Eco Points), Margaret Crimp (OWB)
Pest control photo shoot	Clayton Anderson (WCC)
TransPower tower foundation upgrade, rubbish, fence and sign - Trelissick Park	Matt Robertson (WCC)
New DOC newsletter for the Kapiti Wellington coast area	Matt Barnett (DOC)
Proof of Trelissick Park & Ngaio Gorge pamphlet	Matt Robertson (WCC)
Kaka	Matt Robertson, Myfanwy Emeny, Amber Bill (WCC), Robyn Smith (GW), Raewyn Thompson
Kaiwharawhara estuary study issues	Brett McKay (ex WCC)
Project Kaiwharawhara minutes	Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)
Kaiwharawhara Study – Maori interests	Liz Mellish
Encore Award winner - Frances Lee	Advice to various recipients

## Letters

### Inwards

25 October - William Woods (CPort) - Kaiwharawhara estuary study approval/payment  
 2 November - Kerry Swadling (DOC) - Frances Lee selected as finalist Encore Kaitiaki Award  
 Taupo Native Plant Nursery catalogue  
 Wellington Botanical Society Newsletter  
 Volunteer Wellington Newsletter

### Outwards

3 November - William Woods (CPort) - Kaiwharawhara estuary study approval/payment

## **Finance**

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

Cheque for Peter Reimann for \$82.30 for potting mix and photocopying approved.

Cheque for David Grace for new padlock for gate to railway footbridge for \$25 approved.

Cheque for Frances Lee for \$25 for TPG use of meeting venue approved.

## **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. Frances Lee has contacted Bob Barber, who will follow this up. **Amber Bill/Frances Lee** Encore Award 2011 Kaitiaki category - Congratulations to Frances Lee, who won this award at a ceremony on 30 November.

Infill Riparian Planting for The Body Shop (lower Kaiwharawhara) - Peter Reimann in conjunction with Myfanwy Emery (WCC) has provided The Body Shop with a list of plants to encourage more birds to the streamside and add some colour behind their warehouse on Kaiwharawhara Road. This will be infill to the original 2005/2008 planting/landscaping by WCC/GW. The Body Shop has ordered the plants via the WCC Community Greening Scheme.

Alison Melling - After meeting Frances Lee and Peter Reimann, Alison is joining TPG, initially to assist with e.g. submissions and funding applications.

#### **Next Meetings**

The next meetings are to be at **9:30 a.m. Tuesday 7 February and Tuesday 3 April 2012**, Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 86 Khandallah Road.

The meeting concluded at 11.30 a.m.