

**Trelissick Park Group: Minutes of the 158<sup>th</sup> meeting, held at Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday 3 April 2012**

**Abbreviations:**

WCC Wellington City Council  
GW Greater Wellington Regional Council  
NPA Ngaio Progressive Association  
HPPA Highland Park Progressive Association  
DOC Department of Conservation  
VUW Victoria University of Wellington  
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)  
Dorothy Douglass  
Alison Melling

Stan Pillar  
Barry Durrant  
Frances Lee  
Olaf John

**In Attendance**

Megan Banks, GW Biosecurity Officer (Plants)

**Apologies**

Andy Foster (WCC)

**Minutes**

The minutes of the 157<sup>th</sup> meeting, held on 7 February 2012, were confirmed.

**Secretarial Work**

The Group has acknowledged with thanks the help provided by Stacey Tampi, our Meetings Secretary, who has now moved to New Plymouth. Alison Melling has agreed to take on her work, compiling the email correspondence list, the meeting agenda and minutes. She will also assist with specific secretarial projects. It was agreed that she should be the new Secretary for the Group. For the time being Peter Reimann will remain as the main contact/liaison person and retain the archives.

**WCC Items**

Ngaio Gorge Road Strengthening Restoration - Matt Robertson has checked with the roading team and says there is no funding available for any more restoration of the previously earthquake-strengthened sites below the road (email 15 Feb). The Group expressed disappointment, restoration is essential to avoid weed ingress into the Park.

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

Fish Passage - This may become the subject of a discussion document, including potential solutions, need for monitoring and funding in collaboration with GW - to be presented at the March Project Kaiwharawhara meeting.] **Matt Robertson**

VUW Stormwater Monitoring Boxes - Myfanwy Emeny said she would check with Jackson Shanks about removal (email 10 Feb). **Myfanwy Emeny**

Planting by Beaurepaires - Myfanwy advised that she would follow up about WCC weeding at last year's planted Kaiwharawhara stream bank by Beaurepaires car park (email 8 Feb). It still looks weedy - mostly fennel.] **Myfanwy Emeny**

Stream Pollution from Crofton Downs - TPG members have not reported any further pollution from the stormwater outlet just downstream of the bridge 1.]

Blocked Drain/Track Scouring below Hanover St - Matt Robertson has cleared the blocked stormwater drain from Hanover St into the Park (by the entrance), which was eroding the track. Debris has been removed and track scouring fixed. Barry Durrant will take a photo of the bike barrier that has been sawn off at the track entrance and send it to Matt Robertson. **Barry Durrant/Matt Robertson**

Track Entrance Notice - Upper Ngaio Gorge Rd - This Park entrance (to the Forest Remnant Track) is obscure and does not have a sign. Matt Robertson will be asked whether a sign can be installed. **Peter Reimann/Matt Robertson**

**GW Items**

Megan advised that the WCC new Pest Plant Officer is Illona Keenan.

Robyn Smith has advised that she has moved to the Biodiversity Implementation Team at GW and her replacement for the Take Care funding work is now Jo Fagan. Peter Reimann has written to Robyn to express the Group's appreciation for her help over the years. Welcome to Jo Fagan.

Large-scale Spraying of Tradescantia/honeysuckle and Take Care Fund - Megan Banks advises the contractor for the large-scale spraying (Downers) haven't been able to get in to do the follow-up work yet

including below Waikowhai Street. It is to be done by the 13th of April. Mark McAlpine has finished a second hit of the tradescantia and montbretia along the stream and will be doing a final one this month. He has also controlled some cape ivy on Trelissick Crescent and patches of mistflower along the stream. Megan advised that Mark is dealing with this on an ongoing basis.

Once all the work has been completed this month the work programme for the year will be finished. Megan is pleased with the result of the tradescantia control on the steep rock faces in the lower valley done by Straight Up Abseilers and Dave Williams (who is now NZ Biosecurity Services), and feels positive about the tradescantia control in the park altogether. There are still patches of Japanese honeysuckle and a large area of old man's beard (OMB) on the right hand (railway land) side in the gorge (upstream of bridge 6) needs controlling, tracks into it are to be cut next month. Next year she hopes to extend the weed work into other species like climbing asparagus. This will be given priority when Illona Banks commences her new role.

#### **Megan Banks**

Marilyn Hester is concerned about seed heads on the vines above Ngaio Gorge Rd are they OMB or muehlenbeckia? She is also concerned about OMB off the Hanover St entrance track. Megan will check, but says it is too late in the season to spray for OMB. WCC have an OMB contractor, who will do next year.

#### **Megan Banks**

Tradescantia re-growth behind fence down from Wightwick's Field: agreed that TPG will remove manually, due to proximity to nikau and pukatea.

Megan Banks will check on inclusion of a programme for next year for the tradescantia along the true right bank of the lower Kaiwharawhara and climbing asparagus on the slope below Oban St. **Megan Banks**

### **Planting Update/Plan**

Honda Tree-fund 346 fast growing "reveg" species + some tawa, kohekohe, pigeonwood and pukatea have been ordered from Taupo Native Plant Nursery, [for recently cleared Japanese honeysuckle and gorse areas, and infill elsewhere. Delivery expected in a few days.] **Jo Fagan**

WCC Supplied Plants - 500 mainly fast growing "reveg" species, together with some heritage species, have been ordered from WCC. Delivery requested for Friday 15 June, to Trelissick Cres.

Peter Reimann is collecting 6 trays of excess seedlings from WCC Berhampore Nursery on 5 April (lemonwood, flax, cabbage tree, carex secta and kahikatea), for potting on.

Home Nurseries - Peter Reimann - Currently harbouring about 600 mostly fast growing "reveg" species at various stages of growth. George Symmes/Jack Stanton - growing some for their "spots".

Planted - 100 plus around 75 by George Symmes at his Waikowhai St spot by the fallen willow.

### **Animal Pest Control**

Bait is still being emptied consistently from several bait stations – probably by rats. Since September 2008, 82 mustelids/rats and 9 hedgehogs have been caught in the 15 traps. Rabbit meat suspended from "Z" hooks has possibly improved the kill.

### **Bridge from Oban St Track**

Peter Reimann has contacted DOC to see if they could provide one of their standard footbridge designs to a registered/chartered engineer for price estimating purposes. Followed up last week - no reply yet. Peter will give DOC a call after the Easter break. **Peter Reimann**

### **Project Kaiwharawhara**

Next meeting - Wed 11 April, to discuss fish surveys by Frances Forsyth in the Kaiwharawhara catchment. Peter Reimann has suggested agenda addition of the hydrology report results (see next para).

Myfanwy Emeny is following up with VUW student Jackson Shanks concerning removal of the stormwater monitoring boxes and issue of the hydrology report. [Jackson said the report was due in January - not seen yet.] **Myfanwy Emeny**

### **Kaiwharawhara Estuary and Surrounds Study**

A formal letter is awaited from Wellington Civic Trust confirming that it will take over this study from TPG.

A representative from the Trust is being invited to the next Project Kaiwharawhara meeting on 11 April to meet members of the Project. Before then TPG will circulate our draft papers for discussion.

All Project members received a copy of Boffa Miskell's paper on Ecological Issues last year which is a part of this overall study. This paper is also on the TPG website. **Frances Lee**

### **Environment Court/Submissions**

Kilmarston Developments - It is understood that the Kilmarston developer has signed the agreement for the subdivision and it is now with WCC's lawyers. The two appellants - NPA and F McGuire- will then need to study the text. Presumably at some time information will be supplied to Sec. 274 supporters, including our Group. **Frances Lee**

WCC and GW Long-term Plans - Peter Reimann will draft submissions, (due April/May). It was agreed that TPG will request no diminution in funding currently available for animal and plant pest control, plants/planting, track maintenance, mowing, detritus trap maintenance, facilitating fish passage and attendance to problems such as pollution/sedimentation, slips, fallen trees, rubbish, sewage leakage. The meeting agreed that it

would be good to comment on where WCC could make savings to ensure there is sufficient resource for investing in the natural environment. **Peter Reimann**

## Correspondence

### Emails

Website alternative domain name	From "Freeparking" website
Fish monitoring in Kaiwharawhara, Korimako, Silverstream	Frances Forsyth (Wildlands), Matt Robertson (WCC)
Tradescantia leaf beetle release	Megan Banks (GW)
BNZ "Closed for Good" application (for Tues 8 May)	BNZ Closed for Good Team
Follow-up from February meeting	Matt Robertson (WCC)
WCC planting by Beaufort	Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)
Kaiwharawhara stream – Maori interests	Liz Mellish
Kaiwharawhara estuary area - titles/ownership	Michael Brownie (WCC)
Trelissick Park track maintenance and fish ladders	Matt Robertson (WCC)
Rubbish dumping below Ngaio Gorge road	Matt Robertson (WCC)
Possum bait station and mustelid trap reports	Bruce Brewer/Henri Heyns (GW), Matt Robertson (WCC)
Nature Space website launch invitation	Amy Brasch (DOC)
Removal of stormwater monitoring boxes	Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)
Debris Trap	Sam Lister
Kaiwharawhara Estuary Project – Statutory rules	Claire Gregory (WCC), Tim Porteous (GW), Brett McKay (ex WCC)
Project Kaiwharawhara meeting	Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)
Community Champion Award for Dorothy Douglass	Anna Locker-Lampson (for MP Grant Robertson)
Rubbish pick-up	Matt Robertson (WCC)
Harbourside subdivision monitoring	Bob Barber/Amber Bill (WCC)
Nature Space user manual	Amy Brasch (DOC)
Possum Bait station and trap maps	Bruce Brewer/Henri Heyns (GW)
FOOS Newsletter February	Martin Payne (FOOS)
Bell's Track Group newsletters	Des (Bell's Track Group)
WCC Stormwater Consultative Committee inaugural meeting	Paul Glennie (Capacity)
Blocked drain and track scouring below Hanover St entrance	Matt Robertson (WCC)
WCC "web alerts" (meeting agendas, minutes, reports and resource consent applications)	WCC
Seaweek programme	Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)
Environmental Education Action Fund	Jo Fagan (GW)
Tradescantia abseil spraying work (1 - 16 March)	Megan Banks (GW)
Honda Treefund plant list/order/delivery from Taupo Native Plant nursery	Robyn Smith/Jo Fagan (GW)
Branch Out - Autumn 2012	WCC
Another possible site for tradescantia leaf beetle release (railway land down from bridge 1)	Megan Banks (GW)
Biodiversity funding via DOC	Jo Fagan (GW)
Footbridge across Kaiwharawhara Stream	Rob Stone/Stacey Perkins (DOC)
Amendment to Maori history in WCC Trelissick Park Management Plan (and on TPG website)	Michelle Marino (Ngati Wai o Ngati Tama), Amber Bill/Mike Oates/Rebecca Ramsay (WCC)
Surplus plants from Berhampore Nursery	Matt Robertson/Amber Bill (WCC), Peter Gilbert (Woodridge Planters)
Update of Motorway widening project near Kaiwharawhara estuary	Peter Martineau (NZ Transport Agency)
Track verge clearance	Matt Robertson (WCC)
Invitation to estuary clean-up	Alan Smith, Craig Palmer (Wellington Civic Trust)
WCC plant delivery form	Paulo Fuijono (WCC)
"Reveg" track upgrade (below Hanover St)	Grant Preston-Thomas

"Take Care" funding contact person now Jo Fagan	Robyn Smith (GW)
Follow-up request for comments on Kaiwharawhara estuary "Titles and Ownership" draft paper	Michael Brownie/Heather Black (WCC)
Follow-up request for comments on Kaiwharawhara estuary "Public Access" draft paper	Amber Bill (WCC)
Corporate volunteer group	Judy Kerr (Volunteer Wellington)
Excess seedling trays from Berhampore	Laureen Bamford (WCC)
Pest plant spraying update	Megan Banks (GW)
WCC Long Term Plan items	Andy Foster (WCC)
Restoration Day 12 May invitation	Tim Bailey (DOC)
GW Long Term Plan consultation	Darren Ponter (GW)

## Letters

### Inwards

23 February - Bob Barber (WCC) - Harbourside Sub-division monitoring

21 March card: "Have your Say on the Wellington Region's Future" (Draft Long-Term Plan from GW)

Newsletters: Volunteer Wellington, Otari Wilton's Bush Trust

## **Finance**

The bank balance as at 2 March 2012 is \$1707.55. This includes the \$1,000 "gift" money, being kept aside for initial Oban St track expenses.

Cheque for Peter Reimann for \$97.74 for potting mix/compost and photocopying approved. Cheque for Barry Durrant for \$16.55 for eggs and z nails approved.

## **Other**

Harbourside Development Monitoring - Some comments have been received from NPA, and B Brown (landscaper and original submitter), on WCC's lengthy reply of 23 February 2012 to our letter of 11 August 2011 on the monitoring of this subdivision over the years since approval in 2001. Comments from HPPA awaited before a draft reply will be prepared for discussion. It is noted that a 'replacement' Consent, granted by WCC on 1 November 2006, was Non-Notified. **Frances Lee**

Community Champion Award - Congratulations to Dorothy Douglass, who was presented with this award by Wellington Central MP, Grant Robertson, at a small ceremony at the Wadestown Library, late in February. This was for her long-standing work with HPPA and TPG.

Wadestown Fair - 10 March - Peter Reimann attended with display stand - some interest.

Estuary Clean-up - 24 March at the Kaiwharawhara estuary - 15 attended, 16 bags of rubbish.

BNZ 'Closed for Good' application - Peter advised that a team of 2 -5 will do weeding and planting on Tuesday 8 May.

Nature Space website launch invitation - Following an invitation from DOC, Peter Reimann and Bill Hester will attend in late April.

## **Next Meetings**

The next meetings are to be at **9:30 a.m. Tuesday 12 June 2012 (note change from 5 June), Tuesday 7 August**, Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 86 Khandallah Road.

The meeting concluded at 10.40 a.m.