

Trelissick Park Group: Minutes of the 159th meeting, held at Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday 12 June 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) Stan Pillar
Dorothy Douglass
Alison Melling Frances Lee

In Attendance

Matt Robertson, WCC Ranger

Apologies

Andy Foster (WCC) John Morrison (WCC)
Ilona Keenan (WCC) Megan Banks, GW Biosecurity Officer (Plants)

Minutes

The minutes of the 158th meeting, held on 3 April 2012, were confirmed.

WCC Items

Ngaio Gorge Road Strengthening Restoration - No date set by Opus for Site 7 strengthening (just below the Trelissick Cres intersection). A study is underway to see if there are more areas to strengthen. Matt Roberston advised that he is liaising with Julia Williams of NPA. This includes re-grassing of the contractor's area down the road for their containers/equipment after the work is finished and collecting titoki seeds at Site 7. **Matt Robertson/Julia Williams**

In relation to the new fencing, Matt said that it was actually a roading issue (being on Road Reserve).

Garages Bordering Park and Rubbish - Ngaio Gorge Rd - This on-going problem of rubbish next to the garages has been taken up at high level with John Morrison and WCC officers by Julia Williams (NPA) and Frances Lee. Matt said he has talked to the owner. [Matt advised afterwards rubbish will be taken off-site next Monday]. **Matt Robertson**

Fish Life/Passage – It appears fish numbers/species are decreasing. Sediment smothering the beds is also evident. This may become the subject of a discussion document, including potential solutions, need for monitoring and funding in collaboration with GW – talk given on this by Frances Forsyth at the March Project Kaiwharawhara meeting. The report on water quality by the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment (Jan Wright) is also relevant. [Matt is following up with Myfanwy Emeny]. **Matt Robertson/Myfanwy Emeny**

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 has discussed this with David Halliday, who will organise a sign. **David Halliday/Matt Robertson**

Fallen Poplars below Crofton Downs Station - WCC ranger Paulo Fuiono organised ring-barking of the poplars a couple of years ago. Some have now fallen. Peter Reimann will check for any damage to natives (including titoki) and clear if possible. **Peter Reimann**

Garden Weed Dumping - Trelissick Cres - There are concerns about illegal weed dumping into the Park (including tradescantia) by a resident, The Council Control Team have advised Matt that they need evidence to actually catch someone in the act before any action can be taken. [Matt advised later that he has issued a verbal advisory to the owner. If it continues there will be a written warning, following with a fine]. **Matt Robertson**

Mountain Biking in Trelissick Park - Matt advised that he had come across a small group of mountain bikers who rode the Trelissick Park tracks regularly three days a week. However, TPG does not want the "no biking" policy changed. Larger "no biking" signs were discussed. [Matt subsequently advised there will be no change - people who want to bike through the park will do it regardless of any signs].

Potholes at Trelissick Cres Entrance - Matt has arranged for the potholes to be filled. **Matt Robertson**

GW Items

Large-scale Spraying of Tradescantia/honeysuckle and Take Care Fund - Nothing further has happened last month and work has now ceased until the new year in July. Tracks which were to be cut into the OMB (Old Man's Beard) area by the gorge have not been cut due to the contract not being completed. Work will continue on OMB next year along with some follow up control on other target species]. **Megan Banks**

Marilyn and Bill Hester are concerned about the spread of OMB throughout the Park, above Ngaio Gorge Road and along the railway corridor. WCC have an OMB contractor, who will do next year. A meeting is to be arranged with Illona Keenan to identify the areas. **Peter Reimann**

[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 delivered and about half of them planted.

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

Peter Reimann has potted on about 1,600 excess seedlings from WCC Berhampore Nursery (mostly lemonwood and kahikatea, also some flax, cabbage tree and carex secta).

Home Nurseries - Peter Reimann – Apart from the 1,600 above, about 500 mostly fast growing "reveg" species at various stages of growth. George Symmes/Jack Stanton - growing some for their "spots".

Planted - 635 plus around 80 by George Symmes at his Waikowhai St spot by the fallen willow. BNZ assisted on their recent "Closed for Good" day. St Benedict's School are coming on 19 June. At the "Community Planting Day" on 10 June, advertised by GW, only 3 came to supplement TPG working bee numbers.]

Animal Pest Control

[Bait is still being emptied consistently from several bait stations – probably by rats. Since September 2008, 86 mustelids/rats and 10 hedgehogs have been caught in the 15 traps.] Matt advised that WCC will be putting information on Google docs, whereby all can log on and access the data. GW is reprioritising its animal pest control over the Greater Wellington region, however at this stage Trelissick Park will not be affected.

A new volunteer, Steve Mackle, has joined the team.

Matt Robertson has organised chew blocks and photo monitoring to improve trap and bait station distribution – results to be advised. **Matt Robertson**

Footbridge from Oban St Track

DOC have advised the name and contact details of the Engineer they have used for many bridges throughout the country. He is contracted to DOC as the DOC North Island Engineer. They recommend that we talk to him for a price estimate. **Peter Reimann**

The WCC Long Term Plan submission from Frances Lee included a request for the Plimmer Bequest to be used for the bridge.

Alison Melling will investigate funding options.

Project Kaiwharawhara

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**

Fish - see under WCC items above.

Kaiwharawhara Estuary and Surrounds Study

A formal letter has been received from Wellington Civic Trust confirming that it will take over this study from TPG, between the motorway and the sea.

Copies of the four papers written by Frances Lee, to supplement the Boffa Miskell Ecological Issues paper, have been sent to all Project Kaiwharawhara members, stakeholders, DOC, relevant WCC and GW officers and TPG members. A hard copy of the papers has been sent to Celia Wade-Brown, Fran Wilde, Hon. Peter Dunne and Hon. Kate Wilkinson. Frances reported that she had received good feedback and support, including a phone call from Wellington Mayor, Celia Wade-Brown, congratulating her on the work and offering her support. The New Zealand Walking Commission through George Williamson, has offered its support concerning ending the Sanctuary to the Sea track in the estuary area.

Matt Robertson will be talking to the Body Shop about monitoring pollution in their lower Kaiwharawhara area. **Matt Robertson**

Environment Court/Submissions

Kilmarston Developments - The Kilmarston developer and the two appellants - NPA and F McGuire have signed the agreement for the subdivision. All Sec. 274 supporters have also signed, except TPG. It was agreed that TPG will withdraw and advise the Environment Court accordingly, citing concerns about stormwater/sedimentation, green fill, road stopping and issues raised previously: monitoring during the development, effects of earthworks, bush retention, increased stormwater run-off, future possibility of more than one house per lot, access to Crow's Nest, lack of consideration of Kaiwharawhara Catchment Project. Peter Reimann will send a letter to the Environment Court accordingly. **Peter Reimann**

WCC and GW Long-term Plans – Submissions lodged.

Correspondence

Emails

Kilmarston - possible withdrawing as a 274 party.	Paul Thomas (Environmental Management Services)
Submission on the GW Long-term Plan	Daran Ponter and info@gw.govt.nz
Public planting day poster and spades	Jo Fagan/Tessa Roberts (GW)
Project Kaiwharawhara minutes and Kaiwharawhara estuary papers	Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)
Marginal Strip on N. edge of Kaiwharawhara Reclamation. [Case 1198]	George Williamson (Walking Access), Alan Smith (Wellington Civic Trust), David Bishop (DOC)
Eco-city proposal	Lisa Matthews (WCC)
Used planter bags	Matt Robertson/Nicky OliverSmith (WCC)
Trelissick Park Group on Facebook and DOC Nature Space Website	Robin White (NPA)
Biosecurity Bonanza invitation	Andrea Airey (Landcare Research), Tessa Roberts/Jo Fagan (GW)
Wellington City Council Grants Survey	Lara Rapson (WCC)
Domain Name renewed and invoice	Account at FreeParking via Deidre Burke
TPG tree survival and flax yellow leaf disease	Víctor Antón Valadés (VUW)
Entrance 3 potholes at lay-by area	Matt Robertson (WCC)
Honda Treefund plants	Jo Fagan (GW)
Web Alerts	Webcentre (WCC)
Nature Space website launch and feedback	Matt Barnett (DOC)
FOOS newsletter May	Janet Campbell for Friends of Owhiro Stream
Restoration Day 2012	Tim Bailey (DOC)
Garden tours	John Jolliff/Des Smith (Bell's Track Group)
BNZ Closed For Good Day in Trelissick Park	Anna Connell/Barry Young (BNZ)
Kaiwharawhara Estuary	Alan Smith/Craig Palmer (Wellington Civic Trust), Michael Brownie/Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)
Possum bait station locations, chew cards, photo monitoring, trap results	Matt Robertson/Ilona Keenan/Amber Bill/Myfanwy Emeny (WCC), Bruce Brewer/Henri Heyns (GW), Jack Mace/Bernard Smith (DOC), Raewyn Empson (Zealandia)
Camper van at Trelissick Cres entrance	Matt Robertson (WCC)
Old Man's Beard	Megan Banks (GW), Ilona Keenan (WCC)
Track Signage - Forest Remnant Track, Trelissick Park	Dave Halliday Reserves and Walkways Project Officer
Branch Out - Special Edition	Webcentre (WCC)
Invitation: Natural Environment Forum	Amber Bill/Brian Thomas (WCC)
Ngaio Gorge Rd strengthening, titoki tree/seeds, contractor's area	Matt Robertson, Nicky OliverSmith (WCC), Julia Williams (NPA)
Large kamahi and ngaio trees	Nicky OliverSmith
Long term plan submission	Webcentre (WCC)
Seed trays (Berhampore surplus seedlings)	Lauren Bamford (WCC)
GW Regional Plan Newsletter No 3	Shelley Martin (GW)
Fencing and entrance gap, Ngaio Gorge Rd	Matt Robertson (WCC)
Rubbish pickup	Matt Robertson (WCC)
GW stakeholder consultation information: Regional Plan review	Shelly Martin/Nigel Corry (GW)
Track Signage - Forest Remnant Track, Trelissick Park	Matt Robertson/David Halliday (WCC)
Berhampore Nursery Open Day	Tessa Roberts (WCC)
Bell's Track Group newsletters	Des Smith (Bell's Track Group)
FOOS newsletters	Janet Campbell/Martin Payne (Friends of Owhiro Stream)
Interislander will not use reclamation	Alan Smith/Craig Palmer (Wellington Civic Trust), Thomas Davis (Interislander)
Tree over Forest Remnant Track	Matt Robertson (WCC)
St Benedict's School visit	Fiona Barnett (St Benedict's School)
Supply of Vigilant (Triumph)	Matt Robertson (WCC)

Website technical talks	Rebecca Ray (ICT)
Submission on WCC Long Term Plan	Chris Hyde (for Wellingtonian)
Faith-based environmental conference volunteering	Alister Newton (VUW)
Vandalism at magazine building ruin	Matt Robertson (WCC)
WCC Long Term Plan submission	Nicole Tydda (WCC)
Garages and rubbish at Ngaio Gorge Rd	Julia Williams (NPA), John Morrison and WCC Officers
Weed dumping from 37 Trelissick Cres	Info.atWCC@wcc.govt.nz and Matt Robertson (WCC)
Footbridge over Kaiwharawhara follow-up	Stacey Perkins/Shane Hatwell (DOC)

Letters

Inwards

- 21 April - Alan Smith (Wellington Civic Trust) - Participation in Kaiwharawhara Estuary issues
 - 4 May - Amy Helm (GW) - Submission on Long Term Plan (acknowledgement)
 - 23 May - Morgan Slyfield - Kilmarston subdivision - joint memorandum of parties in support of draft consent order and associated documents
 - 23 May - Environmental Management Services - Kilmarston Subdivision update
 - 28 May - Hon. Katrina Shanks - Invitation to Volunteer Awareness Week morning tea
 - 1 June - Bob Barber (WCC) - Harbourside Subdivision monitoring
 - 6 June - Gavin Rodley for Hon. Kate Wilkinson (MP) - Kaiwharawhara Estuary papers - acknowledgement
 - 8 June - Hon Peter Dunne - Kaiwharawhara Estuary papers - acknowledgement and congratulations
- Newsletter: Volunteer Wellington.

Outwards

- 21 April - Alan Smith (Wellington Civic Trust) - Participation in Kaiwharawhara Estuary issues
- 29 May - Bob Barber (WCC) - Harbourside Subdivision monitoring
- 6 June - Hon. Peter Dunne, Hon. Kate Wilkinson, Fran Wilde (GW), Celia Wade-Brown (WCC) - Kaiwharawhara Estuary papers.

Finance

The bank balance as at 1 June 2012 is \$1,593.26. This includes the \$1,000 "gift" money, being kept aside for initial Oban St track expenses.

Cheque for Peter Reimann for \$181.56 for potting mix/compost approved (mostly for potting on Honda Treefund plants received in root trainers).

Thanks to Deidre Burke for once again paying for the website annual subscription, as a donation - \$45.94.

Other

Harbourside Development Monitoring - Comments have been received from NPA, HPPA and B Brown (landscaper and original submitter) on the monitoring of this subdivision since approval in 2001. TPG has provided an interim response to WCC. A final response is to follow, relating to WCC processes over the years since this subdivision was originally approved. **Frances Lee**

Websites/Facebook – Nature Space website: Peter Reimann and Bill Hester attended launch by DOC in late April. TPG has a presence on this. It is an excellent resource on restoration information and details of other groups in the area. Bill Hester has launched TPG onto FaceBook (for photographic records) – see <https://www.facebook.com/TrelissickParkGroup>.

Next Meetings

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

The meeting concluded at 11.25 a.m.