

Trelissick Park Group: Minutes of the 160th meeting, held at Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday 7 August 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
Barry Durrant Frances Lee
Alison Melling

In Attendance

Matt Robertson, WCC Ranger

Apologies

Olaf John
Illona Keenan, WCC Pest Management Officer Megan Banks, GW Biosecurity Officer (Plants)
Elizabeth Knopf (HPPA)

Minutes

The minutes of the 159th meeting, held on 12 June 2012, were confirmed.

WCC Items

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, Dave Moss (DOC) and Frances Forsyth [Wildlands]. **Matt Robertson/Myfanwy Emeny**

Capacity are responsible for maintaining the detritus trap and will be looking at reinstating the rocks below.

Capacity

Frances Lee will contact Sam Lister of Capacity to request detritus trap clearance of logs/branches **Frances Lee**

In future sediment control will be monitored more stringently (eg during excavations for new developments). WCC will penalise people who discharge sediment into streams. Applicants for resource consent will be given a booklet on requirements (with a fine for non-compliance).

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 bollard with pictograms including 'no cycling' instruction. **David Halliday/Matt Robertson**

Roadside Repair - Trelissick Park Entrance Opp. No. 19 - 3 potholes at the car parking area are growing. Gravel needed. Matt Robertson has followed this up within WCC. **Matt Robertson**

Ngaio Gorge Rd (grassed area, titoki seed collection, garages)

- When earthquake strengthening is finished the contractor's area down the road for their containers/equipment after the work is to be re-grassed. NPA advise that there was a commitment to this effect at the beginning of the project and ask that this be recorded in the project documentation. **Matt Robertson**
- Titoki to be checked for seed around February and Nicky OliverSmith of WCC Berhampore nursery to be advised for collection (large one jeopardised by Site 7 strengthening (just below the Trelissick Cres intersection). There are others just above the Kaiwharawhara valley floor by the lower end of the Forest Remnant Track. **Peter Reimann**
- Garages - Frances Lee advises that the eyesore of paint pots and an old tank still exists. Matt Robertson has requested pick-up by the WCC litter team. **Matt Robertson**

Green Waste Dumping off Trelissick Cres - A letter written by Matt Robertson on WCC letterhead about green waste dumping has been sent to all residents of Trelissick Cres. The main offender has just moved.

Old Man's Beard - Some old man's beard outbreaks have been identified within and bordering the Park during a walk-through with Illona Keenan. Tracks are to be cut to gain access to the OMB where necessary. It is expected that the vines will be cut and treated over winter. **Illona Keenan**

GW Items

[Tradescantia/honeysuckle/climbing asparagus - Programme for target weed species to be advised. Some previously sprayed tradescantia areas need a follow-up. Megan Banks will check to see if the tradescantia along the true right bank of the lower Kaiwharawhara and climbing asparagus on the slope below Oban St. can be included]. **Megan Banks**

[Take Care Fund - There is one year remaining (\$2,000 commenced 1 July). Suggestions made by TPG:

- Cutting/poisoning buddleia infestation on streamside of railway land between bridges 3 and 4.
- Restoring fish passage at the debris trap.
- Miscellaneous weed control work e.g. pampas grass, buddleia, sycamore, Australian wattle, evergreen buckthorn.
- Purchase of heritage trees or trees that don't seed naturally in the Park, e.g. hinau, matai, kamahi, rata, rimu, maire, kohekohe and miro].

[Further details are in TPG email to Jo Fagan of 13 July. Advice awaited by Tessa Roberts (new GW Take Care contact)]. **Tessa Roberts**

Planting Update/Plan

Home Nurseries - Peter Reimann – 1,600 excess seedlings from WCC Berhampore Nursery [mostly lemonwood and kahikatea, also some flax, cabbage tree and carex secta], plus about 420 mostly fast growing "reveg" species at various stages of growth. George Symmes/Jack Stanton - growing some for their "spots".

Planted - Just over 1,400 [infill: gorse-cleared slopes below Trelissick Cres, riparian down from Wightwick's Field, 2 honeysuckle-cleared areas on slopes above fish ladder, entrances at Trelissick Cres and Waikowhai St, slope below Waikowhai St (fallen willow site), slope below Hanover St, slope opp. magazine building across stream].

[New Areas - Gorse and honeysuckle-cleared areas adjacent minor track to valley from below Trelissick Cres eastern entrance, across stream from track "triangle" downstream from Wightwick's Field, Viburnum japonica-cleared area above transmission tower below Trelissick Cres.]

Animal Pest Control

Matt Robertson is putting information on Google docs, whereby all can log on and access the trap and bait station records.

5 new bait stations have been installed to cover the area below Oban St.

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

Peter Reimann will analyse trap catches to see whether 2 can be moved to below Oban St. [Nos. 5 and 13 proposed]. These traps will need to be re-nominated. **Peter Reimann**

Footbridge from Oban St Track

Barry Durrant has been talking to Emmetts Civil Construction Ltd of Wanganui who built the Mangaone footbridge (similar length), to DoC specifications and under DoC supervision. Emmetts will be doing a site evaluation. They will look at this when they have a job in Wellington; date to be advised. **Barry Durrant**

Alison is currently investigating funding sources. There are several possibilities, however, before applications for funding are submitted we need a quote in order to specify a monetary amount and specific details. **Alison Melling**

Project Kaiwharawhara

Meeting at Otari Wilton's Bush information centre 5.30 PM Wednesday 8 August. Bethanna Jackson from VUW will talk on the catchment study conducted by student Jackson Shanks. [Postponed - Matt Robertson spoke on animal pest control in Trelissick Park instead]

Fish - see under WCC items and Take Care Fund above.

Kaiwharawhara Estuary and Surrounds

Frances Lee circulated a suggested draft plan for the Wellington Civic Trust to consider as a follow up the study and papers and to develop a strategic plan for the area. This proposes meetings with statutory authorities, commercial interests and with relevant experts. Alan Smith of Wellington Civic Trust has advised that following their Board meeting they will be following up with stakeholders. **Frances Lee/Alan Smith**

Frances has also drafted a suggested plan for the lower Kaiwharawhara valley (from the Hutt Road to Trelissick Park), which was endorsed by members at this meeting. Frances has asked Stan Pillar to look for a historical list of streamside property owners. She will follow up with current owners. **Frances Lee/Stan Pillar**

Peter will advise the Body Shop [and also new owner of Wood's Waste who came to the Project Kaiwharawhara meeting] of the estuary area study and papers on the TPG website, also of Wellington Civic Trust involvement from the estuary to the Hutt Road. He will also give them a copy of Frances' above draft plans for comment. **Peter Reimann**

Environment Court/Submissions

Kilmarston Developments - TPG have advised the Environment Court about TPG withdrawal as a 274 Party, 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. These matters largely concern WCC, so a copy was sent to Amber Bill who has taken them up with Jeffrey Loo, Senior Consent Planner, for a response. **Amber Bill**

Correspondence

Emails

Meeting to discuss pest control	Matt Robertson (WCC)
Kilmarston Appeals to Environment Court - TPG Issues	David Benham, Jo Fagan (GW), Amber Bill, Andy Foster, John Morrison, Jo Coughlan (WCC), Paul Thomas (Environmental Management Services), Julia Williams (NPA),
GW Regional Plan review - stormwater stakeholder consultation	Rachel Pawson, Hayley Vujcich (GW)
Bell's track newsletter	Des Smith (Bell's track group)
First Green Shoots e newsletter	Elizabeth (GW)
Letter to Trelissick Cres. residents - green waste dumping	Matt Robertson (WCC)
Nature Space: New version of user manual	Tim Bailey (DOC)
Kaiwharawhara Stream footbridge enquiry	Richard Emmett (Emmetts Civil Construction Ltd), Andy Foster (WCC)
Update from meeting (garages, fish, potholes)	Matt Robertson (WCC)
WCC Web alerts	WCC
Delivery of 500 trees from Berhampore and thanks for species	Matt Robertson, Nicky OliverSmith (WCC)
Biosecurity Bonanza - invitation	Jo Fagan (GW)
Mustelids and bait stations	Matt Robertson, Illona Keenan (WCC), Bruce Brewer, Henri Heynes (GW)
Fallen poplars	Matt Robertson (WCC)
Kaiwharawhara Stream footbridge	Shane Hatwell (DOC)
Ngaio Gorge Rd strengthening (titoki, re-grassing)	David Spencer, Nicky OliverSmith, Matt Robertson, (WCC), Julia Williams (NPA)
Trelissick Park Volunteers	Judy Kerr (Volunteer Wellington)
Feedback on submission on GW Long-Term Plan 2012-22	GW
Number of plants put in last year?	Tessa Roberts (GW)
Garages off Ngaio Gorge Rd	Matt Robertson (WCC)
Community Directory	Brian Thomas (WCC)
Red berried Plant in Trelissick Park Gorge	Jonathan Anderson (WCC), Wayne Cowan (GW), Julia Williams (Drakeford Williams Landscape Architects) Barbara Mitcalfe (Wlg BotSoc)
Minutes correction	Illona Keenan (WCC)
Photos of Dorothy Douglass and farewell function	Rosanne Robertson, Ian Shearer, Valerie Norton (HPPA)
Applications open for Encore environment awards 2012	Tessa Roberts (GW)
Take Care Funding for this year	Jo Fagan (GW)
Project Kaiwharawhara meeting and Jackson Shanks' paper	Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)
"Branch Out" newsletter	WCC
BP fuel vouchers	Meg Whitelow (DOC)
KaiW Estuary future plans	Amber Bill (WCC)
Ngaio Gorge Rd entrance track bollard	David Halliday, Matt Robertson (WCC)
Meeting to discuss pest control	Matt Robertson (WCC)
Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture nomination of TPG for this year's Loder Cup.	David Sole (WCC)
Response to Long Term Plan Submission	Nicle Tydda, Martin Rodgers (WCC)
FOOS newsletter July and August	Janet Campbell
Mapping planting sites	Myfanwy Emeny
DOC June newsletter	Amy Brasch (DOC)

July Tech Talks and Webrider Support	Wellington ITC
Identification of old man's beard areas	Illona Keenan, Matt Robertson (WCC), Megan Banks (GW)
Rubbish collection from Trelissick Cres	Matt Robertson (WCC)
Kilmarston Subdivision article	Chris Hyde (The Wellingtonian)
Kaiwharawhara Estuary access paper	Amber Bill (WCC)
St Benedict's Visit to Trelissick Park	Fiona Barnett
Report and Papers on Kaiwharawhara Estuary	George Williamson (NZ Walking Access Commission)
New bait stations below Oban St	Matt Robertson (WCC)
Weed control plans and Take Care options	Megan Banks (GW)
WCN server planned outage	WCN Trust
Kaiwharawhara estuary area stake-holder contact	Alan Smith (Wellington Civic Trust)

Inwards

20 June - Katrina Shanks (MP) - BP voucher application information for volunteer groups.

25 June - Morgan Slyfield - Kilmarston Developments - enclosing 2 memoranda.

3 July - David Sole (Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture) - Loder Cup Nomination for TPG.

5 July - Morgan Slyfield - Kilmarston Developments - enclosing fresh copy of previous (incomplete) Memorandum

Newsletters: Otari Wilton's Bush Trust, Volunteer Wellington.

Outwards

8 June - The Registrar, Environment Court - Withdrawal as an Art. 274 party, giving concerns not addressed at hearings/meetings.

9 July - RJ Good - Supporting letter for nomination for North Wellington Service Award by NPA.

Finance

The bank balance as at 4 July 2012 is \$1411.70. This includes the \$1,000 "gift" money, being kept aside for initial Oban St track expenses.

Cheque for Peter Reimann for \$44.22 for potting mix/compost and Osmocote fertiliser approved.

Other

Harbourside Development Monitoring - A final response is to be provided, relating to WCC processes over the years since this subdivision was originally approved. **Frances Lee.**

Zoning and Historic Walls - Frances Lee will follow up with WCC action on re-zoning of road reserve areas which should logically be incorporated into the Park. She will also press for more action on repairing/preserving historic walls (at Silverstream below Crofton Downs station and near magazine building ruin). **Frances Lee**

Next Meetings

The next meetings are to be at **9:30 a.m. Tuesday 9 October and Tuesday 11 December**, Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 86 Khandallah Road.

The meeting concluded at 11.05a.m.