

Trelissick Park Group: Minutes of the 161st meeting, held at Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday 9 October 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)
Barry Durrant
Olaf John

Stan Pillar
Frances Lee
Elizabeth Knopf (HPPA)

In Attendance

Matt Robertson, WCC Ranger

Apologies

Alison Melling

Chris Moore (Wlg BotSoc)

Minutes

The minutes of the 160th meeting, held on 7 August 2012, were confirmed.

WCC Items

Fish Life/Pollution/Sedimentation – It appears fish numbers/species are decreasing. Sediment smothering the beds is also evident. Pollution, housing developments and fast stormwater run-off from hard surfaces in the catchment appear to be contributing factors. A strategy needs to be developed [including potential solutions, need for monitoring and funding] in collaboration with GW, Dave Moss (DOC) and Frances Forsyth (Wildlands). **Matt Robertson/Myfanwy Emeny**

Fish Passage past Debris Arrestor - Capacity are responsible for maintaining the debris arrester [and have a resource consent for removing gravel upstream. Chris Fern of GW advises: "the debris arrester does not have a resource consent associated it. Looking on file it seems that the structure was constructed pre Resource Management Act 1991 and therefore falls under Rule 22. If Capacity is able to comply with all the conditions of Rule 22 then consent is not required to undertake maintenance works. My main comment is that fish passage must be provided for - if you are able to place rocks in such a way that it creates an area of slower flowing water and there are no "steps" this would be of benefit providing that fish passage."]

Capacity/Amber Bill

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 [gravel is on the job sheet and money allocated, time-frame not available]. **Matt Robertson**

Ngaio Gorge Rd Garages - Frances Lee asked for a WCC response as the lower of the 2 garages currently seems to contravene the licence - it appears to be used as a workshop and for storage, not for a vehicle. Raewyn Picken advises that the garages are connected and licenced to different owners, so it would be difficult to remove one garage. WCC will continue to monitor usage. **Raewyn Picken/Matt Robertson**

Track and Seat Repairs after Slips below Hanover St - Track is now open after temporary repairs. It appears that a retaining wall will be needed at the slip above the track. [Parks and Gardens track team are fixing the smaller slip over the track further down on 10/10/12. Investigation into the rotting seat legs has started - it seems that the installation protocol was not followed]. **Matt Robertson**

Pest Plant Control

GW/WCC Pest Plant Control Programme - Areas for tradescantia and old man's beard (OMB) control were agreed at a meeting between Megan Banks, Illona Keenan and Peter Reimann, for inclusion this year. Programme to be advised. The contract schedule and map revisions have been provided, following further discussion. [The Asiatic knotweed in the lower Kaiwharawhara by the vehicle access track above the detritus trap has been added to the schedule.] **Megan Banks/Illona Keenan**

[Illona Keenan and Matt Robertson have undergone a KiwiRail H & S induction, for working near the railway line.]

GW Take Care Fund - The last year for this funding will be used for dealing with mainly buddleia and Australian wattle. It will also include one or more pampas, tamarillo, sycamore, elderberry and evergreen buckthorn. (All at locations per Megan's map sent 17/9/12). This work will start shortly. **Megan Banks**

Planting Update

[Planting history/details over the last 3 years: see Sept Gorge Gazette appendix. Significant planting for this year is complete - estimated total = 1,340 (1,400 reported in the last minutes was incorrect).]

Animal Pest Control

[Google docs results/monitoring is working well.]

6 new bait stations have been installed to cover the area below Oban St. Barry Durrant advises that bait consumption has shown a marked decrease after the initial high rates.

1 trap moved to below Oban St and another to the forest remnant near a kaka nest. Matt advises that the kaka nest has sadly just been predated.

Some chew blocks are being found by dogs. These will be moved further from the track. **Bill Hester**

Footbridge from Oban St Track

Barry Durrant has been talking to various people connected with footbridge design/construction. He has heard of a potential source of funding and is following this up. **Barry Durrant**

Project Kaiwharawhara

The talk by Bethanna Jackson from VUW on the catchment study conducted by student Jackson Shanks. was postponed from the last meeting. Minutes awaited and next meeting agenda/date to be advised.

Myfanwy Emeny

Fish - see under WCC items.

Kaiwharawhara Estuary and Surrounds

Wellington Civic Trust has written to stakeholders about it taking over the exercise and has arranged a meeting with KiwiRail this week.

There has been some publicity in the Wellingtonian about the study/papers and northern beach, also a NewsTalk ZB interview with Alan Smith.

CentrePort are proposing some weed control at the reclamation area, but this needs to be coordinated with restoration planting to prevent re-invasion.

Stan Pillar has provided historical material on the streamside property owners (from the Hutt Road to Trelissick Park). It was suggested that Alison Melling could follow up with current owners concerning Frances Lee's draft plan for the lower Kaiwharawhara valley. There is also a small area of WCC land just downstream of The Living Room, full of Australian wattle and rubbish. A coordinated approach to riparian restoration/maintenance is needed for this whole section of the stream from the Hutt Road - a meeting of all owners (eg a morning tea) is suggested in conjunction with The Body Shop and Wood's Waste. **Matt Robertson/Alison Melling**

Environment Court/Submissions

Kilmarston Developments - WCC have responded to TPG 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. The response somewhat allays the concerns, but vigilance will be required during the development.

The Environment Court have now granted consent for the development to proceed.

Correspondence

Emails

Meeting to discuss plant pest control	Megan Banks (GW), Illona Keenan (WCC)
Moving mustelid trap to below Oban St	Matt Robertson (WCC)
Bell's track newsletters	Des Smith (Bell's Track group)
WCC Web alerts	WCC
Development off Kaiwharawhara Rd	Amber Bill/Myfanwy Emeny/Matt Robertson (WCC), Julia Williams (NPA), Ian Shearer (HPPA)
Mustelids and bait stations	Matt Robertson, Illona Keenan (WCC), Bruce Brewer, Henri Heynes (GW)
FOOS newsletters	Janet Campbell
KaiW Estuary future plans	Amber Bill (WCC)
Ngaio Gorge Rd entrance track bollard	David Halliday, Matt Robertson (WCC)
Stormwater on track below Wightwick's Field	Matt Robertson (WCC)
Slip down from Bridge 2	Matt Robertson (WCC)
Native tree seedlings	Russell Robinson
July Tech Talks and new Wellington ICT website	Wellington ITC
Small site earthworks sediment control	Nicci Wood (WCC)

Rubbish collection from Trelissick Cres	Matt Robertson (WCC)
Public meetings on local government reform	Laura Kim (Wellington Review Panel)
WCC planning response to TPG concerns - Kilmarston development above Ngaio	Amber Bill/Jeffrey Loo (WCC), Paul Thomas (Environmental Management Services), Julai Williams/Frank McGuire (NPA), Morgan Slyfield, Andy Foster/John Morrison/Jo Coughlan/Helene Ritchie WCC)
New bait stations below Oban St	Matt Robertson (WCC)
New volunteer for animal pest control	Matt Robertson (WCC)
WCN server planned outage/upgrade	WCN Trust
Kaiwharawhara estuary area & stream follow-up	Alan Smith/Craig Palmer (Wellington Civic Trust)
Access to Google Docs for animal pest monitoring	Matt Robertson (WCC)
Riparian restoration planting - lower Kaiwharawhara	Ansonia Todd-Smith/Jackie Creagh (The Body Shop), Mike Wilde (Wood's Waste)
Correspondence on Kaiwharawhara Estuary area	Alan Smith/Craig Palmer (Wellington Civic Trust)
Article on pest monitoring	Mark Taylor (Independent Herald)
Article on Kaiwharawhara estuary area & stream	Chris Hyde (Wellingtonian), Mike Wilde (Wood's Waste)
Change in DOC contacts	Alan Smith/Craig Palmer (Wellington Civic Trust)
Ferns in Forest Remnant	Barbara Mitcalfe/Chris Moore/Chris Horne/Olaf John (Wlg Botanical Society), David Ogilvie
Corporate volunteer afternoon	Barry Hardy/Troy Hammond (Talent International)
Newstalk ZB radio session - Kaiwharawhara reclamation beach	Alan Smith (Wellington Civic Trust)
Subdivision in Highland Park below Sefton St	Ian Shearer (HPPA)
Chew cards for pest animal monitoring	Matt Robertson (WCC)
Conservation Week weed swap	Paulo Fuiono (WCC), Tessa Roberts (GW)
Coastal clean-up	Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)
Trelissick Park woody weed map (Take Care funded)	Megan Banks (GW)
Seedlings available and fern identification	Gail Andrews, Barbara Mitcalfe (Wlg Botanical Society)
North Wellington Volunteer Award - Trevor Lloyd	Mary Munro (NPA)
Free websites for non-profits and community groups	Wellington ICT
Moving trap 13 to forest remnant kaka nest	Matt Robertson (WCC)
Slips below Trelissick Cres and Hanover St	Matt Robertson (WCC)
Spoil dumping and re-grassing by Ngaio Gorge Rd	Matt Robertson (WCC), Julia Williams (NPA)
Ngaio Gorge Rd garages	Raewyn Picken/Matt Robertson/Andy Foster/John Morrison (WCC), Julia Williams (NPA)
CentrePort Environment Committee Meeting	Alan Smith/Craig Palmer (Wellington Civic Trust)
Bokashi pre-compost from BNZ/Wood's Waste	Mike Wilde (Wood's Waste), Myfanwy Emeny/Nicci Wood/Carles Devenish (WCC), Barbara Mitcalfe/Chris Horne (Wlg Botanical Society)
Weedbuster's "Dirty Weekend" promotion	Tessa Roberts (GW)
Viburnum japonica grows from cuttings	Bruce Brewer/Wayne Cowan (GW), Sandra Shearn
Nature Space website - new version and updating	Tim Bailey/Matt Barnett (DOC)
Loder Cup nomination - number of trees planted	David Sole (WCC)
Evergreen buckthorn	Illona Keenan (WCC), Megan Banks (GW)
Weeds map and contract schedule for future spraying programme	Illona Keenan (WCC), Megan Banks (GW)
NPA AGM invitation	Viv Chapple (NPA)
Sediment in Kaiwharawhara Stream	Naomi Middleton (GW pollution hotline)
Excavation for development - lower Kaiwharawhara	Ben Brown (WCC)
CentrePort masterplan	Alan Smith/Craig Palmer (Wellington Civic Trust), Bronwyn Brown

Inwards

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

1 October - Environment Court - Consent Order concerning appeals - Kilmarston Developments

Finance

The bank balance as at 4 October 2012 is \$1,367.28. This includes the \$1,000 "gift" money, being kept aside for initial Oban St track expenses.

Cheque for Peter Reimann for \$133.28 for potting mix/compost approved. This includes a \$50 petty cash advance for working bee refreshments.

Other

Small Commercial Development by Lower Kaiwharawhara Stream - Frances Lee has been concerned about the clearance of a site for diggers right alongside the stream bank which could lead to falling into the water. [Richard Hopkins of GW advises that he did investigate the site and did not detect any breaches of the Resource Management Act. The site in its current form does not trigger any GW regional rules. Despite this he has given the landowner some "best practise" advice regarding sediment control.]

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**

Housing Development below Sefton St - Elizabeth Knopf will check status of the O'Neill housing development proposal below Sefton St. **Elizabeth Knopf**

Next Meetings

The next meetings are to be at **9:30 a.m. Tuesday 11 December, Tuesday 19 February**, Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 86 Khandallah Road.

The meeting concluded at 11.10 a.m.