

**Trelissick Park Group: Minutes of the 162<sup>nd</sup> meeting, held at Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday 11 December 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  
Megan Banks, GW Biosecurity Officer, Plants  
Maree Martinussen, VUW

Richard Grasse  
Angela Incedon

**Apologies**

Alison Melling

Cr Andy Foster (WCC)

**Minutes**

The minutes of the 161<sup>st</sup> meeting, held on 9 October 2012, were confirmed.

**TPG Workload**

Angela Incedon and Richard Grasse are attending because they have expressed some interest in possibly helping with organising within TPG.

**WCC Items**

Fish Passage Past Debris Arrestor - Matt Robertson suggested that TPG contact Ashlee Farrow of GW, providing all the relevant data concerning responsibilities/consents, so that Ashlee can expedite restoring the rocks by Capacity. **Peter Reimann**

Track and Seat Repairs after Slips below Hanover St - The track is now open after temporary repairs. A permanent repair is to follow (which involves a resource consent). **David Halliday**

The seat with deteriorating seat legs has been reinstalled, but will be replaced eventually. WCC have a 10-year depreciation cycle for park furniture.

Community Participation in Greening - Maree Martinussen from VUW is working in conjunction with WCC on a proposal for community planting of small areas adjacent to housing, such as those bordering Trelissick Park. The aim is to trigger wider community participation and interest in native bush restoration, in the process reducing garden weed escapes. This might extend to more bait stations for rats, which migrate from housing areas (eg compost heaps) to parks. Marketing/communication would be via Facebook. TPG supported this idea, stressing need for adequate education about restoration procedures and need to keep up enthusiasm.

Parking near Lower Park Entrance - Matt Robertson will advise the WCC person to contact if TPG want to pursue improved parking by the lower entrance. **Matt Robertson**

Pothole Filling at Trelissick Cres Entrance - TPG thanked WCC for doing this work.

Slip from Trelissick Cres Verge - Matt Robertson suggested contacting the WCC Call Centre to pursue the "fix".

Potting Mix for Home Nursery - Matt Robertson advised that the Southern Landfill provide free compost to community groups (Megan Millar). Otherwise, Nicky Oliver-Smith from Berhampore Nursery may be able to help. **Peter Reimann**

**Pest Plant Control**

GW/WCC Pest Plant Control Programme - The contractor, Kaitiaki, is about half way through the work, predominately control of tradescantia, Japanese honeysuckle and old man's beard (OMB) with some mistflower and mile-a-minute. Completion is estimated in February. However, much of the rail corridor OMB work will have to be transferred to next year. **Megan Banks/Illona Keenan**

Two Asiatic knotweed outbreaks in the lower Kaiwharawhara by the vehicle access track above the detritus trap have been tackled.

There is some banana passionfruit across the stream down from the magazine building. Megan Banks will pursue. **Megan Banks**

Megan Banks advised that only a couple of tradescantia leaf beetles have been found at the trial site (across the stream down from the magazine building). However there are also stem and tip eating species, which will be trialed soon. **Megan Banks**

GW Take Care Fund - The last year for this funding has been used for dealing with buddleia, Australian wattle, pampas, tamarillo, sycamore, elderberry, evergreen buckthorn - work completed by David Williams.

Megan Banks advised that on railway land between bridges 3 and 4, buddleia has only been cut/poisoned to 2m up from the stream, due to steepness.

### Planting Update

Planting for this year = 1,365.

### Animal Pest Control

Google docs results/monitoring is working well, but maps need to be revised to show the latest trap and bait station locations. **Matt Robertson**

VUW students Tracy Poole and Lisa Solly are working with Bill Hester and Matt Robertson on setting out, collecting and analysing the chew cards, continuing over 2013. Many cards have been re-located further from tracks, to avoid damage by dogs. Some rat "hot-spots" have already been identified, for location of bait stations.

The methodology for servicing bait stations is undergoing review by Matt Robertson in conjunction with TPG. Matt stressed the need for servicing consistently once per month at the beginning of each month (not more frequently, except where agreed). **Matt Robertson/TPG**

### 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 has submitted an application. **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

Wellington Civic Trust spoke to KiwiRail, who plan to no longer take trains on the ferries, so will not be needing a shunting line on the reclamation. CentrePort may be more clear on plans for the area when it reports to the Environmental Consultative Committee meeting on 21 February 2013.

### Correspondence

#### Emails

Take Care fund update	Richard Romijn (GW)
Photomaps, specifications and programme for weed control	Megan Banks (GW), Illona Keenan (WCC)
Bell's track newsletters	Des Smith (Bell's Track group)
WCC Web alerts	WCC
Kilmarston subdivision	Julia Williams
Mustelids, bait stations and chew cards	Matt Robertson (WCC), Bruce Brewer/Henri Heynes (GW)
FOOS newsletter	Janet Campbell
Debris trap fish passage	Amber Bill (WCC), Sam Lister (Capacity), Christopher Fern (GW)
Ngaio Gorge Rd entrance track bollard	David Halliday, Matt Robertson (WCC)
Sediment in Kaiwharawhara Stream	Naomi Middleton (GW)
Bollards near Waikowhai St entrance	Matt Robertson (WCC)
Information on Stream Ecological Valuation (SEV)	Juliet Milne (GW)
Role change at WCC - Biophilic City	Amber Bill (WCC)
On-line pant order	Paulo Fuiono (WCC)
Rubbish collection from Trelissick Cres	Matt Robertson (WCC)
Historic wall - Trelissick Park	Myfanwy Emeny/Buzz Graham (WCC)
Rabbits in Trelissick Park	Glen Falconer (GW), Viv Chapple (NPA)
Kaka chick pieces	Matt Robertson (WCC), Sarah Fox
Trellisick Park fern query	Graeme Ure University of Canterbury
Waterlution New Zealand's inaugural meeting - "Exploring our Interests in Water"	Nicci Wood (WCC)

Kaiwharawhara estuary area & stream follow-up	Alan Smith/Craig Palmer (Wellington Civic Trust)
Tradescantia leaf beetle	Matt Robertson (WCC), Megan Banks (GW)
Parks & Gardens Volunteer Christmas Party	Elizabeth Webley (WCC)
Filling in of pot-holes at Trelissick Cres entrance	Matt Robertson (WCC)
Stormwater compliance report	Ashlee Farrow (GW)
GW regional plan invitation	Shelly Martin (GW)
Working bee flyer printing	Matt Robertson (WCC)
Missing key at Ngaio Gorge Rd entrance gate and vandalised brochure holder	Matt Robertson (WCC)
Branch Out - Spring 2012	WCC
Restoration of Ngaio School arboretum and gully	Judy Mullins (Ngaio School), Kate Davey (parent)
Regional plan stormwater update	Hayley Vujcich (GW), Liz Mellish

#### Outwards

30 October. To Treasurer, HPPA Thanks for donation.

#### **Finance**

The bank balance as at 4 December 2012 is \$1,284.18. This includes the \$1,000 "gift" money, being kept aside for initial Oban St track expenses.

Cheque for Peter Reimann for \$106.38 for potting mix/compost approved.

A donation of \$50 was received from HPPA.

#### **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**.

Historic Wall - Frances Lee has been discussing repairing/preserving the historic 'dry' wall between the magazine building ruin and the park entrance with Buzz Graham of WCC. Buzz is seeking a contractor to give a quote for repairing the wall. **Buzz Graham/Frances Lee**

Housing Development below Sefton St - Elizabeth Knopf advises that HPPA have no issues regarding the O'Neill housing development proposal below Sefton St.

#### **Next Meetings**

The next meetings are to be at **9:30 a.m. Tuesday 19 February, and Tuesday 23 April**, Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 86 Khandallah Road.

The meeting concluded at 11.10 a.m.