

Trelissick Park Group: Minutes of the 164th meeting, held at Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday 23 April 2013

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
BotSoc Wellington Botanical Society

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)
Frances Lee
Olaf John

Stan Pillar
Elizabeth Knopf (HPPA)

In Attendance

Chris Moore (BotSoc)

Paulo Fuiono (WCC Ranger)

Apologies

Alison Melling

Cr Andy Foster (WCC)

Minutes

The minutes of the 163rd meeting, held on 19 February 2013, were confirmed.

WCC Items

Fish Passage Past Debris Arrestor - Capacity have reconfigured the rocks to provide a sloping cascade down the centre to ease fish passage (arranged by Malcolm Charles and Sam Lister of Capacity). Paulo Fuiono advised that Capacity will seek WCC permission before driving lifting/dredging machinery into the stream above the debris trap (concern about damage to riparian planting for stream bank protection). Frequency: once or twice a year or more often if required. Paulo will check to see when sediment will next be removed.

Paulo Fuiono

Parking near Lower Park Entrance - Although a congestion problem, there was no agreement on what to ask for, so this matter will be dropped.

Slip from Trelissick Cres Verge - Follow-up by a local resident revealed that it appears this has fallen through the cracks as no further action was noted. The new WCC reference number is 2130371. [WCC engineer has now inspected the slip and protective work has been put on the schedule.]

Pest Plant Control

Combined WCC/GW biodiversity weed work summary for this year:

First phase: marked tradescantia and Japanese honeysuckle areas done, old man's beard (OMB) in railway land and the park swept for outlying infestations.

Second phase (finished recently): railway land upstream from the Hanover St track and bridge for very large infestations of Japanese honeysuckle and OMB (time consuming work as a lot of cutting was required for access plus to cut the vines out of trees before spraying the growth on the ground). The infestations are large and work will need to be ongoing in here for a number of years. Megan Banks of GW says "it is crucial they are controlled as they are a significant source of infestation." Ivy beginning to emerge also controlled. Some follow up work done on tradescantia at the top of the park.

TPG volunteers have also worked on OMB in various areas and sporadic tradescantia and Japanese honeysuckle outbreaks.

Banana passion-fruit across the stream down from the magazine building is to be followed up. Other species of tradescantia leaf beetle will be trialled soon. **Megan Banks (GW)/Illona Keenan (WCC)**

Nursery/Planting Update

622 surplus home nursery plants in root trainers and small pots went to Friends of Owhiro Stream, Forest and Bird and Woodridge Planters nurseries. 15 plants in pb3 bags were sold at the Wadestown Fair for \$30 - used to offset costs for potting mix.

Planting has just started - total = 203 (from home nursery) - most went to the area behind the bollards by the Waikowhai St entrance. WCC have delivered 2 piles of mulch.

Remaining in home nursery: 490 ready to plant, 470 ready later in year, 730 in root trainers/small pots - most for next year. Many of the plants for this year (along with the 500 from WCC) will be for infill on the ex-gorse slopes below Trelissick Cres, the slope across the stream opposite the magazine building and riparian areas. There is also the cleared slope near the railway bridge by Waikowhai St to fill.

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**

The procedure for servicing bait stations has been agreed after review by all TPG participants, WCC and GW.

TPG volunteer, Tracy Poole is conducting a University animal behaviour research project with 3 other students over 5 or 6 weeks at 10 bait stations, using night vision/movement video cameras and tracking tunnels.

Footbridge from Oban St Track

Barry Durrant is awaiting the outcome of his funding 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 (or her stand-in)**

Kaiwharawhara Estuary

In a letter to CentrePort, Frances Lee has asked that the minutes of the CentrePort Environmental Consultative Committee meeting of 14 February include reference to the discussion on 'tidying' land titles between CentrePort and KiwiRail at the Kaiwharawhara reclamation area.

Submissions (Plan Change - Curtis St)

TPG lodged a submission with WCC, including advocating for a "green" business area (eg to slow stormwater run-off).

Correspondence

Emails

Bell's Track newsletter	Des Smith
Clean up event at estuary	Rawa Karetai (Green Party)
Restoration Day 2013	Amy Brasch (DOC)
Ngaio school bush tucker hunters	Leah Merewater (Ngaio School)
FOOS newsletter March	Janet Campbell (Friends of Owhiro Stream)
Volunteer Pest Control meeting invitation	Brian Thomas (WCC)
"Bush Vitality" Publication	Jo Fagan (GW)
Groundbreaking conservation in action just minutes from downtown Wellington"	Kathy Luke (Zealandia)
Significant Slip	Bill Wheeler (local resident)
Book of NZ Sanctuaries: image request	Laura Sarsfield (Random House)
Trelissick Park debris trap rock restoration for fish passage	Sam Lister (Capacity Infrastructure Services Limited)
Minutes of ECC meeting	Debbie Smith (CentrePort)
Plants delivery application form confirmation	WCC website
Old man's beard control	Illona Keenan (WCC)
Hawthorn identification	Rewi Elliot (WCC) and others
WCC Natural Environment Forum invitation	Sharon Bennett (WCC)
Trelissick Park feedback/compliments	Andy Foster (WCC)
Hawthorn and Trelissick weed update	Megan Banks (GW)
Historic walls	Buzz Graham (WCC)
NatureSpace newsletter	Tim Bailey (DOC)
Donations	Victoria Davidson (dog owner)
Donation	Sylvia Dixon and Chris Barnett
Branch Out - Special Edition	WCC
Take Care coordination - Trelissick Park	Pedro Jensen (GW)
Waikowhai St entrance to Trelissick Park - rubbish and mulch	Paulo Fuiono (WCC)
Project Crimson: northern rata available	Tim Bailey (DOC)
Stormwater and beds of lakes and rivers - Regional Plan discussion	Hayley Vujcich (GW)
Need some extra help for any upcoming events?	Spencer Clubb (Community Action Wellington)

Ngaio Gorge Retaining Walls - geotechnical Investigations - Trelissick Park	Gunasekaran Mookaiya (Opus International Consultants Ltd)
Copy of letter to CentrePort 18 April - see below	Craig Palmer (Wig Civic Trust), Bronwyn Brown, Paul Bruce (GW), Helene Ritchie (WCC)
St Benedict's School visit	Fiona Barnett (St Benedict's School)
Website Invoice	Deidre Burke and FreeParking
Minutes of volunteer pest control meeting	Illona Keenan (WCC)
GW draft regional plan	Daran Ponter (GW)
Plan Change 77 submission	district.plan@wcc.govt.nz, Sarah Edwards/Celia Wade-Brown/Andy Foster/Helene Ritchie (WCC), creswickvalleyra@gmail.com, Mary Munro
March bait station report	Bruce Brewer (GW)
Kokopu sighting	Robin Simenaur, Frances Forsyth
Surplus plants	Peter Gilberd (Woodridge Planters)
Surplus plants	Chris Streatfield (F & B)
Curtis St business area DPC 77	Paul Barker
Sea Week clean-up	Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)
Web alerts (Resource Consents, meetings)	WCC
Clean-up of Birdwood Reserve	Hamish Crimp
Purchasing weed-killer	Jo Fagan (GW)

Inwards

7 March - Megan Dunning (WCC) - Zoning of Trelissick Park in District Plan.

Newsletters - Volunteer Wellington and Otari Wilton's Bush Trust

Outwards

18 April - William Woods (CentrePort) - Supplementing Environmental Committee meeting minutes.

Finance

The current bank balance is \$1,307.80. This includes the \$1,000 "gift" money, being kept aside for initial Oban St track expenses.

Thanks to Deidre Burke, who has paid \$127.82 to Freeparking for website charge for the next 3 years - as a donation.

Thanks to Chris Barnett for a donation of \$150 for carbon off-setting for his travel. This will be used to reimburse for potting mix and fertiliser nursery costs. Thanks to Victoria Davidson (appreciative dog owner/walker in Park) for \$40 donation.

A cheque for \$140.60 as payment for potting mix and fertiliser to Peter Reimann approved. Paulo Fuiono will advise contact details for the WCC landfill person for sourcing potting mix/compost. **Paulo Fuiono**

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 - The dry stone wall between the magazine building ruin and the park entrance has been partly restored - more to be done in the new financial year. Chris Moore will take a photograph to accompany an article by Frances in the Gorge Gazette.

Next Meetings

The next meetings are to be at **9:30 a.m. Tuesday 25 June and Tuesday 27 August** Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 86 Khandallah Road.

The meeting concluded at 11 a.m.