

Trelissick Park Group: Minutes of the 165th meeting, held at Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday 25 June 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
Barry Durrant

Stan Pillar
Elizabeth Knopf (HPPA)

Apologies

Alison Melling

Matt Robertson (WCC Ranger)

Minutes

The minutes of the 164th meeting, held on 23 April 2013, were confirmed.

WCC Items

Fish Passage Past Debris Arrestor - At a site meeting on 11 June between WCC, GW, Capacity, DOC and ourselves, it was decided to lower the rocks at the debris trap in 2 stages. The first would be this month, the second later in the year. Much of the gravel deposited in the pools upstream will be washed down towards the harbour, hence the cautious two-stage approach. The consent for gravel removal has expired, but still applies for maintaining fish passage across the debris trap. **Capacity**

There will be a need for checking for any effects from any gravel build-up in the downstream tunnel areas and estuary. **Myfanwy Emeny/Matt Robertson (WCC)**

Slip from Trelissick Cres Verge - WCC engineer has inspected the slip and protective work has been put on the schedule. It has just slipped a little more. **WCC**

Track Scour/Gabion on Korimako Stream - WCC has asked an engineer to prepare a scope of work and resource consent, which includes a rock gabion. This will require diverting the stream for the excavation for the gabion. It will take about 3 months to complete the work. **Matt Robertson/David Halliday (WCC)**

Ngaio Gorge Rd Garages - [Shane Crowe (WCC) has advised that the licences for the privately owned garages remain in force indefinitely with annual payments to WCC - licences "only cancelled if they became derelict". Any change of the road reserve zoning would make no difference to the way the Encroachment & Property Services Section would look at any licence renewal. See Appendix for licence information.]

Storm Damage - All tracks can now be negotiated, but WCC tree team will eventually need to deal with the tree across the track, just upstream of bridge 4, and another across the track just below the entrance from Trelissick Cres opp. No. 41.

The slip on the Hanover St track has moved and the culvert recently put in is now completely blocked - the is likely to negate the WCC temporary track repair when heavy rain next occurs. **Matt Robertson**

5-Year Plan Update - Comments received from WCC. Updating can now be completed. **Peter Reimann**

Rubbish Removal - Downer have now taken over. Matt Robertson advises suspension of rubbish removal until WCC work out an arrangement with Downer. **Matt Robertson**

Pest Plant Control

Kaitiaki is doing some cutting/treating of OMB (old man's beard) on the true right of the stream down from Hanover Street - on railway land. There is only enough money for a couple of days work at this stage.

Illona Keeman advises that unfortunately due to a number of changes occurring (both in WCC and GW) they do not yet have confirmed budgets for next year for Trelissick Park. These meetings will be occurring in July. Then there will be a need to reprioritise target species and areas. With the completion of Take Care funding it is likely there will be less money overall.

There will be a focus on climbers - OMB, Japanese honeysuckle and maybe a start on some climbing asparagus. Also follow up on the Asiatic knotweed.

There are no imminent plans to release the other species of tradescantia beetles in Trelissick Park. However GW and WCC have released the other two species in three other places across Wellington city. There is ongoing monitoring for establishment, with the beetles surviving winter being the first hurdle. Biocontrol is a long term (and wait and see project). Controlling tradescantia in Trelissick Park will be dependent on budgets, and will need to be quite targeted - to be discussed with TPG. We need to select

areas that will benefit from control. For example areas where TPG would like to replant, the infestation is isolated, or there is a decreased risk of reinvasion. **Megan Banks (GW), Illona Keenan (WCC), Peter Reimann (TPG)**

Bill Hester has checked with GW on the OMB situation for private property. They will only act if the property is clear and OMB is within 10 m outside.

Nursery/Planting Update

Just over 1,000 plants have been planted so far this year. [Areas virtually completed:

- Slope across stream opposite magazine building
- Forested slopes below Hanover St
- Area around Waikowhai St entrance
- 2 spots on Trelissick Crescent verge
- Slope at 3rd "zig" below Trelissick Crescent grass slope
- "Japonica" spot above transmission tower
- Grasses opposite NPA seat

Infill on the ex-gorse slope below Trelissick Cres is due for the next working bee. The area between bridges 4 & 5 is due for weeding and planting with the rest of the WCC grasses.]

1.2 m3 of potting mix was delivered from WCC landfill for the home nursery.

Peter Reimann will investigate suitable plant species for steep southern slopes below debris trap. **Peter Reimann**

Animal Pest Control

TPG volunteer, Tracy Poole has finished 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

Wellington Civic Trust advise they will use the opportunity of the City Council's current consultation on Open Spaces to advance the case for the reclamation area in the context of the green Northern Gateway, green corridor concept around from Zealandia and down to the Kaiwharawhara reclamation.

Frances Lee attended the CentrePort Environmental Committee meeting of 13 June. CentrePort advise a master plan for the area and talking with KiwiRail about titles and ownership will occur at some time in the future.

Submissions - WCC Annual Plan

TPG lodged a submission advocating for more budget for parks and reserves.

TPG is to lodge a submission about WCC's "Our Capital Spaces", due 7 July. **Peter Reimann**

Correspondence

Emails

Beach clean-up report	Craig Palmer (Wellington Civic Trust)
Donation	Chris Barnett
Donation	Victoria Davidson
Skinks in Trelissick Park	Sabine Melzer
Web alerts (consents and meetings)	WCC
Birdwood Reserve cleaning	Hamish Crimp
Historic wall article	Buzz Graham (WCC)
Bell's Track newsletters	Des Smith
Rubbish Pick-up	Paulo Fuiono/Matt Robertson (WCC)
St Benedict's School visit	Fiona Barnett (St Benedict's School)
Potting mix from landfill	Paulo Fuiono/Darren Hoskins (WCC)
Halo Project invitation and responses	Nick Tansley (Morgan Foundation)
Birds eating bait	Gary Sue (GW)
Debris trap clearing	Sam Lister (Capacity), Matt Robertson (WCC)
Track washout by Korimako Stream	Matt Robertson (WCC)
Text for book "Paradise Saved"	Janet Hunt (for Random House)

FOOS Newsletter	Janet Campbell (Friends of Owhiro Stream)
Staff cuts	Heather Newell (Wellington ICT)
Learning about the local environment	Naomi O'Connor (Ngaio School)
Sign post for track near bridge 4	Matt Robertson (WCC)
Website - problem with WCN	Matt Robertson, Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)
Trelissick Park visit	Louise Gusterson (Crofton Downs Primary School)
Ngaio School talk	Naomi O'Connor, Erica Thorby (Ngaio School)
2013/14 WCC Annual Plan Submission	Marianne Cavanagh (WCC)
Funding seminar	Matt Robertson/Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)
Arbor Day invitation	Elizabeth Webley (WCC)
Delivery of plants	Paulo Fuiono/John Curran/Matt Robertson (WCC)
A new cycleway for the Park	Barry Bryant
Visit of Springload volunteers	Alan Doak (Springload)
Recent Resource Consents	WCC
NPA to NCDRA Invitation	Viv Chapple (NCDRA)
Kaiwharawhara rats and sewer leak	Matt Robertson (WCC)
Stormwater design camp at Massey	dk@justadandak.com
Trelissick Park 5 Year Plan Update	Matt Robertson/Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)
Working bee information	Robin White (NCDRA)
FOOS Newsletter	Janet Campbell (Friends of Owhiro Stream)
Community Directory Update	Nicole Geluk (WCC)
Garages on Ngaio Gorge Rd	Shane Crowe/Matt Robertson (WCC)
Branch Out - Winter 2013	WCC
Fish migration and further debris trap upgrade	Sam Lister (Capacity), Matt Robertson/Myfanwy Emeny (WCC), Chris Fern (GW)
Low impact design guidance workshop	Nicci Wood (WCC)
Petone Herald re 'halo' of traps around Zealandia	Abby Brown (Northern Courier and Petone Herald)
Old man's beard control off Hanover St	Illona Keenan (WCC)
Photos of historic wall	Chris Moore (BotSoc)
Texts for Morgan Foundation blog	Nick Tansley (Morgan Foundation)
Fish migration charts	Matt Robertson (WCC), David Moss (DOC)
Kaiwharawhara estuary/reclamation update	Alan Smith (Wellington Civic Trust)
Pest plant control update/plans	Megan Banks (GW), Illona Keenan (WCC)
Further submission and correspondence on Plan Change 77	Michael Gibson
Photos of debris trap	Frances Forsyth (Wildlands), Paulo Fuiono (WCC)
Trelissick Park storm damage	Matt Robertson (WCC)
Trelissick Park clean-up	Scott Claridge

Inwards

Newsletters - Volunteer Wellington and Otari Wilton's Bush Trust

14 May - Sarah Edwards (WCC) - Summary of Submissions, DPC77, Curtis St Business Area

22 May - Katrina Shanks MP - Volunteer Week Celebration invitation

14 June - Creswick Valley Resident's Association - support of TPG submission, Curtis St Business Area

Outwards

24 June - Megan Dunning (WCC) - Zoning of Trelissick Park in District Plan.

Finance

The bank balance at 4 June is \$1,167.20. This includes the \$1,000 "gift" money, being kept aside for initial Oban St track expenses.

Other

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. **Buzz Graham (WCC), Frances Lee (TPG)**

Morgan Foundation - TPG is now supporting the Morgan Foundation in a campaign to 'Enhance the Halo' and make Wellington "NZ's Natural Capital" – restoring the dawn chorus and wings over all of Wellington. TPG now feature on their website and are providing periodic text for their blog.

Website - Now being hosted on a new, more reliable host. It used to reside on the Wellington Community Network (WCN) which has been out of action a number of times in recent months, and WCN's long term

viability is questioned. Hence a kind benefactor has allowed the TPG website to be moved to his host service - for no charge - and TPG are now also able to move the website to any other host on short notice, if necessary.

Bill Hester advises that the TPG Facebook page provides a convenient place to put more timely and changing information and pictures and videos for reference by anyone in the world. But it is also good to have 'friends' on Facebook so they get notified when the Facebook page is updated. Anyone on Facebook, should be asked to 'like' us. This is good for publicity.

Next Meetings

The next meetings are to be at **9:30 a.m Tuesday 27 August and Tuesday 5 November**, Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 86 Khandallah Road.

The meeting concluded at 10.30 a.m.

Appendix

Ngaio Gorge Garage Licence Information

[The licences state that the land is owned by the Council and the licensees own the property - subject to the provisions of the Wellington Consolidated Bylaw 1991. The licences can be sold to another party subject to WCC approval. These two were granted in 6 Aug 2004 and 16 December 2005. The annual fees at that stage were \$200 plus GST p.a. (maybe now increased). The licences state that the properties must be owned by the title holders of the houses WN553/255 and Title 452/189 (on the upper side of the road). The Council's part is as a land owner and not as a regulatory authority. Any termination can be made in terms of Clause 7,8 or 9, which relate to arrears of unpaid fees; breaches of obligations which include keeping the land "clean, tidy and clear from all rubbish and noxious weeds"; abandoning the land; sale of the "property; etc. Any new purchaser of the property needs to apply to Council for a new licence. We are not aware of whether those now using the garages are the same as those originally signing the two licences and occupying the relevant houses.]