

Trelissick Park Group: Minutes of the 166th meeting, held at Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday 5 November 2013

Abbreviations:

WCC Wellington City Council
GW Greater Wellington Regional Council
NCDRANgaio Crofton Downs Resident's Association
WRA Wadestown Resident's Association
HPPA Highland Park Progressive Association
DOC Department of Conservation
VUW Victoria University of Wellington
TPG Trelissick Park Group
BotSoc Wellington Botanical Society

Members Present

Peter Reimann (chair)
Frances Lee
Olaf John

Stan Pillar
Elizabeth Knopf (HPPA)
Alison Melling

In Attendance

Mike Oates (WCC Mgr Open Space & Rec Planning)
Myfanwy Emeny (WCC Team Leader, Urban Ecology)
Chris Moore (BotSoc)

Apologies

Cr Simon Woolf

Minutes

The minutes of the 165th meeting, held on 25 June 2013, were confirmed.

TPG were saddened by the death on 15 September of Grant Preston-Thomas. Grant did much track development work in the Park.

WCC Items

Suburban Reserves Management Plan– Mike Oates spoke about the development of the Suburban Reserves Management Plan. Sector 1 - the first Sector to be advanced covering the north west area, includes all of Trelissick Park. TPG will extract from the Trelissick Park 1995 Management Plan what is special to the Park, as many general subjects will be covered in the text for the whole Sector. A truncated separate Trelissick Park Management Plan will remain and it can contain new priorities such as those included in our latest 5-Year Plan. Mike plans to have the Draft Plan ready for public consultation in June/July 2014. **Peter Reimann/Frances Lee.**

WCC Organisation Changes – Myfanwy Emeny gave a summary of the organisation changes within WCC which are outlined in a draft document. Once all changes have been confirmed she will forward the new structure and names of personnel and their areas of responsibility to TPG. She will also be looking at updating the Biodiversity Action Plan. **Myfanwy Emeny.**

Fish Passage Past Debris Arrestor - The removal of the rocks has worked well and fish passage now appears to be easier. May not need a further rock removal. [Frances Forsyth and Matt Robertson are keen to go "fishing"]

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 - In progress. Peter Reimann still has trees ready to plant on the slip face, after the WCC contractor has finished the reinforcement. **Peter Reimann**

Track Scour/Gabion on Korimako Stream - WCC now advise that constructing a gabion is too expensive. Matt Robertson and Peter Reimann need to meet on site to follow up. **Matt Robertson/(WCC)/Peter Reimann**

131 Silverstream Road, Crofton Downs – Peter Reimann has been registered as a "Concerned Neighbour". If a resource consent is lodged and it breaches the District Plan, the effects will be assessed and whether there are any adversely affected parties. Written approvals of affected parties will then be sought, which may include TPG. Once an application is lodged, it is public information and TPG may make a request to view it. Members agreed that Peter Reimann should respond and clarify that it is a TPG group concern rather than an individual one, also requesting that TPG be informed if a resource consent application is received, irrespective of any non-compliance with the District Plan. **Peter Reimann.**

Pest Plant Control

Peter Reimann gave map grid references for tradescantia areas within/next to forested areas for spraying.

Myfanwy Emeny advised that there may be a funding shortfall for 2014/15, because the 50/50% shared WCC/GW arrangement is to end in June 2014 and will be funded from then on by WCC for Trelissick Park. WCC will try to find other sources of funding to make up for the shortfall for that year. **Myfanwy Emeny**

Megan Banks has provided a map showing areas to be worked on - likely in December, with re-visits in February - March. This is for old man's beard, Japanese honeysuckle, smaller infestations of mile a minute and five priority tradescantia areas. These are largely on rail land and those adjacent to primary bush remnants. The contractors are NZ Biosecurity Services Ltd (Dave Williams and Dave Calcinai). They need to undergo a KiwiRail safety induction.

Nursery/Planting Update

Just under 1,850 plants have been planted so far this year.

- [Slope across stream opposite magazine building
- Forested slopes below Hanover St
- Area around Waikowhai St entrance
- 2 spots on Trelissick Crescent verge (one by Springload)
- Slope at 3rd "zig" below Trelissick Crescent grass slope
- "Japonica" spot above transmission tower
- Opposite/adjacent NPA seat
- Area between bridges 4 & 5
- Next to bridge 6 on Wadestown side
- Across stream from the track junction down from Wightwick's field
- Across stream up from the debris trap
- At gorse-cleared area above minor track off Northern Walkway
- On slope above bridge 4 on Ngaio side
- Opposite the fish ladder
- Down from Northern Walkway entrance opp. No. 19 Trelissick Cres.
- Riparian down from Wightwick's Field
- Ex-gorse slope below Trelissick Cres. (infill)
- Below Waikowhai Street.]

Peter Reimann will investigate suitable plant species for steep northern 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. It was found that some bait stations need re-positioning for easier access for rats.

Chew cards show evidence of possum(s) somewhere in the Park.

The trap by the stream below Waikowhai Street is missing. [later found by DoC at the debris trap, without lid. Barry Durrant is collecting it from DoC and will repair it] **Barry Durrant/Bill Hester**

Block bait is to be trialled in collaboration with GW. **Bill Hester**

Footbridge from Oban St Track

TPG strongly advocate (as in the past) for a crossing with no bridge, with stream-lined "stepping stones" if possible. There is precedent for bridge-less crossings of similar streams on well-used tracks in Seton Nossiter Park, Makara Peaks Mountain Bike Park and across various streams in the Tararua and Rimutaka Forest Parks. Stream-rise warning signs would be necessary at both ends of the "Tramping Standard" track.

Peter Reimann

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

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. The earthquake affected the edge of KaiW Point which lost around 5-6 metres off the eastern and southern sides. A slip road from the motorway on to the Point will be needed in the future.

Submissions

TPG lodged a submission about WCC's "Our Capital Spaces" and feedback on WCC's "Water Sensitive Urban Design Guidelines (WSUD)". The submission was largely positive.

Correspondence

Emails

Zoning adjacent to Trelissick Park	Mike Oates/Myfanwy Emeny/Matt Robertson (WCC)
Recent resource consents	WCC
Low Impact Design guidance document workshop	Nicci Wood (WCC), Nick Griffin (Wraight and Associates)

Open spaces consultation	Paulo Fuiono (WCC)
Trees across tracks	Matt Robertson (WCC)
Bell's Track newsletters	Des Smith
Nature Space website updating	Tim Bailey (DOC)
FOOS newsletters	Janet Campbell (Friends of Owhiro Stream)
WCC Plan Change 77 - Curtis St - seeking that submission 61 be disallowed	Michael Gibson
5 Year plan update	Matt Robertson/Myfanwy Emeny/Illona Keenan (WCC)
Ngaio Gorge Rd garages	Viv Chapple (NCDRA)
Kayaking in Trelissick Park	Matt Robertson (WCC)
Trelissick Park clean-up after storm	Scott Claridge
BNZ "Closed for Good" day invitation	BNZ
Trelissick Park community group photos	Elizabeth St John-Ives (DOC)
Nature Space moving to new server	Tim Bailey (DOC)
Greater Wellington Regional Plan Newsletter	Sam Wren (GW)
DOC-com: Kapiti Wellington Area Office newsletter	Megan Martin (DOC)
Submission on Our Capital Spaces	spacesandrec@wcc.govt.nz, Paulo Fuiono/Matt Robertson/Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)
Results of University Trelissick Park Rat Study	Stacy Poole (VUW), Matt Robertson/Illona Keenan (WCC), Bruce Brewer/Gary Sue/Glen Falconer (GW)
Potential changes to the baiting regime in Trelissick - waiting for the end of the chew card trial	Illona Keenan (WCC), Stacy Poole (VUW), Matt Robertson (WCC), Bruce Brewer (GW)
Trelissick Park Group - Texts for Morgan Foundation Blog Update	Nick Tansley (Morgan Foundation)
Trelissick Park bush restoration methods	Rob Kennedy
End of Take Care funding & future GW liaison	Jo Fagan (GW)
Pest Plant Control Plans for 2013/14 Year	Illona Keenan (WCC) Megan Banks (GW)
Reroute of stream track below Wightwick's Field	Matt Robertson (WCC)
Historical Article on Trelissick Park	Judy Siers, Murray Pillar (Onslow Historical Society), John Shrapnell (WRA)
Biosecurity & monitoring training	Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology
Tim Beatley Lecture - Biophilic Cities: The Importance of Nature in Urban Life	Sharon Bennett (WCC)
Rubbish pickup from Park	Matt Robertson/John Curran (WCC)
Nature Space email update number 2	Tim Bailey (DOC)
Block bait stations	Matt Robertson (WCC)
Feedback on Oral Submission Process	Sharelle Peck (WCC)
Tree donation	Simon Story
Ngaio School planting day: 31 August 2013	Naomi O'Connor
Conservation Inc Conference 17-18 October	Yeprtrust.org.nz
Query for Urban Restoration paper	Catherine Kirby (University of Waikato)
Strategy & Policy Meeting agenda and reports - 22 August 2013 - Our Capital Spaces & Suburban Reserves	Webcentre@wcc.govt.nz
Biosecurity & monitoring training	Nelson/Marlborough Institute of Technology
Closed For Good - Trelissick Park	Scott Willson (Bank of New Zealand)
Kahikatea ecological situations	Rob Kennedy
Kaka damage	Matt Robertson (WCC)
GWRC: Invitation to Stakeholder seminar	Sam Wren (GW)
Sewer Job from Waikowhai St	Matt Robertson (WCC)
Community groups and environmental questionnaire	Monica Peters (University of Waikato)
Collecting manuka brushwood	Rob Kennedy
Water Sensitive Urban Design Guidelines	Nicci Wood (WCC)
Korimako stream fish life query	Jennifer Neill, Matt Robertson (WCC)

Community groups and environmental restoration: A questionnaire and blog	Monica Peters (Waikato University)
WCC web alerts	WCC
Information about Korimako Stream	Jennifer Neill (Ngaio childcare centre)
Fish migration - debris trap rock movement	Sam Lister (Capacity), Matt Robertson (WCC), Chris Fern (GW), Frances Forsyth (Wildlands)
TransPower volunteer	Judy Kerr (Volunteer Wellington)
Suburban Reserves Management Plan	Mike Oates (WCC)
Conservation Week activities	Amy Brasch (DoC)
Tyres in Trelissick Park	John Curran/Matt Robertson (WCC)
New Independent Herald reporter, Robert Johnson	Dani McDonald
Branch Out - Spring 2013	WCC
Kahikatea information	Rob Kennedy
Water sensitive design	Nicci Wood (WCC)
Grant Preston Thomas commemoration	Andy Foster (WCC)
Nature Space email update	Tim Bailey (DoC)
Regional Plan - working document	Shelley Elliott (GW)
Conservation Inc. Programme 17-18 Oct	Sue Murray (Yellow Eyed Penguin Trust)
PhD Reserach Snapshot	Monica Peters (University of Waikato)
TPG Newsletter and WCC "Our Capital Spaces"	Andy Foster (WCC)
Plant ID course 15-16 Nov	Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology
Follow-up on WCC "Our Capital Spaces" submission	Our Capital Spaces Development Team (WCC)
Regional Plan: Water Allocation stakeholder meetings	Sam Wren (GW)
Northern Courier article	Abby Brown (Northern Courier)
Greater Wellington Regional Plan Newsletter No. 6	Sam Wren (GW)
Suburban Reserves Management Plan	Greg Hyland (HPPA), Mike Oates (WCC)
Survey for research into community group involvement in environmental projects	Adrian Rumney (Open Polytechnic)
Crofton Downs School visit	Louise Gusterson (Crofton Downs School), Matt Robertson/Anita Benbrook (WCC), Chris Streatfield (F & B)
Historic walls	Buzz Graham (WCC)
Subdivision - Silverstream Rd	Viv Chapple (NCDRA), Robert Anderson (WCC)
Water Sensitive Urban Design WCC	Julia Williams (NCDRA), Peter Hunt (F & B)
Latest Stories from Enhancing The Halo	Des Smith (Bell's Track Group), Nick Tansley (Morgan Foundation)
Report-3-District-Plan-Committee-paper	Mike Oates (WCC)
Regional Plan: Water Quality stakeholder meetings	Hayley Vujcich (GW)
Regional Plan: Wetlands stakeholder meeting	Jo Beaglehole (GW)
Sewer Leak below Ngaio Gorge Rd	WCC Contact Centre/Matt Robertson (WCC)
Meeting attendance (5 Nov)	Mike Oates/Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)
Possum in Trelissick Park	Matt Robertson (WCC)
District Plan Changes Web Alert	WCC
CPort Environ.Com Meeting 10 October 2013.	Paul Bruce (GW), Alan Smith/Craig Palmer (Wellington Civic Trust)
Scour down from Wightwick's Field	Matt Robertson (WCC)
Project Kaiwharawhara	Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)
Update from CVRA	Paul Barker (Creswick Valley Resident's Association)
Meeting 5 Nov. and Trelissick Park comments	Simon Woolf (WCC)
Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) Guide Feedback	policy.submission@wcc.govt.nz
Missing DOC mustelid trap and fish survey	David Moss (DOC), Frances Forsyth (Wildlands), Matt Robertson (WCC)
Curtis St District Plan Change update	Paul Barker (Creswick Valley Resident's Association)

Pest plant control programme for	Megan Banks (GW)
Tradescantia removal for Crofton Downs School	Louise Gusterson (Crofton Downs School)
Bait and bait station report	Bruce Brewer/Henri Heynes (GW)

Inwards

Newsletters - Volunteer Wellington and Otari Wilton's Bush Trust.
 10 July - Jo Fagan (GW) - End of Take Care funding.
 10 July - Marianne Cavanagh (WCC) - Response to submission on WCC Annual Plan.
 2 August - Julia Hamilton (WCC) - Hearing date - Proposed Plan Change, Curtis Street.
 20 August - Julia Hamilton (WCC) - Officer's Report - Proposed Plan Change, Curtis Street.
 10 September - Andrew Macleod (WCC) - Proposed Plan Change, Curtis Street aftermath.
 15 October - Robert Anderson (WCC) - General enquiry - 131 Silverstream Road.

Outwards

20 July - Paul Bruce (GW) - Kaiwharawhara Estuary concerns.
 21 July - Jo Fagan (GW) - End of Take Care funding.

Finance

The bank balance at [4th November 2013 is \$1167.20]. This includes the \$1,000 "gift" money, being kept aside for initial Oban St track expenses.

[St Lukes Church Wadestown have just donated \$500 to TPG. Frances Lee will send a thank you letter.]

Frances Lee

Other

Historic Wall - The dry stone wall between the magazine building ruin and the park entrance has been restored. The wall by the Silverstream tunnel is yet to be investigated **Buzz Graham (WCC), Frances Lee (TPG)**

Track Plaque for Frances Lee – following a suggestion from Andy Foster (WCC), members unanimously agreed that the track leading off the Northern Walkway down to near bridge 4 in Trelissick Park should be named 'The Frances Lee Track'. This is in acknowledgement of the lengthy and outstanding voluntary contribution that Frances has made to the Trelissick Park Group. Over the years this has given massive support and impetus towards the provision of an enjoyable and environmentally- friendly recreation venue for the benefit of Wellingtonians. Peter Reimann will advise details to Andy Foster. **Peter Reimann**

Historical Article on TPG - TPG has been asked by the Onslow Historical Society to write an article for "The Onslow Historian". Peter Reimann is well advanced on this, assisted by Frances Lee. It will be reviewed and then published via Judy Siers from Hawkes Bay, who is in Wellington until the end of the year.

Tribute to Peter Reimann – The Trelissick Park Group asked that thanks be extended to Peter Reimann, TPG Chairman, for the huge amount of work he has done voluntarily for the Park over the past 13 years. Peter has given unstintingly of his time both in planning and nurturing native plantings in the Park as well as undertaking a multitude of public relations activities to inform and educate the public about the Park's aims and issues. Members asked that his contribution be recorded in these minutes.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be at **9:30 a.m Tuesday 18 February** Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 86 Khandallah Road.

The meeting concluded at 12.00 noon.