

Trelissick Park Group: Minutes of the 167th meeting, held at Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday 18 February 2014

Abbreviations:

WCC Wellington City Council
GW Greater Wellington Regional Council
NCDR Ngaio Crofton Downs Resident's Association
WRA Wadestown Resident's Association
HPPA Highland Park Progressive Association
DOC Department of Conservation
TPG Trelissick Park Group
BotSoc Wellington Botanic Society

Members Present

Peter Reimann (chair)	Stan Pillar
Frances Lee	Elizabeth Knopf
Olaf John	Barry Durrant

In Attendance

Cr Simon Woolfe
Matt Robertson (WCC Ranger)
Chris Moore (BotSoc)

Apologies

Alison Melling
Cr Andy Foster
Cr Helene Ritchie

Minutes

The minutes of the 166th meeting, held on 5 November 2013, were confirmed.

WCC Items

Suburban Reserves Management Plan– Mike Oates has advised that he made a start on the text based on the 1995 Trelissick Park Management Plan and the TPG five year plan. Bec Ramsay will be managing the plan preparation. She has forwarded a preliminary draft for TPG review. Mike plans to have the Draft Plan ready for public consultation in June/July 2014. **Peter Reimann/Frances Lee.**

WCC Organisation Changes – Myfanwy Emeny has forwarded the new structure and names of personnel and their areas of responsibility to TPG. [Myfanwy Emeny (Team Leader Biodiversity & Urban Ecology) and Steven Peters (Senior Park Ranger) report to Amber Bill (Open Space & Spec Parks Manager). David Halliday (Project Manager, Parks & Recreation) and Buzz Graham (Project Maintenance Officer) report to Jaqui Murray (Assets and Projects Manager). Mike Oates is (Open Space & Recreation Planning Manager). David Grace (Team Manager Mowing) and John Curran (Team Manager Operational Projects) report to Wendi Henderson (Operations Manager). Illona Keenan (Biosecurity Technical Advisor) and Anita Benbrook (Revegetation Technician) report to Myfanwy Emeny.]

Fish Passage at Debris Trap and at Tunnel Exit - The removal of the rocks at the debris trap is still working well and fish passage now appears to be easier. Frequent manual removal of branches/debris is so far avoiding the need for machine removal by Sam Lister. After the debris trap rock removal Frances Forsyth and Matt Robertson found shortfin eels, redfin bullies and one trout upstream on 22 November. Peter Reimann to write to Sam Lister to thank Capacity for their work. **Peter Reimann.**

Any effects from any gravel build-up in the downstream tunnel areas and estuary still to be checked [should be done at estuary clean-up].

Peter Reimann cleared slip debris from the fish ramp at the Kaiwharawhara tunnel exit - needs another visit. **Peter Reimann.**

Matt Robertson advised that surveys indicate drop-off of fish and invertebrates in the catchment. In conjunction with Frances Forsyth and others, an investigation is planned to find what measures are required to restore the catchment to a functioning aquatic ecosystem. Following cost estimates, funding will be sought (eg from the WCC Living City Fund via TPG, Otari Wilton's Bush Trust and the Morgan Foundation). **Matt Robertson.**

Track Scour/Gabion on Korimako Stream - Following a site meeting (WCC/TPG), David Halliday (WCC) organised a contractor to widen the track. Now done. However, cut trees are stashed across stream below flood level - will foul up debris trap. Peter Reimann will have a look and decide action. **Peter Reimann.**

[Track Plaque for Frances Lee - Following support from Cr Andy Foster, it was agreed the last meeting that the track leading off the Northern Walkway down to near bridge 4 in Trelissick Park should be named 'The Frances Lee Track'. This was supported by Matt Robertson (email 14 November). **Matt Robertson.]**

131 Silverstream Road, Crofton Downs – TPG have written to Rob Anderson (WCC) advising of concerns about the effect of possible development up-valley from 131 Silverstream Road due to the downstream effects on the Korimako and Kaiwharawhara Streams of sedimentation, pollution and fast stormwater run-off from

hard surfaces. TPG also attached a 2002 letter from an ex-geotechnical engineer concerning geological instability of the land. TPG asked that WCC consider these matters if an application for a resource consent is received. Peter Reimann will monitor WCC Web Alerts for resource consent applications. **Peter Reimann.**
Brochure Holder Vandalism - All three brochure holders at entrances have suffered over the last few months. These have been repaired or replaced, but TPG has now run out of spares. Peter Reimann will search for the previous supplier and then ask WCC for some spares. **Peter Reimann..**

Repair to Hanover Street Mapboard - TPG have asked WCC to repair - one post rotted and the map board fell over. The map board has now vanished. **David Halliday (WCC)**

Supply of Vigilant Gel - Peter Reimann will confirm request for more. **Peter Reimann/Matt Robertson.**

New WCC Website - New website Wellington City Council has recently created: www.ourlivingcity.co.nz.

Peter Reimann is to have another attempt to upload content. **Peter Reimann.**

Replacement Brochures - Frances Lee has approached Amber Bill to see whether WCC can fund the brochures directly, rather than from the Living City Fund. Barry Durrant has asked Fitzbeck Creative for a quotation for 2,000 more. Peter Reimann will then send the quotation to Amber Bill. HPPA has been asked if they would be prepared to act as an 'umbrella' organisation again, as an alternative. **Barry Durrant (WRA), Peter Reimann, Amber Bill (WCC), Elizabeth Knopf (HPPA).**

Pest Plant Control

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. TPG is concerned about insufficient funding for weed control and essential follow-up. It was agreed that TPG will lodge a submission to this effect on the WCC Annual Plan. **Peter Reimann.**

[NZ Biosecurity Services Ltd (Dave Williams and Dave Calcina) have worked for Megan Banks (GW) on 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. Ilona Keenan (WCC) advises that she has a couple of days work for her contractor Kaitiaki to undertake, which will complete any work not undertaken by Megan's contract and if there is time work on any Himalayan balsam still in the Park. The balsam is originating from streamside infestations upstream of Otari Wilton's Bush. Ilona will add control there if there is funding. **Ilona Keenan.]**

Frances Lee will keep an eye on two Japanese knotweed outbreaks above the debris trap, as it is uncertain whether control was effective. **Frances Lee.**

Nursery/Planting Update

TPG has ordered 50 plants for shaded forested areas and 50 large heritage species from WCC - delivery 13 June.

Peter Reimann's home nursery should have around 700 ready for this year.

[Ready for planting now: 250 reveg species, 45 kahikatea.

Ready for planting later: 130 reveg species, 190 kahikatea, 40 toetoe, 50 nikau.

For next year: 60 misc. species.]

Animal Pest Control

Take from bait stations continues to indicate infiltration from outside the Park. [It is unlikely that we expend more than \$30 a month in possum bait (which is thought to be all taken by rats each month - but does have a role in preventing possum re-infestation from outside the Park.)

The DOC200 mustelid trap score for 2013 was 1 stoat, 1 hedgehog and 8 rats. 3 more rats were caught in January 2014.] Matt Robertson will provide Simon Woolfe with the Google Docs access. **Matt Robertson.**

There are 12 working traps and location for another to be decided. **Bill Hester/Barry Durrant.**

[The team now comprises Bill Hester, Barry Durrant, Steve Mackle, Michael Courtney.]

TPG will request additional support in the WCC Annual Plan submission. **Peter Reimann.**

Matt Robertson requests that the chew card markers remain for the moment.

GW has supplied two rabbit traps, on loan. Bill Hester is deploying these below Trelissick Crescent, later to the Waikowhai Street entrance. **Bill Hester.**

Service Access from Oban St Track

Simon Woolfe will collaborate with Matt Robertson and Barry Durrant to obtain agreement of residents of 112 and 114 Oban Street for 'service access' down the legal right of way between the houses, then to mark the route of the proposed track down to the valley floor. This is for access for animal and plant pest control.

Simon Woolfe/Matt Robertson/Barry Durrant.

Project Kaiwharawhara

Frances Lee is writing a paper on possible revised work for the Kaiwharawhara catchment recognising that the existing Project Kaiwharawhara needs revitalising. This could involve selecting a few specific subjects relevant to the catchment, eg clean water, fish/bird life, pests/weeds, fast water run-off, and examining each in relation to existing and proposed policies and rules to see where they are successful or need changing. The paper will be circulated for discussion by WCC officers and Project Kaiwharawhara members, with the later aim - if agreed - of involving a wider circle of people (eg schools/universities in the catchment area and The Morgan Foundation). **Frances Lee.**

Simon Woolfe suggested a subsequent oral submission to WCC committees, backed by the other organisations involved. He also suggested looking at the 'Taranaki Accord'. He mentioned that there is a new Downing Street Group (Graham Weir).

Kaiwharawhara Estuary

Malcolm McDonald is organising a clean-up for 9 March. Cr Simon Woolfe would also like to be included. Peter Reimann is liaising with Malcolm on email notification. **Malcolm McDonald/Peter Reimann.**

[Since the meeting GW has informed TPG of some significant indigenous biodiversity values of birds and fish at the estuary which it is proposing to identify and protect under its Draft Regional Plan. This will probably be released for consultation in September. TPG could write and support GW in this work.] **Peter Reimann/Frances Lee.**

Submissions

TPG will lodge a submission on the WCC Annual Plan, advocating for more pest control funding. **Peter Reimann/Frances Lee.**

Regarding the Curtis Street Business Area Plan Change there has been a decision (WCC letter 13 January). There are some changes as a result of submissions, which the Commissioners say strike “an appropriate balance between facilitating business/commercial development whilst also ensuring such development does not significantly impact on the site’s and adjacent lands’ amenity and ecological values.” Regarding the Kaiwharawhara Stream/stormwater WCC have added “policy guidelines which we consider will draw attention to this potential effect.” The policy is as recommended by GW in accordance with low impact design/water sensitive urban design principles. It is not mandatory, rather “have particular regard...”

Simon Woolfe advised that the Youth Council could possibly assist with submissions.

Correspondence

Emails

Recent resource consents	WCC
New President of NCDRA	Ritchie Wards (NCDRA)
Missing DOC 200 trap	Matt Robertson (WCC), David Moss (DOC)
Manual removal from debris trap, fishing	Matt Robertson (WCC), David Moss (DOC), Frances Forsyth (Wildlands)
Bell's Track newsletters	Des Smith
Nature Space website updating	Tim Bailey (DOC)
FOOS newsletters	Janet Campbell (Friends of Owhiro Stream)
Bait station and trap reports	Bruce Brewer/Henri Heynes (GW)
Plaque for 'Frances Lee' track	Cr Andy Foster
Changes to bait station regime	Illona Keenan/Matt Robertson (WCC) Bruce Brewer (GW)
Meeting minutes	Cr Simon Woolfe (WCC)
Fish impediments, further rock removal, spat rope	Matt Robertson (WCC), David Moss (DOC), Frances Forsyth (Wildlands)
Mowing	Matt Robertson/John Curran/David Grace (WCC)
Christmas party and plant order form	Anita Benbrook (WCC)
Greater Wellington Regional Plan Newsletter	Sam Wren (GW)
Agenda for Regional Plan water quality workshops, 3 and 5 December	Hayley Vujcich (GW)
A full stream daylight walk and Fish Passage Symposium	Frances Forsyth (Wildlands), Matt Robertson/Myfanwy Emeny (WCC), David Moss (DOC),
Best wishes	Katrina Shanks (MP)
Trelissick Park Group - Texts for Morgan Foundation Blog Update	Nick Tansley (Morgan Foundation)
Parks, Sport and Recreation organisation chart	Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)
Working Bee Pamphlets - Trelissick Park	Matt Robertson (WCC)
Pest Plant Control Update	Illona Keenan (WCC) Megan Banks (GW)
Sponsorship for a bridge at Trelissick (Wellington Historical and Early Settlers Association)	Judy Siers
Historical Article on Trelissick Park	Judy Siers, Murray Pillar (Onslow Historical Society), John Shrapnell (WRA)
Housing plans for 131 Silverstream Rd, Crofton Downs	Robert Anderson (WCC), Julia Williams (Drakeford Williams)
Onslow Historian Launch	About 130 people
Rubbish pickup from Park	Matt Robertson/John Curran (WCC)

More Asiatic Knotweed in Trelissick Park	Matt Robertson/Illona Keenan (WCC)
Stories about the Trelissick Park Group	Suzanne Lesueur (WCC)
Onslow Historian Launch photos and publicity	Penelope Harding/Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)
Kilmarston update	Julia Williams (Drakeford Williams)
Our Living City Fund - Umbrella Organisation Requirements	Phil Railton-Jacks (WCC)
Tree planting assistance	Ashleigh Romanos (The Body Shop)
Trelissick Park Working Bee Sunday 2 February	Laura Cavanagh (Independent Herald)
Himalayan balsam in Trelissick Park and upstream of Otari Wilton's Bush	Illona Keenan/Rewi Elliot (WCC), Wilbur Dovey (Otari Wilton's Bush Trust)
Fallen map board, Hanover St	Matt Robertson (WCC)
GWRC: Invitation to Stakeholder seminar	Sam Wren (GW)
Broken railing at Waikowhai street entrance	Matt Robertson (WCC)
Vegetation Clearance along pipeline	Matt Robertson/Anita Benbrook/Myfanwy Emeny (WCC), Robert Ahrens (Exxonmobil), Adam Power (Downer), Jackie Creagh/Ashleigh Romanos (The Body Shop),
WCC web alerts	WCC
Reclamation access and issues	Alan Smith/Craig Palmer (Wellington Civic Trust)
Suburban Reserves Management Plan	Mike Oates (WCC)
New Independent Herald reporter, Laura Cavanagh	Robert Johnson
Branch Out	WCC
Nature Space email update	Tim Bailey (DoC)
Regional Plan workshops	Sam Wren (GW)
Historic walls	Buzz Graham/Matt Robertson (WCC)
Subdivision - 131 Silverstream Rd	Viv Chapple (NCDRA), Robert Anderson (WCC)
Community Plant Conservation Project Award.	Wilbur Dovey (Otari Wilton's Bush Trust)
Regional Plan: Water Quality stakeholder meetings	Hayley Vujcich (GW)
Sewer Leak below Ngaio Gorge Rd	WCC Contact Centre/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/David Halliday (WCC)
Seed collection permit	Matt Robertson (WCC)
Tradescantia removal for Crofton Downs School	Louise Gusterson (Crofton Downs School)
Bait and bait station report	Bruce Brewer/Henri Heynes (GW)
Beach Clean-up	Don Richards

Inwards

Newsletters - Volunteer Wellington and Otari Wilton's Bush Trust.

13 December - Elizabeth Moncrieff (WCC) Impending decision on Proposed Plan Change, Curtis Street.

13 January - Elizabeth Moncrieff (WCC) Notice of Decision on Proposed Plan Change, Curtis Street.

7 February - Julie Thomson (Volunteer Wellington) Membership fee.

Outwards

Finance

The bank balance at 4 February 2014 is \$1,667.20. This includes the \$1,000 "gift" money, being kept aside for initial Oban St track expenses.

Payment of \$45 to Volunteer Wellington for annual subscription and \$50 to The Onslow Historical Society for copies of the 'History of Trelissick Park Group' approved (see item on the 'launch' below).

Other

'History of Trelissick Park Group' - Following the 'launch' at the magazine building on 6 February, Peter Reimann is to write to Judy Siers thank her for her collaboration [also Murray Pillar]. Peter Reimann will send copies of the 'History' to The Morgan Foundation (Nick Tansley) and the Early Settlers Association. **Peter Reimann.**

[Copies can be purchased from the Onslow Historical Society for \$25 a set - rooms open on Sunday afternoons at Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 86 Khandallah Road.]

Wadestown Fair - Peter Reimann will organise a TPG display for Saturday 8 March. He will contact Murray Pillar to see whether this could be a possible outlet for sale of more copies of the 'History of Trelissick Park Group'. **Peter Reimann.**

Display Case at Wadestown Library - Elizabeth Knopf advised that this is available for people for display purposes.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be at **9:30 a.m Tuesday 20 May** Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 86 Khandallah Road.

The meeting concluded at 11.45 AM.