

Trelissick Park Group: Minutes of the 168th meeting, held at Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday 20 May 2014

Abbreviations:

WCC Wellington City Council
GW Greater Wellington Regional Council
NCDRA Ngaio Crofton Downs Residents' Association
F & B Forest and Bird Protection Society
HPPA Highland Park Progressive Association
DOC Department of Conservation
TPG Trelissick Park Group
BotSoc Wellington Botanic Society
CVRA Creswick Valley Residents' Association
OHS Onslow Historical Society
NZTA NZ Transport Authority

[Square brackets: subsequent to meeting or relevant but not aired.]

Members Present

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

In Attendance

Matt Robertson (WCC Ranger)	Tim Harkness (WCC Ranger)
Greg Hyland (HPPA)	Julia Williams

Apologies

Karin Wiley (F & B)	Chris Moore (BotSoc)
Alison Melling	

Minutes

The minutes of the 167th meeting, held on 18 February 2014, were confirmed.

WCC Items

WCC Ranger Tim Harkness was welcomed. He will replace Matt Robertson for the next 3 months as the point of contact for TPG. Matt will continue with WCC, working on specific projects, one being fish passage and the debris trap - see below.

Suburban Reserves Management Plan – This will replace the 1995 Trelissick Park Management Plan. Rebecca Ramsay sent to TPG a preliminary draft of the section specific to the Park that will replace parts of the 1995 Plan. [The other parts of the 1995 Plan will be covered in separate sections in the new Management Plan. These apply to all of the suburban reserves across the city such as recreation, landscape, partnership/community participation, culture, history and rules].

TPG provided comments on the preliminary draft. Mike Oates plans to have the Draft Plan ready for public consultation in June/July 2014. **Mike Oates/Rebecca Ramsay**

Fish Passage/Debris Trap - 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 debris has reduced need for machine removal. Matt Robertson will continue following up with Sam Lister (Capacity) about further rock removal. **Matt Robertson/Sam Lister**

Effects from any gravel build-up in the downstream tunnel areas and estuary still to be checked. No evidence outside Body Shop. **Peter Reimann**

Frances Forsyth of Wildlands has been employed by WCC to carry out a re-survey of obstructions to fish passage in the Kaiwharawhara Stream up to Otari-Wilton's Bush, the Korimako Stream up to Cummings Park and the Silverstream. This will allow solutions to be prioritised at obstructions, followed by cost estimates and funding options. The aim is to complete these parts of the exercise by next summer. **Matt Robertson**

Matt advised that apart from a dearth of some native fish species, there is a lack of some invertebrates - an outcome of pollutants.

It was agreed that all of the above is a good opportunity for publicity.

Track Plaques for Frances Lee - Peter Reimann is to follow up with Amber Bill concerning the plaques for 'The Frances Lee Track' leading off the Northern Walkway down to near bridge 4. **Peter Reimann**

131 Silverstream Road, Crofton Downs – Rob Anderson (WCC) advises that WCC has still not received any application for development of the area and WCC had not had any recent talks with Spencer Holmes, acting for the owner - TPG to check for any further action periodically. **Frances Lee/Peter Reimann**.

Replacement Hanover Street Mapboard - Pictorials for 'no cycling' and for the Northern Walkway to be installed. **Tim Harkness (WCC)**

Replacement Brochures - Thanks to Amber Bill/Margy Davenport/Matt Robertson (WCC).

Seat Bench upstream of Debris Trap - Fallen into stream - to be removed. **Tim Harkness**

Pest Plant Control

The 50/50% shared WCC/GW arrangement for Trelissick Park is to end in June 2014 and any funding from then on will be by WCC. Funding allowed in the WCC Annual Plan is insufficient. Other funding sources and manual tradescantia removal by community/corporate groups was discussed at a meeting with WCC on 14 May (see appendix to these minutes for notes/actions from that meeting). Peter Reimann will follow up. **Peter Reimann**

The WCC/GW contractor NZ Biosecurity Ltd has covered all the operational areas specified for the combined council work this year. There are areas of Japanese honeysuckle and old man's beard upstream from the Hanover St bridge that could not be accessed in this work. The latest phase of the work has yet to be assessed but they did manage to get to all the specified tradescantia sites. They are returning for a day this week for any touch-ups - Megan Banks (GW) to advise outcome. **Megan Banks**

Illona Keenan (WCC) advises that KiwiRail have money to spend now on the railway corridor for pest weed control adjacent to the Park. TPG will meet with WCC and the contractor (Treescape) on 22 May to agree on the scope. **Illona Keenan/Bill Hester/Peter Reimann**

TPG has been targeting Himalayan balsam (including up to Churchill Drive), old man's beard (mostly in the Korimako valley, with some on railway land, road reserve and up from the Body Shop) and sycamore. Many wattles have been removed.

Nursery/Planting Update

TPG nursery activity and plants from WCC are reducing (emphasis is on infill, heritage and lower story forested areas).

100 plants from WCC - delivery Friday 13 June.

Planted to date: 210 [+ more of Marilyn Hester's grasses, mostly at Waikowhai St entrance, infill downstream of Wightwick's Field, by bridge 3 and on flood plain down from debris trap].

15 surplus plants from TPG nursery were given to the Body Shop for riparian planting. [3 TPG volunteers attended an earlier Body Shop working bee - riparian weeding].

Recent Park walk-through - Peter Reimann with Anita Benbrook (WCC). [Notable finds: 2 giant kamahi, ancient kowhai, *Streblus banksii*, *Melicope simplex* and more old man's beard.]

Olaf John has noticed some 'heritage' species [eg totara, kahikatea, rimu, miro, matai] have been planted too close to the track. These become large and may eventually impede access.

Animal Pest Control

3 new traps have been provided by GW to replace those lost.

GW has supplied two rabbit traps, on loan, deployed below Trelissick Crescent and near the Waikowhai Street entrance. No catches yet. **Bill Hester.**

Service Access from Oban St Track

Tim Harkness and Barry Durrant will follow up with Cr Simon Woolfe's offer at the last meeting to obtain acceptance 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. **Tim Harkness/Barry Durrant.**

Project Kaiwharawhara

WCC's response to Frances Lee's paper on revitalising the existing Project Kaiwharawhara was discussed at a meeting with WCC on 14 May (see appendix to these minutes for notes/actions from that meeting). A meeting of parties involved within the catchment will be at the Otari Wilton's Bush Visitor Centre on Thursday 12 June at 5.30 p.m. **Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)**

Kaiwharawhara Estuary/Reclamation

Malcolm McDonald organised a clean-up on 9 March.

Jo Beaglehole (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.**

NZ Transport Agency are organising a clean-up of their land next to the motorway. **Frances Lee/Julia Williams/Wlg Civic Trust/NZTA**

Submissions

TPG lodged submissions on the WCC Annual Plan, [advocating for more pest control funding] and on GW's Annual Plan [expressing regret at withdrawal of pest management].

[Regarding the Curtis Street Business Area Plan Change, the CVRA has lodged an appeal with the Environment Court].

TPG has also lodged a submission opposing a separate application for earthworks and vegetation clearance at 55-85 Curtis Street. WCC has delayed any hearing as the developer has been asked for more information, as a result of issues raised in submissions.

Correspondence

Emails

[Recent resource consents	WCC
Curtis Street rezoning: District Plan Change 77 and Appeal also earthworks	Peter Henderson/ Michael Gibson (Creswick Valley Resident's Association), Crs Simon Woolfe/Andy Foster (WCC)
Biosecurity & monitoring training	Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology
Kaiwharawhara estuary - significant indigenous biodiversity values - Draft Regional Plan	Jo Beaglehole/Nigel Corry (GW), Craig Palmer (Wlg Civic Trust)
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)
Plaques for 'Frances Lee' track	Cr Andy Foster
Himalayan balsam and old man's beard	Megan Banks (GW) Illona Keenan/Matt Robertson (WCC)
Onslow Historian - Trelissick Park Group History	Judy Siers/Murray Pillar (OHS)
Cleaning up after track scour job - Trelissick Park	David Halliday/Matt Robertson (WCC)
Animal pest control training	Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology
Removal of rocks from debris trap	Frances Forsyth (Wildlands), Matt Robertson/Myfanwy Emeny (WCC), Sam Lister (Capacity), David Moss (DOC), Chris Moore (BotSoc)
GW Regional Plan meetings on water	Sam Wren (GW)
Reprint of brochures	Milton (Fitzbeck Creative), Amber Bill/ Margy Davenport/Matt Robertson (WCC)
Our Living City funding for fish passage	Matt Robertson (WCC)
Beach Cleanup Kaiwharawhara Sunday 9 March	Craig Palmer (Wlg Civic Trust), Boyden Evans (Boffa Miskell), Peter Hunt (F & B), Don Richards (Branz)
Follow the Leader - Parks Week Mayoral Walk	Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)
Working Bee pamphlets - Trelissick Park	Matt Robertson (WCC)
Pest plant control update	Illona Keenan (WCC) Megan Banks (GW)
Possible sponsorship for a bridge at Trelissick (Wellington Historical and Early Settlers Association)	Judy Siers (OHS)
TPG Draft Annual Plan submission	annual.plan@wcc.govt.nz, Myfanwy Emeny/Illona Keenan/Matt Robertson/Antoinette Bliss (WCC)
Housing plans for 131 Silverstream Rd, Crofton Downs	Robert Anderson (WCC), Julia Williams (Drakeford Williams)
Stories about the Trelissick Park Group	Suzanne Lesueur (WCC)
Rubbish pickup from Park	Matt Robertson/John Curran (WCC)
More Asiatic knotweed in Trelissick Park	Matt Robertson/Illona Keenan (WCC)
Fish passage under Churchill Drive	Frances Forsyth (Wildlands), Matt Robertson/Myfanwy Emeny (WCC), David Moss (DOC), Murray McLea (GW)
Gel for weed tree poisoning	Matt Robertson (WCC)
Brochure holders	Matt Robertson (WCC)
Signage for Kaiwharawhara Stream at Hutt Rd	Paul Glennie/Myfanwy Emeny/Matt Robertson (WCC)
Tree planting assistance	Ashleigh Romanos (The Body Shop)
Replacement DOC 200 traps	Bruce Brewer (GW), Illona Keenan/Matt Robertson (WCC)
Kaiwharawhara reclamation spraying old man's beard and pampas - telecon with William Woods, CentrePort	Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)
Weed control - small contract for Kaitiaki	Illona Keenan (WCC)
GWRC: Invitation to stakeholder seminar	Sam Wren (GW)
Kaiwharawhara estuary - Boffa Miskell report	Dr Megan Oliver (Environmental Scientist - Coast - GW)
Debris trap clearance	Sam Lister (Capacity), Matt Robertson (WCC)
WCC web alerts/Resource Consents	WCC
Kaiwharawhara reclamation/estuary access and issues	Alan Smith/Craig Palmer (Wellington Civic Trust)
Suburban Reserves Management Plan	Rebecca Ramsay (WCC)

Restoration Day 2014 - Invitation	Amy Brasch (DOC)
Branch Out	WCC
Nature Space email update	Nature Space Team (DOC)
Regional Plan workshops	Sam Wren (GW)
Minister launches new Community Conservation Partnerships Fund	Charles Barrie/Tim Bailey (DOC)
Subdivision - 131 Silverstream Rd	Viv Chapple (NCDRA), Robert Anderson (WCC)
Park walk-through	Anita Benbrook (WCC)
Regional Plan: Water Quality stakeholder meetings	Hayley Vujcich (GW)
Clearing NZTA land near Kaiwharawhara Estuary/reclamation	Wlg Civic Trust, Peter Martineau, Bronwyn Brown, Jenny Alexander (NZTA)
GW withdrawing from pest control	Cr Andy Foster (WCC)
CPort Environ.Com Meeting 10 October 2013.	Paul Bruce (GW), Alan Smith/Craig Palmer (Wellington Civic Trust)
Revitalised Project Kaiwharawhara and weed control concerns and meeting 14 May	Amber Bill/Michael Oates/Myfanwy Emeny (WCC), Julia Williams
WCC Consultative Stormwater Committee	Janet Campbell/Martin Payne (Friends of Owhiro Stream)
Consent process put on hold - 55-85 Curtis St application - SR282346	Leslie Almarino (WCC)
Bait and bait station report	Bruce Brewer/Henri Heynes (GW)
Trelissick Park Group - F&B representative (Karin Wiley)	Peter Hunt (F & B)
Workshop for community trappers Tuesday 29 April 12-1 Wellington Central Library	Illona Keenan (WCC), Angus Hulme-Moir (DOC)
Supply of infill plants to Body Shop	Ashleigh Romanos (Body Shop)
Nature Space moving to new server	Tim Bailey (DOC)
Volunteer Wellington Employee Volunteering Awards - closing soon	Judy Kerr (Volunteer Wellington)
History of TPG (Onslow Historian)	Nick Tansley (Morgan Foundation)
History of TPG (Onslow Historian) - thanks for editing, publishing and extra text	Judy Siers, Murray Pillar
Repaired mapboard at Hanover St & pictorials	Matt Robertson/David Halliday (WCC)
Sycamore cutting/poisoning	Matt Robertson(WCC)
Community Project - Body Shop	Ashleigh Romanos/Matt Robertson (Body Shop)
Employee volunteer awards	Judy Kerr (Volunteer Wellington)
Railway land Trelissick weed control	Illona Keenan (WCC)
Weed control update	Megan Banks (GW)]

Inwards

[Newsletters - Volunteer Wellington and Otari Wilton's Bush Trust.
27 February - Paul Barker (CVRA) - S274 invitation Plan Change appeal, Curtis Street.
28 February - M Mackintosh (Simon Berry) - Plan Change appeal, Curtis Street.
4 March - Sue Simons (Simon Berry) - Plan Change appeal, Curtis Street.
19 March - M Mackintosh (Simon Berry) - Plan Change appeal, Curtis Street.
3 April - Leslie Almarino (WCC) - Acknowledgement of TPG earthworks submission, Curtis Street.
10 April - Judy Kerr (Volunteer Wellington) - employee volunteering award.
11 April - Angela Hill (OHS) - thanks for TPG History magazines].

Outwards

[22 April - Submission on GW Draft Annual Plan].

Finance

The bank balance at 2 May 2014 is \$1,570.70.

Other

[Barry Durrant has photographed a bellbird feeding at his place, which borders the Park.]

Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be at **9:30 a.m. Tuesday 19 August** Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 86 Khandallah Road.

The meeting concluded at 10.20 a.m.

Appendix

Notes/Actions from WCC/TPG Meeting 14 May

Present: Amber Bill/Myfanwy Emeny (WCC), Frances Lee/Julia Williams/Peter Reimann (TPG)

[Square brackets: subsequent to meeting.]

- Suburban Reserves Management Plan Review by Mike Oates is allied to the Reserves Act and separate from other catchment/open spaces updates and the District Plan review which occur under the Resource Management Act.

- Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) Guidelines are being finalised by Nicci Woods (WCC).

- WCC have a global stormwater consent from GWRC. This is part of the development of the Integrated Catchment Management Plan (ICMP) with Capacity. ICMP work on Kaiwharawhara scheduled for 2015/16 **Amber to check with Nicci Woods how the Kaiwharawhara fits in with ICMP.**

- The Biodiversity Plan is being updated. This will have 'water' and pest management components. **Myfanwy Emeny.**

- TPG will continue to liaise with Martin Payne of Friends of Owhiro Stream concerning the WCC Stormwater Consultative Committee work. **Frances Lee.**

- Stormwater education and mitigation of stormwater effects from new developments are priorities.

- Myfanwy will organise a Project Kaiwharawhara meeting, inviting also GW and new catchment groups, for an update by WCC officers on catchment related reviews/updates, such as the Open Spaces Management Plan, WSUD, Integrated Catchment Management Plan, Suburban Reserves Management Plan Review, Biodiversity Plan, District Plan. [Otari Visitor's Centre booked for evening of 12 June. Rewi Elliot will chair, with Rajika from Capacity (ICMP), Nicci Woods from WCC (WSUD) and someone from GW to brief us on the Waitua Committee process – Myfanwy to send formal invitation to wider groups when she returns next week.] **Myfanwy Emeny.**

- Up until this year the Regional Council had contributed \$16,000 in weed control across selected sites in Wellington. ¼ of this went to Trelissick Park. The Regional Council has reprioritised this funding to other areas. Wellington City Council will continue funding weed control in these sites, including Trelissick Park as a Key Native Ecosystem. Weed control budget to be confirmed. **Myfanwy Emeny.**

- TPG to continue to liaise with Illona Keenan on weed control plans. **TPG/Illona Keenan.**

- Much more funding/work is required for weed control. TPG will investigate other funding sources and implementation mechanisms, eg WCC Our Living City Fund (Mark Farrar), or the new DOC environmental fund. Another possibility is to advocate for more funding in the next WCC Long Term Plan. **TPG.**

- TPG will investigate community/corporate relationships with a view to manual tradescantia removal (eg using Wood's Waste for skips). **TPG.**

[- The Parks & Recreation business unit now has a community partnerships team, including partnership leaders in health, education, sport and the environment. The partnership team will be focussed on creating new opportunities for getting people participating in our open spaces, for example, this may help with attracting more corporate volunteers.]