

Trelissick Park Group: Minutes of the 169th meeting, held at Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday 19 August 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)

Frances Lee

Olaf John

Stan Pillar

Karin Wiley (F & B)

Apologies

Julia Williams

Alison Melling

Chris Moore (BotSoc)

Barry Durrant

Elizabeth Knopf

Minutes

The minutes of the 168th meeting, held on 20 May 2014, were confirmed.

WCC Items

Suburban Reserves Management Plan – This will replace the 1995 Trelissick Park Management Plan. Rebecca Ramsay advises that she is preparing the draft for the Environment Committee meeting 4th September. The plan is to put the draft out for public consultation beginning 7 October closing 5 December.

Mike Oates/Rebecca Ramsay

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

To check for any gravel build-up downstream as a result of removing the rocks, Peter Reimann checked the estuary area. Compared with photos taken in 2009, the following changes are evident:

- Beach at the north end of the vehicle marshalling area has grown towards the harbour next to the stream exit.
- There is a build-up of gravel just downstream of the bridge on the vehicle marshalling side, making the stream narrower at this point.

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 **Matt Robertson**

Track Plaques for Frances Lee - Plaques for 'The Frances Lee Track' leading off the Northern Walkway down to near bridge 4. Amber Bill advises David Halliday will implement when he returns in August. **Amber Bill/David Halliday**

131 Silverstream Road, Crofton Downs – Rob Anderson (WCC) confirmed in a 15 August email that WCC has still not received any application for development of the area and that there was nothing to report - TPG to check for any further action periodically. **Frances Lee/Peter Reimann**.

Pest Plant Control

KiwiRail's contractor Treescape:

- Removed pest plants along the railway corridor down the line from Crofton Downs station to the first tunnel.
- Cut down most Australian wattle along the corridor in the Kaiwharawhara valley.
- Pest plants on steep slip-prone parts remain (mostly Japanese honeysuckle, blackberry, buddleia and some old man's beard).
- Chainsaw misadventures below Crofton Downs station compensated for by reparation plants.

The WCC/GW contractor completed his work, mostly in the Koromiko valley spraying wandering willie. Manual removal on the forest side of the track in the Kaiwharawhara valley - ongoing (TPG and Contact Energy).

TPG will suggest wandering willie areas for WCC control this year (priority: within/adjacent to the forested areas). **Peter Reimann**

Nursery/Planting Update

Planted to date this year: just over 700. Recent plantings include the chainsaw misadventure swath below Crofton Downs station and infilling thinned lemonwood slope above Bridge 4.

KiwiRail have planted beside the line just down from Crofton Downs station.

[Dense kahikatea planting is proposed shortly for the riparian area down from Bridge 4 (Ngaio side).]

Proposed restoration for BNZ 'Closed for Good' day on 4 September: riparian, upstream of Bridge 6 (Wadestown side), including dense kahikatea planting..

Streblus banksii (large-leaved milk tree) seed collection - Gary James (F & B) wishes to collect. Frequent Park visitor Jonathan Anderson (WCC) will liaise with Gary James and TPG to protect the ripening seed from birds and rats, then collect. Goodnature, who make self-resetting traps, may be amenable to a trial deployment of traps. [flowers: Aug - Oct, fruits: Oct - Apr]. **Jonathan Anderson/Peter Reimann**

To improve the area near the debris trap it was suggested that *Anemanthele lessoniana* (gossamer grass) might be suitable. Peter Reimann will propagate more of this. **Peter Reimann**

Animal Pest Control

Rabbit trap returned to GW by Bill Hester (the other one was stolen). No catches.

Crofton Downs resident Kelvin Hastie has organised a 'Predator Free Community Project' for the suburb, which includes deployment of rat traps in conjunction with the Morgan Foundation's 'Halo' project. This will help reduce rat migration into the Park from this area.

Bait station and mustelid trap servicing continues.

Service Access from Oban St Track

With Barry Durrant, Cr Simon Woolf looked at the legal right of way between 112 and 114 Oban Street for the proposed 'service access' track down to the valley floor. This is for access for animal and plant pest control. Simon advises that he has spoken to WCC officers and the ranger. Issues:

- The neighbours would be upset by more people going between their properties.
- There is also a risk that if the track was opened up, or made more visible it may attract more public interest. There are a few hazards, especially a steep drop, which would be hard to protect.
- Using the track to bait and clear traps would be fine, however there would be a hesitancy to mark or maintain the track any further than it already is.

Further action to be decided after Barry Durrant returns. **Barry Durrant/Peter Reimann**

Project Kaiwharawhara

At the 12 June meeting:

Nicci Wood (WCC) advised that the Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) has now been split into two parts. An intern has been employed to work on implementation. It is expected that WSUD will be a consideration in the land use consent, not in the District Plan.

Integrated catchment management plan (ICMP) work in Wellington led by Capacity is on-going - more in-depth for the Kaiwharawhara around 2018.

GW has reduced Key Native Ecosystem (KNE) areas. Trelissick Park is no longer one.

Minutes awaited. **Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)**

Kaiwharawhara Estuary/Reclamation

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 Coastal Plan. This will probably be released for consultation in September. TPG could then write and support GW in this work as well as encourage other groups, such as F&B to make submissions. **Peter Reimann/Frances Lee.**

NZTA is organising the clearing of an old track and planting of the land next to the motorway bordering the reclamation area north of the Kaiwharawhara estuary, in conjunction with their motorway upgrade plans. TPG have long been pressing for access to the idyllic sheltered beach on the northern side of the reclamation. Julia Williams, Frances Lee and Craig Palmer (Wellington Civic Trust) are liaising with NZTA and other interested parties (41South/Wlg Civic Trust/Bronwyn Brown) to implement the clean-up, planting and access. **Julia Williams/Frances Lee.**

Concerning the reclamation area, Julia Williams/Wlg Civic Trust advise that:

- Wlg Civic Trust is to contact Fran Wilde about GW discussing with CentrePort the use/revegetation of the area. Already in its submission on GW's Regional Plan, the Trust has raised the question of long-term plans for the reclamation.
- GW's review of its Coastal Plan will be available for consultation in September providing opportunities for submissions to be made.
- It is understood that long-term a shift away from rail ferries is planned by KiwiRail and there will need to be discussions on what land is used for transfer of 'goods' from trains to trucks to go on the ferries. This could mean the removal of the train tracks from the reclamation and terminal.

Submissions

55 - 85 Curtis Street - There are three different processes underway:

- Curtis Street Business Area Plan Change - the CVRA has lodged an appeal with the Environment Court. This is currently in mediation (4th session last week).
- Application for earthworks and vegetation clearance. TPG has also lodged a submission opposing this. Julia Williams advises that any built development on this site will require pre-loading (due to the various amounts of fill put onto the site over the last few years and the lack of consolidation) and the application is

for earthworks in a residential zone. The application is on hold after a request for further information. Also the source of fill they were looking at from Petone is no longer available. Pre-loading will take 12-16 months to compact the site.

- Application for a multi-unit development including additional earthworks - this has been notified and is also on hold after a request for further information. (A number of changes are being contemplated to the draft zoning that WCC adopted earlier this year - notably to allow residential development which has arisen because of the change in the Transpower position).

Julia Williams advises that WCC has no option but to receive and process the two applications, in accordance with the RMA.

Correspondence

Emails

Recent web alerts, resource consents	WCC
Curtis Street rezoning: District Plan Change 77 and appeal also earthworks	CVRA
Biosecurity & monitoring training	Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology
Predator free community project	Kelvin Hastie
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	Matt Robertson/Tim Harkness (WCC)
Plaques for 'Frances Lee' track	Cr Andy Foster/Amber Bill (WCC)
Working bee for Contact Energy	Michael Dreyer (Contact Energy)
Wide scale predator control talk	Tim Bailey (DOC)
Rock fall by track near tunnel entrance	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Animal pest control training	Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology
Old man's beard above Ngaio Gorge Rd	David Hurst, Jak Wild, Joseph Nicholls
Sanctuaries book - <i>Paradise Saved</i>	Janet Hunt, Laura Sarsfield (Random House)
Project Kaiwharawhara Meeting	Rewi Elliot/Amber Bill/Myfanwy Emeny (WCC), Martin Payne (FOOS)
Fresh water forum	Prof Iain White (Waikato University)
Railway corridor weed work above Trelissick	Kevin Birdsall (Treescape), Illona Keenan/Tim Harkness (WCC), Megan Banks (GW)
Mulch at Otari	Rewi Elliot (WCC)
Rubbish collection from Ngaio Gorge Rd layby	John Curran/Matt Robertson/Tim Harkness (WCC)
Query on old man's beard eradication	Jocelyn Hoskin
Volunteer questionnaire	Anita Benbrook (WCC)
Rabbit traps	Bruce Brewer (GW)
Integrated Catchment Management Plan	Amber Bill/Nicci Wood/Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)
PhD Research Snapshot #3: Community groups and environmental restoration	Monica Peters (Waikato University)
Sustainable Coastlines — Love Your Water: Tree planting and training workshops Tour	Mitzi Borren
Oban St track	Cr Simon Woolf (WCC)
Plant provision	Anita Benbrook/Brian Thomas/Tim Harkness/Illona Keenan (WCC)
Wattle & lucerne control on true left of stream	Kevin Birdsall/Peter Petteron (Treescape), Illona Keenan (WCC)
St Benedicts enviro group visit	Fiona Barnett
Lunchtime pest control workshop - Wednesday 18 June Central Library Wellington	Illona Keenan
Trelissick Park reparation plants	Kevin Birdsall/Peter Petteron (Treescape), Illona Keenan/Tim Harkness/Anita Benbrook (WCC)
Bikes in Trelissick Park	Anna O'Connor, Tim Harkness (WCC)
Compliments from Bell's Track Group	Des Smith
BNZ Closed for Good Day	BNZ, Rebecca Wilson (DOC)
Introduction Water Sensitive Urban Design Stormwater Management in Wellington guide	Nicci Wood (WCC)
Looking for opinion on Trelissick Park lemonwood slope	Anita Benbrook (WCC), Julia Williams (Drakeford Williams)

Kaiwharawhara reclamation/estuary access and issues	Craig Palmer (Wellington Civic Trust), Nigel Corry (GW)
Visit to Trelissick Park (children from Kiwi Conservation Club)	Anne Jackson, Matt Robertson/Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)
Streblus banksii seed collection	Gary James (F & B), Anita Benbrook/Jonathan Anderson (WCC), Bruce Brewer (GW)
4 Thatcher Crescent development - SR310034	George Symmes, Stephanie Growcott-Newbury (WCC), NCDRA
Nature Space email update	Nature Space Team (DOC)
Draft Annual Plan response letter	Graeme Shimmin (WCC)
Rat plague and stoat comments	Bruce Brewer (GW)
Interest in Trelissick Park and <i>History</i>	Judy Siers (OHS)
Corporate volunteer	Kieran Newell (BNZ)
Clearing NZTA land near Kaiwharawhara estuary/reclamation	Wlg Civic Trust, Peter Martineau, Bronwyn Brown, Jenny Alexander (NZTA)
The Sustainability Society - Water Sensitive Wellington Forum invitation	Sarah Bowman (The Sustainability Society)
Your views on governance of Nature Space	Wren Green (DOC)
<i>Paradise Saved</i> launch invitation	Janet Hunt
Sewerage leakage into Park along Forest Remnant Track	Matt Robertson (WCC), Sarah Fox
Plant Species for railway corridor	Kevin Birdsall (Treescape), Illona Keenan/Tim Harkness (WCC)
Seat bench in stream - Trelissick Park	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Housing plans for 131 Silverstream Rd, Crofton Downs	Robert Anderson (WCC)
Service access to Trelissick Park from Oban St	Cr Simon Woolf
Suburban Reserves Management Plan	Rebecca Ramsay/Mike Oates (WCC)
Survey of Kaiwharawhara catchment stream fish obstructions	Matt Robertson/Tim Harkness (WCC)

Inwards

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

Outwards

Finance

The bank balance at 4 August 2014 is \$1,570.70.

Other

The Sustainability Society - Water Sensitive Wellington Forum - Julia Williams will attend on TPG behalf (Tuesday 9 September). **Julia Williams**

Book *Paradise Saved* - Launch 29 August.. Peter Reimann provided content about TPG. TPG given complimentary copy. Order for 5 or more copies reduced from \$55 to \$35. Peter Reimann will send a circular email to gauge interest. **Peter Reimann**

[Charging for Large Groups in Parks/Reserves - TPG will send a brief note to WCC concerning visits and functions in Trelissick Park by small groups (eg lunch stops for trampers, launching of booklets, school children). **Peter Reimann]**

Next Meeting

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

The meeting concluded at 11.05 a.m.