

**Trelissick Park Group: Minutes of the 170<sup>th</sup> meeting, held at Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday 18 November 2014**

**Abbreviations:**

WCC Wellington City Council

GW Greater Wellington Regional Council

F & B Forest and Bird Protection Society

DOC Department of Conservation

HPPA Highland Park Progressive Association

TPG Trelissick Park Group

BotSoc Wellington Botanic Society

CVRA Creswick Valley Residents' Association

OHS Onslow Historical Society

**Members Present**

Peter Reimann (chair)

Julia Williams

Olaf John

Elizabeth Knopf

Cr Simon Woolf

Stan Pillar

Barry Durrant

**Apologies**

Frances Lee

Alison Melling

Amanda Dobson

Tim Harkness (WCC)

Chris Moore (BotSoc)

Karin Wiley (F & B)

**Minutes**

The minutes of the 169<sup>th</sup> meeting, held on 19 August 2014, were confirmed, subject to changing the 1st bullet point under "Pest Plant Control" about the railway corridor from "the first tunnel" to "No. 5 tunnel".

**WCC Items**

Northern Walkway Upgrade - This applies to the section from the entrance opposite No. 19 Trelissick Crescent down to the stream near Wightwick's Field - in progress.

Tar-seal at entrance opposite No. 19 Trelissick Crescent - done

Fish Passage - 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. Results awaited. **Matt Robertson**

Track Plaques for Frances Lee - David Halliday advises that plaques for 'The Frances Lee Track' leading off the Northern Walkway down to near bridge 4 will be done during the Northern Walkway upgrade. **David Halliday**

131 Silverstream Road, Crofton Downs Development - Simon Woolf advised that action on the consent is imminent. Peter Reimann to follow up. **Peter Reimann**.

Biodiversity Action Plan Revision - Karin Wiley and Peter Reimann attended a workshop style session organised by Myfanwy Emeny. The draft Plan for public consultation is due. **Myfanwy Emeny**

**Pest Plant Control**

Tradescantia - Illona Keenan and Peter Reimann had a park walk-through to identify areas for control of tradescantia by the WCC contractor for this year. Marked up map requested. **Illona Keenan**

TPG will continue with manual removal in smaller areas or where native seedlings are emerging. **TPG**

Asiatic Knotweed - Frances Lee discovered more Asiatic knotweed within a 300 m section next to the vehicle track upstream of the debris trap. Illona Keenan organised a site visit with Frances and the contractor Kaitiaki, who will spray. **Illona Keenan/Kaitiaki**

Climbing asparagus - TPG are concerned about spread of climbing asparagus in the park below the Oban Street entrance (between 112 and 114). WCC need to include for control of this as soon as possible. **Illona Keenan**

Flowering cherry - Some cutting organised by Bill Hester.

**Nursery/Planting Update**

Planted this year = 960:

Plant order for 2015 from WCC lodged - 200 of mostly ground cover and under-story, but with some canopy species, delivery in May requested. **Anita Benbrook**

Peter Reimann's home nursery includes about 50 nikau and 240 kahikatea ready for next year. Julia Williams suggested a scheme for people to 'adopt' special plants of this type, advertising on community websites.

**Peter Reimann**

2015 working bees need to include clearing branches of trees impeding growth of planted canopy species, also pulling out any *Pseudopanax lessonii* (weedy non-endemic native hybrid), as suggested by Jonathan Anderson (see October Gorge Gazette).

**Animal Pest Control**

Bait station and mustelid trap servicing continues.

Chew card indicators - now that the chew card trials have finished, can we remove the indicators (there are 60 sites, each with 3 plastic indicators so is a clutter in the park)? **Matt Robertson**

### **Park Access from Oban St**

Barry Durrant has improved the route from below the legal right of way between 112 and 114 Oban Street down the ridge to the valley floor, as he often visits this part of the park to service bait stations and traps. There will also be an increasing need for use of this access to deal with climbing asparagus by WCC and contractors. The access needs to be more defined/upgraded, with agreement of neighbours and WCC. Peter Reimann will draft a letter to WCC's Paul Andrews. **Peter Reimann**

### **Kaiwharawhara Estuary/Reclamation**

The last meeting's minutes referred to GW's comment of 'some significant indigenous biodiversity values at the estuary'. This will now be taken up in the Group's submission on GW's Draft Natural Resources Management Plan (see below).

NZ Transport Agency has informed us that it is not now prepared to organise clearance of the old track along its strip of land (adjoining the motorway on the reclaimed area) to the public northern beach as it is mindful of KiwiRail's sensitivity in not allowing the public to cross the railway line to reach this track. This is disappointing. HPPA will be commenting on this in their submission on the Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan 2014.

### **Submissions**

55 - 85 Curtis Street - An application has been lodged for a resource consent to prepare earthworks and fill in the site (about 1 hectare). This will need over 40,000m<sup>3</sup> of fill from over 5,000 truck-loads over a 5 - 10 year period. Following the WCC Planner's Hearing Report, a Hearing of submissions was held between 4 - 6 November. TPG spoke to its submission, concerning climate change cloudburst events overwhelming sediment retention provisions and errors/short-cuts not being picked up over such a long period.

GW Draft Natural Resources Management Plan - TPG will be lodging a submission before end November. **Frances Lee/Julia Williams/Peter Reimann**

Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan 2014 - TPG will be lodging a submission by 5 December. **Frances Lee/Julia Williams/Peter Reimann**

WCC Long-term Plan - Simon Woolf encouraged TPG participation in consultation/submission. The draft is due around March 2015.

### **Correspondence**

#### Emails

Recent web alerts, resource consents	WCC
Curtis Street resource consent for earthworks	Paul Barker/Karen Shaw (CVRA), Leslie Almarino (WCC)
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)
Oban St access to park	Chris Horne (BotSoc), Mike Mellor (Walking Access Comm)
Working bee for Contact Energy	Chelsea McLennan (Contact Energy)
7 cm nursery tubes, trays and thanks for plants,	Nicky OliverSmith (WCC)
Nature Space email updates	DOC Nature Space Team
Animal pest control training	Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology
Northern Walkway upgrade	Matt Robertson/David Halliday (WCC)
Kaka nesting boxes	Angus Hulme-Moir (DOC)
Biodiversity Action Plan update	Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)
Polluted drain across Forest Remnant Track	Matt Robertson (WCC)
GW Regional Plan Newsletter	Sam Wren (GW)
Uprooted plants	Scott Claridge
Rubbish on Ngaio Gorge Rd layby	Nikki/Matt Robertson (WCC)
Community groups busting weeds website	Carolyn Lewis (National Weedbuster Coordinator), Illona Keenan (WCC)
57 Kaiwharawhara Road as a car park	Brett Smith (WCC)
Pseudopanax lessonii	Jonathan Anderson (WCC)
Latest news from Enhancing the Halo	Nick Tansley (Morgan Foundation)
Kaiwharawhara Stream issues assignment	Jennie Paine (trainee teacher)

TPG archives	Judy Siers/Murray Pillar (OHS)
Tradescantia control	Illona Keenan (WCC)
GW Draft Natural Resources Plan	Sam Wren (GW)
WWF: Invitation to Conservation Innovation Awards 2014	World Wildlife Fund
Wadestown Scouts Helping Trelissick Park	Andrew Bahr (Wadestown Scouts)
Possum bait pellets for Trelissick Park	Illona Keenan (WCC)
Conservation Week 2014 activities	Amy Brasch (DOC)
Trelissick Park KCC visit Sunday 2nd November	Anne Jackson (KCC Coordinator)
Asiatic knotweed	Illona Keenan (WCC)
BNZ Closed for Good Day	Barry Young (BNZ), Rebecca Wilson (DOC)
Parks Week 2015	Fran McEwan (WCC)
Visit to Trelissick Park (children from Kiwi Conservation Club)	Anne Jackson, Matt Robertson/Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)
Plant order for 2015	Anita Benbrook (WCC)
Kaiwharawhara estuary/reclamation	Alan Smith (Wlg Civic Trust), Jo Beaglehole (GW),
Suburban Reserves Management Plan	Rebecca Ramsay/Mike Oates/Jo Gillanders (WCC)
Group of USA students to work in park - April 2015	Victor Anton (Victoria University)
Dumping into Trelissick Park - Ngaio Gorge Rd resident	Scott Claridge
Estuary, reclamation and lower Kaiwharawhara issues	Amanda Dobson
10 titoki for the park	Russell Robinson
PhD Research Snapshot #4: Community groups and environmental restoration	Monica Peters (University of Waikato)
Proposed Public Lab - survey	Karin Mahfeld and Natasha Evans (Public Lab)

#### Inwards Letters

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

11 August - Fran Wilde (GW). Thanks for submission on GW Annual Plan. GW investment in park reduced.

6 October - Leslie Almario (WCC). Resource consent 55-85 Curtis Street - further information.

13 October - Leslie Almario (WCC). Resource consent 55-85 Curtis Street - hearing programme.

23 October - Leslie Almario (WCC). Resource consent 55-85 Curtis Street - WCC Planner's report

8 November - Dorothy Douglass. Thanks for Gorge Gazette and \$20 donation..

#### Outwards Letters

12 November - Dorothy Douglass. Thanks for donation.

#### **Finance**

The bank balance at 4 November 2014 is \$1,534.20.

Thanks to Dorothy Douglass for a donation of \$20. Also, \$10 was given to Frances Lee from a couple visiting Wellington impressed with the park. Both donations will be used by Frances for petty cash (such as \$5 for the meeting room hire).

#### **Other**

Water Sensitive Wellington Inaugural Forum - Julia Williams attended on TPG behalf (9 September). This was a half-day interactive forum investigating the future of Wellington as a Water Sensitive City. Leaders working within all aspects of the water sector across the Wellington region attended. There was some debate around educating the public and work around local catchments and restoring the presence of the original waterways, albeit by artificial means, especially along the harbour edge. It was noted that Auckland City has a strong focus on treating stormwater at source. Locally, Kapiti Coast District Council requires all water runoff to be dealt with on site using rain gardens, water detention ponds, water retention tanks etc. WCC's report on Water Sensitive Urban Design was also cited.

Award - Congratulations to Stan Pillar for his North Wellington Volunteer Service Award for work in Onslow Historical Society.

Wadestown Scouts - They are helping us with wandering willie removal upstream from bridge 6 on 4 December.

WCC Christmas Party - Thursday 11 December at the Begonia House, 5.30 PM.

WCC Youth Council - Simon Woolf recommended that TPG contact the WCC Youth Council (Simaon Wright) or make a presentation at one of their meetings with a view to their involvement in projects in the park. **Peter Reimann**

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting is to be at **9:30 a.m. Tuesday 24 February 2015** Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 86 Khandallah Road.

The meeting concluded at 10.20 a.m.