

Trelissick Park Group: Minutes of the 171st meeting, held at Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday 24 February 2015

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

OWBT Otari Wilton's Bush Trust

Present

Peter Reimann (chair)

Frances Lee

Barry Durrant

Stan Pillar

Matt Robertson (Park Ranger, WCC)

Amanda Dobson (Enviroschools)

Apologies

Julia Williams

Alison Melling

Karin Wiley

Olaf John

Chris Moore (BotSoc)

Elizabeth Knopf

Minutes

The minutes of the 170th meeting, held on 18 November 2014, were confirmed.

WCC Items

Northern Walkway Upgrade (downhill from entrance 3) - done, big improvement.

Fish Passage - WCC has funding available for Frances Forsyth of Wildlands 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. In particular, the fish ramp at the exit of the Kaiwharawhara Stream tunnel under the railway line is now ineffective - water spills over the sides and is part-buried under slip debris. Peter Reimann will contact Frances Forsyth to expedite. **Peter Reimann**

Richard Grasse cleared a wooden obstruction stuck in the tunnel for the Kaiwharawhara Stream under the railway line. Apart from impeding fish passage, this could have caused major flooding upstream.

Track Plaques for Frances Lee - done - thanks to Amber Bill and David Halliday.

131 Silverstream Road, Crofton Downs Development – Robin White of NCDRA confirms no advice yet on any application for a consent. **Peter Reimann**

Biodiversity Action Plan Revision - Submissions on the draft Plan are due on Friday 6 March. **Peter Reimann/Frances Lee**

Historic Walls - Following the recent clearance of weeds from the historic walls near the lower entrance, there is a need to ensure that it is on WCC's regular spraying schedule. **Matt Robertson/John Curran**

Ngaio Gorge Road Strengthening - The earthquake strengthening of the top section of Ngaio Gorge Road is back on the agenda for the 2015/16 budget. Peter Reimann is to contact WCC to ask if the design could be modified, to be less intrusive into the park. **Peter Reimann**

Pest Plant Control

Tradescantia, climbers and Asiatic knotweed control - Illona Keenan has provided marked up maps of priority areas. The WCC contractor is currently working on this. **Illona Keenan**

TPG is continuing with manual removal of tradescantia in smaller areas, also buddleia and Himalayan balsam (the latter including areas upstream of the park. **TPG**

Climbing asparagus - After a TPG visit with Illona Keenan, large infestations of climbing asparagus in the park below Oban Street has been found. Illona is arranging for a contractor to start controlling this in March/April. **Illona Keenan**

Nursery/Planting Update

A re-count of the kahikatea with Peter Reimann's nursery shows 152, not the 240 in the last minutes. There were 3 responses to the offer of some of these to others in the Gorge Gazette. It looks like we may then only have about 60 left for the park.

Animal Pest Control

Bait station and mustelid trap servicing continues.

Chew card indicators - Trials with the chew card trials have finished. There are 60 sites, each with 3 plastic indicators so is a clutter in the park. Matt Robertson proposes to address removal of these at the end of the year. **Matt Robertson**

Park Access from Oban St

Following TPG's approach to Paul Andrews of WCC, Amber Bill has contacted the owners of 112 and 114 Oban Street, regarding defining access for WCC, contractors and volunteers through the road reserve and

down the legal right of way into the park, for animal and plant pest control. She is waiting to meet the owners to discuss their responses and will advise the outcome. **Amber Bill**

Lower Kaiwharawhara Stream and Estuary/Reclamation

Beach Clean-up - As part of "Sea Week" a coastline clean-up has been organised by Malcolm McDonald for Sunday 8 March. Peter Reimann will pursue publicity options. **Peter Reimann**

CentrePort Future Plans - From the summary of submissions on the GW Draft Natural Resources Management Plan it appears that CentrePort's future plans for the area will conflict with the GW Plan concerning public access, CentrePort operations/upgrading and future reclamation.

New Bus Depot - Matt Robertson advised that the Beaufort establishment on the southern side of the Kaiwharawhara Stream below Hutt Road is being demolished, to be replaced by the bus depot that was at Kilbirnie. The layout has been modified to ensure public access/fencing along the riparian strip. Peter Reimann will ask for the plans from Bec Ramsay of WCC, because of concerns about effects on the stream/estuary (eg contamination from bus cleaning and oil). **Peter Reimann**

57 Kaiwharawhara Road - TPG was advised last September of a possibility of a car park development. Peter Reimann will follow up to find out whether anything has subsequently happened. **Peter Reimann**

Sustainable Coastlines Project - Amanda Dobson advised that local schools will be involved in an upstream riparian project in June. Amanda will advise further details later on. **Amanda Dobson**

Submissions

55 - 85 Curtis Street - Following the hearing and submissions on the application for a resource consent to prepare earthworks and fill in the site, WCC accepted the Commissioner's recommendations and granted consent. This took into account many of the points raised in the submissions, but CVRA and Kindercare Learning Centres Ltd have lodged appeals with the Environment Court. It was agreed that TPG will not become an S274 party to the appeal, but would instead keep a watch on the work if it proceeds, in view of concerns about monitoring, extreme weather events and contractor 'short cuts'.

GW Draft Natural Resources Management Plan - TPG lodged a submission [see TPG website www.trelissickpark.org.nz on the "current issues" page], stressing the importance of the ecological corridor, stormwater control, concerns about port activities/plans in the estuary/reclamation area and access to the beach north of the reclamation area. TPG will monitor the situation as GW develops the plan for public notification later this year.

Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan 2014 - TPG lodged a submission with various edits and comments (eg on covenanting, the Kaiwharawhara estuary/reclamation area, encouragement of water sensitive urban design principles, riparian protection/enhancement, map improvements, linkages with other areas and historical additions). TPG awaits the finalisation of the Plan. **Mike Oates**

WCC Long-term Plan - The draft is due around March 2015. TPG will lodge a submission, including requesting re-allocation of funding for pest weed control. **Peter Reimann**

Correspondence

Emails

Recent web alerts, resource consents	WCC
Curtis Street resource consent for earthworks decision and appeal	Paul Barker/ (CVRA), Leslie Almarino/Douglas Parker (WCC), Michael Gibson, Mel Aspinall (Environment Court), Athol Swann, John Maassen (Crown Law)
GW Draft Natural Resources Plan vs CentrePort plans	Paul Bruce (GW)
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	Paul Andrews/Amber Bill/Andy Foster/Simon Woolf (WCC), Neil Kidd
http://www.pestdetective.org.nz/	Illona Keenan (WCC)
Animal pest control updates in adjacent areas	Kelvin Hastie
Nature Space email update	DOC Nature Space Team
Old man's beard	Jack Mace (DOC)
Water Sensitive Wellington	The Sustainability Society
Native snail surveys/publicity	Karin Mahlfeld (DOC)
Northern Walkway upgrade starting	David Halliday (WCC)
Polluted drain across Forest Remnant Track	Matt Robertson (WCC)
GW Regional Plan Newsletter	Sam Wren (GW)

Draft Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan - Our Natural Capital, for review/comments	Joel De Boer (WCC)
Frances Lee track thanks from Frances	Andy Foster/Paul Andrews/Steven Peters/Amber Bill/David Halliday (WCC)
Kahikatea for Bell's Track Group	Des Smith (Bell's Track Group)
Titoki for Trelissick Park	Russell Robinson
Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan submission	Antoinette Bliss (WCC)
Draft Natural Resources Plan submission	Sam Wren/Lucy Harper (GW)
Draft Natural Resources Plan submission from Wellington Civic Trust	Craig Palmer
TPG archives	Judy Siers/Murray Pillar (OHS)
Weed control areas/priorities	Illona Keenan (WCC)
131 Silverstream Road development and concerned neighbour form	Robin White (NCDRA)
Wadestown Scouts Helping Trelissick Park	Andrew Bahr (Wadestown Scouts)
Work in park query	Alan Doak (Springload)
Kaiwharawhara stream study	Alana Peryman (Wellington East Girls' School), Frances Forsyth (Wildlands)
Interview about Trelissick Park restoration	Oliver du Bern (Wellington Zoo Trust)
Asiatic knotweed	Illona Keenan (WCC)
Climbing asparagus below Oban St	Illona Keenan (WCC)
Talk about growing native plants	Gail Andrews (Wadestown Wilton Horticultural Society)
Spraying historic walls	Buzz Graham/Amber Bill/John Curran (WCC)
Query on more strengthening Ngaio Gorge Rd	Amber Bill/Matt Robinson (WCC)
Draft historical article about the railway embankment across the Kaiwharawhara Stream	Joseph Romanos (The Editor <i>Wellingtonian</i>)
Walk through park for OWBT programme	Chris Moore (OWBT), Jonathan Anderson (WCC)
Estuary, reclamation and lower Kaiwharawhara issues	Amanda Dobson
10 titoki for the park	Russell Robinson
Weedbusters website	Carolyn Lewis (National Weedbusters Coordinator)
Rubbish collection	John Curran (WCC)
Working bee pamphlets	Tim Harkness/Matt Robertson (WCC)
TPG weed work updates	Illona Keenan/Matt Robertson (WCC)
Sea Week clean-up	Myfanwy Emeny(WCC), Janey Hilford (GW), Amand Dobson
Surplus kahikatea trees	Karin Wiley (F & B), Bronwen Wall

Inwards Letters

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

3 December - Leslie Almario (WCC). Notice of decision on resource consent 55-85 Curtis Street.

12 January - Shreya Regmi (Glaister Ennor). Notice of appeal on resource consent 55-85 Curtis Street.

9 February - (Volunteer Wellington). Subscription notice.

Finance

The bank balance at 4 February 2015 is \$1,569.95.

Payment of \$50 subscription to Volunteer Wellington approved.

Other

Website and Facebook - Bill Hester has recruited Angela Inclendon to provide back-up.

Wellington Zoo Interview - Wellington Zoo's 'Bush Builders' are organising a new precinct about NZ wildlife and the people working to protect it. Peter Reimann provided information for this on the park and TPG history and aims during a recent interview in the park.

Wellington East Girls' School Biology Study - Peter Reimann is escorting the school biology class this afternoon down the Kaiwharawhara Stream. This will be followed up [on Thursday] by sampling for invertebrates with Frances Forsyth of Wildlands.

TPG Archives - OHS kindly agreed to house TPG archives. Peter Reimann has completed the filing and transferral - the arrangements as agreed with Judy Siers of OHS.

OWBT Visit to Park - A park visit has been included in OWBT's programme on Sunday 24 May. Guides: Peter Reimann and Jonathan Anderson (WCC).

Wadestown Wilton Horticultural Society Talk - Peter Reimann has been asked to give a talk on growing native plants to the Society on Monday 3 August.

International Green Flag Award to Otari-Wilton's Bush - Frances Lee will draft a letter for Peter Reimann to send to congratulate Otari Wilton's Bush for their award. **Frances Lee**

Wadestown and Ngaio Fairs - 14 and 28 March respectively. TPG will have a display stand at both.

The next meeting is to be at **9:30 a.m. Tuesday 26 May 2015** Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 86 Khandallah Road.

The meeting concluded at 11.20 a.m.