

**Trelissick Park Group: Minutes of the 172<sup>nd</sup> meeting, held at Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday 26 May 2015**

**Abbreviations:**

<i>WCC</i>	<i>Wellington City Council</i>	<i>TPG</i>	<i>Trelissick Park Group</i>
<i>GW</i>	<i>Greater Wellington Regional Council</i>	<i>BotSoc</i>	<i>Wellington Botanic Society</i>
<i>F &amp; B</i>	<i>Forest and Bird Protection Society</i>	<i>CVRA</i>	<i>Creswick Valley Residents' Association</i>
<i>DOC</i>	<i>Department of Conservation</i>	<i>OHS</i>	<i>Onslow Historical Society</i>
<i>MfE</i>	<i>Ministry for the Environment</i>	<i>OWBT</i>	<i>Otari Wilton's Bush Trust</i>
<i>HPPA</i>	<i>Highland Park Progressive Association</i>	<i>OMB</i>	<i>Old man's beard</i>

[Square brackets: subsequent to meeting.]

**Present**

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

**Apologies**

Cr Andy Foster	Karin Wiley
Matt Robertson (Park Ranger, WCC)	Amanda Dobson (Enviroschools)
Julia Williams	

**Minutes**

The minutes of the 171<sup>st</sup> meeting, held on 24 February 2015, were confirmed, subject to change of 2nd last heading on p3 to "Wellington East Girls' College Biology Study" (ie "College" not "School"). .

**WCC Items**

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 has contacted Frances Forsyth who asked that Matt Robertson get in touch, to expedite. **Matt Robertson**

131 Silverstream Road, Crofton Downs Development – Following advocacy and a petition from local residents and NCDRA, supported by TPG and Cr Andy Foster, this development was removed from the fast-track Special Housing Area designation, mainly due to concerns about land instability.

A consent application for earthworks has just been notified. TPG have the details and a submission will be lodged, if necessary. Olaf John, who lives nearby, said there is also a need to consider potential for rocks to come down into the future residences during earthquakes. **Peter Reimann**

Historic Walls - Matthew Beres/Matt Robertson confirmed that the walls are on the WCC Hard Surface programme for spraying. Frances Lee will contact Buzz Graham about refurbishment of the revetment wall below the railway tunnel beside the Silverstream. **Frances Lee**

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. TPG has asked if the design could be modified, to be less intrusive into the park. Faiz Tafeek (WCC) advises that once the budget is confirmed, WCC can look into using a reinforced earth buttress which can steepen the slope angle to 45 degrees and end up reducing the fill footprint by around one third, minimising the effect on the adjacent trees. WCC will work with stakeholders, once the budget is confirmed. **Faiz Tawfeek/Rebecca Ramsay/Matt Robertson**

On Ngaio Gorge road WCC identified 3 other areas for future strengthening:

- 32 metre long wall opposite property #51
- 17 metre long wall opposite property #91
- 50 metre long , 12-15 metre high, steep slope opposite property #119.

Weta Motel - Received via Matt Robertson. Bill Hester has installed this on a large tree below Trelissick Cres. and will monitor it occasionally. **Bill Hester.**

**Pest Plant Control**

Tradescantia and climbers - Illona Keenan (WCC) has provided marked up maps of priority areas, after input from Peter Reimann. Illona says "To date this financial year (2014-2015) 215 contractor hours have been spent undertaking weed control in Trelissick Park (compared to 97 hours WCC funded contract hours in 2013-14, and \$3K each from GW and WCC for Take Care funding). Some of this work has been highlighted as less than satisfactory – and additional hours were provided free of charge."

TPG is continuing with manual removal of tradescantia in smaller areas bordering the original forest remnant.  
**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's contractor (NZBL) will soon start on initial control. **Illona Keenan**

Old Man's Beard - TPG have tackled many OMB infestations in the park, the railway corridor and in neighbouring suburbs - more than last year. OMB seedlings are also being found on the forest floor.

Megan Banks (GW) provided a letter on GW letterhead and brochures for giving to residents with OMB on their properties - some already distributed.

Follow up weed control on railway corridor - TPG did a park walk-through with Illona Keenan and Treescape to identify follow-up control for OMB and other weeds along the railway corridor. Treescape have funding for 3 days work for this for May/June.

Garden waste dumping - Matt Robertson provided a letter on WCC letterhead, which has been distributed to Trelissick Crescent residents.

### **Nursery/Planting Update**

103 have been planted so far this year (home nursery sourced), most going to a large cleared patch low down on railway land upstream of bridge 6, that was sprayed last year for OMB.

350 plants came from WCC last Friday - mostly forest area and ground cover species. These included some epiphytes and poataniwha (*Melicope simplex*), relatively rare in Wellington.

### **Animal Pest Control**

Bait station and mustelid trap servicing continues. Trap scores since Sept 2008: 126 rats, 14 stoats, [17 hedgehogs]. No evidence of possums for more than 10 years.

Bill Hester has stopped the experimental use of block bait in some bait stations - no benefit evident.

After consultation with Bill Hester, Kelvin Hastie (Halo project) has installed 7 Victor rat traps on the railway side of the Korimako Stream. Kelvin will service these.

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

Amber Bill met the owners of 112 and 114 Oban Street to discuss service access to the park across the road reserve and down the legal right of way between the houses. Access was agreed subject to prior advice and using the steps under the 112 car-deck. A meeting has been arranged between WCC, TPG/interested parties for 27 May to discuss this, as well as public access. Peter Reimann has contacted the Walking Access Commission to assist later on, if necessary.

### **Lower Kaiwharawhara Stream and Estuary/Reclamation**

Beach Clean-up - Attended by 20 people on Sunday 8 March. Along with weeding, 18 bags of rubbish, plus loose items were collected, Thanks to Malcolm McDonald for organising.

Wellington Civic Trust - The chairmanship has changed from Alan Smith to Toni Izzard and his deputy is Clive Anstey. They are planning to discuss with GW concerning more public involvement in the CentrePort master plan for the reclamation/estuary area.

New Bus Depot - Construction of the bus depot is proceeding on the southern side of the Kaiwharawhara Stream on the Hutt Road. The layout has been modified to ensure public access/fencing along the riparian strip. WCC has approved the fence and gate location. However, the agent is still working with Wellington Water and are in the process of finalising the plan. WCC will send TPG a copy of this when received. **Laura Brownlie (WCC), Peter Reimann**

WCC are satisfied with the issue of water runoff/spills, after review. WCC are currently reviewing further information on the diesel tank/guidelines.

Maintenance and certification of the buses will take place on site so these were considered by WCC when the consent was being processed.

57 Kaiwharawhara Road - TPG was advised last September of the possibility of a car park development on the site. WCC's Brett Smith then advised he had no further word from the applicant after passing on the plans of the underground tank. He thinks the potential buyer may have dropped the idea. The land is zoned Business 1.

This site is currently messy/weedy and beset with Australian wattle. TPG advocate a clean-up by WCC, assisted by TPG, and restoration with native plants to beautify the area and enhance the ecological corridor. Amber Bill has asked Steven Peters to explore at least cleaning up the trees over the footpath. Long-term plans are still uncertain. **Amber Bill**

Sustainable Coastlines Project - [Amanda Dobson has not been able to make contact with Oliver Vetter from Sustainable Coastlines - Love Your Water project, to get an update to report back on potential collaboration of riparian planting with his project. Amanda will be continuing to endeavour to make contact with him to give us an update.] **Amanda Dobson**

## Submissions

55 - 85 Curtis Street - 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'. **Peter Reimann**

GW Draft Natural Resources Management Plan TPG will monitor the situation as GW develops the plan for public notification later this year. **Peter Reimann**

Suburban Reserves Management Plan 2014 - WCC have issued the final plan, which includes Trelissick Park - still to be down-loaded and read. **Peter Reimann**

WCC Draft Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan 2014 - TPG lodged a submission mainly concerned about lack of funding for Council activities associated with the Biodiversity Plan and for the plan to have more 'teeth' in Council plans and activities.

WCC Long-term Plan - TPG's submission (written and oral) advocated for more funding for weed control. TPG also questioned using residents to assess environmental performance measures. Cr Andy Foster is looking into assessment alternatives. **Cr Andy Foster**

## Correspondence

### Emails

Recent web alerts, resource consents	WCC
Nature Space email update	DOC Nature Space Team
Rubbish collection	John Curran/Matt Robertson (WCC)
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)
GW Regional Plan Newsletter	Sam Wren (GW)
Oban St access to park	Amber Bill/Cr Andy Foster/Simon Woolf (WCC), HPPA, Chris Horne (BotSoc), G. Williamson (Walking Access Commission), Clive Litt/Genevieve Hancock (residents)
Weedbusters website and Facebook page - article	Carolyn Lewis (Weedbusters)
Letters re Trelissick Cres residents on garden waste dumping	Matt Robertson (WCC)
BNZ volunteer day query	Arthur Boulieris (BNZ)
Ngaio Gorge Rd Wall 7 update	Faiz Tawfeek/Rebecca Ramsay/Matt Robertson (WCC)
Kaiwharawhara Catchment Fish Passage	Frances Forsyth (Wildlands)
New Bus Depot on Hutt Road	Rebecca Ramsay/Laura Brownlie/Matt Robertson (WCC)
Use of site adjacent to Kaiwharawhara Stream - 57 Kaiwharawhara Road	Amber Bill/Myfanwy Emeny/Matt Robertson/Brett Smith (WCC)
Trelissick Park historic wall spraying.	Matthew Beres/Matt Robertson (WCC)
Pop-up Native Forest on Bond St. for Parks Week	Amy Brasch (DOC)
Draft Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan - Our Natural Capital submission	ournaturalcapital@wcc.govt.nz, Cara des Landes (WCC)
Monitoring & bio-security workshops - March 2015	Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology
Kaiwharawhara Estuary Clean-up Sunday 8 March 2015	Peter Hunt (F & B), Craig Palmer (Wlg Civic Trust), Wilbur Dovey (OWBT), Myfanwy Emeny (WCC), Elizabeth Knopf (HPPA), Amanda Dobson (Enviroschools), Janey Hilford (GW), Boyden Evans (Boffa Miskell), Don Richards (BRANZ), Angela Watty (InterIslander)
Reveg site Blackbridge Rd and Churchill Dr, Wilton	Matt Robertson (WCC)
Tree species for Trelissick Park	Russell Robinson
Triumph or Vigilant Gel	Illona Keenan/Matt Robertson (WCC)
Neighbours Day Picnic in Cummings Park	Robin White (NCDRA)
Draft Natural Resources Plan submission from Wellington Civic Trust	Craig Palmer
GW draft Climate Change Strategy for comment	Laura McKim (GW)
Weed control areas/priorities	Illona Keenan (WCC)

Wellington Conservation Management Strategy (CMS) Review	Matt Barnett (DOC)
Restoration Day, Community Conservation Funding and Green Ribbon Award	Amy Brasch (DOC)
New email address	Greg Hyland (HPPA)
OMB work by TPG - updates	Illona Keenan (WCC)
Letter to residents with OMB	Wayne Cowan/Megan Banks (GW)
Climbing asparagus below Oban St	Illona Keenan (WCC)
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
131 Silverstream Rd Special Housing development	Crs Andy Foster/Helene Ritchie, Andrew McLellan, Robin White (NCDRA) and many others
Green Ribbon award nomination - P Reimann	Belinda Dowler (MfE)
Tieke ECO News & Alerts 2 April 2015	Michael Pringle (Environment & Conservation organisation)
TransPower Tree Felling	Matt Robertson (TPG)
Article on working bee for Independent Herald	Emily Elliott (Wellington Suburban Newspapers)
Wellington region river and coast users survey:	Summer Greefield (GW)
Follow up weed control for Kiwirail adjoining Trelissick Park, including marked-up maps	Illona Keenan/Matt Robertson (WCC), Kevin Birdsall/Peter Petterson (Treescape)
WCC Draft Long Term Plan submission	Via WCC website after query with Illona Keenan (WCC) and Antoinette Bliss (WCC)
WCC Draft Long Term Plan oral submission	Cara des Landes (WCC)
Draft Suburban Reserves Management Plan	Antoinette Bliss/Cara des Landes (WCC)
Win \$2,500 for predator control - TPG entered	Illona Keenan (WCC)
Addition of TPG to Predator Free NZ website/map	Rebecca Bell/Angus Hulme-Moir (PFNZ)
PhD Research Snapshot #5: Community groups, environmental restoration & citizen science	Monica Peters (University of Waikato)
OMB revisited	David Hurst,/Jak Wild,/Joseph Nicholls (Ngaio Gorge Rd residents)
Trelissick Park debris trap needs clearing	Sam Lister (Wellington Water). Matt Robertson (WCC)
Possum bait for Trelissick Park volunteer group	Bruce Brewer (GW, Illona Keenan/Matt Robertson (WCC)
Historical article on Kaiwharawhara stream tunnel and railway	Joseph Romanos (Wellingtonian editor)
WCC Pest Control Survey and weta hotel	Bernard Smith (WCC)
TPG weed work updates	Illona Keenan/Matt Robertson (WCC)
Surplus kahikatea trees	Peter Hunt/Karin Wiley (F & B), Lynne White (Friends of Central Park)
Mapping our Nature workshop, June 2015	Illona Keenan (WCC)
Proposed OWBT walk in Trelissick Park	Chris Moore/Margaret Crimp (OWBT), Jonathan Anderson (WCC)
NZ snails talk by Karin Mahlfeld	Jonathan Anderson (WCC)
Victor traps by Kelvin Hastie on railway land beside Korimako	Matt Robertson/Illona Keenan (WCC), Bruce Brewer (GW)
Plant delivery	Matt Robertson/Anita Benbrook (WCC)
131 Silverstream Rd earthworks resource consent application	Fred Coughlan (WCC), Robin White (NCDRA), Andrew McLellan and other residents
Methods to assess environmental performance measures	Cr Andy Foster (WCC)
Weta motel	Illona Keenan/Matt Robertson (WCC)
GW Regional Plan Review: Newsletter 10 - May 2015	Sam Wren (GW)

### Inwards Letters

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

11 May - Becky MacNeill (MfE), Barry Hanson (DOC) Green Ribbon Award nomination unsuccessful.

### Outwards Letters

26 February - Rewi Elliot (WCC), Phil Parnell (OWBT). International Green Flag award congratulations.

### **Finance**

The bank balance at 4 May 2015 is \$1,539.95.

### **Other**

OWBT Visit to Park - A park visit was included in OWBT's programme on Sunday 24 May. Guide: Peter Reimann. The 2-hour walk included the Korimako and Kaiwharawhara valleys, covering infrastructure interferences, TPG restoration efforts and the original forest remnant. 7 attended.

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.

Wadestown Fair - 14 March TPG had a display stand there.

Restoration Day - Richard Grasse and Peter Reimann attended.

The next meeting is to be at **9:30 a.m. Tuesday 25 August 2015** Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 86 Khandallah Road.

The meeting concluded at 10.30 a.m.