

Trelissick Park Group: Minutes of the 173rd meeting, held at Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday 25 August 2015

Abbreviations:

WCC	Wellington City Council	TPG	Trelissick Park Group
GW	Greater Wellington Regional Council	BotSoc	Wellington Botanic Society
F & B	Forest and Bird Protection Society	NCDRANgaio	Crofton Downs Residents' Association
DOC	Department of Conservation	OHS	Onslow Historical Society
WW	Wellington Water	OWBT	Otari Wilton's Bush Trust
HPPA	Highland Park Progressive Association	OMB	Old man's beard

[Square brackets: subsequent to meeting.]

Present

Peter Reimann (chair)	Stan Pillar
Frances Lee	Karin Wiley
Barry Durrant	Olaf John
Matt Robertson (Park Ranger, WCC)	Chris Moore (BotSoc)
Bill Hester	

Apologies

Elizabeth Knopf	Julia Williams
Amanda Dobson (Enviroschools)	

Talk

Nyree Fea, who is doing a PhD at Victoria University, gave a short presentation about her intensive monitoring of tui and fantails in Wellington City to study outcomes in relation to pest-mammal abundance. She also showed two videos at the end: one of fantails feeding chicks on the nest and one with a rat leaving that nest after eating a chick. She wants us to look for tui and fantail nests so that she can add them to her monitoring.

Minutes

The minutes of the 172nd meeting, held on 25 May 2015, were confirmed.

WCC Items

Park Rangers - WCC has employed a 5th Park Ranger. In three weeks Tim Harkness will take over from Matt Robertson, to cover Trelissick Park.

Fish Passage Study - Frances Forsyth (Wildlands) will soon be starting this study. Peter Reimann will contact her in a few weeks for an update. **Frances Forsyth/Peter Reimann**

131 Silverstream Road, Crofton Downs Development – Following preliminary land clearance, a consent application for earthworks has been lodged. The proposed earthworks for 119 sites are extensive and could affect the streams in Trelissick Park. No advice has yet been received on whether the consent will be on a notified or non-notified basis. Even if the earthworks comply with the District Plan so do not require notification, TPG say that all interested parties should be kept informed by WCC. TPG has previously registered as an interested party. Meanwhile, a developer has been advertising on Trade Me to gauge interest of building companies, subject to resource consent. Local residents, led by Andrew McLellan in conjunction with NCDRA, have been watching developments. Olaf John questioned whether GW would allow undergrounding the stream for 900 m. **Peter Reimann**

Historic Walls - 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, details to be advised. **Faiz Tawfeek/Rebecca Ramsay/Tim Harkness**

Sewer Leak - The sewer pipe beside the Korimako Stream at the upper end of the park completely ruptured due to a foundation collapse. WW have done a temporary repair. A permanent repair is to follow. This will involve a new 30 m section placed further back from the stream than currently. WW (Malcolm Giles), WCC (Rebecca Ramsay) and TPG are to meet on site beforehand. **Matt Robertson/Tim Harkness**

The health warning signs at entrances will be removed. **Matt Robertson**

Park Brochures - WCC are supplying 1,000 park brochures for TPG to continue topping up the entrance brochure holders. **Matt Robertson**

Longfin Eel Sign - Now installed just upstream of the debris trap. Thanks Myfanwy Emeny, WCC and contractor Tony Stoddard (who did the art-work).

Pest Plant Control

Tradescantia - Illona Keenan is to confirm that the WCC contractor has completed spraying areas on the fringes of the original forest remnant and in the valley below Hanover Street. **Illona Keenan**

TPG is continuing with manual removal of tradescantia in smaller areas bordering the original forest remnant. BNZ are to remove more upstream of the Northern Walkway bridge on their 'Closed for Good Day' **TPG**

Climbing asparagus - Control of the large infestations of climbing asparagus in the park below Oban Street does not appear to have started (WCC contractor (NZBL). Jonathan Anderson (WCC) has found more within the original forest remnant. Illona Keenan to provide update. **Illona Keenan**

Sycamore - Bill Hester has been tackling sycamore, conspicuous with autumn leaves.

Follow up weed control on railway corridor - Treescape have funding for 3 days work. Illona Keenan to provide update. **Illona Keenan**.

Nursery/Planting Update

423 have been planted so far this year, including all but around 20 of the 350 from WCC. Most of the epiphytes from WCC have been placed in the forks of old trees - locations mapped. 33 of home nursery kahikatea have been given to others, 60 remaining for F & B.

Animal Pest Control

Bait station and mustelid trap servicing continues. Trap scores since Sept 2008: 130 rats, 15 stoats, 17 hedgehogs. One dead possum was found - the first evidence of possums for more than 10 years.

Park Access from Oban St

After a meeting between WCC and TPG and subsequent correspondence, Amber Bill (WCC) confirmed the owners of 112/114 prefer access to the legal right of way between 112/114 by use of the formed path/steps under the car-deck of 112. She confirms that this is located on road reserve, so does not cross onto private property. Amber says "They would ideally like to be emailed prior to using the area so that all parties can avoid feeling uncomfortable, however I have been in touch to let them know you do not wish to contact them. Obviously they are disappointed, but realise it is a legal access way."

TPG would like the location of the legal right of way marked in some way, to ensure users do not trespass - Peter Reimann to discuss with Amber. **Amber Bill/Peter Reimann**

WCC will not agree on formalising access without a footbridge across the Kaiwharawhara Stream. Should TPG raise funding for a bridge (approx \$120K), WCC would provide project coordination. Amber advises wider consultation would be required, including residents of Oban Street.

Lower Kaiwharawhara Stream and Estuary/Reclamation

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 - In operation and approved perimeter fence plan with two gates received.

57 Kaiwharawhara Road - Matt Robertson has arranged for the WCC Tree Team to clean up the trees over the footpath - it is on their work schedule. The idea of a car park there has not been pursued.

Sustainable Coastlines Project - Love Your Water Project - Collaboration of riparian planting with Oliver Vetter of Sustainable Coastlines and Amanda Dobson of EnviroSchools has commenced with a park walk-through and subsequently a working bee with IT firm Silverstripe, organised by Oliver.

Submissions

Proposed Natural Resources Management Plan for the Wellington Region Just received - due date for submissions 25 September **Peter Reimann**

Suburban Reserves Management Plan 2014 - WCC have issued the final plan, which includes Trelissick Park.

Our Natural Capital: Wellington's Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan - Final Plan received, as well as a summary of submissions.

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 (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)
Newsletter Predator Free NZ	Rebecca Bell (Predator Free NZ)
Use of 57 Kaiwharawhara Rd	Amber Bill (WCC)
Dead possum photos	Matt Robertson (WCC)
Climbing asparagus in forest remnant	Jonathan Anderson/Illona Keenan (WCC)
Old man's beard, 128 Trelissick Cres	Andrea Walters (resident)
Tui and fantail nesting study	Nyree Fea (Victoria University), Matt Robertson (WCC)
Treescape pest weed maps on railway corridor	Illona Keenan
DOC paper on Tradescantia control on Stephens Island	David Ogilvie
Hutt Road bus depot - approved fence plan	Laura Brownlie (WCC)
CentrePort environment meeting notes	Craig Palmer (Wellington Civic Trust)
Longfin eel sign	Myfanwy Emeny (WCC), Ashleigh Romanos (Body Shop)
Debris trap needs clearing	Sam Lister (Wellington Water)
Large trees caught in debris trap	Rob Kennedy
Kokopu photos for biodiversity strategy	Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)
Longfin eel sign and Sustainable Coastlines project	Amanda Dobson (Enviroschools), Oliver Vetter (Sustainable Coastlines)
Use of park map	Alexandra McKendry
Questions about park history	Tom Montague
Mulch from Otari Wilton's Bush	Rewi Elliot (WCC)
Plants for park	Vicky Mabin
Epiphytes for park	Illona Keenan/Helen Mechen/Anita Benbrook/Jonathan Anderson/Rewi Elliot (WCC)
Environmental performance measures in Long Term Plan	Andy Foster (WCC)
Volunteer week events	Amy Brasch (DOC)
St Benedict's School visit	Fiona Barnett (St Benedict's School)
BNZ Closed for Good project	Closed for Good team (BNZ)
Major sewer leak in Korimako	Matt Robertson/Amber Bill/Illona Keenan/Myfanwy Emeny (WCC), Frances Forsyth (Wildlands)
Newsletter mailing list	Toby Green
Silverstripe visit	Oliver Vetter (Susustainable Coastlines), Clarion Coughlan (Silverstripe)
In Safe Hands - OSH survey	Dave Sharp (Conservation Volunteers NZ)
Animal pest activities in areas adjacent to park	Kelvin Hastie
GW Regional Plan Review: Newsletter 11 - July 2015	Sam Wren (GW)
Water quality sampling after sewer leak	Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)
Another vulnerable sewer support?	Philip Petersen (GW), Matt Robertson (WCC)
Eco-sourcing and plant distribution	Anita Benbrook (WCC), Peter Gilbert (Jay St nursery), Ken (Southern Environmental Association)
Totara seedlings for park	Anne Meade
Emergent trees for next season	Anita Benbrook (WCC)
Kaka taking bait from bait stations query	Matt Robertson (WCC)
Need comments on plants for Fort Buckley	Greg Hyland (HPPA)
Kahikatea and rewarewa for Central Park	Lynne White (Friends of Central Park)
131 Silverstream Road development	Andrew McLellan and others
Surplus kahikatea	Bronwen Wall
Talk for Wadestown Wilton Horticultural Society	Gail Andrews
Article for <i>Indigena</i> magazine	Helen Greatrex (Farm Forestry Association)
Proposed Natural Resources Plan for the Wellington Region	Sam Wren (GW)
In Safe Hands Workshop - Keeping Volunteers Safe, and Productive	Edward Tregidga (Conservation Volunteers NZ)

Green World Awards	Roger Wolens (The Green Organisation)
Comments on weeds page on TPG website	Daniel Coombes
Stream ecology and heritage	Lucinda Wheeler
Trelissick Park Brochure	Matt Robertson/Amber Bill/Miranda Findlay (WCC)
Monitoring & bio-security workshops - September 2015	Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology
Old tree down on Forest Remnant Track	Mary Munro, Matt Robertson (WCC)
Weed control update	Illona Keenan (WCC)
More park brochures	Miranda Findlay/Matt Robertson/Amber Bill (WCC)
Tim Harkness to take over from Matt Robertson	Matt Robertson (WCC)

Inwards Letters

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

27 May - Cara des Landes (WCC), Thanks for submission on *Our Natural Capital: Wellington's Draft Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan*.

22 June - Margaret Crimp (OWBT). Thanks to Peter Reimann for guided walk through Trelissick Park.

3 July - Jonathan Streat (GW). Feedback on submissions for *Draft Natural Resources Plan*.

15 July - Kevin Lavery (WCC). Thanks for submission on *2015-25 Long-term Plan*,

21 July - Bec Ramsay (WCC). Feedback on submissions on *2015 Suburban Reserves Management Plan*.

24 July - Myfanwy Emeny (WCC). Feedback on submissions on *Our Natural Capital: Wellington's Strategy and Action Plan*

31 July - Jonathan Streat (GW). USB for Proposed Natural Resources Plan for the Wellington Region.

Finance

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

Other

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

Indigena Magazine Article - Peter Reimann was asked to write an article for the *Indigena* magazine on planting native species in Trelissick Park. This magazine represents the Indigenous Forest Section of the Farm Forestry Association. This has just been completed and accepted.

Website Update - Bill Hester has updated the website www.trelissickpark.org.nz as follows:

- Revised Adopt a Spot Guidelines (in 'Projects' page)
- New page called 'Plantings'
- Revamped 'Weeds' page
- Revised Health and Safety Information (in 'Projects' page)
- Revised 'Management Plan' page, to replace the 1995 Plan with the Suburban Reserves Management Plan. Five of the 1995 sections have been retained for information and historical value.

Health and Safety Workshop - Peter Reimann attended an *In Safe Hands* workshop by Conservation Volunteers at Otari Wilton's Bush on 22 August. TPG health and safety provisions have been updated to incorporate provisions in the 'Toolkit' provided. [This is on the website, but will also be emailed to all volunteers working in the park. **Peter Reimann**]

Water Quality Monitoring Station - WW would like to install a monitoring station to monitor water quality in the Kaiwharawhara Stream. It would be in a steel box, above the ground. One location proposed is by the stream next to the manholes for sewer cleaning, near the end of the vehicle track upstream of the debris trap. However, there is a question of a power supply there. TPG suggested somewhere at the lower end of the park - unobtrusive, easy access, close to power supply and would 'catch' more pollution. A further issue is whether interpretive information would allay intrusiveness. Matt Robertson will discuss with WW and advise.

Matt Robertson

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

The meeting concluded at 11.30 a.m.