

Trelissick Park Group: Minutes of the 174th meeting, held at Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday 24 November 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	WRA	Wadestown Residents' Association
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
Barry Durrant	Elizabeth Knopf
Tim Harkness (Park Ranger, WCC)	Julia Williams

Apologies

Frances Lee	Olaf John
Karin Wiley	

Minutes

The minutes of the 173rd meeting, held on 25 August 2015, were confirmed.

WCC Items

Fish Passage Study - Frances Forsyth (Wildlands) has started this study - results awaited. **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. WCC have advised that the earthworks will proceed on a non-notified basis. Local residents, led by Andrew McLellan in conjunction with NCDRA, continue to watch developments and are considering what to do next (eg a judicial review).

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/Foundation Collapse - The new 30 m section of sewer pipe placed further back from the Korimako Stream below Waikowhai Street has been completed. Tim Harkness is contacting WW about completing the site tidy-up. **Tim Harkness**

Health Warning Signs - Some entrances have stream health warning sign, others do not. To be resolved. It is likely that next year all entrances will have signs warning of pollution for a couple of days after heavy rain **Tim Harkness**

Pest Plant Control

Tradescantia - TPG is continuing with manual removal of tradescantia in small areas bordering the original forest remnant and after BNZ's 'Closed for Good Day' on the slopes upstream of the Northern Walkway bridge **TPG**

Climbing asparagus - WCC's contractor (NZBL) has carried out some control of the large infestations of climbing asparagus in the park below Oban Street. Jonathan Anderson (WCC) has found more within the original forest remnant below Ngaio Gorge Road..

Karaka - TPG has started pulling out seedlings and cutting small trees in the forested areas.

Weed control/planting on railway corridor - Treescape advise that in August they cut out wattles and planted 100 native species.

Plans for next few months - Peter Reimann provided a weed map for Illona Keenan to advise WCC plans for further control of tradescantia, climbing asparagus, Japanese honeysuckle, OMB and other pest weeds.

Illona Keenan

Ngaio Gorge Road earthquake strengthened areas - Julia Williams advised that weeds, eg blackberry. needs controlling. Peter Reimann will check and advise Illona Keenan. **Peter Reimann**

Nursery/Planting Update

Just over 600 have been planted this year.

WCC plant list and order form for 2015 has been received and request for 475 submitted. Many of these will be for ground cover for recently sprayed areas on the slopes below Hanover Street near the stream, open areas in the Korimako valley, railway land above bridge 6 and at the two Ngaio Gorge Rd entrances.

Tim Harkness will check to see if at least some of these can be picked up early in May. **Tim Harkness**

Animal Pest Control

Bait station and mustelid trap servicing continues. Trap scores since Sept 2008: 131 rats, 15 stoats, 17 hedgehogs.

Park Access from Oban St

Amber Bill (WCC) advises that the owners of 112 and 114 Oban Street will not agree to TPG's request for the location of the legal right of way to be marked in some way, eg with pegs (to ensure users do not trespass). Instead she has provided an enlarged photo-map showing the location of the right of way. [It appears to be 2 m wide]. Peter Reimann will check the location with other maps. **Peter Reimann**

A suspension bridge has been suggested for crossing the Kaiwharawhara Stream. The narrow section just downstream of the debris trap appears practicable (span approx. 12 m). TPG need to find someone with the time to take this further (site investigation, tendering, consents, fund-raising, project management). **TPG**

Lower Kaiwharawhara Stream and Estuary/Reclamation

57 Kaiwharawhara Road - The area has just been cleaned to some distance back from the footpath. There is a possibility WCC may sell this at some time in the future.

New Cycleway - The new cycleway from Petone is understood to finish at Ngauranga, so will not affect the estuary/reclamation.

Submissions

Proposed Natural Resources Management Plan for the Wellington Region TPG lodged a submission, mainly concerning need for mandatory zero effect on stormwater from new developments, request for the park streams to be included in water quality investigations and remediation actions, need for GW to be involved in fish passage, concern about future CentrePort plans for the Kaiwharawhara estuary area and access to the beach at the north side of the reclamation.

Correspondence

Emails

Recent web alerts, resource consents	WCC
Nature Space email update	DOC Nature Space Team
Rubbish collection	John Curran/Matt Robertson/Tim Harkness (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)
Proposed Natural Resources plan - definition of "structure"	Sam Wren (GW)
Comments from TPG meeting (footbridge idea for Oban St track, 131 Silverstream Rd consent follow-up)	Cr Andy Foster (WCC)
Mites in domatia of coprosmas	Chris Moore (BotSoc)
Proposed Natural Resources plan re CentrePort and estuary	Toni Izzard (Wlg Civic Trust), Chris Laidlaw (GW)
Kaiwh Stream quality and permanent measurement	Toni Izzard/Craig Palmer (Wlg Civic Trust)
Weed maintenance and planting on railway land	Peter Petterson (Treescape)
BNZ Closed for Good Day	Megan Stubbersfield/Emma-Jane John (BNZ)
Pollution sign, 2 more sewer leaks and quality standards not met	Matt Robertson (WCC)
Map of bait stations and traps in park	Matt Robertson (WCC)
Park brochures arrived	Miranda Findlay/Matt Robertson (WCC)
Branch Out, Spring 2015	WCC
Blitzing the rats: A24s, urban trapping and our new guide	Rebecca (Predator Free NZ)
Robyn Smith (GW) moving to QEII National Trust	Robyn Smith (GW)
131 Silverstream Rd earthworks application	Andrew Mclellan, Ryan O'Leary (WCC)
Introducing the Wellington City ePlan	WCC
Monitoring & bio-security workshops - October 2015	Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology

Visit to 'spot' by Kaiwharawhara Stream	Kumar Kumareswaran (Sathya Sai Service Organisation)
Porirua City Stormwater Bylaw	Julia Williams (Drakeford Williams Ltd)
Herbicide use training session by Brian Thomas (WCC)	Karin Wiley (F & B)
Conservation Innovation Award	Mike (WWF)
Conservation Week - Involvement Opportunities	Amy Brasch (DOC)
Sewer repairs in Korimako	Matt Robertson/Tim Harkness/Anita Benbrook (WCC)
Trelissick Park Initial 'Unofficial' Access from Oban St - marking and map	Amber Bill (WCC), Crs Andy Foster/Simon Woolf (WCC)
Enviroschools access to Kaiwh estuary	Amanda Dobson (Enviroschools)
Surplus kahikatea query	Des Smith (Bell's Track Group)
Submission from Trelissick Park Group - Proposed Natural Resources Plan	Paul Denton (GW)
Wilton Bush sewage leak	Bruce Brewer (GW)
Update - Resource consent issued for mass earthworks at 131 Silverstream Road	Ryan O'Leary (WCC)
The Sustainability Society - behaviour change, connections and boundary crossing	Sarah (The Sustainability Society)
Triumph/Vigilant herbicide information	Karin Wiley (F & B)
Curtis St earthworks developments - possibly relevant to Silverstream Rd	Andrew McLellan
Environment - Kākā Cam - Wellington City Council	Matt Robertson (WCC)
Psuedopanax lessonii hybrids	Tim Harkness (WCC)
WWF Conservation Innovation Awards invitation	WWF
Dead eel problems	Myfanwy Emeny/Tim Harkness (WCC)
Media release: Regional Council takes action on climate change	GW
Volunteer Wellington 2016 Training Survey	Julie Thomson (Volunteer Wellington)
Sewer Leak below Chartwell Drive	Aaron (WCC), Jonathan Kennett
Nature Space Newsletter 5	DOC
Invitation: Native Plant Propagation Workshop	Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)
Article on working bees	Sharnahea Wilson (Independent Herald)
Crofton Downs Community Meeting to discuss Development at 131 Silverstream Road	Toby Green
Weedbusting events on Weedbusters website - photos and blurbs?	Carolyn Lewis (Weedbusters)
CentrePort submission on Proposed Natural Resources Plan	William Woods (CentrePort), Craig Palmer (Wlg Civic Trust)
Stream Event	Siena, David, Issy and Emily (Ngaio School)
Possible sewage leak into Korimako Stream	Tim Harkness (WCC) & GW pollution hotline.
Plaque for seat	Amber Bill/Myfanwy Emeny/Tim Harkness (WCC)
Fish passage studies	Myfanwy Emeny (WCC), Frances Forsyth (Wildlands)
Article for Indigena Magazine	Helen Greatrex/Julian Bateson (Farm Forestry Association)
Kaiwharawhara/Korimako Fish Passage Study	Frances Forsyth (Wildlands), Myfanwy Emeny/Tim Harkness (WCC)
Pest Plant Control - Trelissick Park	Illona Keenan/Tim Harkness (WCC)
Wadestown restoration collaboration and fair	Fiona Shrapnell (WRA)
Kākā chick's death a lesson for bird feeders	Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)
Water quality monitoring station	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Stream pollution warning signs	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Accessible titoki for seeds	Anita Benbrook/Jonathan Anderson (WCC)
Plant order for next year	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Parks Volunteer Christmas Party	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Query about conservation work in the park	Katy Glenie (Outward Bound)

Inwards Letters

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

24 August - Laura Neale (WCC). Concerned neighbour update 131 Silverstream Road earthworks resource consent application

9 November - Erin Campbell (GW). Acknowledgment of submission on proposed natural resources plan..

Undated - Debbie Delaney (Community Networks Wellington). Invitation to join.

Finance

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

Other

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. Tim Harkness advises that WW/WCC are still looking at location options. **Tim Harkness**

'Meet the Locals' at the Zoo - Trelissick Park Group appears at two small signs adjoining a walkway at the Zoo's new installation.

Community Networks Wellington - TPG to decline invitation to join. **Peter Reimann**

Indigena Magazine Article - Peter Reimann's article on planting native species in Trelissick Park has been published in the November issue. This magazine represents the Indigenous Forest Section of the Farm Forestry Association.

Restoration Collaboration with WRA - Fiona Shrapnell has suggested collaboration between WRA and TPG on restoration in the park below Wadestown - discussion on-going. **Fiona Shrapnell/Peter Reimann**

Korimako Stream Event - Year 5 of Ngaio School staged a stream event for the public in Cummings Park about avoiding rubbish/pollution/sedimentation because of effects on stream life.

Two New 'Spots' adopted - Alex McKendry has adopted the area below Waikowhai Street between the Northern Walkway and the minor track going down to the stream. This is towards a Duke of Edinburgh award (1 hour per week for 6 months). [Warrick Fowle has adopted the forest slopes below upper Ngaio Gorge Road, to remove wandering willie, young karaka and rubbish.]

The next meeting is to be at **9:30 a.m. Tuesday 1 March 2016** Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 86 Khandallah Road.

The meeting concluded at 10.15 a.m.