

Trelissick Park Group: Minutes of the 175th meeting, held at Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday 1 March 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 & B</i>	<i>Forest and Bird Protection Society</i>	<i>NCDRANgaio</i>	<i>Crofton Downs Residents' Association</i>
<i>DOC</i>	<i>Department of Conservation</i>	<i>WRA</i>	<i>Wadestown Residents' Association</i>
<i>WW</i>	<i>Wellington Water</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)	Elizabeth Knopf
Frances Lee	Julia Williams
Barry Durrant	Stan Pillar
Chris Moore	

Apologies

Karin Wiley	Olaf John
Tim Harkness (Park Ranger, WCC)	

Minutes

The minutes of the 174th meeting, held on 24 November 2015, were confirmed.

WCC Items

Fish Passage Study - [Julia Williams advises that Frances Forsyth (Wildlands) has completed the study and the results have gone to Myfanwy Emeny, but the report is not yet written. There were a huge number of structures and the assessment will help WCC prioritise where to start with fish passage enhancement or removal of structures] **Frances Forsyth/Myfanwy Emeny**

131 Silverstream Road, Crofton Downs Development – 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. The associated land clearance does not need a consent. Local residents, led by Andrew McLellan in conjunction with NCDRA are monitoring for any down-stream effects.

Julia Williams advised that the stream will be day-lighted and moved to the northern side of the valley. Large stormwater pipes will assist detention of run-off during heavy rain.

Ngaio Gorge Road Strengthening - The wall opposite No. 51 is currently being earthquake strengthened. 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**

Pest Plant Control

Plans for next few months - Illona Keenan, contractor Kaitiaki and Peter Reimann have been liaising on further control of tradescantia, climbing asparagus, Japanese honeysuckle, OMB and Asiatic knotweed. Illona has organised another contractor to tackle areas requiring abseiling. This will include one of the earthquake strengthened areas below upper Ngaio Gorge Road, to allow planting through the wire mesh in 2017. **Illona Keenan**

Barry Durrant is concerned about need for ongoing control of climbing asparagus below Oban Street. Peter Reimann will check with Illona Keenan that this is included. **Peter Reimann**

TPG continue with manual control of tradescantia, OMB, Himalayan balsam, karaka seedlings, bindweed and buddleia by individuals, working bees and corporate groups. **TPG**

A large group from Ministry of Primary Industries is visiting on Friday 4 March for a BYO picnic at the magazine building, followed by a weed sweep up the valley. Tim Harkness will provide a 'Superloo', black plastic and, if possible, some rakes and spare gloves. **Tim Harkness**

Nursery/Planting Update.

WCC plant list and order form for 2016 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**

Peter Reimann has about 130 more to supplement the above.

Animal Pest Control

Bait station and mustelid trap servicing continues. Trap scores to early February since Sept 2008:134 rats,15 stoats, 17 hedgehogs.

TPG think that a review of bait, bait stations and traps would help, in the light of research and experience over the years. **Illona Keenan**

Park Access from Oban St

Following a site meeting with Peter Reimann, Abseil Access have selected a site for a footbridge across the Kaiwharawhara Stream, just upstream of the debris trap. This will allow our long-sought connection to Oban Street. They will provide an estimate and drawing to allow applications for resource consents and funding.

Kate Sanders (nee Mackenzie) has offered to assist with the resource consent applications. She was involved with the park in 2006-7 (with GW, WCC and TPG) and now has her own business in Auckland which includes preparation of resource consent applications.

Peter Reimann will follow up both of the above. **Peter Reimann**

Frances Lee is looking at funding sources. **Frances Lee**

It is understood by TPG that WCC will organise and fund the track/signage/steps/any fencing from Oban Street past the houses.

Lower Kaiwharawhara Stream and Estuary/Reclamation

57 Kaiwharawhara Road - The area has just been cleared of trees to some distance back from the footpath. There is a possibility WCC may sell this at some time in the future. However, it is a weedy eyesore. It is linked with the Sanctuary to Sea Walkway and could be made into an attractive lunch spot for local workers and a 'stopover' for walkers with a seat beside the water – at very little cost. [Conservation Volunteers are willing to clean it up, but Tim Harkness advises this is subject to removal 'possessions' by a hoarder by 1 May and subsequently by WCC if necessary. Peter Reimann will follow this up in May]. **Peter Reimann**

Estuary Clean-up - Malcolm McDonald is organising this for the morning of Sunday 6 March. **Malcolm McDonald**

Submissions

Input to WCC Annual Plan - TPG requested more funding for pest control, better stormwater control (neutral effect from new developments), improved sewer maintenance, assistance with access provisions to the park from Oban Street, completion of the Sanctuary to Sea walkway, access to the Kaiwharawhara reclamation northern beach and cleaning up 57 Kaiwharawhara Road. The importance of the ecological corridor from the Kaiwharawhara estuary was stressed.

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)
Chance for your say on Council's Annual Plan 2016/17	Celia Wade-Brown (WCC)
Branch Out Summer 15/16	WCC
Bait station problem, review and site visit	Illona Keenan/Bernard Smith (WCC), Karen Sumner
Trelissick Park working bee pamphlet	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Water sensitive urban design stormwater management in Wellington guide	Nicci Wood (WCC)
Garden waste dumping study	Miriam Sherratt (WCC)
Love your Water Wellington 2016 - schools visit	Oliver Vetter (Sustainable Coastlines), Amanda Dobson, Micheline Evans (Enviroschools)
Information about your volunteer programme	Charlie Devenish (Volunteer Wellington)
Work Volunteering Request from Ministry for Primary Industries	Jennifer Websdale (MPI), Illona Keenan/Tim Harkness (WCC)
Kereru post mortem report - from Trelissick Park	Illona Keenan (WCC)
Map of bait stations	Bernard Smith (WCC)
Weta hotel photos	Illona Keenan (WCC)
Trelissick Park Group 5-Year Plan 2016-2021	Amber Bill/Tim Harkness (WCC)
Footbridge for Oban St Track	Amber Bill/Tim Harkness/Cr Andy Foster (WCC), Martin Wilson (Abseil Access)
Adopt a spot update	Alexandra McKendry

Site meeting with contractors for weed control	Illona Keenan (WCC)
Five Minute Bird Count Workshop February 2016	Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology
Conservation Volunteers work in park	Edward Tregidga
Resource Consents	WCC
Filming for a local government careers video	Myfanwy Emeny (WCC), Tennessee Mansford
Volunteer Wellington News - Feb-March 2016	Julie Thomson (Volunteer Wellington)
Input to WCC Annual Plan from Trelissick Park Group	Crs Andy Foster, Simon Woolf, Jo Coughlan, Helene Ritchie (WCC), submission by on-line form. Copied to WRA, F & B, HPPA, NCDRA, Bot Soc, OWBT, WCC acknowledgement.
Animal and plant pest input into WCC Annual Plan by Trelissick Park Group	Illona Keenan/Bernard Smith (WCC)
Predator Free Parks workshop 13 March - invitation to present	Illona Keenan (WCC)
Invitation: Seed Collection for Ecological Restoration - Sat 20 Feb, Otari	Tim Harkness/Tim Park/Fran McEwen (WCC)
Greater Wellington Regional Plan Review: Newsletter 13 - February 2016	GW
Webinars, winners and a chance to have your say...	Predator Free New Zealand
Pest Plant Control - Trelissick Park walk-through	Illona Keenan (WCC)
Fwd: Petition I've begun to Halt All Use of Glyphosate herbicide	Jacky du Fresne
PhD Research Snapshot #6: Community groups, environmental restoration & citizen science	Monica Peters
2016 plant orders	Tim Harkness (WCC)
131 Silverstream - vegetation clearance	Andrew McLellan
Chew card sites	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Planting through Wire Mesh on Ngaio Gorge Rd Earthquake Strengthened Slope	Illona Keenan/Tim Harkness (WCC)
Seismic Strengthening works for Wall RW 31, Ngaio Gorge Road opp. House No 51	Siva Arumugam (Opus), Tim Harkness (WCC)
Graffiti on magazine building removal thanks	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Invitation to Predator Free Parks workshop event 13 March 10-3	Illona Keenan/Fran McEwan (WCC)
Black Plastic	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Beach clean-up	Don Richards
Sources of funding	Myfanwy Emeny

Inwards Letters

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

30 November (received) - Dorothy Douglass. \$20 donation.

22 February - Jonathan Streat (GW). Proposed Natural Resources Plan - summary of decisions requested and further submission requirements.

Outward Letters

1 December - Dorothy Douglass. Thanks for donation.

Finance

Subscription to Volunteer Wellington for \$50 approved.

The bank balance at 4 February was \$1,559.95. So after deducting the above \$50, it should stand at \$1,509.95 in early March. This includes the \$1,000 'gift' money, being kept aside for initial Oban St track expenses.

Other

Water Quality Monitoring Station - No advice yet (see last Minutes for details). **Tim Harkness**

Wadestown Fair - Peter Reimann will attend on Saturday 12 March, with TPG display. **Peter Reimann**

Other Updates - See February Gorge Gazette available from the website or Facebook page.

Five Year Plan - This has been updated to cover 2016 - 2021 and is on the website.

Animal Pest Website Addition - Thanks to Bill Hester.

Predator Free Parks Workshop - Peter Reimann will give Bill Hester's 10 minute presentation on TPG experience on 13 March. **Bill Hester/Peter Reimann**

Falcons - Barry Durrant witnessed a falcon eating a kereru. He has also noticed fewer kereru from his house, which looks over the park.

The next meeting is to be at **9:30 a.m. Tuesday 31 May 2016** Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 86 Khandallah Road.

The meeting concluded at 10.30 a.m.