

Trelissick Park Group: Minutes of the 179th meeting, held at Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday 7 February 2017

Abbreviations:

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

[Square brackets: subsequent to meeting.]

Present

Peter Reimann	Elizabeth Knopf
Olaf John	Jenny Lewis
Stan Pillar	Frances Lee

Apologies

Cr Diane Calvert	Julia Williams
Tim Harkness (WCC Park Ranger)	Amanda Dobson
Chris Moore	Karin Wiley
Barry Durrant	

Minutes

The minutes of the 178th meeting, held on 1 November 2016, were confirmed, subject to changing the last sentence under 'Kaiwharawhara Point' on p.2 to: "Four non-notified resource consents have been approved by GW and one by WCC. If the project is approved by the CentrePort Board, the work could commence by the end of the year or early in 2017. CentrePort Board is meeting in November to look at the proposal". (See update on p.2).

Barbara Mitcalfe

Sadly, Barbara Mitcalfe of BotSoc died early this year. She helped TPG on several occasions with her botanical knowledge and was a great advocate for the environment. The 'Wellington Regional Native Plant Guide', which she contributed to, is in constant use by TPG.

WCC Items

Fish Passage Study in Catchment - Frances Forsyth (Wildlands) has completed the study and the results have gone to Myfanwy Emeny. She has forwarded a copy to us, which shows many barriers to fish passage throughout. Myfanwy says the first priority is to rectify the barrier at the Kaiwharawhara/Korimako junction. She has a budget for this work within the next six months but is currently facing challenges with getting someone qualified to carry out the work. As well as clearing the slip they need to look at slope stability and fish passage through the tunnel itself. (See also under 'Kaiwharawhara Catchment Study' on p.4). **Myfanwy Emeny**

Ngaio Gorge Road Strengthening - The area below the recently strengthened section opposite #51 Ngaio Gorge Rd has been planted.

The next area to be strengthened is opposite the section at 123 Ngaio Gorge Road (above driveway to debris trap). Commencement will be some time in 2017.

Damaged Gabion upstream of Debris Trap - High stream flow in a September storm caused two rock gabions to fall into the stream. WCC have employed an engineer from Tonkin and Taylor to propose remedial options (if any), following a site assessment. A third gabion has started slumping. **David Halliday/Tim Harkness**

Bridge 3 Foundation Undermining - Floods in November washed away the stream bank at the bridge, exposing the foundations. The bridge is now unstable and has been closed. David Halliday of WCC, in consultation with TPG, is organising a replacement bridge and new track upstream. The stream banks are less prone to erosion there. **David Halliday**

131 Silverstream Rd Development Siltation - The earthworks for the new housing development at the head of the Silverstream valley is causing serious siltation in the Korimako Stream whenever it rains. The measures employed to prevent sediment and silty run-off into the stream are not working. This has been taken up with WCC and GW by TPG in conjunction with Andrew McLellan and Kelvin Hastie of Crofton Downs. **TPG monitoring continuing**

Park Brochures - Tim Harkness advises that the further supply requested by TPG is coming. **Tim Harkness**

Stream Bank Retaining Wall - David Halliday is investigating installation of a stream bank retaining wall to protect the track just downstream of Wightwick's Field. **David Halliday**

Pest Plant Control

Following a park walk-through by Illona Keenan, Peter Reimann and contractors on 2 February, tradescantia control will be on steep areas above and below the original forest remnant (with some abseiling) and a patch below Waikowhai Street. WCC will also work on climbing asparagus below Oban Street, OMB on the road reserve above Ngaio Gorge Road and a patch of Japanese honeysuckle above the Kaiwharawhara Stream bank. **Illona Keenan**

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

Nursery/Planting Update.

Planting total last year = 1,345.

Peter Reimann has ordered plants for 2017 from the WCC community planting list, which is the same as the 2016 list. It is expected that most of the 500 will go into 57 Kaiwharawhara Rd (down from the Living Room shop). There are several hundred home nursery plants for park infill. **Peter Reimann**

Animal Pest Control

Bait station and mustelid trap servicing continues. Trap scores (revised) since 2008:145 rats, 17 stoats (5 may have been weasels), 17 hedgehogs.

Map revision is to be completed (some inaccuracies in lower Kaiwharawhara). It is important that the WCC and GW maps are consistent for bait station, trap and track locations. **WCC/GW**

Due to continued problems of bait spillage from the bait station entrances for free-range dogs, all bait stations have been converted by GW to use block bait instead of pellets. They had to reposition a few stations for bait accessibility.

This conversion means the bait stations no longer target possums - WCC think there is low risk of possums due to almost no evidence over the last 10 years and control has been expanded into areas of the skyline hills to the west. TPG will look for signs of possum activity into the future. **TPG pest animal team**

Access to Norway rats (poor climbers) remains - Illona Keenan has suggested either Protecta ground bait stations or some Goodnature A24 traps for trial below Oban Street. **Illona Keenan, Barry Durrant**

Park Access from Oban St and Kaiwharawhara Stream Bridge

The residents' survey and report is complete. It has been copied to the two owners of the properties that the legal right of way goes between (112 and 114 Oban St) and will be made publically available.

HPPA/WRA/TPG.

HPPA and WRA committees will discuss the letter drafted by TPG/WRA commenting on issues raised by the survey, with the aim of sending this to accompany the survey report to Tim Harkness. Further distribution of the letter and survey to others in WCC and elsewhere will be agreed with Tim Harkness. **HPPA/WRA**

Tim Harkness will then advise the outcome. **Tim Harkness**

Lower Kaiwharawhara Stream and Estuary/Reclamation

57 Kaiwharawhara Road Clean-up - Initial clean-up and rubbish removal by TPG, Conservation Volunteers and WCC is complete. A small area of grasses next to the footpath have been planted. Tim Harkness advises that weed spraying should hopefully happen between now and May. Planting/mulching will then follow. **Tim Harkness**

Sanctuary to Sea Walkway - Despite TPG's advocacy, WCC's have no plans to extend this beyond the magazine building ruin. Frances Lee will draft an email for WCC/GW requesting they pursue this, given the opportunity afforded by the Kaiwharawhara Point development work. Current indirect foot access is via Hutt Road and the ferry terminal. **Frances Lee**

Kaiwharawhara Point - Due to port damage from the November earthquake CentrePort advise that the Kaiwharawhara Point development is on hold for the immediate future. CentrePort's Board have also not yet approved the development.

Submissions

122 Churchill Drive BUPA Aged Care Home - This is a limited notification proposal and TPG was not considered an 'affected party' by WCC. However, WCC have advised that TPG while not able to make a formal submission, is welcome to send comments. Accordingly, TPG have expressed concerns to WCC about potential effects on the streams from silty run-off during earthworks. After attending a community meeting, including Cr Andy Foster, TPG is liaising with those on the affected parties list and has sent the comments to them for possible inclusion in their submissions.

131 Silverstream Road Development - A stormwater detention dam is intended to control fast stormwater run-off and sediment/silt into the Silverstream. Consulting engineers Cardno have carried out a stormwater assessment showing that the effect from run-off will be substantially neutral. TPG will monitor progress during housing construction, advocating for permeable surfaces, plenty of tree planting and other stormwater slowing provisions, particularly with possibly more extreme weather due to climate change. **TPG**

Correspondence

Emails

Recent web alerts, resource consents	WCC
Nature Space email update	DOC Nature Space Team
Rubbish collection	John Curran /Tim Harkness (WCC)
Bell's Track newsletters	Des Smith
Nature Space website updating	Tim Bailey (DOC)
FOOS newsletters	Janet Campbell (Friends of Owhiro Stream)
Volunteer Wellington news	Julie Thomson (VW)
Bait station and trap reports	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Branch Out Summer 2016	WCC
Free Plants Order Form - copy of request	Tim Harkness (WCC)
57 Kaiwharawhara Rd update, mulching and rubbish	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Advertising trailer at 57 Kaiwharawhara Rd	Tim Harkness (WCC), Kate Abbott (The Living Room)
More work at 57 Kaiwharawhara Rd	Ed Tregidga (Conservation Volunteers)
No CentrePort Board approval yet for Kaiwharawhara Point work	William Woods (CentrePort)
First report on the new block bait stations	Illona Keenan (WCC)
Suggestion for trial of ground-based bait stations for Norway rats	Illona Keenan/Bernard Smith/Tim Harkness (WCC)
Bait station on fallen tree and moved station	Illona Keenan (WCC)
Possums no longer targeted with new block bait	Illona Keenan (WCC)
Oban St Track to Trelissick Park - residents' survey	Amber Bill/Tim Harkness/Crs Andy Foster/Simon Woolf/Diane Calvert (WCC)
Invitations for Oban St Track to Trelissick Park - residents' survey	Various community and user organisations, also 'Neighbourly' website
Correspondence on Oban St Track to Trelissick Park - residents' survey	'Neighbourly' website and others, via Ian Shearer (HPPA)
GWRC community group web listings are moving to Nature Space	Zoe Ogilvie (GW)
Bridge 3 foundation undermining/replacement	Tim Harkness/David Halliday (WCC)
Signage problems at Waikowhai Street entrance	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Debris trap clearing	Sam Lister (WW), Tim harkness (WCC)
Wadestown Fair 2017	Alan Reid (WRA)
Concern about less Wgtn City Council funding for environmental projects	Garth Baker (Brooklyn Trail Builders)
WCC Parks Volunteers Christmas Party	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Filming at magazine buildings	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Sustainable Coastlines needs your help!	Oliver Vetter (Sustainable Coastlines)
Image request - Parks Week 2017	Ali Whitton (WCC)
Marsden fundraiser for Trelissick Park	Michelle Capewell
Planting on earthquake strengthened Ngaio Gorge Rd	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Bags of mulch	Rewi Elliot (WCC)
Silverstream pollution	Andrew McLellan, Kelvin Hastie and others, Tim Harkness/Cr Andy Foster/Cr Simon Woolf (WCC), Rose Morris (GW)
Update on the proposed Natural Resources Plan	Erin Campbell (GW)
Crofton Downs - Brethren Church site development	Andrew McLellan
Wellington Conservation Management Strategy - notification (submissions due 4 April 2017)	Lynn Hansberry (DOC)
Wild Fruits of Wellington blogs	Helen Mechen
BUPA Development, Crofton Downs	Denis Walker, Nicole Heron/Brett Osborne (WCC), Cr Diane Calvert and others
Fish passage in catchment	Ian Leask, Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)
CentrePort update	William Woods (CentrePort)
Trelissick Park brochures update	Tim Harkness (WCC)

Insight documentary on water quality	Philippa Tolley (Radio NZ)
Corporate volunteers	Lune Pringle (Volunteer Wellington)
Trees Fallen at lower Trelissick Park entrance	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Marking Trees for new Bridge 3 track	David Halliday (WCC)
Predator control in Wadestown	Jim Tait (Rodent Free Wadestown)
Areas for pest weed control	Illona Keenan/Tim Harkness (WCC)
Comments and submissions - 122 Churchill Drive application	Planning@WCC, Crs Foster, Woolf, Calvert, Gilbert, NCDRA, Denis Walker and submitters
Zealandia's project to restore Kaiwharawhara Stream	Cr Diane Calvert (WCC)
Project Kaiwharawhara	Pascale Michele (Zealandia), Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)
Bird survey	Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)

Inwards Letters

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

Outward Letters

30 December - Dorothy Douglass thanking her for \$25 donation.

Finance

Payment to Peter Reimann of \$27.96 for potting mix approved. This comes out of the \$25 donated by Dorothy Douglass. The potting mix is being used for 'potting-on' of grasses from WCC's surplus seed trays and home nursery propagation. Many of these have already been planted.

The bank balance at 4 January was \$1,485.57. This includes the \$1,000 'gift' money, being kept aside for initial Oban St track expenses.

Other

Kaiwharawhara Catchment Study - Danielle Shanahan of Zealandia advises that they are considering a whole-of-catchment waterway improvement effort (allowing fish and eel migration) in conjunction with perch eradication in the lower reservoir. TPG has signified that they would be keen to participate. Cr Diane Calvert is also keen to help sponsor this project. Pascale Michel of Zealandia is arranging a meeting in mid-February, involving Frances Lee/Peter Reimann and WCC's Myfanwy Emeny (see also under 'Fish Passage Study in Catchment' under 'WCC items' above).

Groups in Park - Thanks to Conservation Volunteers for again helping with weed clean-up. The magazine building ruin was used as a backdrop for a film production.

Parks Week - TPG participation will be at the working bee on 5 March 2017.

Wadestown Fair - TPG will have a stand at the fair on Saturday 11 March. **Peter Reimann**

GW Natural Hazards Management Strategy - Although missing the closing date for submissions (18 November 2016) Peter Reimann has now perused the Strategy to see if it has any relevance to TPG. It appears to adequately cover the aspects of risks, methodologies, education, research, collaboration, information bases, via a steering group. It lists coastal hazards, flooding, earthquake, wind, lightning, landslip, fire, drought and snow/hail.

Wellington Conservation Management Strategy - This update of DOC's Strategy is due on 4 April. Peter Reimann will review. **Peter Reimann**

RNZ 'Insight' Documentary - Peter Reimann was interviewed for a documentary which included urban stream issues.

The next meeting is to be at **9:30 a.m. Tuesday 9 May 2017** Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 86 Khandallah Road.

The meeting concluded at 10.30 a.m.