

Trelissick Park Group: Minutes of the 180th meeting, held at Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday 9 May 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	Barry Durrant
Frances Lee	Amanda Dobson (EnviroSchools/Wlg Civic Trust)
David Sole (WCC)	Stan Pillar (OHS)
Tim Harkness (WCC)	Ian Shearer (HPPA)
Olaf John (BotSoc)	Elizabeth Knopf (HPPA)
Chris Moore (BotSoc)	Jenny Lewis (WRA)

Apologies

Cr Andy Foster	Karin Wiley (F & B)
Julia Williams	

Julia Williams is resigning from TPG, as she is moving from Wellington. [Her support in the past and useful reviews have always been very much appreciated.]

Minutes

The minutes of the 179th meeting, held on 7 February 2017, were confirmed.

WCC Items

Fish Passage Improvement in Catchment - Myfanwy Emeny says the first priority is to rectify the barrier at the Kaiwharawhara/Korimako junction. She has a budget for this work 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. **Myfanwy Emeny**

Ngaio Gorge Road Strengthening - The area opposite the section at 123 Ngaio Gorge Road (above driveway to debris trap) is currently being strengthened. Planting will be needed when the work is finished. **Tim Harkness**

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. Currently it is a case of 'wait and see'. **David Halliday/Tim Harkness**

Bridge 3 Replacement - Following foundation undermining, David Halliday of WCC, is organising a replacement bridge and new track upstream. Design finalisation and resource consenting is in progress but will take up to three months. **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. This has been taken up with WCC and GW by TPG in conjunction with Andrew McLellan and Kelvin Hastie of Crofton Downs. WCC/GW have investigated and are taking remedial action. **Monitoring by TPG continuing**

Korimako Stream Bank Gabions- David Halliday has organised gabions to protect the track just downstream of Wightwick's Field and to install the gabions at bridge 2.

Predator Free Ngaio - WCC is assisting Predator Free Ngaio with resources and mapping. Traps for rats are being installed in various parts of the suburb.

WCC Changes - Myfanwy Emeny is taking over Amber Bill's position as Open Spaces and Parks Manager. David Sole is moving back to his botanic gardens management role. Myfanwy's position as Team Leader Urban Ecology is being advertised.

Pest Plant Control

Some tradescantia control has been carried out on steep areas below the original forest remnant. The contractor was late starting and rain has impeded progress. Illona Keenan has been asked to confirm the status of the other areas identified during the 2 February walk-through (see also previous meeting minutes).

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 so far this year = 247. 500 plants were delivered from WCC on Friday 5 May. Many are destined for 57 Kaiwharawhara Rd (down from the Living Room shop).

Animal Pest Control

Trap Scores - Bait station and mustelid trap servicing continues. Trap scores since 2008:154 rats,17 stoats (5 may have been weasels), 17 hedgehogs.

A24 Traps - Three more self-resetting Goodnature A24 traps have been deployed, to bring the total up to 5, to also target Norway rats (poor climbers). TPG will advise locations (two recently relocated). **TPG** .

New 'Baitsafe' Stations for Possums - Conversion of bait station to block bait means the bait stations no longer target possums, so GW have installed 20 'Baitsafe' stations throughout the Park. The possum actuates a lever to access the bait. GW will service these.

Map Revision - 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**

Chew Card Markers - TPG have suggested they remove the chew card markers (trials finished a couple of years ago) - WCC agreement awaited. **Tim Harkness**

Park Access from Oban St and Kaiwharawhara Stream Bridge

The residents' survey and report is complete. The report has been copied to the two owners of the properties that the legal right of way goes between (112 and 114 Oban St). The survey report and TPG/HPPA/WRA recommendations have been sent to Tim Harkness.

Three alternative bridge options have been presented to WCC, in view of flood damage concern about the location originally proposed by Abseil Access. A fourth option was also noted at the meeting.

With the aim of getting conditional agreement to proceed with the project, Peter Reimann will draft proposed next steps to be followed and cleared including:

- Entrance via road reserve, fencing/landscaping, discussion with 112/114 owners, funding (including from WCC Long-Term Plan)
- Footbridge options including track access and any stream bank/foundation issues. Comments from Abseil Access.

This will be circulated for comment. **Peter Reimann**

Elizabeth Knopf will make the survey report publically available and send a copy of the TPG/HPPA/WRA recommendations to the owners of 112/114 Oban Street. **Elizabeth Knopf**

Lower Kaiwharawhara Stream and Estuary/Reclamation

57 Kaiwharawhara Road Clean-up - Weed control and mulching is almost complete. Some grasses have been planted in the front, shrubs further back and mostly karamu and lemonwood above the stream bank. Conservation Volunteers are coming on 24 May to complete the planting/mulching.

Completion of planting and mulching will now follow, using many of the plants from the WCC allocation. **TPG**

Sanctuary to Sea Walkway - TPG have proposed to WCC (see email list 12th item below for recipients) an update of their website to also describe the footpath/road section below the Park down to the harbour via Kaiwharawhara Road, Hutt Road, pedestrian ramp and footpath at the Aotea Quay bridge, then past the ferry terminal. The website description should start at Zealandia, to be consistent with the title of the track.

Appropriate signage would be needed. **Tim Harkness**

Kaiwharawhara Point - Due to port damage from the November earthquake CentrePort advise that the Kaiwharawhara Point development is on hold for the immediate future.

Frances Lee has prepared a proposal to GW, as the majority owner of CentrePort, to make the Kaiwharawhara estuary and Kaiwharawhara Point shoreline (including the northern beach) accessible to the public. The text has been agreed with representatives of HPPA, Wellington Recreational Marine Fishers Association and Khandallah residents - together with TPG - all original members of the Kaiwharawhara Reclamation Working Group and all current members of CentrePort's Environmental Consultative Committee. After sending to GW the proposal will be circulated to a range of interested parties including WCC. **Frances Lee**

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, TPG have expressed concerns to WCC about potential effects on the streams from silty run-off during earthworks. The resource consent application, affected party submissions and comments are with WCC for their consideration. **WCC**

DOC's Draft Wellington Conservation Management Strategy (CMS) - TPG had no comments.

WCC Annual Plan - TPG are aiming to lodge a submission (closing shortly). **Frances Lee/Peter Reimann**

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 (Bells Track Group)
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/Illona Keenan (WCC)
Sea Week Kaiwharawhara estuary area clean-up	Don Richards
Resource consent for Kaiwharawhara Point development	Jim Mikos (Wellington Recreational Marine Fishers Association), Chris Laidlaw (GW)
57 Kaiwharawhara Rd update, mulching and rubbish	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Sanctuary to Sea Track	Tim Harkness/David Halliday/ Clrs Andy Foster/Simon Woolf/Diane Calvert/Sarah Free (WCC)
More work at 57 Kaiwharawhara Rd	Ed Tregidga (Conservation Volunteers)
Relocation of A24 traps and new A24s below Oban St	Illona Keenan (WCC)
20 baitsafe possum bait station installation and servicing by GW	Illona Keenan (WCC)
Chew card removal	Tim Harkness/Illona Keenan/Bernard Smith (WCC)
Ngaio Gorge Rd strengthening	Elizabeth Wright (Opus)
Gel for weed trees	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Oban St Track to Trelissick Park survey report and recommendations	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Footbridge options for Kaiwharawhara Stream	Tim Harkness/David Sole/David Halliday (WCC)
Tradescantia location clarification and start of control work	Illona Keenan (WCC)
Bird survey	Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)
Sanctuary to Sea meeting/Project	Pascale Michel (Zealandia), Cr Diane Calvert (WCC), Amanda Dobson (Wlg Civic Trust), Chris Horne (BotSoc)
Bridge 3 replacement and bridge 4 gabions	Tim Harkness/David Halliday (WCC)
Restoration Day invitation	Sara (GW)
Debris trap clearing	Sam Lister (WW), Tim harkness (WCC)
Wadestown Fair 2017	Alan Reid (WRA)
Gabions downstream of Wightwick's Field	David Halliday (WCC)
Stream monitoring/Ngaio School	Liz Gibson (Mountains to Sea Wellington)
Membership fee	Debra Roche (Volunteer Wellington)
Parks Week aftermath	Emma Giesen (WCC)
Wild Ideas - Wellington Zoo Conservation symposium	Amy Brasche (DOC)
Plant Identification and Natural Heritage short courses	Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology
Planting on earthquake strengthened Ngaio Gorge Rd	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Our Living City Fund	Anita Benbrook (WCC)
Silverstream pollution	Andrew Mclellan, Kelvin Hastie and others, Matt Robertson/Bob Barber/Cr Andy Foster/Cr Simon Woolf/Cr Diane Calvert (WCC), Rose Morris (GW), Howard Moore, Toby Green
Monthly posts of Wild Fruits of Wellington	Helen Mechen
Crofton Downs - Brethren Church site development for BUPA	Robyn Radomski (NCDRA)
Wellington Conservation Management Strategy - notification (submissions due 4 April 2017)	Lynn Hansberry (DOC)

Various workshops/courses/lectures	Julie Thomson (VW)
Gathering harakeke Trelissick Park	Jo Pleydell
Wellington CMS - Submission Period	Lynn Hansberry (DOC)
Corporate volunteers	Lune Pringle (Volunteer Wellington)
Proposed Natural Resources Plan Update	GW
Kilmarston development Status	Julia Williams
Areas for pest weed control	Illona Keenan/Tim Harkness (WCC)
Corporate groups to work in Park	Lyne Pringle (VW)
Sustainable Coastlines/school group to work in Park	Oliver Vetter (Sustainable Coastlines)
ANZ groups to work in Park	Jo McIlraith/Jo McCarthy (ANZ)
Volunteer queries	About 60
Plant delivery	Tim Harkness/Louis Matakino (WCC), Chris Logan (Outsiders Ltd)
Pest Free Wellington Strategy, Open Space Access Plan, CentrePort issues,	Cr Andy Foster (WCC)
#57 Kaiwharawhara Rd work	Ed Tregidga/Aviva Stein (Conservation Volunteers, Tim Harkness (WCC), Kate Abbott (The Living Room)
Log in Kaiwharawhara Stream	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Trelissick Park - stream sampling sites	Summer Edwards (Wellington East Girls' College)
Trelissick Park activities article	Julia Czerwonatis (Independent Herald)
Lower North Island Estuaries Status Report	Helen Kettles (DOC)

Inwards Letters

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

Finance

The bank balance at 4 May was \$1,432.61. This includes the \$1,000 'gift' money, being kept aside for initial Oban St track expenses.

Thanks to Deidre Burke for once more paying the website Freeparking invoice for \$44.85.

Membership fee to Volunteer Wellington of \$50 approved (included in the balance above).

Other

Zealandia's Sanctuary to the Sea Project - The inaugural meeting to reignite what was 'Project Kaiwharawhara' was held at Zealandia on 30 March, attended by a wide range of interested parties. The aim is whole-of-catchment waterway improvement. Various issues were raised. At the next meeting on 13 July, it is proposed to talk about updating the WCC 2004 report on Project Kaiwharawhara and where it fits with creating sub-committees.

Groups in Park - Thanks to Conservation Volunteers for their further work at #57 Kaiwharawhara Road and ANZ for weeding/planting on railway land upstream of bridge 6..

Parks Week - TPG participation was at the working bee on 5 March 2017, but no extra people came..

Wadestown Fair - Cancelled due to bad weather.

Lower North Island Estuaries Status Report - Frances Lee will try to get the relevant part of this document for comment (as it is so large). **Frances Lee**

The next meeting is to be at **9:30 a.m. Tuesday 8 August 2017** Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 86 Khandallah Road.

The meeting concluded at 11.15 a.m.