

Trelissick Park Group: Minutes of the 181st meeting, held at Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday 8 August 2017

Abbreviations:

<i>WCC</i>	<i>Wellington City Council</i>	<i>NCDRA</i>	<i>Ngaio Crofton Downs Residents' Association</i>
<i>GW</i>	<i>Greater Wellington Regional Council</i>	<i>WRA</i>	<i>Wadestown Residents' Association</i>
<i>F & B</i>	<i>Forest and Bird Protection Society</i>	<i>OMB</i>	<i>Old man's beard</i>
<i>DOC</i>	<i>Department of Conservation</i>	<i>VW</i>	<i>Volunteer Wellington</i>
<i>HPPA</i>	<i>Highland Park Progressive Association</i>	<i>VUW</i>	<i>Victoria University of Wellington</i>
<i>TPG</i>	<i>Trelissick Park Group</i>	<i>OHS</i>	<i>Onslow Historical Society</i>
<i>BotSoc</i>	<i>Wellington Botanic Society</i>		

[Square brackets: subsequent to meeting.]

Present

Peter Reimann (TPG)	Barry Durrant (TPG)
Frances Lee (TPG)	Ian Shearer (HPPA)
Olaf John (BotSoc)	Elizabeth Knopf (HPPA)
Chris Moore (BotSoc)	Jenny Lewis (WRA)
Stan Pillar (OHS)	Chris Ward (Walking Access Commission)
Tony Flynn (resident above Kaiwharawhara Point)	

Apologies

Amanda Dobson (Enviroschools)	Karin Wiley (F & B)
Tim Harkness (WCC Ranger)	

Minutes

The minutes of the 180th meeting, held on 9 May, were confirmed, subject to changing the title from '179th' to '180th' and under the heading 'WCC Items' change last six words under subheading 'Korimako Stream Bank Gabions' to "install gabions at bridge 2." The 24th item in the correspondence list should read "...bridge 2 gabions".

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. [This was an action on Myfanwy Emeny, but Daniela Biaggio has now taken over her role. Peter Reimann will follow up with her. **Peter Reimann**]

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**

Bridge 3 Replacement - Construction in progress [nearly finished].

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 Andrew McLellan, Kelvin Hastie of Crofton Downs and other residents. WCC/GW have investigated and are taking remedial action. **Monitoring by TPG continuing**

Ngaio Gorge Road Slip - Spoil is being trucked out. Water for the helicopter monsoon bucket is being pumped from near the magazine building. When the helicopter is used, the adjacent track is closed.

Pest Plant Control

Tradescantia control has been carried out by WCC contractor Kaitiaki, mainly below the Trelissick Crescent verge, below Ngaio Gorge Road, beside the vehicle track up the Kaiwharawhara Stream and below Waikowhai Street.

TPG continue with manual control of tradescantia, OMB, Himalayan balsam, karaka seedlings, sycamore, bindweed and buddleia by individuals, working bees and corporate groups. Poplars have been removed on railway land below Crofton Downs station. **TPG**

Nursery/Planting Update.

Planting so far this year = about 875 - many at 57 Kaiwharawhara Rd (down from the Living Room shop) with infill elsewhere. 30 rimu from WCC were planted - locations mapped.

Animal Pest Control

Trap Scores - Bait station and mustelid trap servicing continues. Trap scores since 2008: 166 rats, 17 stoats (5 may have been weasels), 17 hedgehogs.

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 - WCC have agreed that TPG should remove the chew card markers (trials finished a couple of years ago). **Bill Hester**

Park Access from Oban St and Kaiwharawhara Stream Bridge

Following the residents' survey and report, WCC suggested a consultation brochure with accompanying document for public consultation. WCC provided as an example a brochure and documentation for the Polhill consultation concerning new bike tracks. This was drafted and discussed at a meeting between HPPA/WRA/TPG and WCC. As requested at that meeting, TPG has lodged a formal application to WCC's Myfanwy Emeny along with a draft of the consultation document to allow Council public consultation for access from Oban Street [this access is listed in the Implementation Plan of the Open Space Access Plan (10.1 of Appendix Three)].

Peter Reimann has sent an update to Abseil Access, who provided a footbridge estimate last year, along with a request for comments on bridge location options. **Abseil Access**

The survey report and TPG/HPPA/WRA comments on issues have been made publically available, with a copy also sent to the owners of 112/114 Oban Street [the legal right of way passes between those two properties]. Both documents are also on the 'Current Issues' page of the TPG website.

Peter Reimann will send to the owners of 112/114 a copy of TPG's formal application to WCC's Myfanwy Emeny, along with the draft of the consultation document, inviting their comments and to talk with them about any issues. **Peter Reimann**

It was agreed that funds from donations for the project would be held in 'trust' by HPPA, pending final approval to proceed. **HPPA (to establish financial trust actions)**

Lower Kaiwharawhara Stream and Estuary/Reclamation

57 Kaiwharawhara Road Clean-up - Weed control/planting/mulching - complete.

Sanctuary to Sea Walkway Signage and Website - TPG have proposed to WCC an update of their website to also describe the footpath/road section below the Park down to the harbour via Kaiwharawhara Road, Hutt Road footpath to the Aotea Quay bridge, then past the ferry terminal - with signage. Tim Harkness has talked with David Halliday about this. WCC can change the description on the web site. Signage on large sections on the road will have to be discussed with roading as it is their asset. David will look into this. There are concerns about directing people into the ferry terminal as there is no defined walkway once you go under the over bridge. **Tim Harkness/David Halliday**

Kaiwharawhara Point - Due to port damage from the November earthquake, CentrePort advise that the Kaiwharawhara Point development is on hold for the immediate future. GW requested a Recovery Plan for the port for which there will be public consultation. **CentrePort**

Frances Lee has sent a proposal to GW (Chair), as the majority owner of CentrePort, asking for the Kaiwharawhara estuary and Kaiwharawhara Point shoreline (including the northern beach) to be made accessible to the public. This was sent to interested parties (see correspondence list). **GW/CentrePort**

Frances Lee will send a copy of the above proposal to GW to Tony Flynn (who lives above Kaiwharawhara Point). **Frances Lee**

A need was expressed about making a submission for better GW representation (an elected councillor) on the Centreport Board and for further opportunities for input and consultation on Centreport's long-term plan for the port.

Centreport advise they do not intend to relocate the Interislander terminal/facilities.

Submissions

WCC Annual Plan - TPG lodged a submission including advocating for more pest weed control and mandatory water sensitive urban design. TPG participated in a stakeholder's forum.

GW Regional Pest Management Strategy review - TPG advocated for the Park to be reinstated to KNE (Key Native Ecosystem) status, to allow more weed control TPG also advocated for more focus on old man's beard eradication.

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)

Black beech in Trelissick Park?	Anita Benbrook (WCC)
Oban St track correspondence with neighbours with survey report and recommendations/comments	Genevieve Hancock, Clive Litt
Annual Plan submission	Cr Andy Foster/Fiona Lewis (WCC)
Trays and black plastic	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Biosecurity Awards 2017: Your chance to be a Biosecurity Champion	Ministry of Primary Industries
Myrtle rust	Anita Benbrook (WCC), Sara Stuart-Currier (GW), Oliver Vetter (Sustainable Coastlines)
Biosecurity Institute Visit to Trelissick Park and 2009 Biosecurity Institute Article by TPG on Trelissick Park	Illona Keenan (WCC)
Closed for Good submissions	BNZ
Northern Walkway boardwalk & bridge 3 rebuild	David Halliday (WCC)
Bush regeneration on Old Porirua Rd encroachment	Anita Benbrook (WCC), Jak Wild
Oban St Track to Trelissick Park survey report, recommendations and consultations	David Sole/Myfanwy Emeny/Tim Harkness/Mike Oates/Cr Diane Calvert (WCC), Chris Ward (Walking Access Commission), HPPA/WRA/NCDRA
Footbridge options for Kaiwharawhara Stream	Martin Wilson (Abseil Access)
Tradescantia control work	Illona Keenan (WCC), Stu Whiterod (Kaitiaki)
Thanks for the Visit on Thursday to Trelissick Park	Oliver Vetter (Sustainable Coastlines, Rosalie Hill (Thorndon School))
Sanctuary to Sea meeting/Project	Pascale Michel (Zealandia),
Bridge 3 replacement and bridge 2 gabions	Tim Harkness/David Halliday (WCC)
Puna Reo tamariki visit	Amanda Dobson (Enviroschools)
WCC Stakeholder forum	WCC Annual and Long-term Plan team
Bait safe station may need relocating	Illona Keenan (WCC), Paul Horton (GW)
Fallen tree	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Nature Space: upcoming content freeze and website testing	Nature Space team
Kaiwharawhara Point and estuary	Daran Ponter
Request for Public Access - Kaiwharawhara Estuary and Northern Beach on Kaiwharawhara Point	Chris Laidlaw/Sue Kedgely/Ian McKinnon/Roger Blakeley/Daran Ponter (GW), WCC Councillors & officers, Pascale Michel (Zealandia), Brent Tandy (DOC), Alan Smith (Wlg Civic Trust), William Woods (Centrepoint), Chris Ward (Walking Access Commission), Peter Dunne (MP), Jim Mikoz (Recreational Marine Fishers Association), Bronwyn Brown
Invitation: New Zealand Biosecurity Awards	Gabrielle Frayling (Ministry of Primary Industries)
Adopt a spot advice	Julie Williams (Southern Environmental Association)
Abseil access work site in Trelissick Park	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Master student from Victoria University with a question about possible research sites	Katherine de Silva (VUW)
Offer of free day registration to biosecurity conference - 9-11 August	Illona Keenan (WCC)
Issues for assistance	Cr Andy Foster (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/ Doug Fletcher (GW), Howard Moore, Toby Green, Glenn Bullocks (Keith Bullocks Contracting), Ian Leary (Spenser Holmes Ltd)
Monthly posts of Wild Fruits of Wellington	Helen Mechen
Restoration Day 2017 aftermath	Sara Stuart-Currier (GW)
Locations of planted rimu and restoration plants	Anita Benbrook (WCC)
Various workshops/courses/lectures	Julie Thomson (VW)
Community plants - Trelissick Park Group	Louis Matakino (WCC)
Planting and mulching at 57 Kaiwharawhara Rd - Conservation Volunteers	Ed Tregidga/Aviva Stein (Conservation Volunteers), Kate Abbott (The Living Room), Jake (journalism student)

Submission from Trelissick Park Group on Regional Pest Management Strategy review	Tim Gale (GW), Illona Keenan (WCC)
Evaluation form	Lyne Pringle (Volunteer Wellington)
Sunday dog registration pop up in Trelissick Park	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Areas for pest weed control	Illona Keenan/Tim Harkness (WCC)
Sustainable Coastlines/school group to work in Park	Oliver Vetter (Sustainable Coastlines)
Volunteer queries	Several
Project on cats at Trelissick Park	Olivia Carson (VUW)
Update on Crofton Downs BUPA development application	Ian Turk, Michael Jenkins

Inwards Letters

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

Finance

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

Other

Zealandia's Sanctuary to the Sea Project - [The meeting on 8 August discussed the WCC 2004 report on Project Kaiwharawhara and identified catchment issues and actions, including stormwater, fish passage, stream ecology, riparian planting, pest animal/weed control, monitoring and education/community engagement. A number of actions are already in train.]

Groups in Park - Thanks to Conservation Volunteers for their further work at 57 Kaiwharawhara Road and Sustainable Coastlines/Thorndon School/Te Puna Reo with Enviroschools for weeding/planting/mulching at the end of the vehicle track beside the Kaiwharawhara Stream.

Biosecurity Institute visit - Bill Hester and Peter Reimann hosted a visit to the Park, organised by WCC's Illona Keenan. They kindly finished off with some weeding.

Restoration Day - Attended by Richard Grasse and Peter Reimann.

Railway Slip Repair - Abseil Access is using the grassy flat beside the Kaiwharawhara Stream as a worksite and have erected a temporary bridge upstream for access. They have laid gravel north of their work site for turning vehicles. WCC will most likely leave this there after the works.

[Crofton Downs BUPA Development Application - The applicant has been working through the issues raised in the submissions, which has involved undertaking further analysis (such as shading, photomontages, supporting drawings and assessment reports). They have asked for the timeframes to be extended while they undertake this work.]

The next meeting is to be at **9:30 a.m. Tuesday 7 November 2017** Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 86 Khandallah Road.

The meeting concluded at 10.25 a.m.