

Trelissick Park Group: Minutes of the 185th meeting, held at Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday 21 August 2018

Abbreviations:

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

[Square brackets: subsequent to meeting.]

Present

Peter Reimann (TPG)	Frances Lee (TPG)
Barry Durrant (TPG)	Ian Shearer (HPPA)
Stan Pillar (OHS)	Jenny Lewis (WRA)
Tim Harkness (WCC)	Chris Horne (BotSoc)
Phil Parnell (OWBT)	

Apologies

Greg O'Connor (MP)	Karin Wiley (F & B)
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Minutes

The minutes of the 184th meeting, held on 21 May, were confirmed.

WCC Items

Fish Passage Improvement in Catchment - The exit of the Silverstream tunnel under the railway line below Crofton Downs station looks to be a barrier. There are other barriers in the catchment eg the waterfall from the tunnel exit from under Ian Galloway Park next to the 'tip face' upstream of Otari Wilton's Bush. When and how will all the barriers in the catchment be fixed? **Daniela Biaggio**.

Ngaio Gorge Road Strengthening - The area opposite the section at 123 Ngaio Gorge Road (above driveway to debris trap) is complete and planted with around 500-600 trees. Work on another section (Wall RW39) opposite # 89 - 91 Ngaio Gorge Rd is also complete.

Ngaio Gorge Road Slips - No updates on remediation.

Car Parking - Lower Ngaio Gorge Road - There has always been parking congestion at the lower entrance. This is aggravated by conversion of the layby further up the road to a traffic lane. There is a strong case for the grassy road reserve area up-road from the lower entrance to be converted to a layby. However, a complication is the presence of land movement sensors there.

Large Tree Trunk in Stream - The large pine trunk washed into the Kaiwharawhara Stream is gradually moving downstream (refer previous minutes). WCC contacted GW and then Wellington Water, but no action yet. Tim Harkness advises it will be easier to remove the log when it arrives at the debris trap. **Tim Harkness/Wellington Water**

Forest Remnant Track Maintenance - There is a need for minor re-benching along the Forest Remnant Track to improve safety. TPG volunteers or a corporate group could do much of this. However, retaining work to restore collapsed track sections above slopes would need to be done by WCC. **Peter Reimann**

Pest Plant Control

WCC's contractor Kaitiaki o Ngahere Ltd has been doing follow-up spraying below Trelissick Crescent.

On 19 July Illona Keenan (WCC) said: "We are going through a tender process for the next 5 years of weed control at the moment so I will be in touch when we have the outcome of that to ensure the successful contractors know all the ins and outs of our requirements and how to work with you all." TPG is looking forward to the outcome and how to assist. **Illona Keenan**

For clearing the tradescantia from the lower slopes adjoining the Northern Walkway down from the Hanover Street entrance, [a group from Raroa Intermediate School is keen to help]. Tim Harkness is also talking to the scouts about a visit to the same place on 22 September. Illona Keenan says the WCC contractor can then clean up the rest of it. **Peter Reimann**

Riparian area downstream of grassy area/bridge 5 - tradescantia removed manually by BNZ.

NZ Biosecurity Ltd has tackled climbing asparagus on the slopes below Oban Street.

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

Nursery/Planting Update.

More than 800 planted so far this year. Sources: WCC, F & B and Peter Reimann's nurseries, also some surplus northern rata from Conservation Volunteers. These included many podocarps and species to improve the diversity: large leaved milk tree, pukatea, kaikomako and rimu.

TPG are planting densely growing species along the Trelissick Crescent verge to discourage dumping of rubbish and garden waste. More needed. Marilyn Hester and Peter Reimann are trying to propagate *Hebe parviflora* from cuttings for this purpose. **Peter Reimann**

Animal Pest Control

Trap Scores - Trap scores since 2008: 225 rats, 17 stoats (5 may have been weasels), 17 hedgehogs. The rat score may have included some mice caught in the new A24 traps.

Rabbits - More this year and some plant damage. Protection is being employed - supplied by WCC. They do not seem to have penetrated the Kaiwharawhara valley.

Map Revision - Map revisions showing bait stations and traps locations are under discussion between TPG's Bill Hester and GW's Bruce Brewer. **Bruce Brewer/Bill Hester**

Park Access from Oban St

TPG/HPPA/WRA/Chris Horne, concerned about delays, met Ian Hunter from WCC's Assurance Team on 31 July. A draft of WCC's survey document was promised for 3 August, duly received.

TPG/HPPA/WRA/Chris Horne commented on this draft at a further meeting with WCC on 8 August. Imaging and a map have still to be completed, aided by WCC landscape architect Charles Gordon. Myfanwy Emeny/Catherine Taylor are discussing the draft (amended with our comments) with the owners of 112/114 Oban Street and will then send us the final draft, including imaging and map. **Myfanwy Emeny/Catherine Taylor**

Timeline agreed at meeting between TPG/ WRA/Chris Horne and Myfanwy Emeny/Catherine Taylor on 8 August:

Mid-September: Survey advertised

Mid-October: Survey closing date

1 week later: Survey analysis completed

Myfanwy will then write a survey report, with recommendations for a Council meeting.

Before Christmas: WCC decision on the project. **Myfanwy Emeny/Catherine Taylor**

Myfanwy will book an appropriate 'slot' for the Council meeting. **Myfanwy Emeny**

The owners of 112/114 Oban Street have agreed to abide by the survey outcome.

Peter Reimann will distribute an information/history document to Councillors/interested parties when the survey goes out. It [has gone onto the 'Current Issues' page of] the TPG website. **Peter Reimann**

TPG/HPPA/WRA/Chris Horne will assist WCC with survey publicity. **TPG/HPPA/WRA/Chris Horne**

It would be preferable for the survey to be advertised in the next monthly 'Tararua Trampler', which goes to most of the [750] members as a hard copy. The closing date for content for the September issue is 27 August. Peter Reimann will try to obtain WCC's advice on the survey link to add to the advertisement. **Peter Reimann**

Lower Kaiwharawhara Stream and Estuary/Reclamation

Sanctuary to Sea Walkway - WCC are working on updating the walkways website and will change the description on the website, so that it commences at the 'Sanctuary' and proceeds to the lower end of the Trelissick Park. **Tim Harkness/Tim Park**

Kaiwharawhara Estuary and Point - A delayed CentrePort meeting is now being held on 30 August – so we can expect an update on the reclamation and CentrePorts long term plan for the port as a whole at that time.

Frances Lee

Submissions

128 Trelissick Crescent 17-unit Development - WCC advise the application is still 'in suspend' but that the developer will be followed up in the near future on the request for further information. **WCC Consents Team**

Following a look at land ownership in the area at the meeting, there may be a case for asking owners if they could covenant portions of their areas to the QE2 National Trust. **Peter Reimann**

112 Churchill Drive BUPA Development - Notified local residents have lodged an appeal and the next step is mediation.

Kilmarston Development - The land use consent part of the resource consent of 2012 for the development below the Crows Nest has lapsed. A new application has been made for approval of the subdivision plan - received by WCC on 29 September 2017. Jonathan Anderson, WCC Team Leader for Earthworks & Subdivision Certification, says he has requested that both NCDRA and TPG be put on the 'concerned neighbour' list. Public notification status is not yet known. Jonathan Anderson will advise if anything happens - nothing yet. He says the application is "open-ended and can sit in state of inaction pretty well indefinitely." **Jonathan Anderson (WCC)**

7 Jacobson Lane (97 Waikowhai Street) - Kelvin Hastie, who lives on Waikowhai Street advises that a resource consent application has been lodged for "two lot fee simple subdivision, unit title subdivision and new residential units". He is on the WCC 'concerned neighbour' list. As we are affected by downstream effects, we have asked to also be put on that list and contacted NCDRA suggesting likewise for them. Kelvin is discussing encroachment onto road reserve and the derelict bridge with WCC.

Regional Pest Management Plan 2019-2039 - TPG lodged a submission on 24 July, concerned about increase of rabbits, need to again become a Key Native Ecosystem, increases in rat numbers (despite urban trapping), old man's beard, climbing asparagus (not mentioned for anywhere in the region), and more clarity needed on roles between WCC and GW and on monitoring.

Correspondence

Emails

Recent web alerts, resource consents	WCC (WCC)
Volunteer Wellington news and workshops	Julie Thomson/Aileen Davidson (VW)
Rubbish collection	John Curran /Tim Harkness (WCC)
Bait station and trap reports	Tim Harkness/Illona Keenan (WCC)
Sanctuary to Sea meeting, agenda, minutes	Pascale Michel (Zealandia)
Rat/stoat bait	Bernard Smith (WCC)
Pest control staff changes	Daniela Biaggio (WCC)
Thanks to Bernard Smith for help with pest control	Bernard Smith (WCC)
Rabbit protection for plants	Tim Harkness/Anita Benbrook (WCC)
Conservation Volunteers work and contacts for other organisations	Natalie Jones (Conservation Volunteers)
Broken sewer covers and unlocked tunnel gate	Tim Harkness (WCC) for Wellington Water
Feedback from TPG on stream monitoring	Pascale Michel (Zealandia), Katherine de Silva (VUW)
Text on why TPG is supporting Sanctuary to Sea Project	Pascale Michel (Zealandia)
Citizen Science symposium and workshops on monitoring	Monica Peters (NZ Landcare Trust)
Kaiwharawhara Point enhancement	Pascale Michel (Zealandia)
Body Shop riparian planting success, 'Million Metres Project' and plants from WCC	Ashleigh Romanos (Body Shop), Pscale Michel (Zealandia)
Access to Park from Oban Street	Chris Ward (Walking Access Commission), Andy Foster/Myfanwy Emeny/Catherine Taylor/Ian Hunter (WCC), Chris Horne (BotSoc), Greg O'Connor (MP)
Vegetation blockage of Oban Street track at upper entrance and access issues	Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)
Origin of stalactites in tunnel under Ian Galloway Park	David Ogilvie, Frances Forsyth (Wildlands)
TPG website domain hosting issue	Alister Jenks
Kilmarston development	John White (NCDRA), Jonathan Anderson/Jeffrey Loo (WCC)
Predator Free NZ newsletter	Rebecca Bell (Predator Free NZ Trust)
Extra plants delivery	Brian Thomas/Tim Harkness/Anita Benbrook (WCC)
Talk on myrtle rust	Kelvin Hastie
Kohekohe seeds	Natalie Jones (Conservation Volunteers)
BUPA development at 112 Churchill Drive	Sonja Deely and other affected residents
Regional Pest Management Plan 2019-2039	Tim Gale (GW)
Planting in Trelissick Park	Jonathan Anderson (WCC)
Rubbish from Silverstream Road development	Kelvin Hastie/Andrew McLellan/Howard Moore
Pest plant control	Illona Keenan (WCC)
Te Mana o te Wai - Iwi narrative (water quality campaign)	Llani Harding (GW)
Spraying climbing asparagus below Oban Street	Illona Keenan (WCC)
Work in Park by Conservation Volunteers	Natalie Jones (Conservation Volunteers)
WCC Long-term Plan 2018-2028	Fiona Lewis (WCC)
Tree planting event cancelled	Gerald Dreaver
Wellington Biodiversity workshop	Joanne Sharpe (GW)

Surplus northern rata	Natalie Jones (Conservation Volunteers)
Meeting about volunteers for Trelissick Park	Aileen Davidson (VW)
Planting for Thorndon School	Oliver Vetter (Sustainable Coastlines), Rosalie Hill (Thorndon School)
Extra canopy species/podocarps	Jonathan Anderson/Tim Harkness (WCC)
Te Puna Reo visit	Amanda Dobson (Enviroschools)
Ngaio Brownies (Girl Guides) visit	Caroline Woods (Ngaio Brownies), Kelvin Hastie
New Zealand Biosecurity Awards	Ministry for Primary Industries
Two corporate group work-visits to Park	Barry Young (BNZ)
Resource Consent Application for 7 Jacobsen Lane (97 Waikowhai St)	Leslie Guerin (WCC), Kelvin Hastie, Andrew McLellan, John White (NCDRA)
Khandallah Cubs talk	Craig Barry
Tradescantia removal below bridge 5 and Hanover Street	Illona Keenan (WCC)
Fish passage in catchment follow-up	Daniela Biaggio (WCC)
Scout group for 22 September	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Visit by Raroa Intermediate	Aileen Davidson (VW), Alix Gurau (Raroa Intermediate School)

Inwards Letters

Newsletters - Otari Wilton's Bush Trust.

Finance

The bank balance at 3 August was \$1,140.10.

Other

Khandallah Cubs - Peter Reimann gave a talk about 'warfare and invasions' in the Park to about 20 cubs.

Groups in Park - Thanks to Conservation Volunteers (CVNZ), Thorndon School/Sustainable Coastlines and BNZ for their work in the Park.

Sanctuary to Sea Meeting - This will be at Zealandia on 30 August at 5.30 PM, [including talks on stormwater in Kaiwharawhara Stream and the Hutt Valley/Wellington Harbour Whaitua].

TPG History - Peter Reimann has written a much-shortened summary from the OHS 'Onslow Historian' publications, updated to 2018, for the TPG website.

The meeting closed at 10.15 AM.

The next meeting is to be at **9:30 a.m. Tuesday 20 November 2018** Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 86 Khandallah Road.