

Trelissick Park Group: Minutes of the 186th meeting, held at Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday 20 November 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)	Barry Durrant (TPG)
Frances Lee (TPG)	Alison Melling (TPG)
Stan Pillar (OHS)	Jenny Lewis (WRA)
Amanda Valois (NIWA) - part time	

Apologies

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

The minutes of the 185th meeting, held on 21 August, were confirmed.

Talk by Amanda Valois

Amanda Valois of NIWA gave an outline of the work she is doing on rubbish in the Kaiwharawhara catchment. She is looking at this as their model catchment, particularly because the sources of rubbish are quite varied and well documented. It is also small enough to get a complete assessment of rubbish.

Zealandia's Sanctuary to the Sea Project fits in nicely with these aims and she hopes to help co-develop a plan for reducing rubbish and eliminate waste export to the sea (as much as possible). This model could be applied to other catchments across NZ.

Amanda came to talk about our ideas, our vision for a rubbish-free catchment and any way NIWA can support us.

In a recent email, TPG summarised sources and types of our rubbish and the arrangements for WCC to pick up collected rubbish from our 'dump' site below Trelissick Crescent. TPG collect rubbish at bi-monthly working bees and during other visits to the Park. TPG had a volunteer rubbish collector (including the streams). It is hoped to interest another volunteer when she visits next Sunday.

Peter Reimann will add Amanda to the working bee email list (next one on Sunday 2 December) and advise the outcome of the above volunteer visit. **Peter Reimann**

WCC Items

Fish Passage Improvement in Catchment - WCC's Daniela Biaggio has provided an assessment report by ATS Environmental. However, the conclusions need clarification. There is still concern about the exit of the Silverstream tunnel under the railway line below Crofton Downs station and other barriers in the catchment. Peter Reimann will contact Daniela. **Peter Reimann**

Ngaio Gorge Road Slips - No updates on remediation. Cr Diane Calvert is following this.

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**

Track Upgrade from Waikowhai Street Entrance - Park users have been very pleased with the improvement - thanks to Tim Harkness and contractor.

Park Brochures - More to be requested from WCC, for brochure holders. **Peter Reimann**

Working Bee Pamphlet - Programme to be worked out for 2019 and pamphlets to be requested from WCC. **Peter Reimann**

Plant Order for 2019 - Anita Benbrook says we can order up to 1,000 plants, as long as it is in two lots of 500. Due to the extent of the Trelissick Crescent verge and the large bare slope below the eastern end of the Forest Remnant track, it was agreed that we would order 1,000. **Peter Reimann**

New WCC Ranger - Advice on who will be the new Park Ranger covering Trelissick Park is awaited.

Myfanwy Emeny

Pest Plant Control

Weed Control Planning - 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**

Tradescantia below Hanover Street - A group of Scouts cleared some the tradescantia from the lower slopes adjoining the Northern Walkway down from the Hanover Street entrance on 22 September. Another group from Raroa Intermediate School is coming to do some more on 10 December. Illona Keenan says the WCC contractor can then clean up the rest of it. **Illona Keenan/Peter Reimann**

Climbing Asparagus below Oban Street - NZ Biosecurity Ltd has tackled climbing asparagus on the slopes below Oban Street - needs ongoing work **Illona Keenan**

OMB Gall Mite - Use of this gall mite has just been approved. Megan Banks of GW advises that this will be introduced into the Wellington region in 2020. **Megan Banks**

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.

Just over 1,000 have been planted 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, totara, matai, rimu.

TPG are planting densely growing species along the Trelissick Crescent verge to discourage dumping of rubbish and garden waste. More needed (to be included in 2019 plant order from WCC). Marilyn Hester and Peter Reimann are also trying to propagate Hebe parviflora from cuttings for this purpose. **Peter Reimann**

Animal Pest Control

Trap Scores - Trap scores since 2008: 238 rats/mice, 17 stoats/weasels, 17 hedgehogs.

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

The WCC survey was advertised early in October and closed on 29 October.

WCC's Myfanwy Emeny/Catherine Taylor are writing a report, with recommendations for a December Council meeting. They will meet with us before the report is submitted. WCC decision on the project will then be advised. **Myfanwy Emeny/Catherine Taylor**

Lower Kaiwharawhara Stream and Estuary/Reclamation

Sanctuary to Sea Walkway - WCC have still not changed the description on the website, so that it commences at the 'Sanctuary' and proceeds to the lower end of the Trelissick Park **Tim Park**

Kaiwharawhara Estuary and Point - Updates on the reclamation and CentrePort's long-term plan will be provided by CentrePort's William Woods at the talk at the Sanctuary to Sea meeting at Zealandia on 27th November and at the upcoming CentrePort Environmental Committee meeting. **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**

112 Churchill Drive BUPA Development - No further advice on appeal and mediation.

Kilmarston Development - As per previous minutes, WCC's 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)**

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)
Kaiwharawhara estuary/reclamation issues and plans	Pascale Michel (Zealandia)
Interpretative signage - 'Our Natural Capital'	Daniela Biaggio (WCC)
Korimako and Silverstream Monitoring Project	Dan Sinclair (VUW)

Climbing asparagus update	Illona Keenan (WCC)
Scout group's visit to Park for weeding	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Park walk-through	Anita Benbrook/Jonathan Anderson (WCC)
Visit by MPs Sarah Dowie & Brett Hudson	Susan Locke (National Party)
Submission on GW Proposed Regional Pest Management Plan 2019 – 2039	Tim Gale (GW)
Access to Park from Oban Street	Chris Ward (Walking Access Commission), Crs Andy Foster/Diane Calvert/Simon Woolf, /Myfanwy Emeny/Catherine Taylor (WCC), Chris Horne (BotSoc),
Te Puna Reo planting day	Amanda Dobson (Enviroschools)
Upgrade of track from Waikowhai Street	Tim Harkness (WCC)
WCC Parks, Sport & Recreation Volunteer Christmas Party	Matt Robertson/Karrie Franklin (WCC)
Predator Free NZ newsletter	Rebecca Bell (Predator Free NZ Trust)
Wellington Zoo Trust Annual Report	Karen Fifield (Wellington Zoo)
Kohekohe seeding	Pascale Michel (Zealandia), Anita Benbrook (WCC)
More bait needed	Paul Horton/Darren Lees (GW), Illona Keenan (WCC)
Newsletter NCDRA	John White (NCDRA)
Planting in Trelissick Park	Jonathan Anderson (WCC)
Kahikatea in Park	Jonathan Anderson (WCC)
Pest plant control	Illona Keenan (WCC)
Newsletter - Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves	Carol Andrews
Spraying climbing asparagus below Oban Street	Illona Keenan (WCC)
Work in Park by Conservation Volunteers	Natalie Jones (Conservation Volunteers)
Regional Pest Management Plan Hearing Panel minutes	Wendy Flitcroft (GW)
New contact details - Matt Robertson	Matt Robertson (WCC)
Winner inaugural WAZA Environmental Sustainability Award	Karen Fifield (Wellington Zoo)
Parks network plan update	GW
Graffiti at lower Park entrance	Customer Service Representative (WCC)
2019 plant order	Anita Benbrook (WCC)
Invitation to lizard workshop	Steve Bielby (DOC)
Sustainable Coastlines newsletter	Sustainable Coastlines
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)
New Body Shop Contact	Kate Brooks (Body Shop)
Rubbish study in Kaiwharawhara catchment	Amanda Valois (NIWA)
OMB gall mite	Illona Keenan (WCC), Megan Banks/Tim Gale (GW)
Freshwater Hui 2019	Liz Gibson (Mountains to Sea Wellington)
Wadestown Fair	Karen Roper (WRA)
Khandallah Cubs visit to Park	Chris Downing

Inwards Letters

Newsletters - Otari Wilton's Bush Trust.

Finance

The bank balance at 2 November was \$1,140.10.

Other

Groups in Park - Thanks to Conservation Volunteers (CVNZ), Te Puna Reo and Scouts for their work in the Park.

Sanctuary to Sea Meeting - This will be at Zealandia on 27 November at 5.30 PM, including a talk on the Kaiwharawhara reclamation/estuary area.

Park Visit by MPs Sarah Dowie & Brett Hudson - 21 November - Peter Reimann will be the guide for a short walk and discussion on Park issues. **Peter Reimann**

Tree Encroaching over Seat between Bridges 4 and 5 - Barry Durrant will remove the tree. **Barry Durrant**

Khandallah Cubs Visit to Park - Peter Reimann will host 20 Cubs on the evening of 22 November, clearing tradescantia along the vehicle track down from the lower Park entrance. **Peter Reimann**

Freshwater Hui - Liz Gibson of Mountains to Sea Wellington proposes another Freshwater Hui and has asked for topics. TPG will suggest re-ignition of WCC's Water Sensitive Urban Design and improvement of fish passage. **Peter Reimann**

WCC Christmas Party - Peter Reimann will check recipients of the invitation and forward to anyone missed. **[Done]**

Wadestown Fair - It was decided that TPG will accept the invitation to put up a stand at the 9 March 2019 Wadestown Fair. **Peter Reimann**

The meeting closed at 10.20 AM.

The next meeting is to be at **9:30 a.m. Tuesday 19 February 2019** Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 86 Khandallah Road.