

Trelissick Park Group: Minutes of the 188th meeting, held at Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday 7 May 2019

Abbreviations:

WCC	Wellington City Council	WRA	Wadestown Residents' Association
GW	Greater Wellington Regional Council	OMB	Old man's beard
F & B	Forest and Bird Protection Society	OWBT	Otari Wilton's Bush Trust
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
NCDRANgaio	Crofton Downs Residents' Association	CVNZ	Conservation Volunteers NZ

[Square brackets: subsequent to meeting.]

Present

Peter Reimann (TPG)	Howard Moore (NCDRA)
Henk Louw (WCC Biosecurity Specialist – Pest Animals)	Frances Lee (TPG)
Adam Groenewegen (WCC Ranger)	Barry Durrant (TPG)
Stan Pillar (OHS)	Jenny Lewis (WRA)
Ian Shearer (HPPA)	Bill Hester (TPG)

Apologies

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

The minutes of the 187th meeting, held on 19 February, were confirmed.

Malcolm McDonald

Malcolm died on 20 March. He was a stalwart in TPG and our Secretary between 2006 and 2008 - a period of great activity. He also organised our participation in the Sea-Week beach clean-up at the Kaiwharawhara estuary, until recently. Notable projects included moving vast quantities of mulch to cover the cut-gorse slope below Trelissick Crescent and transferring rocks and gravel from one side of the Korimako Stream to the other to protect the eroded track. He will be sadly missed.

WCC Items

Fish Passage Improvement in Catchment - Daniela Biaggio advises that she has only secured a small amount of funding from the 'Our Natural Capital' budget. She is working now to seek funding from 'operations' which would allow commissioning a project plan to prioritise and do an initial costing for improving fish passage across the city. She says it is high on WCC's agenda. TPG is advocating for more funding in the submission on WCC's Annual Plan. **Daniela Biaggio/Peter Reimann**

Ian Shearer: Fish passage design to allow for higher flow due to climate change? **Daniela Biaggio**

Ngaio Gorge Road Slips - Geotechnical investigation has started.

Seed Library in Ngaio Library - The idea has moved a little away from a seed swap to it being part of a schedule of events/meetings, with a dedicated space in the library around the theme of gardening/green/environment. A launch is proposed shortly, with a guest speaker, then regular events with a seed swap opportunity. Peter Reimann has offered to provide information on suitability of endemic native plants for various environments/conditions. It would also be an opportunity for publicity for the Park. **Karl Gaskin**

WCC's Michael Oates Leaving - Michael has worked harmoniously with us for 28 years in various roles. We wish him well.

Pest Plant Control

Pest Plant Control by WCC - OMB is worse this year. On 26 March TPG showed WCC and the contractor from Kaitiaki the worst outbreaks and also reviewed tradescantia areas for spraying. Kaitiaki's work on this is proceeding **Illona Keenan/Kaitiaki**

Specific OMB Outbreaks - Adam suggests the WCC 'Fixit' app. as one avenue.

OMB across the Region - TPG also liaised with 'Upstream – Friends of Central Park', who have combined with Wellington Forest & Bird and the regeneration projects in the nearby Tanera Gully and Polhill Reserve. They are advocating for more effective management of OMB across the region with GW and locally with

WCC. Sue Kedgley of GW on 11 April responded: "I am forwarding your letter to our Biosecurity officers who will respond in more detail to your concerns. I will also raise the issue in the Environment committee."

WCC Pest Plant Control Budget - One of the five "priority areas" identified in WCC's Annual Plan is "looking after our environment". TPG's submission is advocating for increase in funding to protect and enhance the natural environment, which receives scant mention in the Plan. Illona Keenan has mapped a history of pest control results in the Park also with budget in view - Peter Reimann has been asked to review this. **Peter Reimann**

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

Nursery/Planting Update.

Delivery dates for WCC plants: 500 on 10 May, 500 on 12 July. CVNZ have offered to help unload these, then to plant some. Peter Reimann should have around 300 more ready to plant from his home nursery this year.

Animal Pest Control

Trap Scores - Trap scores since 2008: 257 rats/mice, 17 stoats/weasels, 18 hedgehogs. This includes a record of 9 rats in April on the slope below Oban Street. A pair of stoats at large has been sighted in the Park on two occasions. Barry Durrant is very grateful for the A24 self-resetting traps, as they have accounted for most of the recent kills.

Bait Stations - Consumption of block bait by rodents continues - no particular consumption pattern.

Rabbits - The Korimako valley numbers continue to increase - much in evidence along the Trelissick Crescent verge, on the grass slope below entrance 3 and along the railway line. Plant protection is being employed. GW did some night shooting a few days ago, but only shot one. Shooting from the street is not allowed. There is a two-monthly roster - Henk Louw will ask for Trelissick Park to be on the list for an earlier return shoot.

Henk Louw

Kaiwharawhara Stream Footbridge for Park Access from Oban St

Geotechnical Report - Following the ENGEO geotechnical report, WCC/TPG agreed on a bridge location 140 m upstream of the debris trap.

Engineer - TPG are seeking an Engineer to design the bridge. A reply has been received from Frame Group Ltd and further information/photographs has been provided by TPG to substitute for a pre-order site visit. A quotation is awaited. **Frame Group**

The arrangement for a joint WCC/TPG letter of acceptance is to be resolved. **Tim Harkness (WCC)/Peter Reimann**

Funds Secured - TPG are pursuing funds - \$56,000 secured so far, including donations from the Ron and Edna Greenwood Environmental Trust and Dorothy Douglass and some via Givealittle - gratefully received. A cheque from Chris Horne is in the mail.

Funding - TPG's 'expression of interest' application with TransPower was successful. The full application is now ready to send, following reviews. **Peter Reimann**

An application has been sent for funds from the Tararua Tramping Club Michael Taylor Bequest - advice due in May.

The Ron and Edna Greenwood Environmental Trust may provide more. **Frances Lee**

Jenny Lewis will be meeting a funding-versed Wadestown resident to consider additional funding, including a time-line. **Jenny Lewis**

The Givealittle fund needs to be reignited with updates and more publicity when project progress can be demonstrated. **Peter Reimann**

Financial Handling - NCDRA, as an incorporated society, has agreed to act on behalf of TPG on all financial transactions and are setting up a dedicated bank account.

To be resolved: Donations should be to NCDRA, because they are an incorporated society and have charitable status, meaning donors can claim for a tax refund. However, donors need to be assured that their donation is for the bridge. What words to use on the cheque? Name of account? **Murray Pascoe (NCDRA)/Peter Reimann**

Acknowledgement of Donations on Bridge - This may be an incentive for some donors. Peter Reimann to discuss with Tim Harkness. **Peter Reimann**

Time-line Estimates for May 2019 - June 2020, as agreed WCC/TPG

- May: TPG to engage Engineer after review with WCC.
- August: Engineer's tender documentation complete and reviewed by WCC/TPG. Then WCC to request prices from potential bridge contractors.
- September: TPG to submit GW resource consent application.
- September: Responses from potential bridge contractors received.
- Late September: Bridge construction contract awarded by WCC.

- October: Engineer to apply for WCC building and resource consent.
- October: Initial deposit from TPG transferred to WCC via NCDRA.
- February: Bridge construction funds from TPG transferred to WCC via NCDRA.
- February - April: Implement project construction (footbridge, track and landscaping/fencing/steps past houses).
- May/June: Project completion.

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 - CentrePort's concept development plans for the port are due in mid-2019. CentrePort has been asked for an update but had no reply yet. TPG and HPPA would like to be involved in the discussions on how to enhance the environmental values from the plans on the ferry terminal(s) and public transport. It is noted that KiwiRail intends to purchase two much larger ferries to take both more passengers and cars. Therefore the size of any changes to the terminal take up more space or even require moving to a different area. **Ian Shearer/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. However some containers have appeared on the site, indicating some resolution. Peter Reimann will contact NCDRA's Ian Turk for more information. **Peter Reimann**

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)**

Outer Green Belt Management Plan - TPG had no comments. **Peter Reimann**

DOC's NZ Biodiversity Strategy - TPG had no comments. **Peter Reimann**

WCC Annual Plan - Submissions close on 8 May - see under above headings "Fish Passage" and "WCC Pest Plant Control Budget". **Peter Reimann**

Correspondence with External Parties

Emails

Recent web alerts, resource consents	WCC
Volunteer Wellington news and workshops	Julie Thomson/Aileen Davidson (VW)
Rubbish collection	John Curran (WCC)
Bait station and trap reports	Tim Harkness/Illona Keenan (WCC)
Sanctuary to Sea meeting, agenda, minutes	Pascale Michel (Zealandia)
Kaiwharawhara estuary plans, values	Pascale Michel (Zealandia)
Ngaio Gorge slope stabilisation improvements	Sarath Amarasekera/Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Access to Park from Oban Street and Kaiwharawhara Stream bridge	Tim Harkness (WCC), Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Restoration Day 18 May	DOC, Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Pest plant control updates/visit/history	Illona Keenan (WCC)
Wadestown Fair preparations and thanks	Karen Roper
Health and safety - membership criteria	Julie Thomson (VW)
Work in Park by Conservation Volunteers	Natalie Jones (Conservation Volunteers)
Crofton Downs Carnival	Amanda Knight
Proposal for Mountain Bike Tracks Johnston Hill	Georgia Vaughan
Seed library	Karl Gaskin (WCC)
Wellington and region OMB problems	Lynne White (Upstream Friends of Central Park)
Funding for Kaiwharawhara bridge	Warwick Greenwood (Ron and Edna Greenwood Environmental Trust)
GW Kaiwharawhara estuary 3Salt ecology report	Via Pascale Michel (Zealandia)
Restoration workshops by DOC and GW	Micheline Evans (GW)
Estuary clean-up at Kaiwharawhara Estuary	Amanda Dobson (Enviroschools), Ben Knight (Sustainable Coastlines, Amanda Valois (NIWA)
Debris trap clearance	Amanda Valois (NIWA), Frances Forsyth (Wildlands)
Park walk-through and history link	Adam Groenewegen (WCC)

Large tree wedged in debris trap	Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Old gabions installation photo in Kaiwharawhara Stream	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Funding for Kaiwharawhara bridge	Givalittle
Kaiwharawhara estuary/reclamation studies	Leanne Cubitt for Greg O'Connor (MP), Chris Ward (Walking Access Commission)
Volunteer Wellington membership fee	Debra Roche (VW)
ENGEO geotechnical report for Kaiwharawhara bridge site	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Tutu for stream banks	Frances Forsyth (Wildlands), Eva Durrant,
Electronic copy of working bee pamphlet	Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
OMB Park walk-through	Illona Keenan/Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Seedlings from Abbott Street	Doug Tennant
Funding application for Kaiwharawhara bridge from Michael Taylor bequest	Brian Hasell (Taranui Tramping Club)
'Seed to Forest' workshop	Steve Bielby (DOC)
Tradescantia as hen food idea	Barry Young (ex BNZ)
Article on working bee	Glenise Dreaver (Independent Herald)
Silversky bridge information	Graham Weir
Seeking donations via newsletters	Ian Turk (NCDRA), Lachlan Mckenzie (Orienteers)
Debris pile removed from debris trap for insects	Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Track usage monitoring no longer carried out	Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Quotation for Engineer for Kaiwharawhara stream bridge	Trevor Butler (Frame Group Ltd)
Parks Network Plan Review update	Kyn and Fiona GW)
Student participation in community initiatives	Sharon Goldstein (Knowledgeable Communities Ltd)
Collaborate with Te Papa	Alina Manko/poppy Norton (Collaborate)
'In Safe Hands' workshop	Adam Groenewegen (WCC), Micheline Evans (GW)
First aid course	Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Working bee 28 March	Natalie Jones/Chris Lucy (CVNZ)
Shortjaw kokapu in Park and debris for hiding	Frances Forsyth (Wildlands)
Hazardous dead tree	Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Natural environment fund	Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Weed workshop	Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Animal pest workshop	Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
TrapNZ workshop	Adam Groenewegen (WCC)

Inwards Letters

Newsletters - OWBT, Predator Free NZ Trust, VW, NCDRA, Wildlands Wellington News.

Finance

\$50 was paid to VW for annual subscription.

The bank balance at 4 April was \$1,090.10. This includes \$1,000, which WCC passed on to TPG from an anonymous source in 2011 and TPG kept aside for initial Oban St track expenses. It was agreed that TPG will retain that in the bank account until needed later on. \$855 was due late in April from the Givalittle fund for the Oban Street access bridge across Kaiwharawhara Stream.

After the above \$1,000 is used, TPG will be left with only \$90.10 in the account. Ian Shearer (HPPA) and Jenny Lewis (WRA) will check with their organisations concerning donating a small amount (eg \$50) to TPG to help cover running expenses, (eg potting mix, eggs for traps, meeting venue, copying, refreshments for working bees...) **Jenny Lewis/Ian Shearer**

Thanks to Deidre Burke for her annual payment of TPG website domain registration.

Other

Groups in Park - Thanks to Conservation Volunteers for their work in the Park.

Sanctuary to Sea Meeting - This will be at Zealandia on 11 June at 5.30 PM

Wadestown Fair - TPG put up a stand at the well-attended 9 March Wadestown Fair.

NCDRA Representative - Welcome to Howard Moore who has agreed to join TPG as the NCDRA representative.

QE2 Trust Covenantee below Eastern End of Trelissick Crescent - Some of the properties extend across the Forest Remnant Track. Peter Reimann will check boundaries, then ask if any of the owners would be interested in covenanting to the QE2 Trust. **Peter Reimann**

Workshops - Shannon Palmer and Peter Reimann attended a 'Seed to Forest' workshop on the Miramar Peninsula conducted by Joakim Liman of Te Motu Kairangi Ecological Restoration Group. Three people have registered for the workshop on weeds on 8 June. There is also a TrapNZ workshop on 25 May.

One of our volunteers, Andrew Swann went to the Health and Safety 'In Safe Hands' Workshop on 4 May - He reviewed TPG's health and safety information on the website in relation to this [Peter Reimann to consider an emergency contact list for working bee participants]. **Peter Reimann**

Kaiwharawhara Estuary Cleanup - This was organised by Sustainable Coastlines in conjunction with Amanda Dobson of Enviroschools and Amanda Valois of NIWA, who is studying rubbish/plastic in the Kaiwharawhara catchment. The group worked along 60 m of the estuary, collecting 4 m either side of a tape. Around 2,500 items were collected and analysed. The exercise will be repeated along the same lines on 10/6/19, 10/9/19 and 10/12/19.

Restoration Day 18 May - One of our volunteers, Andrew Swann, intends to go.

Fish Shelter in Debris - Frances Forsyth of Wildlands suggests we should not be too diligent about clearing debris from the streams - shelter for fish.

Volunteer Recruitment App. - TPG have another channel to recruit volunteers via a 'Collaborate' app.

WCC Natural Environment Fund - Adam and Henk suggested that TPG could consider applying, \$80,000 being available annually. [Applications are due by 1 August, but this is for 2020 as 2019 has been allocated.]

The meeting closed at 10.40 AM.

The next meeting is to be at **9:30 a.m. Tuesday 20 August 2019** at Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 86 Khandallah Road.