

Trelissick Park Group: Minutes of the 193rd Meeting, held at Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday 18 August 2020

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 Assoc.	VUW	Victoria University of Wellington
TPG	Trelissick Park Group	OHS	Onslow Historical Society
BotSoc	Wellington Botanic Society	OWBT	Otari Wilton's Bush Trust
NCDRA	Ngaio Crofton Downs Residents' Association	CVNZ	Conservation Volunteers NZ
		WW	Wellington Water

[Square brackets: subsequent to meeting.]

Actions are in bold italics.

Present

Peter Reimann (TPG)	Anne Tuffin (TPG)
Phil Parnell (OWBT)	Ian Shearer (HPPA)
Jenny Lewis (WRA)	Howard Moore (NCDRA)
Angus Napier (F & B)	Stan Pillar (OHS)

Apologies

Barry Durrant (TPG)

Minutes

The minutes of the 192nd meeting, held on 19th May, were confirmed, subject to corrections as follows:

The item under 'WCC Items: Garages on Ngaio Gorge Road' should be: "No further action required after investigation by Peter Reimann and Frances Lee."

Attendees: Change Murray Pillar to Stan Pillar.

WCC Items

Fish Passage Improvement in Catchment - TPG has advocated for more funding in its submission of 8 May 2019 on WCC's Annual Plan. Peter Reimann will follow this up. **Peter Reimann**

Ngaio Gorge Road Stabilisation Project – Work on the slips is due to commence mid-October and should continue for two years. Fulton Hogan Limited has been engaged in construction work. Lizards are being re-located. Three retaining walls will be constructed to realign the road. Once that is completed the Council is to continue stabilising the lower and upper slip sites and will remove the concrete barriers and shipping containers.

Parking Lay-by Opposite Container Wall and at Lower Entrance – WCC have provided a plan and TPG look forward to implementation. Some of Tim McIvor's lower entrance planting will be disrupted. TPG would like to be involved in the site meeting before commencement of the works. **Adam Groenewegen**

Earthquake Strengthening below Upper Ngaio Gorge Road - Due to budgets cuts, WCC has deferred any further concept exploration of Wall 7 until it knows how much Ngaio Gorge Road Stabilisation tender price will be. Peter Reimann will follow up. **Peter Reimann**

Trelissick Park Five-Year Plan (2016-2021) – Needs an update. **Peter Reimann**

Northern Walkway below Hanover Street – Upgrade – WCC's Tim Harkness is planning an upgrade in the coming financial year which should address drainage/erosion issues. This would involve removing all the timber edge boarding and rebuilding the stairs and new gravel. As this will be expensive, WCC will likely start from the bottom. Depending on costs, WCC may have to do the work over a couple of years. **Tim Harkness**

Pest Plant Control

Karaka Trees – Dog walkers, concerned about poisonous karaka berries, have petitioned WCC for removal of the trees. Following meetings with the dog walkers and TPG/WCC, WCC has removed some large trees along the valley walking tracks.

Control by WCC/Contractor/CVNZ – TPG is delighted with the work carried out all over the Park early in May by WCC's contractor Kaitiaki O Ngahere Ltd, controlling OMB, cherry, Japanese honeysuckle, climbing asparagus and tradescantia. TPG has liaised with Kaitiaki with further suggestions.

CVNZ has funding from WCC for two weeding sessions. Peter Reimann will suggest locations/dates. **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

Planting is ongoing, sourced from WCC, F & B and home nurseries. 530 planted so far, around 200 to follow – many of the latter for the slope below Oban Street. **Peter Reimann**

Animal Pest Control

Trap Scores - Trap scores since 2008: 348 rats/mice, 18 stoats/weasels, 18 hedgehogs.

Bait Stations - Much consumption of block bait by rodents.

Rabbits - Still in evidence.

Oban Track/Bridge

Bridge – Construction by Outsiders Ltd: complete. The Engineer, Frame Group, visited on 7 August for a site inspection. Tim Harkness understands that Outsiders has booked the final building consent inspection for this week. Then the Engineer will issue a Code of Compliance. Tim Harkness took the WCC resource consent inspector for a final inspection on 17 August.

Track – Complete.

Fencing/steps – Completed by WCC's contractor. TPG have planted grasses/rengarenga just below the entrance.

Entrance work – Signage will be complete late this week. Needs a 'no cycling' sign and a need for dogs to be on-leash until reaching the valley. **Tim Harkness**

Planting of True Right Bank – This was required as part of the consent conditions. TPG has done this – 80 streamside species.

Finished Photos of Bridge Area for GW Consent – Peter Reimann has sent 15 photos to GW.

Map for Brochure and Map-board Update – To do. Tim Harkness advises that there will be a delay updating the map-boards as WCC is giving priority to parks without any. **Tim Harkness/Adam Groenewegen**

Finances – Tim Harkness advises that at 1 July WCC has spent \$23,500 (\$27,025 incl. gst) on geotech, engineer and consents and will likely have to top up construction costs near the end of the project [+fencing/steps/track work?].

For financing by TPG (incl. gst): cost estimate = \$104,410; donations = \$104,802; surplus = \$392. However, the final invoice from Outsiders is still to come, which might change these.

Donor Receipt Letters for Tax Refund – To do. **Ian Shearer**

Memorandum of Understanding – WCC will take ownership of the bridge on completion. Tim Harkness is preparing a MOU between WCC/TPG. **Tim Harkness**

Bridge/Track Opening Ceremony – Peter Reimann will contact WCC's Myfanwy Emeny and Adam Groenewegen to discuss organisation and date. **Peter Reimann**

There is sufficient room to hold the event at the bridge site.

A TPG newsletter 'Gorge Gazette' is due. With an email list of about 350, this would be an effective method of issuing most of the invitations. The Independent Herald could be another medium [as well as the TPG Facebook page, 'Wellington Scoop' and 'Neighbourly'].

Naming of Track – 'Barry's Oban Track' suggested. **Adam Groenewegen**

Lower Kaiwharawhara/Estuary/Reclamation

Further updates on the inanga spawning project are awaited (see previous minutes). Peter Reimann will follow up with Pascale Michel of Zealandia. **Peter Reimann/Pascale Michel**.

Submissions

128 Trelissick Crescent 17-unit Development - Still 'in suspend'? See November minutes.

112 Churchill Drive BUPA Development (next to Countdown) – Construction of building framework proceeding. No problems were observed from sediment run-off into the Park from earthworks.

Appeals to Environment Court on the Proposed GW Natural Resources Plan - TPG has received copies of appeals from various parties. Anne Tuffin has examined these but found no issues that needed a response from TPG. The Court is still coordinating the mediation; the process will go through to at least the end of 2020. Next year, the Court will advise times of mediation sessions. So, nothing is happening at the moment that affects us. **Anne Tuffin**

[National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020 (NPS-UD)] – Angus Napier is concerned about the effects on reserves and parks from NPS-UD, which comes into force on 20 August 2020. He will provide more information as a possible basis for a TPG submission to WCC. **Angus Napier**

Correspondence with External Parties

Recent resource consent web alerts	WCC
Volunteer Wellington workshops/events/volunteers	Julie Thomson/Clare Teal (VW)
Rubbish collection	John Curran (WCC)
Bait station and trap reports	Illona Keenan (WCC)
Replacement seat	Karl Noldan/Adam Groenewegen (WCC), Kumar Kumareswaran
Planting to commemorate mosque shooting	Kumar Kumareswaran
Trelissick name story for 'Gorge Gazette'	Judy Siers (OHS)
Pest plant control updates	Stu Whiterod (Kaitiaki O Ngahere Ltd), Illona Keenan (WCC)
Potential volunteers	Collaborate and VW
Work in Park by Conservation Volunteers	Natalie Jones/Sonja Urban (CVNZ), Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
SPCA staff for working in Park	Heidi Olsen (SPCA)
Plaque for Oban Track Bridge	Alby Frampton/Tek (Frampton Signs)
Track upgrade below Hanover Street	Tim Harkness/Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
CVNZ 'Corporate Challenge' award/event	Lyn Pringle/Julie Thomson (CVNZ)
Light shield for NZ Post depot in lower Kaiwharawhara	Lucy Alcock
Ngaio Gorge Road works below the slips	Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Exploring ecosystems with eDNA webinar	Hannah Davidson (Environmental Protection Agency)
Rengarenga for patch below Kenya Street	Bob and Colleen McClymont, Anita Benbrook (WCC)
Ngaio Gorge Rd slope stabilisation	Sarath Amarasekera (WCC)
Karaka berries/tree cutting/mulch	Stacy Heyman/Tess Robinsonchan (dog walkers), Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Matariki planting	Sue Brown/Morris Flett/Alyson Howell (Ngaio Union Church)
PB2 planter bags for F & B nursery	Anita Benbrook (WCC)
Updates on Oban Track bridge engineering, consents, construction, photos also invoices	Tim Harkness/Adam Groenewegen (WCC), Trevor Butler/Helena Mayo (Frame Group), Dave Armour, Chris Logan (Outsiders Ltd), Emily McDowall (GW)
Volunteer hours	Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Minutes for the Kaiwharawhara Sanctuary to Sea meeting	Pascale Michele (Zealandia)
Mulch for Trelissick Crescent	Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Wellington urban stream report	Evan Harrison (GW)
COVID-19 Level 2 safety requirements	Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Oban track work and upgrade	Tim Harkness/Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Donation to OHS for use of venue	Lachman Prasad (OHS)
First aid kits	Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Plant delivery	Adam Groenewegen/Anita Benbrook (WCC)
Yellow jackets	Brendan (Crofton Downs Mitre 10)
Oban Track Bridge updates for funders	Megan Williams (Transpower), Brian Hasell (Tararua Tramping Club), Warwick Greenwood (Ron and Edna Greenwood Environmental Trust)
St Benedict's school visit	Fiona Barnett (St Benedict's School)
Weed workshop	Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
More brochures. Adding Oban track and bridge to Park map to brochures and map-boards	Adam Groenewegen/Tim Harkness (WCC)
Oban track bridge opening	Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Sanctuary to Sea 'Spacial Plan' workshop	Pascale Michel (Zealandia)

Newsletters - VW, NCDRA, Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves.

Finance

The bank balance on 17 August was \$518.80.

\$531.30 has just been drawn from the \$1,000, kept aside for initial Oban St track/bridge expenses, to pay for the bridge plaque by Frampton Signs – approved retrospectively. (The \$1,000 was passed on to TPG by WCC from an anonymous source in 2011). This leaves \$468.70 available for any further such expenses.

It was suggested that TPG could seek donations for operating expenses at the Oban track/bridge opening ceremony (e.g. potting mix, meeting venue...).

Other

TPG Award – TPG received a 'Mahi Aroha Award' from Volunteer Wellington at a recent function. Peter Reimann and Anne Tuffin attended. This award celebrates volunteering projects that contribute to the United Nations Sustainability Goal of 'Life on Land'.

Light Shields for Lower Kaiwharawhara Industrial Area – Following more advocacy by local resident Lucy Alcock, NZ Post are arranging for their contractor to do a trial on redirecting the lights in its depot, hoping to assist while still providing enough coverage for the team to do their job safely.

Volunteer Work in Park – Thanks to CVNZ for the work in the Park on 14 June, recent Matariki planting by Ngaio Union Church and to SPCA staff on 16 August.

Turnbull Library Archives – The TPG website contains much historical information. Peter Reimann will check that this is 'swept' periodically by the library. **Peter Reimann**

Hi-vis Vests – Thanks to Mitre 10 for their donation of hi-vis vests for volunteers e.g. during pest control, roadside weeding or weed-eating.

F & B Representative – Welcome to Angus Napier, and thanks to Karin Wiley, who has stepped down (see previous minutes).

Sanctuary to Sea 'Spatial Plan' Workshop - The 'Spatial Plan' will provide key policy direction needed to influence the future review of the WCC District Plan. It sets out a plan of action for where and how WCC should grow and develop over the next 30 years, considering a range of issues, such as land use, transport, three waters infrastructure, natural hazards, heritage, and natural environment values.

As part of this process, the Sanctuary to Sea initiative will host a community workshop to develop a joint-submission to the WCC 'Spatial Plan' between 5 – 6 PM on 17 September, at Zealandia. **Anne Tuffin/Peter Reimann**

The draft document is on <https://planningforgrowth.wellington.govt.nz/spatial-plan>

Planting and Seat to Commemorate Mosque Shooting – A group associated with the Wellington region Moslem community is organising in conjunction with TPG the planting of 51 heritage tree species in Trelissick Park. The trees have originated from the WCC allocation, supplemented by others from the F & B nursery. These will be planted below the Hanover Street entrance (mostly near the stream) on 5 September.

WCC have provided a price for a commemorative seat, with plaque, to replace a decaying seat bench beside the Northern Walkway half-way between Trelissick Crescent and Bridge 6. **Moslem Community**

Commemorative Planting Records – Need for? **Peter Reimann**

The meeting closed at 10.20 a.m.

Next meeting: **9.30 a.m. Tuesday 17 November 2020** at Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 86 Khandallah Road.