

Trelissick Park Group: Minutes of the 194th Meeting, held at Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday 17 November 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.	MfE	Ministry for Environment
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
Jenny Lewis (WRA)	Phil Parnell (OWBT)
Barry Durrant	Stan Pillar

Apologies

Angus Napier (F & B)	Howard Moore (NCDRA)
Alison Melling	

Minutes

The minutes of the 193rd meeting, held on 18th August, were confirmed.

John Shrapnel – Sadly, John Shrapnel died on 2 September. He was heavily involved in early developments of the Park, with WRA.

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 commenced in mid-October and should continue for two years. Fulton Hogan Limited has been engaged in construction work. 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. Most of Tim Mclvor's lower entrance plantings have been moved to the Trelissick Crescent verge.

Earthquake Strengthening below Upper Ngaio Gorge Road - Due to budgets cuts, WCC has deferred any further concept exploration of Wall 7.

Trelissick Park Five-Year Plan (2016-2021) – Anne Tuffin and Peter Reimann will collaborate on an update.

Anne Tuffin/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. The recent track subsidence near the entrance has a safety barrier and will be fixed after Christmas. **Tim Harkness**

Pest Plant Control

Control by WCC/Contractor/CVNZ – After a site walk-through with WCC's Illona Keenan, TPG suggested that Kaitiaki o Ngahere concentrate on the tradescantia and montbretia on the slope above the traverse track below the Oban Street steps.

CVNZ has funding from WCC for two weeding sessions. One has been done (clearing around plantings below Oban Street). [CVNZ are due for the second session on Saturday 21 November for weeding in the Kaiwharawhara valley].

Control by TPG - TPG continues 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 complete for the year, sourced from WCC, F & B and home nurseries. Almost 900 planted.

As there are around 300 plants in the home nursery, ready for next year, Peter Reimann will review needs from the WCC nursery for 2021 – probably much less than the normal 500 allocation. **Peter Reimann**

Animal Pest Control

Changes to TPG Team – Now Andy McIver, Tamara Friedmann, Steve Mackle, Finnigan Illsley-Kemp (replacing Barry Durrant), all organised by Bill Hester.

Trap Scores - Trap scores since 2008: 354 rats/mice, 18 stoats/weasels, 18 hedgehogs. A regular Park walker spotted a ferret on railway land opposite Wightwick’s Field. As a result, a spare DOC200 trap has been placed there.

Bait Stations - Much consumption of block bait by rodents.

Rabbits - Still in evidence.

Oban Track/Bridge

Bridge/track/entrance fencing/steps – All complete. An opening ceremony was held at the bridge on 26 September.

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 – From NCDRA’s spreadsheet the total bridge costs came to \$103,879. Donations + bank interest exceeded this by just over \$20. TPG suggested that NCDRA should retain this.

Donor Receipt Letters for Tax Refund – Some donors are pressing for the receipt letters. Peter Reimann will again follow this up with Ian Shearer. **Peter Reimann/Ian Shearer**

Bridge Ownership – WCC has taken on ownership of the bridge.

Rubbish – Two WCC truckloads of rubbish were removed by TPG from the slopes below the Oban Street houses. More is being found during weeding visits.

Submissions

128 Trelissick Crescent 17-unit Development - Still 'in suspend'? See November 2019 minutes.

112 Churchill Drive BUPA Development (next to Countdown) – Construction 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 and 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. 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 came into force on 20 August 2020. He has provided more information as a possible basis for a TPG submission to WCC. Peter Reimann will draft a submission for review by meeting attendees, Angus and others. **Peter Reimann**

National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020 - As TPG made a submission, a summary of the recommendations from the independent advisory panel and the Ministers decisions on those have been received. TPG needs to review these in relation to its submission and provide feedback, if necessary. **Peter Reimann**

Correspondence with External Parties

Recent resource consent web alerts	WCC/GW
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 on Northern Walkway	Karl Noldan/Adam Groenewegen (WCC), Kumar Kumareswaran
Planting to commemorate mosque shooting	Kumar Kumareswaran
Trapping workshop	Henk Louw/Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Pest plant control	Illona Keenan/Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Potential volunteers	VW
Work in Park by Conservation Volunteers	Natalie Jones/Sonja Urban (CVNZ), Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Subsidence and tree problems on N Walkway below Hanover St entrance	Tim Harkness/Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Treasury visit to work in Park	Carissa Bryan (Treasury), Lyne Pringle (VW), Adam Groenewegen (WCC)

Track upgrade below Hanover Street	Tim Harkness/Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Visit by St Benedicts School	Fiona Barnett (St Benedicts School)
Ngaio Gorge Road works below the slips	Adam Groenewegen/Sarath Amarasekera (WCC)
Replacement tree for Ngaio Union Church	Alyson Howell, Sue Brown
Rengarenga and gossamer grass for patch below Kenya Street	Bob and Colleen McClymont
Talk by P Reimann on stream problems	Andrea Skews (Karori Residents Association)
Weed control below Oban Street	Illona Keenan/Adam Groenewegen
Photos and suggested words for Independent Herald on Oban track bridge opening	Jacob Page (Independent Herald)
Recommendations – National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management	Freshwater Implementation Team (MfE)
Minutes for the Kaiwharawhara Sanctuary to Sea meeting	Pascale Michele (Zealandia)
Mulch for Trelissick Crescent	Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
WCC communications	Denise Clements (WCC)
Changes to TPG predator team	Henk Louw/Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Oban track work and upgrade	Tim Harkness/Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Oban track bridge opening ceremony	Adam Groenewegen (WCC) and various recipients (donors, participants, interested parties)
Report on Oban track bridge project for Transpower Community Care Fund	Megan Williams (Transpower)
Surplus plants	Anita Benbrook (WCC)
Pascale Michel leaving Zealandia	Pascale Michel (Zealandia)
Kahikatea from CVNZ	Natalie Jones (CVNZ)
More brochures. Adding Oban track and bridge to Park map to brochures and map-boards	Adam Groenewegen/Tim Harkness (WCC)
Sanctuary to Sea 'Spacial Plan' workshop	Pascale Michel (Zealandia)
Fresh water panel discussion	Pataka Art Museum
Photos for GW consenting of Oban track bridge	Emily McDowall (GW), Trevor Butler (Frame Group), Chris Logan (Outsiders)
SPCA visit to Park	Heidi Olsen (SPCA)
Inspection report for Oban track bridge	Trevor Butler (Frame Group)
Native fish survey	Liz Gibson (Mountains to Sea Wellington)
<i>Water that Counts</i> monitoring issues	Ainslee Brown/Sam Gunderson (GW)
NZ Post volunteers?	Lyne Pringle (VW)
Xero volunteers?	Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Plant orders	Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Oban track bridge owner	Tim Harkness (WCC)
WCC volunteer end-of-year party	Park Rangers (WCC)

Newsletters - VW, NCDRA, Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves, Wellington Wildlands News.

Finance

The bank balance on 16 November was \$468.80.

\$50 approved retrospectively for flowers for Frances Lee, who spent a few days recently in hospital.

Other

New Seat below Trelissick Crescent Entrance – Installed to replace the old bench below the entrance opposite #19. This is in memory of Captain Peter Attwood, a Park dog-walker.

Talks on Stream Problems and History of Trelissick Park Group – Both given by Peter Reimann: stream problems to Karori Residents Association, and history to Tararua Tramping Club.

Water That Counts – Anne Tuffin and Peter Reimann attended a meeting with Ainslee Brown and Sam Gunderson looking at freshwater monitoring data by GW and how it can be more meaningful and accessible to the people that use it. Historic data/accessibility available to TPG and stream problems were discussed. At a further meeting on 18 November the resulting model will be tested by TPG.

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

Barry Durrant – The upgrade of 'Barry's Track' from Oban Street is complete and new volunteers for animal pest control have been recruited. Barry has been heavily involved with both and is now withdrawing. TPG is very grateful for his help over many years on those projects.

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 hosted a community workshop to develop a joint submission to the WCC 'Spatial Plan' on 17 September, at Zealandia. Anne Tuffin and Peter Reimann attended and contributed. Danielle Shanahan of Zealandia submitted the outcome to WCC.

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 has planted 51 heritage tree species in Trelissick Park, in conjunction with TPG. The trees originated from the WCC allocation, supplemented by others from the F & B nursery. These were planted below the Hanover Street entrance near the stream on 5 September. They are due to return to release weeds from there later [on 28] November.

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**

OHS Meeting and new 'Historian' – Stan Pillar advised that OHS is meeting at 7.30 p.m. on 26 November for a talk by Beverley Randell on her book 'Heart of Flame' concerning quotes about flowers and trees from Katherine Mansfield's stories. There is also a new *Onslow Historian* about horticultural trophies: *Cuttings from the Onslow Garden*. RSVP Judy Siers at siersjudy@gmail.com.

Wadestown Signs – Peter Reimann will try to find from NCDRA the designer/maker of the wooden Ngaio signs for Jenny Lewis. **Peter Reimann**

The meeting closed at 10.15 a.m.

Next meeting: **9.30 a.m. Tuesday 23 February 2021** at Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 86 Khandallah Road.