

Trelissick Park Group: Minutes of the 195th Meeting, held at Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday 23 February 2021



Abbreviations:

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| 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 | VW | Volunteer Wellington |
| HPPA | Highland Park Progressive Assoc. | MfE | Ministry for Environment |
| TPG | Trelissick Park Group | OHS | Onslow Historical Society |
| NCDRA | Ngaio Crofton Downs Residents' Association | OWBT | Otari Wilton's Bush Trust |
| | | CVNZ | Conservation Volunteers NZ |

[Square brackets: subsequent to meeting.]

Actions are in bold italics.

Present

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| Peter Reimann (TPG) | Anne Tuffin (TPG) |
| Jenny Lewis (WRA) | Howard Moore (NCDRA) |
| Stan Pillar (OHS) | |

Apologies

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| Ian Shearer (HPPA) | Angus Napier (F & B) |
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Angus Napier (F&B) advises that he has an ongoing clash with work in the F&B nursery on Tuesday mornings, but will come to TPG meetings when necessary.

Minutes

The minutes of the 194th meeting, held on 17th November, were confirmed.

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 2020 and should continue for two years. 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.

Trelissick Park Five-Year Plan (2016-2021) – Anne Tuffin and Peter Reimann will collaborate on an update on 3 March, then submit the draft to WCC. **Anne Tuffin/Peter Reimann**

Northern Walkway below Hanover Street – Upgrade – WCC's Tim Harkness is planning an upgrade this year to address drainage/erosion issues. This would involve removing all the timber edge boarding and rebuilding the stairs and new gravel. The recent track subsidence near the entrance has been fixed. **Tim Harkness**

Mulch Request – Peter Reimann has requested mulch for the Wellington Interfaith Council for the 51 mosque victim commemoration trees, to be delivered next to the Hanover Street entrance (see also under 'Other' on p.3). **Adam Groenewegen**

[Mulch for Trelissick Crescent Verge – Delivered recently by Adam Groenewegen – thanks.]

Map-boards Update – The revised maps have been done, to show the new Oban track and Kaiwharawhara Stream bridge #7. 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**

Brochures and Working Bee Pamphlets – These will show the new map. Adam will deliver shortly. **Adam Groenewegen**

Pest Plant Control

Control by WCC/Contractor – Kaitiaki o Ngahere appears to have sprayed small patches of tradescantia on the slope above the traverse track below the Oban Street steps, but there is much more to do. **Illona Keenan**

There is a patch of montbretia above the track, at the lower end of the traverse section. [Some was tackled at the last working bee. Peter Reimann will include this on the Treasury agenda for their visit on 5 March].

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

As there will be around 250 plants in the home nursery, ready for this year, Peter Reimann has ordered only 175 plants from the WCC nursery for 2021, for delivery on Friday 21 May. **Peter Reimann**

Animal Pest Control

Trap Scores - Trap scores since 2008: 365 rats/mice, 18 stoats/weasels, 18 hedgehogs.

Bait Stations - Much consumption of block bait by rodents.

Rabbits - Still in evidence.

Oban Track/Bridge

Donor Receipt Letters for Tax Refund – Some donors are pressing for their receipt letters. Peter Reimann has again followed this up with Ian Shearer and offered to assist in drafting receipt letters. Ian Shearer advises that these will be sent before the end of the financial year. **Ian Shearer**

Kaiwharawhara Estuary

KiwiRail are planning a new ferry terminal at Kaiwharawhara. They are canvassing views of interested parties. TPG is keen to protect and enhance the Kaiwharawhara estuary area, as it is part of the ecological corridor, which goes through Trelissick Park. Peter Reimann discussed this with Sue Allen and Steve Pause of KiwiRail.

Submissions

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. The information he has provided has been put on the TPG website 'Current Issues' page by Bill Hester. NPS-UD, new legislation to replace the Resource Management Act, WCC's proposed new District Plan and WCC's Spatial Plan, will together require constant vigilance for any implications and projected developments affecting the Park. **TPG**

Resource Consent - 53 Ngaio Gorge Road – After being contacted by a neighbouring resident, TPG wrote to WCC expressing concern about sediment run-off, removal of trees on the steep slope increasing potential for landslip and the need for a neutral effect on stormwater. Daniela Biaggio (WCC) followed this up with Onur Oktem (WCC) concerned with protecting significant natural areas (SNAs). Daniela advises that TPG's concerns will be in the new District Plan but are not necessarily covered by the current Plan.

Correspondence with External Parties

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| Recent resource consent web alerts | WCC and GW |
| VW workshops/events/volunteers | Julie Thomson/Clare Teal (VW) |
| Rubbish collection | John Curran (WCC) |
| Bait station and trap reports | Illona Keenan (WCC) |
| Possible project for Wadestown Cubs | Brendan |
| Planting to commemorate mosque shooting victims | Kumar Kumareswaran |
| Possible volunteer group | John Horner |
| Pest plant control | Illona Keenan/Adam Groenewegen (WCC) |
| 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 deferred | Lyne Pringle (VW) Joseph Sant/Emily Howe (Treasury) |
| Track upgrade below Hanover Street | Tim Harkness/Adam Groenewegen (WCC) |
| Possible Korimako Stream clean-up for St Benedict's School | Fiona Barnett (St Benedict's School) |
| Resource consent 53 Ngaio Gorge Road | Daniela Biaggio/Adam Groenewegen/Kathryn Barnes/Amillie Bently (WCC), Martina Kessell (neighbour) |
| Outdoor first aid training | Huia Gray (DOC) |
| OMB behind <i>Hanging Around</i> | Adam Groenewegen (WCC) |
| Nikau Foundation Grants | Park Rangers (WCC) |
| Stream pollution | Michael McKeon |
| Mulch for Trelissick Crescent | Adam Groenewegen (WCC) |
| Tawa seeds | Anita Benbrook (WCC), Sonja Urban (CVNZ) |
| Invasive grass | Alyson Howell/Morris Flett (Ngaio Union Church) |
| Possible group from MfE in April | Lyne Pringle (VW) |
| Himalayan balsam query | Illona Keenan (WCC) |
| Collaboration with Brony Shepherd | Brony Shepherd (Te Ahumairangi Hill Restoration Group) |
| Fallen tree | Adam Groenewegen (WCC) |
| Pascale Michel leaving Zealandia | Pascale Michel (Zealandia) |
| Sanctuary to Sea meeting agenda 23 February | Aaria Dobson-Waitere (Zealandia) |
| More brochures and working bee pamphlets, with Oban track and new bridge added to Park map. Updating map-boards to show the new track/bridge. | Adam Groenewegen/Tim Harkness (WCC) |

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| Kowhai tree for Ngaio Union Church | Sue Brown/Alyson Howell/Morris Flett (Ngaio Union Church), Anita Benbrook/Jeff Paris/Adam Groenewegen (WCC) |
| KiwiRail proposals for new Kaiwharawhara ferry terminal | Sue Allen (KiwiRail) |
| Change of Wildlands staff | Stella McQueen (Wildlands) |
| SPCA visit to Park | Heidi Olsen (SPCA) |
| Wadestown fair 13 March | Keren Roper (WRA) |
| <i>Water that Counts</i> monitoring issues | Ainslee Brown (GW) |
| Query on website 'sweeping' | National Library |
| Mulch delivery request for the 51 trees | Adam Groenewegen (WCC) |

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

Finance

The bank balance on 23 February was \$468.80.

Other

Water That Counts – Anne Tuffin and Peter Reimann attended another meeting with Ainslee Brown of GW testing their model of freshwater monitoring data.

Turnbull Library Archives – The TPG website contains much historical information. Peter Reimann is checking that this is 'swept' periodically by the library. (No reply yet) **Peter Reimann**

Planting and Seat to Commemorate Mosque Shooting Victims – The Wellington Interfaith Council and Sathya Sai Group have 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 2020. They are returning periodically to release weeds. Stakes were put in next to each plant on 20 February. They will cart the mulch down, requested for delivery at Hanover Street, and spread it around each plant. **Interfaith Council**

WCC are providing a commemorative seat, with plaque, for the Interfaith Council to replace a decaying seat bench beside the Northern Walkway half-way between Trelissick Crescent and Bridge 6. This will be installed, and the old bench removed on 14 March, in time for a ceremony on 15 March. **Interfaith Council**

Collaboration with Te Ahumairangi Hill Restoration Group – Brony Shepherd from the Restoration Group has enquired about possible collaboration with TPG applying for a funded restoration contract. Suggestions from TPG:

- Weed species that could carry over onto Te Ahumairangi Hill via the wind (e.g. cherry, sycamore, buddleia and OMB along the railway corridor and elsewhere in the Park)
- Improvements to fish passage.

TPG mentioned that funding would need to be via an incorporated society or trust. **Brony Shepherd**

Staff Change at Wildlands - Frances Forsyth, Wildlands Wellington-based Senior Ecologist, has retired. Stella McQueen will be looking after her current freshwater projects as well as attending to new freshwater projects throughout the region. TPG has collaborated with Wildlands over many years on our many stream problems.

Treasury Visit – Organised via VW for Friday 5 March. **Peter Reimann**

Seaweek Beach Cleanup – Peter Reimann will check the date (if it is happening) and whether assistance is needed, with Amanda Dobson. **Peter Reimann**

Wadestown Fair 13 March – TPG will attend and include the new Park map and new bridge images, **Peter Reimann**

Waikowhai Street Entrance – Howard Moore suggested the need for car parking improvement at the entrance and along the roadside, enhancement of the entrance (e.g. via adopt-a-spot) and maintenance at the steps below the entrance. Peter Reimann to follow-up. **Peter Reimann**

The meeting closed at 10 a.m.

Next meeting: **9.30 a.m. Tuesday 29 June 2021** at Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 86 Khandallah Road. [Note 29th, not 23rd mentioned at the meeting, to avoid clash with a working bee]