

**Trelissick Park Group: Minutes of the 197<sup>th</sup> Meeting, held at Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday 26 October 2021**



**Abbreviations:**

WCC Wellington City Council	OMB Old man's beard
GW Greater Wellington Regional Council	VW Volunteer Wellington
F & B Forest and Bird Protection Society	MfE Ministry for Environment
HPPA Highland Park Progressive Assoc.	OHS Onslow Historical Society
TPG Trelissick Park Group	OWBT Otari Wilton's Bush Trust
NCDRANgaio Crofton Downs Residents' Association	CVNZ Conservation Volunteers NZ
WRA Wadestown Residents' Association	BotSoc Wellington Botanical Society

[Square brackets: subsequent to meeting.]

**Actions are in bold italics.**

**Present**

Peter Reimann (TPG)	Ian Shearer (HPPA)
Anne Tuffin (TPG)	Barry Durrant (TPG)
Jenny Lewis (WRA)	Stan Pillar (OHS)

**Apologies**

Howard Moore (NCDRA)	
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**Minutes**

The minutes of the 196<sup>th</sup> meeting, held on 29<sup>th</sup> June, were confirmed.

Sadly, Olaf John, who for many years represented BotSoc, died on 30 September. One of our working bee 'regulars' Gottfried Theiler, died on 26 August. Dorothy Douglass, died on 13 October. She represented HPPA for many years and was also a working bee 'regular'.

**WCC Items**

Fish Passage Improvement in Catchment – TPG looks forward to the final report on barriers in the Kaiwharawhara catchment and proposals for improving fish passage, particularly in the 150 m culvert on Kaiwharawhara Stream below the Park (see minutes of the last TPG meeting). **Danelia Biaggio**

Ngaio Gorge Road Stabilisation Project – Work on the slips should continue until October 2022. For more information, photos and a video, see [Projects - Ngaio Gorge stabilisation - Wellington City Council](#).

At the final phase of the project, WCC will engage a landscape architect to plan landscaping arrangements, where the areas are disturbed due to construction work. However, no planting will take place in the area immediately behind the retaining walls to facilitate future inspections and maintenance work.

Trelissick Park Five-Year Plan (2021-2026) – Anne Tuffin and Peter Reimann have updated the Plan now approved by WCC. It is on TPG's website.

Northern Walkway below Hanover Street – Upgrade – WCC's contractor is slowly upgrading this track, subject to funding, by removing all the timber edge boarding and rebuilding the stairs and applying new gravel. **Tim Harkness**

New map-boards Update showing track from Oban Street – Tim Harkness advises that there will be a delay updating the map-boards as WCC is giving priority to parks without any. **Tim Harkness**

Dog Control Update – The sign at the Oban track entrance is confusing, as some people may think on-leash applies to the whole park, whereas currently, the off-leash areas are in the valley and from all entrances except from Oban Street. TPG advocates for the Oban slope entrance to be off-leash, like below the Hanover Street and other entrances.

Myfanwy Emeny says that this will be part of the review of dog exercise areas and the dog policy, to happen at the end of this year. **Myfanwy Emeny**

**Storm Problems** –

- Fallen trees and a slip blocking the main track alongside Kaiwharawhara Stream. Now cleared. However, the track in this area needs upgrading. **Tim Harkness**

- Korimako Stream debris jam. Now cleared.

- Sewer line foundations undermined on Korimako Stream bank below Waikowhai Street. Being fixed by WW/helicopter. WW cleared a flat area adjacent/downstream of the sewer line crossing for storage of materials and scaffolding, destroying nikau palms and heritage trees planted and maintained by Marilyn Hester and

Carolyn Theiler from 10 years ago. Ranger Adam Groenewegen is meeting Fulton Hogan/WW to discuss. TPG has suggested reparation. **Adam Groenewegen**

- Bridge 4 washed downstream onto Bridge 5. Removed by helicopter. Replacement due next year. Track closed meanwhile. WCC's Tim Harkness advises that consents have been lodged and contractors asked for quotations. A contractor should be appointed mid/late November. The lead time for materials is unknown – could be quite long. **Tim Harkness**

- Bank erosion affecting vehicle track alongside Kaiwharawhara Stream. Safety barrier next to track installed. To be fixed in summer. **Tim Harkness**

- Bank erosion downstream of debris trap. Track closed. To be fixed in summer. **Tim Harkness**

Waikowhai Street Entrance – At the last meeting Howard Moore of NCDRA suggested the need for car parking improvement at the entrance and along the roadside. Downer will undertake this work for WCC in summer.

**Downer**

Planting Sites Adam Groenewegen has requested a marked-up map showing planting sites/numbers. **Peter Reimann**

### **Pest Plant Control**

Control by WCC/Contractor – TPG has marked up a map for Illona Keenan showing weed control suggestions. An update is awaited on work carried out and proposed by Kaitiaki o Ngahere, **Illona Keenan**

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**

Karaka below Oban Street – During a recent visit by CVNZ, much karaka was pulled out/hand-cut. There are still some larger trees needing a chainsaw. Peter Reimann will follow this up. **Peter Reimann**

### **Nursery/Planting Update**

About 475 have been planted, sourced from WCC, F & B and home nurseries. Most have been for two patches on the upper and lower slopes below Oban Street, a spot below 144 Oban Street, a streamside spot downstream of bridge 7, infill along the Trelissick Crescent verge and infill below the Hanover Street entrance. WCC Ranger Adam Groenewegen recommends no more planting this late in the year. About 70 remaining will be held over until next year.

Surplus plants - Adam Groenewegen advises that the WCC nursery has surplus manuka and karamu. Peter Reimann will check for any need within TPG (e.g. manuka for Eva Durrant's bees?) **Peter Reimann**

[Plant order from WCC – To be lodged by TPG. **Peter Reimann**]

### **Animal Pest Control**

Traps - DOC200 traps getting regular visits by rats – mostly the traps are at or near stream level in the Kaiwharawhara and Korimako Stream valleys. Numbers on the Oban slope A24s have slowed down in the past three months. This year: 110 rats, 2 stoats/weasels.

Bait Stations - Much consumption of block bait by rodents.

Rabbits – The GW night shooting team found none in the Park in an August visit. However, Bill Hester reports that they are often seen below Trelissick Crescent. They are also on the Crescent pavement in the evening and night hours. And three or four have regular lively lives on the #3 entrance grassy areas.

### **Kaiwharawhara Estuary – New Ferry Facilities**

KiwiRail/CentrePort are planning a new ferry facility for KiwiRail, Interislander and possibly Bluebridge.

Anne Tuffin and Peter Reimann attended a workshop, convened by Aaria Dobson-Waitere of Zealandia, at which plans to date were aired by KiwiRail and Boffa Miskell. The proposed berth for the new ferry is just south of the estuary. There will be a new terminal building nearby, commercial vehicle marshalling south of the estuary, private vehicle marshalling at Kaiwharawhara Point (accessed by the existing bridge), landscaping around the estuary and an extension of the rail line along a built-up strip next to the northern beach. The project is at the design and consenting stages.

Further workshops will be held periodically. **Anne Tuffin/Peter Reimann**

### **CentrePort Environmental Consultative Group**

It was suggested that someone should represent TPG on the CentrePort Environmental Consultative Group. Frances Lee fulfilled that role for many years but is no longer able to. Anne Tuffin was nominated, and she agreed. Peter Reimann proposed this to Thomas Marchant of CentrePort and he agreed. He will advise the date of next meeting. **Anne Tuffin**

### **Submissions**

WCC District Plan Update - Following work on the Spacial Plan, WCC is updating the District Plan – it is open for submissions now. However, new Government regulations on less restrictive consents for housing developments, just announced, will greatly affect some provisions in the District Plan. **Peter Reimann**

WCC's Long-term Plan – TPG requested more investment in preserving green spaces and new developments to be biophilic (see last meeting minutes). WCC's adopted Long-term Plan generally addresses these, but not radically – see Our 10-Year Plan 2021-2031 ([wellington.govt.nz](http://wellington.govt.nz))

### Correspondence with External Parties

Recent resource consent web alerts	WCC and GW
VW workshops/events/volunteers/TPG update	Julie Thomson/Clare Teal/Heidi Quinn (VW)
Rubbish collection	John Curran (WCC)
Check of TPG details for volunteering	Heidi Quinn (VW)
Pile of tree branches at 57 Kaiwharawhara Road	Adam Groenewegen/Justin Garbutt (WCC), WW
COVID-19 requirements	WCC Park Rangers
Updates on the '51 trees' area to commemorate mosque shooting victims	Kumar Kumareswaran (Sathya Sai Group), Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Plant shelter feedback	Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Pest plant control	Illona Keenan/Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
ACC volunteering	Heidi Quinn (VW), Shi Leng Wong (ACC)
SPCA volunteering	Heidi Olsen (SPCA)
Track upgrade below Hanover Street	Tim Harkness/Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Volunteer working bee collaboration	Amalia McLaren-Brown (Zealandia)
TPG 30 <sup>th</sup> birthday	Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Consent notifications	GW
Sanctuary to Sea Update	Aaria Dobson-Waitere (Zealandia)
OMB behind 'Hanging Around', Kaiwharawhara Rd	Illona Keenan/Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
CVNZ visits to Park	Sonja Urban (CVNZ), Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
WCC news and events article re 2 million trees	Hayley Gastmeier/Anita Benbrook/Adam Groenewegen/ Daniela Biaggio/Jenni Guzman (WCC)
Access from Sefton/Barnard Street	Lucy Alcock
Ferry terminal upgrade/relocation discussion	Aaria Dobson-Waitere (Zealandia)
Removal of bridge 4 and update	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Debris trap clearance	Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Korimako Stream sewer line work, logjam and effects of cut vegetation	Adam Groenewegen (WCC), Glenis Bruin (WW)
Absolutely Positively Wellington Award	Lucy Robertson (WCC)
Car parking at Waikowhai Street entrance	Info at WCC, John Riddell/Tili Faumauina (Downer)
Rabbits in Park	Henk Louw (WCC)
Possible Titipounamu sighting	Adam Groenewegen (WCC), Ellen Irwin (Zealandia)
Ngaio Gorge Road work update	Sarath Amarasekera (WCC)
Track problems/closures	Adam Groenewegen/Tim Harkness (WCC)
Promotion at Victoria University	Heidi Quinn (VW), Trish Knight (VUW)
Five-year Plan update	Adam Groenewegen/Myfanwy Emeny/Jonathan Anderson/Daniela Biaggio (WCC)
Fallen 'Trelissick Park' sign, Waikowhai Street	Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Block bait request	Adam Groenewegen/Henk Louw (WCC)
Debris trap clearance	Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
July rain event	Adam Groenewegen/Tim Harkness (WCC)
Clearing track beside Kaiwharawhara Stream	Adam Groenewegen/Tim Harkness (WCC)
Volunteer hours for the year	Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
NZ Mahi Aroha Awards 2021	Heidi Quinn (VW)
Anne Tuffin to represent TPG on CentrePort Environmental Consultative Group	Thomas Marchant (CentrePort)
Rimu tree fallen into stream	Anita Benbrook (WCC)
Decisions on WCC Long-term Plan	Amy Jackman (WCC)
Planting sites – marked up map	Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
WCC District Plan consultation	Daniela Biaggio (WCC)
Surplus plants	Adam Groenewegen (WCC)

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

### **Finance**

The bank balance currently stands at \$468.80.

### **Other**

Groups in Park – SPCA staff with partners and two visits by CVNZ.

Website Update – Bill Hester is working on this. **Bill Hester**

TPG's 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday – Anne Tuffin is organising a celebration on Sunday 21 November from 12 noon to 2.00 p.m. at Wightwick's Field. Invitations via *Gorge Gazette*, website and Facebook. **Anne Tuffin, Peter Reimann, Bill Hester**

Absolutely Positively Wellingtonian Award – Peter Reimann was one of the recipients - congratulations from meeting participants.

Significant Natural Areas - Most of Trelissick Park is designated as an SNA.

However, there may be a kickback of private property owners along the edge of the Park that will fight for their 'development rights' see SNA's

Two Millionth Tree Planting – Peter Reimann attended the planting day on the slopes above Erlestoke Crescent, Churton Park.

More organising assistance for TPG – Peter Reimann would like to hand over some of his work to others – to be followed up. **Meeting participants**

TPG email address – Peter Reimann will investigate options with Bill Hester. **Peter Reimann/Bill Hester**

Seat next to Bridge 7? – To be investigated. **Peter Reimann/Jenny Lewis**

The meeting closed at **10.30** a.m.

Next meeting: **9.30 a.m. Tuesday 1 March 2022** at Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange, 86 Khandallah Road.