

**Trelissick Park Group: Minutes of the 199<sup>th</sup> Meeting, held at Otari Wilton's Bush Visitor Centre, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday 5 July 2022**



**Abbreviations:**

WCC	Wellington City Council	OHS	Onslow Historical Society
GW	Greater Wellington Regional Council	OWB	Otari Wilton's Bush
F & B	Forest and Bird Protection Society	CVNZ	Conservation Volunteers NZ
HPPA	Highland Park Progressive Assoc.	BotSoc	Wellington Botanical Society
TPG	Trelissick Park Group	DoC	Department of Conservation
NCDRAN	Ngaio Crofton Downs Residents' Association	WW	Wellington Water
WRA	Wadestown Residents' Association	ORCA	Onslow Residents' Community Association
OMB	Old man's beard		
VW	Volunteer Wellington		

[Square brackets: subsequent to meeting.]

**Actions are in bold italics.**

**Present**

Peter Reimann (TPG)	Anne Tuffin (TPG)
Angus Napier (F&B)	Jenny Lewis (WRA)
Jonathan Anderson (WCC)	

**Apologies**

Catherine Ayres (Zealandia)	Stan Pillar (OHS)
Daniella Biaggio (WCC)	Ian Shearer (HPPA)

**Minutes**

The minutes of the 198<sup>th</sup> meeting, held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022, were confirmed.

**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 TPG meeting 29 June 2021). Peter Reimann will follow this up with Danelia Biaggio. **Peter Reimann**

Ngaio Gorge Road Stabilisation Project – Work on the slips should continue until the end of 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. Peter Reimann will ask for details of the architect, the plant supplier, what species, who does the planting and when. **Peter Reimann**

However, no planting will take place in the area immediately behind the retaining walls to facilitate future inspections and maintenance work.

New map-boards – Installed. The adjacent dog exercise area map boards, and 'track closed' signs should be removed. **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, such as 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. When will this happen? **Myfanwy Emeny**

Storm Problems

- Sewer line repair next to Korimako Stream – Work to fix the undermined sewer line foundations on the stream bank below Waikowhai Street is finished. The contractor Fulton Hogan has supplied 80 reparation plants for damage to previous planting in the area.
- Bridge 4 – Washed downstream onto Bridge 5. Now replaced. Minor cleaning up remains to be done. [The contractor Chris Logan advises that a rewarewa close to the approach track should be moved. **Peter Reimann**]
- Bank erosion affecting vehicle track alongside Kaiwharawhara Stream – A safety barrier next to the vehicle track has been extended. Date of fix of the vehicle track to be advised. **Tim Harkness**
- Bank erosion downstream of debris trap – Track closed. Engineer Tonkin and Taylor has been employed to investigate re-positioning the track to above the retaining wall. **Tim Harkness**
- Track washout just upstream of bridge 6 – WCC decided not to restore this section of the track.

Other track improvements needed – Just downstream of Wightwick’s Field (beyond the track junction); rocky section between bridges 3 and 4, canyon track downstream of bridge 6. **Tim Harkness**

Bridge numbering – All seven bridges need number plates (some are without, or non-standard). **Adam Groenewegen**

Parking improvement at Waikowhai Street entrance – Downer was to undertake this work for WCC last summer. Peter Reimann will ask for an update. **Peter Reimann**

Leaking sewer pipe – The leaking sewer pipe crossing Kaiwharawhara Stream downstream of bridge 6 has been fixed by WW.

Jonathan Anderson will follow up with WW about the previously advised minor leak into the park from the houses on the eastern side of Trelissick Crescent. **Jonathan Anderson**

### **Pest Plant Control**

Control by WCC/contractor – Kaitiaki o Ngahere has sprayed tradescantia with a new chemical. It takes a few days for the effects to show. It would aid safety for TPG volunteers to know when and where areas have been sprayed, so that TPG can avoid manual removal there. **Illona Keenan**.

Control by TPG – TPG continues with manual control of tradescantia, OMB, Himalayan balsam, cherry, wattle, karaka seedlings, sycamore, bindweed, blackberry, climbing dock and buddleia by individuals, working bees and groups. **TPG**

Maintenance of the streamside '51 memorial trees' site – Carried out recently by CVNZ to assist the Interfaith group.

Blackberry – Grubbed out from grassy areas downstream of bridge 5 and upstream of the debris trap – the latter to be planted with natives.

### **Nursery/planting update**

450 came from WCC on 13 May 2022, including 80 unlisted grasses. Jonathan Anderson has ordered 20 canopy trees. Peter Reimann’s home nursery has about 120 mixed species. 80 reparation plants were delivered (see ‘Storm Problems’ above).

### **Animal Pest Control**

Traps – Totals from 2008 to early July 2022: 22 stoats/weasels, 537 rats, 18 hedgehogs.

Since the last meeting (1 March): March = 3 rats, April = 1 rat, 1 stoat, May = 1 rat, 1 stoat, June = 1 rat.

A24 catches (rats+mice): Jan = 4, Mar = 9, Apr = 7, May = 5.

Bait Stations – Much consumption of block bait by rodents.

Rabbits – Often seen on or below Trelissick Crescent.

### **Kaiwharawhara Estuary – New ferry and rail facilities**

KiwiRail provided an update at the 22 June Sanctuary to Sea meeting. All is going to plan – ferries due 2025, 2026.



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### **Sanctuary to Sea Project**

Cat Ayres is the new Project Lead – Kia Mouriora te Kaiwharawhara/Sanctuary to Sea. Jo Ledington is the Conservation and Restoration Manager.

### **Submissions**

WCC Draft District Plan – The WCC report on submissions will be checked to see whether TPG’s submission needs to be followed up. **Anne Tuffin**

### **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)
Vegetation and debris clearance at sewer repair next to Korimako Stream below Waikowhai Street and plant reparation	Adam Groenewegen/Jonathan Anderson (WCC)
Draft District Plan report and submissions	WCC Planning for Growth team
Updates on the '51 trees' area to commemorate mosque shooting victims	Kumar Kumareswaran (Sathya Sai Group)
Tree ferns for park	Julie Coulson
Pest plant control	Illona Keenan/Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
ACC volunteering	Archie Pararasasing (SPCA)
Block bait replenishment	Henk Louw (WCC)

Membership renewal	Julie (VW)
Dead kereru	Jonathan Anderson/Myfanwy Emeny (WCC)
Trelissick Park Group organizing information/ideas for comment	Jonathan Anderson (WCC)
Consent notifications	GW, WCC
Duke of Edinburgh award work	Alex Thompson, Troy Thompson
CVNZ visits to Park	Sonja Urban/ Simerrah Habib (CVNZ), Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Debris trap clearance by contractor	Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Memorial trees in Park	Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
iReX Ferry terminal project update	Wellington Ferry Project Team
Removal of bridge 4 and replacement update	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Track closure for tree removal in Kaiwharawhara Stream	Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
No consent required for WW sewer work next to Korimako Stream	Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Sanctuary to Sea personnel	Jo Ledington, Catherine Ayres (Sanctuary to Sea/Kia Mouriora te Kaiwharawhara Project)
Kaiwharawhara Estuary Litter Survey & Audit data	Amand Dobson (Enviroschools Community Facilitator), William Woods (CentrePort), Jemma Hovelmeier (Sustainable Coastlines)
Change of TPG meeting venue	Judy Siers (OHS), Tim Park (OWB)
Site visit prior to work on bridge 4 (plant removal)	Tim Harkness (WCC)
Restoration Day	Restoration Day Committee (GW)
Sanctuary to Sea Community hui, 22 June	Cat Ayres (Kia Mouriora te Kaiwharawhara/Sanctuary to Sea)
Corporate group for volunteering	Courtnee Walker (ANZ)
Block bait request	Adam Groenewegen/Henk Louw (WCC)
Location of trap 13 on private property	Henk Louw/Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Bridge 4 replacement update	Chris Logan (Outsiders Ltd), Tim Harkness (WCC), Trevor Butler (Frame Group)
Weed bags for the park	Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Plant delivery	Anita Benbrook (WCC), Chris Logan (Outsiders Ltd)
Kiwibank volunteer day	Carol Spaulding (Kiwibank)
Trad spraying below Oban Street – chemical hazard	Illona Keenan/ Adam Groenewegen (WCC), Stu Whiterod (Kaitiaki o Ngahere)
Track washout restoration downstream of debris trap and barriers	Tim Harkness/Adam Groenewegen (WCC), Dylan Fraser (Fulton Hogan)
Stoat sighting and stoat trapped	Graham Elmes, (Predator Free Ngaio Reserves Coordinator), Henk Louw/Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Tree requests/TPG plant order/home nursery update	Jonathan Anderson/Anita Benbrook (WCC)
Park colour brochures	Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Organising Victa traps for Scots College students	Henk Louw/Adam Groenewegen (WCC), Scots College students
Leaking sewer pipe into Park below Trelissick Crescent and at pipe crossing Kaiwharawhara Stream down from bridge 6	Jonathan Anderson/Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
ORCA park walkthrough	Lawrence Collingbourne (ORCA)
Wightwick's Field 'star', sign and writeup for Matariki	Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Park walkthrough with Cat Ayres	Cat Ayres (Kia Mouriora te Kaiwharawhara/Sanctuary to Sea)
Wild ginger on Trelissick Crescent	Adam Groenewegen (WCC), Stu Whiterod ((Kaitiaki o Ngahere)
Sewer pipe work next to Korimako Stream – update	Adam Groenewegen (WCC), Glen Stevens (Fulton Hogan)
Korimako Stream and Kaiwharawhara Stream ecological assessments for sewer works	Paul Thomas (Thomas Planning), Joseph Edmonds (GW)
Reparation plants delivery	Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Moving of fence at north side of Wightwick's Field	Jonathan Anderson (WCC)
OMB outside Countdown, Crofton Downs	Illona Keenan/ Adam Groenewegen (WCC)
Corporate group for park work	Simon Pannett (Harbour Asset Management)
Plant for park	Heidi Olsen (SPCA)

Transplanting a small rimu	Anita Benbrook/Jonathan Anderson (WCC)
Missing brochure holder	Adam Groenewegen (WCC)

Newsletters – VW, NCDRA, Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves, Bells Track Group.

### Finance

The bank balance currently stands at \$643.80.

TPG is grateful for a \$50 donation from HPPA, including \$30 to cover meetings at the OHS venue on 29/6/21, 26/10/21 and 1/3/22. TPG has now paid the \$30 to OHS.

Thanks to Deidre Burke for once more paying the website domain registration fee.

### Other

TPG meeting venue – For many years the TPG meetings have been at the OHS venue on Khandallah Road, set up by Stan Pillar. However, he has moved to Karori. Anne Tuffin has arranged with WCC's Tim Park for future TPG meetings to be at the back of the refurbished Otari Wilton's Bush visitor centre.

Groups in Park – Angus Napier may be able to find a group from F&B to adopt a spot. **Angus Napier**

Other groups working in park: CVNZ (three visits) and Harbour Asset Management.

Website – Bill Hester has updated the website format.

Email address – Bill Hester has set up a new email address for all correspondence: [trelissickgroup@gmail.com](mailto:trelissickgroup@gmail.com)

Suggestion to encourage more volunteers – A gathering to celebrate TPG's 200<sup>th</sup> meeting, which will be early in November. This could include a guest speaker. **Anne Tuffin/lan Shearer**

More organising assistance for TPG – It is suggested that much of Peter Reimann's work could be handed over to others in conjunction with setting up the new email address. Peter Reimann has circulated a task-list to help this proceed. Angus Napier has volunteered to take on some of this – Peter Reimann will suggest possible tasks for Angus and include a succession plan as an agenda item for the next meeting. **Peter Reimann**

WCC's Jonathan Anderson has expressed interest at some time in the future.

Barry's track to Oban Street sign – Barry Durrant advises that his sign 'Barry's track to Oban Street' near bridge 7 was removed. He has recovered it. Peter Reimann will investigate why and by whom. **Peter Reimann**

Memorial trees – WCC's Myfanwy Emeny organised three heritage trees to commemorate Gottfried Theiler, Dorothy Douglass and Olaf John, who died last year. Gottfried's pukatea was planted on 24 June at the grassy spot downstream of bridge 5 on 24 June, attended by three generations of his family. Dorothy's miro will follow on 9 July and Olaf's titoki on 16 July.

ORCA walk in park – Peter Reimann took an ORCA party for a park tour outlining the history and problems.

Seat beyond end of bridge 7 – Jenny Lewis suggested that a peaceful/beautiful place for a seat would be just beyond the end of bridge 7 on the southern side. She will investigate [via [WCC seats](#).]

Stream bank erosion from dogs – Angus Napier expressed concern about the continuing bank erosion caused by dogs running down to the stream [the worst is downstream of bridge 4].

Historical photos from Frances Lee – Anne Tuffin has digitised Frances' photo albums – a valuable record of park history since 1991. Anne will investigate repositories for the hard and digitised copies. **Anne Tuffin**

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

Next meeting: **9.30 a.m. Tuesday 8 November 2022 – Otari Wilton's Bush Visitor Centre.**