



Kaipara District Council

Suggestions on the Reserve Management Plan for Pou Tu o Te Rangi and Harding Park



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From: Lorraine Davidson
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To: Reserve Management Plan
Subject: Pou Tu o Te Rangi and Harding Park RMP

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Hi Team RMP

Re suggestions for the above

This is a left field idea but one that could provide a Visitor Hub and or Base to attract visitors to both Museums, the bike trail and as a family picnic area, with the great views and lookout position.

- Establish an Information Kiosk (small building/container) that would be located within the grounds of Harding Park, preferably close to the Museums and carpark.
- Initially manned by ambassadors, if funding permitted a position could be established to provide a 7 day service utilising staffers and ambassadors to achieve this.
- It could possibly serve as a training ground for Tourism and Travel students from the many provider organisations
- Potential visitor activities i.e. beach, lakes and forest trips could depart and return from this location and an ideal site to further encourage our visitor activities
- This will increase potential visitor numbers to the Museums, their viability and sustainability.

I am aware that the existing Museums could also provide this as an inhouse facility with a contracted cafe offering. However this would not provide an independant Hub for all Operators but could be an option if the Museum Trusts could see the benefits and manage the initiative.

Regards

Lorraine Davidson
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From: Raewyn Sills
Sent: Monday, 20 September 2021 3:35 PM
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Cc: Fiona McLeod; Mike Collins
Subject: Re: Dargaville Museum-Suggestions for Reserve Management Plans

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Thank you Mark. You facilitated the discussion and captured all our individual thoughts and ideas very well. We all did appreciate having the opportunity to be involved in the work on the new Reserve Management Plan.
Raewyn

Sent from my iPhone

On 20/09/2021, at 15:16, Mark Schreurs <mschreurs@kaipara.govt.nz> wrote:

Hi Raewyn,

Here are the suggestions for inclusion in the Pou Tu o Te Rangi and Harding Park Reserve Management Plans that I noted from the Dargaville Museum Board at their meeting on 17 September 2021. I will pass these suggestions on to the Pou Tu o Te Rangi Joint Management Committee and Harding Park Committee who will give them full consideration when directing staff as to the content and direction of the draft plans.

I note that some of these suggestions relate to operational and maintenance matters that are outside the scope of these plans. I will pass these onto those staff who are responsible for such matters.

Please let me know if I have captured any aspects incorrectly and I shall amend these accordingly.

Suggestions:

- a) The views from the Park are a key attraction and need to be actively protected and maintained. This should include maintaining vegetation both within the Park and on private land adjoining the Park via agreements with adjoining residents. The views should also be celebrated with interpretive signage identifying features in the landscape. Installing coin operated binoculars was also suggested.
- b) The current spray regime being applied in the Park is causing the deaths of some native plants, including even a young kauri tree. An organic approach is favored over spaying.
- c) The public toilet block is neglected and needs to be painted with murals or completely renewed.
- d) Seal the carpark around the toilets.
- e) Make the link from Park Road to the Park more visible and more inviting. Currently it is difficult to find and on arriving in the Park, one is greeted by the dump station and toilets and the unsealed car park.
- f) Improve the access through the Park to Old Golf Course Road.
- g) There is a paper road from Old Golf Course Road through to Colville Road. This could be promoted as an additional walking or cycling link.
- h) Improve integration with the cycle trail (Kaipara Missing Link – one of New Zealand Cycle Trail's Heartland Rides).
- i) Install more/better bike racks.
- j) Enhance community usability of the Park by removing fences and barriers to people moving about.
- k) Improve the connectivity between different offerings and aspects of the Park. Visitors to the Park need to be able to look around and understand where they are and where to find the different attractions. Currently they struggle to know what is all on offer in the Park and where to find it. Need a "you are here" Park map. Also a brochure with a map and key features on it.

- l) Maintain the ability to use the Village Green and the field by Kaipara Heritage Machinery Inc. as overflow parking during functions and events. That said, this needs to be appropriately managed so people do not go doing doughnuts on the grass. Vehicle access could be restricted when functions are not taking place.
- m) Recognize the Lighthouse Function Center is a major events center for the Dargaville area. It is used weekly and the overflow car parking is critical.
- n) Install a safety barrier on the road corner beyond the Rainbow Warrior masts. The road here is narrow and the drop off is steep. This gives an unsafe feeling to drivers.
- o) Add speed signs beyond the museum so visitors leaving the museum and driving down the hill know it is only a 30km/h zone.
- p) Paint arrows on the road to remind people it is one way.
- q) Lock the gates at night. There are issues with security and crime at night. Arrangements could be made for caravans staying on site to get out if they need to.
- r) Night use of the park is encouraged but by pedestrians (people walking dogs etc.) and overnight caravans. It is considered that people in cars are the issue.
- s) There have been issues with freedom campers making a mess. Arrangements are in place for self-contained campervans to stay overnight and there has been no issue with them.
- t) Improve maintenance of the Park generally
- u) Share the monthly maintenance report from the contractor with the Museum Board
- v) Involve the groups based in the Park more in the operations and maintenance of the Park.
- w) Reconvene the Harding Park Advisory Group or a similar group where all groups based in the Park can meet, give an update on what each has been doing and will be doing and hear what Council is doing and provide feedback to Council and suggestions to the Committees governing the park. It was stressed that this needs to be able to result in action not just talk. Meetings would need to be regular with an agenda pre-circulated. There is a need to foster better communication between groups.
- x) Establish a sculpture park within the Park
- y) Install a petanque court on the Village Green
- z) Label native tree and Māori medicinal plants so visitors to the Park can identify them.
- aa) Make sure all plantings are appropriate. The trees planted along the road by Kaipara Heritage Machinery Inc. are encroaching on road. This has already resulted in damage to a visiting bus. Clearance for busses and camper vans needs to be maintained.
- bb) Clear the mulch out of the stormwater pipes.
- cc) Replace the lights on the Rainbow Warrior masts. Acknowledged that these are the Museum's responsibility but asked if Council can help.
- dd) Retain the Rainbow Warrior masts where they are. Seeing these lit up at night is iconic to the town.
- ee) Install BBQs and picnic places similar to those available at Cornwall Park, Auckland
- ff) Hold more festivals and celebrations e.g. kite flying days, concerts on the deck in front of the Lighthouse Function Centre - maybe have an outdoor stage area.
- gg) Have separate bins for recycling
- hh) Have mosaics on top of the picnic tables
- ii) Install an orienteering course around the Park

I asked the Museum if they had any plans to expand their buildings. They said they did not, with the possible exceptions of some improvements to their existing boat shed (presently this building has no sides).

Kind Regards,

Mark Schreurs

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Mark Schreurs | Infrastructure Strategic Planner
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From: [Brent Fernandez](#)
To: [Mark Schreurs](#)
Subject: RE: Old Mt Wesley Cemetery
Date: Friday, 8 October 2021 11:10:16 AM
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To the Committee,

In connection with the future of Harding Park, I would like to make a suggestion re information signage in the Old Mt Wesley Cemetery. I have three Great Grandparents buried there & have for years tended to their graves and kept them in an acceptable state.

The summer house sits there as an iconic element of the Cemetery, and I note the wall that faces the west would make an ideal place to affix some information boards. I already have a good sized list of unique qualities of persons buried in the Cemetery & figure most would find this incredibly interesting. Also a small summary of the history of the Cemetery and alongside these a Cemetery Layout Plan. I would also like to help found a "Friends of Mt Wesley Cemetery" group who were active & passionate enough to help make repairs and support the Council in these sorts of ways re the Cemetery. Not a group established for profit or personal gain.

One should note here that not only has the footpath from Dargaville town been extended to the foot of the graveyard, but a heritage trail has been created through the cemetery. So an information hoarding would certainly fit well with adding to peoples walking experience within the Cemetery grounds. A huge number of the founding families of the Northern Wairoa are represented in the Cemetery and thus it makes sense to try and recreate & improve the place.

If the Committee see's value in this suggestion, then please feel free to consult further as to how those ideas would work & be implemented. I also believe it could be crowd funded to completion.

I attached photos of the Awanui & Te Henui Cemeteries in New Plymouth as examples of the Gold Standard. Old Mt Wesley is certainly a long way off this kind of pleasing status. But its worth seeing how others with Friends of the Cemetery do it.

Kind regards
Brent Fernandez
Bach Owner
Glinks Gully







Barry L Jones

To Whom it may Concern

SUBMISSION TO THE DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR HARDING PARK

In response to the article 28-9-2021 in the local 'Lifestyler' newspaper regarding Harding Park, I submit the following as public input towards the Management Plan coupled with 3 photo appendices.

There are three aspects of concern: these are **A: The Park Development**, **B: The Pa Site Enhancement** and **C: The Rainbow Warrior Display**.

For readers to understand the depth of knowledge I have in this regard, here is a brief summary of my involvement.

1. One of the earlier museum life members.
2. Helped with various building stages and garden surrounds.
3. Several years on committee as Promotions Officer.
4. Liaised with all parties including Greenpeace and the Navy, involved with erecting the Rainbow Warrior masts.
5. Arranged plans to have a concrete hull outline and net sails, lighting etc for those masts.
6. Commissioned a Harding Park model showing future enhancements.
7. Managed the Lighthouse Restaurant and did caretaker duties for several years while residing on site.
8. Working for 20 plus years with Noel Hilliam, the founder and builder of the Harding Park Complex.

A: The Park Development –

The photographs in Appendix A & B show some of what we envisioned back in 1985 as future requirements to (1) cater for uncreased patronage and (2) tourist attraction potential. These show the extra parking spaces in front of the Museum and beside what is now the Aratapu Hall. Details of materials are held.

The bank behind the houses and in line with River Road looking up to the Warrior masts was to be trimmed of trees and planted with dwarf Pohutukawa from the Chatham Islands. This view would entice visitors to come and check out the 'ship on the hill'.

The mainly Maritime Museum theme once had the fence in front of the main entrance adorned with multi-coloured fishing net buoys also visible from River Road. Leon Searle's collection at Te Kopuru could provide some more and possibly enough for the fence on the downhill road by the old Cemetery. This also needs the galvanised crash barrier fence which has been on hold since the road direction was changed.

The old NW bridge plinth with nameplate needs water blasting and acid treatment of bronze lettering.

The addition of a mini restaurant behind the main building was for small gatherings instead of hiring the large venue – See Photo

B: The Pa Site Enhancement –

Copies of documents regarding the ownership and occupations of this site culminated in the final title being vested in Te Uri o Hau hands. It appears through archaeological records that the early Maori tribal living area was to the west of the hill (Motuaronga) at the pa called Omariki.

The pa site attached to the present Harding Park was called Opongo and for some unknown reason the KDC adopted the name Pou Tu Te Rangi. This name was suggested by Hinemoa Paniora, a descendant of Parore Te Awha as none of the early survey maps had a name except 'pa site'.

At a land court hearing 7 July 1877, the Kumatua Pairama Ngatahi clearly states his ownership and whakapapa to both Opongo and Omariki pa's.

No record exists about the earliest occupation but with the discovery of nearby graves and skeletal remains of pre-Maori short Turihu with long blond hair in 1949, it is probable that Turihu were early occupiers of this pa site.

Over many years discussions have revolved around whether to develop this site or to restore it to war mode as it was in 1845 by Rewhi Taramoeroa.

To further enhance the tourism aspect of the Harding Park complex along with the Rainbow Warrior, something similar to what the Te Hana township has done, would be a feasible idea. That is to reconstruct the site in a defensive mode.

C: The Rainbow Warrior Display –

The completion of the Rainbow Warrior display with hull outlined, sails etc, was widely researched and planned since 1986. Initially Noel Hilliam and I were prepared to organise total funding with a New Zealand wide appeal but the intransigence of the changed museum committees has seen this opportunity lost to date. A comprehensive dossier is held including the marine architects plans and endorsement by all parties contacted except the museum.

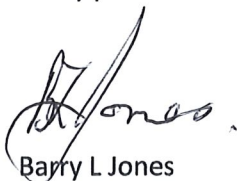
Talk about looking a gift horse in the mouth – but with the need to get more patronage at the venue, this project could easily be put in motion. An artist's impression is attached as Appendix C.

The initial idea of large mesh trawler net sails has been rethought and canvas webbing strips like seat belt material sewen into large squares is my current thinking. As a completely novel idea, these squares could be sold to locals and tourists as a fund-raising idea. A scaled down indoor wall display would show the names of all donors who could proudly say 'I own a piece of the Rainbow Warrior sails'.

Summary

As an avid historian I have dozens of documents from the Kaipara Land Court hearings, Hobson County, New Zealand Gazette, Kaipara Minute books, Treaty Settlements plus 80 books on early history.

I wish to help promote our local area by sharing my knowledge and would be available to address and answer questions at any management committee meeting. This document is only a thumbnail outline of my previous involvement with the Harding Park/Museum/Rainbow Warrior and local history.



Barry L Jones



CNR PARK

EXTRN
CNR PARK

SMALL
VENUE

R/WARRIOR
HULL OUTLINE

1986 HARDING PARK MODEL

1986 FULL PARK MODEL



1988 BEFORE MUSEUM STAGE 3

"THE WARRIOR PROJECT"



FUNDRAISING APPEAL

"The Warrior Project" appeal is to raise the finance for completion of a 25 year plan to enhance the original ships masts which stand tall at the Dargaville Museum. This involves constructing a replica hull outline in concrete and equipping the masts with net sails and lighting. The 25th Anniversary of the bombing is Saturday 10 July 2010.

Donations to "The Warrior Project" at any branch of the ASB or P.O. Box 166, Dargaville. 0310.

From: [Roxanne Kelly - Sport Northland](#)
To: [Reserve Management Plan](#)
Cc:
Subject: Feedback on Pou Tu o Te Rangi Reserve Management plans
Date: Thursday, 30 September 2021 12:08:19 PM
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Kia Ora

On behalf of the Kaipara Cycling Club I would like to place our feedback to the Kaipara District Council and the Pou Tu o Te Rangi Joint Management Committee new Reserve Management Plans for Harding Park and Pou Tu o Te Rangi

As a club we would like to meet with you to discuss the following ideas

- Signage in town to let visitors and locals know that Dargaville has a stunning little park 2kms from the centre of town.
- Shared footpath Cycleway through town to Mountainbike park.
- Safe bridge crossing on SH 12 to the park.
- Pedestrian Crossing on River Rd/Pouto Road.
- Picnic Tables at strategic places on Park.
- Bike racks at strategic places on park.
- Add more trails as there is still plenty of room to continue the trail network.
- A flat family trail at the top for the under 10s. A skill playground.
- A dirt pump track that can only be used by bikes.
- A family area with more outdoor adventure that is not just biking...A massive flying Fox for example.
- A container to set up a small cafe.
- A container to provide hire bikes for visiting families.

Other things we would like you to consider

- cycleways around town for our tamariki to cycle safely to schools and in and out of town.
- Cycle lanes on all bridges leading in and out of Dargaville as more and more cycle tourists will be travelling through town. Reducing the speed from 100km to 50km or even 30km with a two way cycle lane over our mighty bridge over the Wairoa. One shared lane for cyclists.
- Make Dargaville a cycle friendly town. Make the Kaipara a cycle friendly region...add cycleways in all towns.

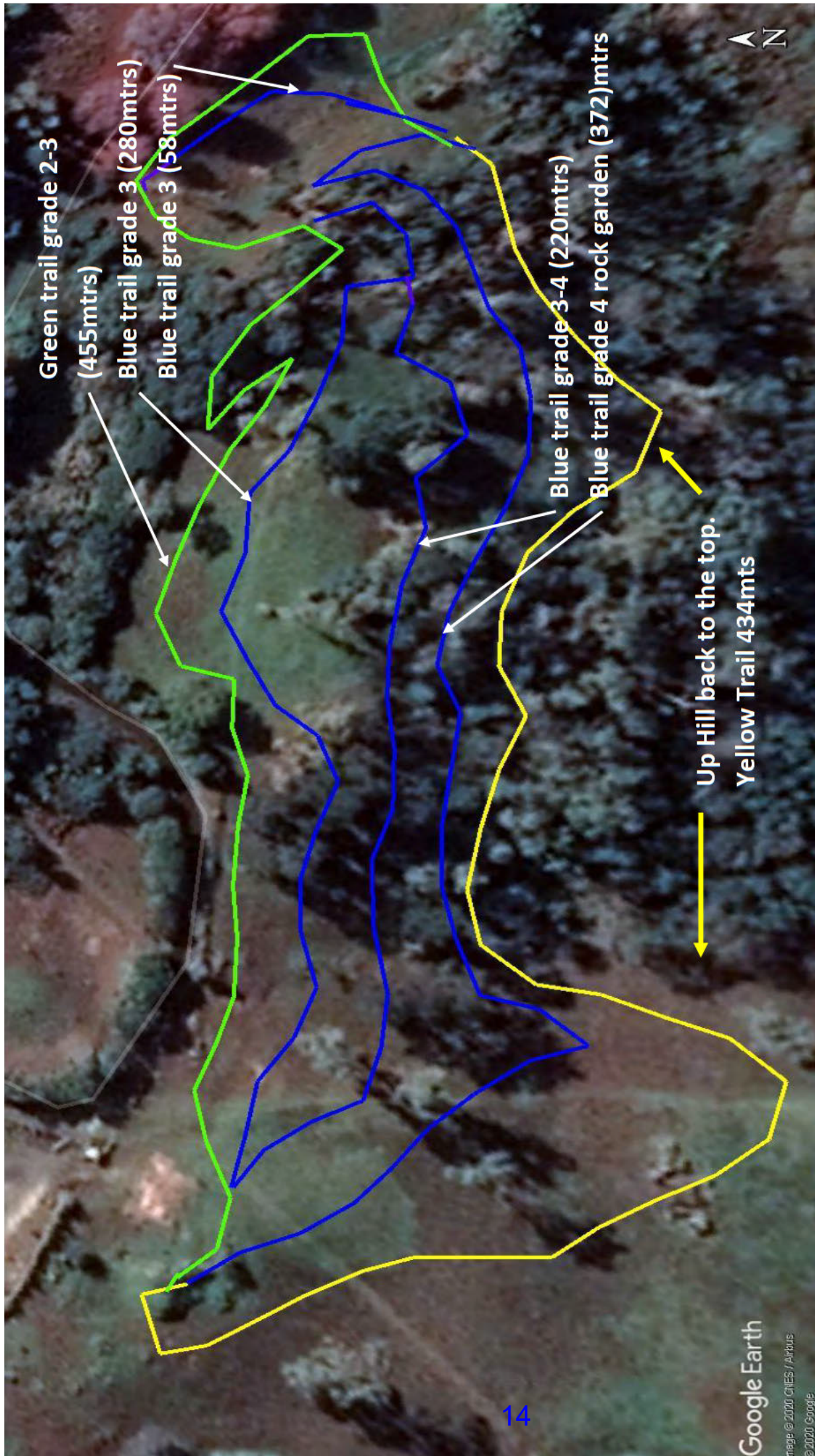


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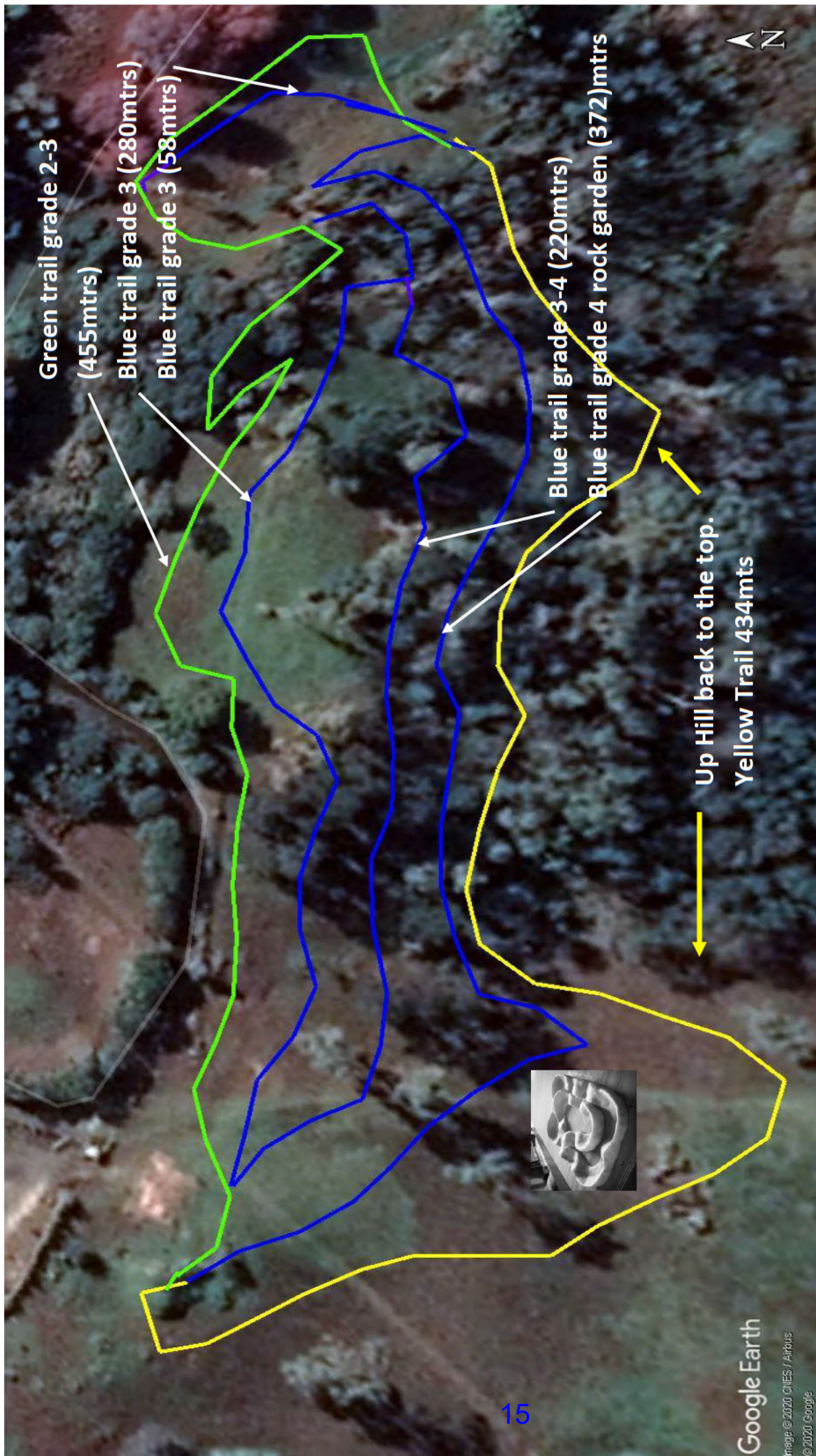
Roxanne Kelly

Secretary

Kaipara Cycling



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Date: Tuesday, 5 October 2021 5:20:11 PM
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Kia ora Roxanne,

Further to our meeting with Kaipara Cycling on the night of 4 October 2021, here are the notes I recorded. These are in addition to the suggestions you provided previously, attached. Please let me know if I have captured your suggestions correctly?

Suggestions for incorporation into the Pou Tu o Te Rangī and Harding Park Reserve Management Plans:

- a Active transport access to the Park from other areas of Dargaville is currently poor. This needs to be improved to encourage greater use of the Park. In particular, the bridge over the Kaihu River and Beach Road/Victoria Street intersection is not conducive to cyclists and pedestrians. Installing a foot bridge/clip-on on the Wairoa River side of the road would improve the situation. The other key area of concern is the section of River Road that skirts around the Pa site and the intersection between Pouto Road and Mount Wesley Coast Road. This area is dangerous and not conducive to active transport.
- b The link from Park Road to the Park is difficult to find and needs to be improved.
- c The paper roads linking Old Golf Course Road to Colville Road should be used as walking and cycling links, further connecting the Park to the town and creating an alternative to the dangerous access via Pouto Road.
- d Better signage is needed in town to advertise the mountain bike tracks and other cycling offerings as well as the other offerings of the Park. The current sign by the library does not have much information on it, it is predominantly just graphics.
- e Offerings of the Park need to be recognized as part of a package of offerings together with the Kauri Coast Cycleway, Kaipara Missing Link and the yet to be opened Kaihu Valley Trail. These offerings need to be better advertised.
- f The approved route of the Kaipara Missing Link Heartland ride passes Pou Tu o Te Rangī and Harding Park, however linkages are poor and should be improved.
- g A nice local scenic ride that is being promoted is to cycle from Dargaville via Pou Tu o Te Rangī and Harding Park to Mahuta Gap, then via the beach to Bayliss before returning to Dargaville via the road. This could be better integrated with the Park and better advertised. It is also suggested that Council resume maintaining the Mahuta Gap beach access as this can be quite treacherous at times.
- h Council should work with Kaipara Cycling on where future bicycle racks should be located in the Park. Bike racks should also be located in town near public toilets and eateries.
- i Move/rearrange the frisbee golf course so that it is not incompatible with the mountain bike tracks. The area around the water tank between Kaipara Heritage Machinery and the Dargaville Museum is suggested as a good location. It should be noted that Disk Golf New Zealand are keen to invest in disk golf courses and this project might be eligible for external funding. The sign advertising frisbee golf should be reinstated.
- j Allow Kaipara Cycling to construct a kids loop mountain bike track and a pump track as indicated below.



- k Install an orienteering course around the Park.
- l Allow food trucks/vendors to operate in the Park, especially during events. It would be nice to have a café.
- m Council should maintain the vegetation around the mountain bike tracks better. The long grass is beginning to look quite untidy. Clarification is needed on what Council's responsibilities are versus those of Kaipara Cycling.
- n The Reserve Management Plan should not allow stock to be grazed in the area where the mountain bike tracks are located.
- o The Reserve Management Plan should not prevent a bike or other equipment hire business from operating at the Park. There are no plans to do this currently, with any bike hire business likely to be based off site. However, the Plan should not prevent this from occurring in future.
- p The Plan should be conducive to developing other recreational equipment at the park, such as a zip line or flying fox.

Kind Regards,

Mark Schreurs



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From:
Sent: Sunday, 5 September 2021 9:58 AM
To: Mark Schreurs
Subject: New Reserve Management Plan.

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Updated copy to delete typo in introduction. Please delete original e-mail.

To Mark Schreurs, Kaipara District Council.

Following an on-line consultation, a quorum of our Committee members has approved the following:

Re The New Reserve Management Plan for Pou Tu O Te Rangi and Harding Park.

We, the Kaipara Heritage Machinery Inc [formerly Kaipara Vintage Machinery Club Inc.] have been a significant part of Harding Park since 2001.

We are of the opinion that the Management Committee has never functioned efficiently in spite of huge budgets allocated.

Areas of failure include:

1. Poor communication.
2. Poor inclusion of all parties.
3. Hit and miss maintenance. Example.....We have been requesting a load of metal to fill the potholes in the gate way access between ourselves and Dargaville Museum since 2.6.21. This gateway is the access for functions and funerals. The response `No funds.`
4. The absence of a co-ordinator, an on-line news letter, or regular meetings. No-one knows what is happening.
5. The Bike Park. While this was a good idea in principle, the result has been a mess of weeds and piles of excess dirt and woodchip. The parking area floods, it pools on-site due to inefficient drainage, and the overflow drains across our entrance.
6. Two water tanks were installed this year, primarily for Fire fighting. They lack the proper fittings for fire hoses. In the event of a fire, someone would need to climb up, remove the lid, and drop in a hose. A consultation with the Fire Brigade would have resulted in a quick connection fitting.
7. Fire hazards. While there has been an improvement in the clearing of the bush, the area previously grazed and managed by Mr Merv Hilliam now presents a fire hazard. There is more foot traffic, more usage, more weeds, and less maintenance.

8. A row of titoki trees has been planted on the grass berm opposite our building, and outside the bollards. With a little foresight these trees will encroach on the tarseal edge and scratch the side of passing buses. They should have been behind the bollards, but we were not consulted.

We look forward to more inclusion, better communication, and more consultation.

Yours faithfully, Maureen Ross. Hon Secretary. Kaipara Heritage Machinery Inc.

From: Mark Schreurs
Sent: Monday, 20 September 2021 3:16 PM
To: Fiona McLeod;
Cc: Mike Collins
Subject: Kaipara Heritage Machinery Inc.-Suggestions for Reserve Management Plans
Attachments: scan_kms1_2021-09-17-09-24-35.pdf

Hi Fiona,

I meet with Kaipara Heritage Machinery Inc. on Wednesday 15 September 2021 to get their suggestions on content for the reserve management plans.

Their feedback is attached. Please note that some of this feedback relates to operational, maintenance and governance matters that are beyond the scope of the reserve management plans. These other matters will need to be addressed by Council staff in other ways – I will pass this feedback on to the relevant departments.

Some additional notes I recorded at my meeting with them are listed here:

- a) They would like to extend their post and rail fence as shown by the purple line below:



- b) The area beyond their steel gates (shown below) is used for overflow parking when there are large functions at the Park, including weddings and funerals at the Lighthouse Function Center. They would like to be able to continue to use this area for this function. They note that the entrance to this area needs to be improved to allow this. It is currently suffering from potholes.



- c) During “Crank-up Days” Kaipara Heritage Machinery Inc. get their old machinery running for the community and turn the area mentioned above into an outdoor display space and hold something of a gala. On these days they charge an entry fee to come through the gates into this area.
- d) They noted that the back gate access way giving access to Old Golf Course Road is in poor condition. They suggest it should be given some maintenance and used as an emergency exit should other exits be blocked. They suggest it would not be suitable as a public entry without considerable upgrade works.
- e) The newly constructed car park for the mountain bike tracks has inappropriate drainage and causes a large amount of water to pond across the Kaipara Heritage Machinery Inc. entrance way. This needs to be addressed.
- f) If council supplied paint they would be willing to paint their shipping containers all the same colour and make this structure look more tidy.
- g) They would like to see the cemetery receive more maintenance
- h) They would like the gate to the Park to be closed at night to prevent crime. They noted they have had things stolen.
- i) They support reconvening the Harding Park Advisory Group or a similar group but note the need to have good communication from Council about when meetings will be held and what is on the agenda. Meetings need to result in action not just talk.
- j) There have been issues with people driving the wrong way around the internal road. They suggest better signage is needed.
- k) They want Council to advertise the Park more including through the AA.
- l) They noted that their wool shed is over 100 years old, though has been relocated to their site. They use it for shearing demonstrations on Crank-up Days.

I asked if they had any intentions of expanding their buildings. They said they were largely fully developed. They intend to extend their shipping container shed by one more container/bay (they have existing permission for this). They have recently added a new mezzanine floor in their main display hall. They noted this could be expanded considerably if they had funding. Therefore, they have the ability to expand their display space without the need to erect more buildings. They are also planning to re-erect their windmill. This will stand by their container shed.

The key development they would like to seek approval for is to establish a caretaker's flat above their workshop smoko room. They noted that the Dargaville Museum already have such a flat and they too would like to have an onsite caretaker.

Maureen, please let me know if I have failed to capture anything correctly and I will amend it.

Kind Regards,

Mark Schreurs



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Aims & Aspirations

1. Post & rails. We want the post & rails extended down to the double gates. - A sliding rail for quick access to the tanks for Fire fighting included.
2. A load of metal in the gateway to fill the pot-holes. Extend metal to the roadway.
3. Back entrance gateway. Upgrade to all weather access. This gate could be the Emergency exit in a crisis.
4. We want a barrier/fence/screen on the Rainbow Warrior corner. It's dangerous.
5. Extend the container storage by adding 1 more. (already onsite.) Roof the gap, & paint the containers.
6. Reassemble the windmill & erect it near the containers.
7. Support the Genealogists in their efforts to upgrade the Cemetery.
8. Build a flat over the Smoko room for a resident caretaker/curator, and for Security reasons.
9. We want regular consultations, recorded, and a newsletter/e-mail contact between all parties.

Maintenance.

1. URGENT. Trees & hedges on the Yakas boundary are nearly up to power lines.
Hedges on Old Golf Course Rd need attention.
The eleagnes needs to be removed, & the hedges & trees along the back need to be trimmed.
2. The Parking area for the Bike Park floods, pools, and runs off across our gateway.
3. The Park entrance off Old Golf Course Rd. is useless. No-one uses it. The kissing gate has been installed wrong & goes nowhere.
4. Water tanks need to be fitted with quick access for Fire Fighting. At present they need to climb up, remove the lid, & drop in a hose.
5. The titoki trees on the roadside will be too big in the near future. They should have been planted inside the bollards.
6. The bush below the Museum has had a lot of work done but still needs clearing of rubbish, piles of metal & vegetation.
7. Fire hazards. The Bike Park is a mess with piles of vegetation & overgrown weeds.
The open pond is a hazard for children & wouldn't be permitted on private property.
8. The Council lawnmower has a tank of weedkiller and a gun on board. He sprays indiscriminately over the bulbs & plants on the fence line.
More care needed.

Security and Safety.

1. The roadway. Needs more signs, direction arrows. The walkway crossing is badly placed for traffic coming downhill.
The Rainbow Warrior corner is dangerous.
- see Aims + Ambitions.
2. A custodian/caretaker on-site at both the Museum and the Heritage Machinery. (The Museum already has a flat on-site.)
- Remuneration to be sorted. - Rent, salary, entrance fees, viewing/opening the displays.

From: Ingrid Kuindersma <ingridk@nrc.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 21 September 2021 11:49 AM
To: Reserve Management Plan
Subject: Reserve Management Plan review

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Kia ora

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the development of the new Reserve Management Plan for Pou Tu o Te Rangi Harding Park. At this stage the only comment we have to make is the need to update the Northland Regional Council Planning documents referred to in the current management plan.

Ngā mihi

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From: [NW Genealogy](#)
To: [Reserve Management Plan](#)
Subject: SUBMISSION FOR RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR POU TU O TE RANGI HARDING PARK
Date: Sunday, 26 September 2021 12:15:11 PM

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Good morning

Thank you for your letter regarding the Reserve Management Plan Review.

For many years the Northern Wairoa Genealogy Society have taken an interest in the Old Mt Wesley Cemetery, including cleaning and transcribing headstones, hosting cemetery walks, and discovering the history of those who are interred in the cemetery.

Cemetery visiting has always been a passion of the members of our Society as it is an important tool to genealogists the world over. We have noticed an increase in enquiries from both within New Zealand and from overseas, particularly Australia, and also a larger number of people visiting Dargaville to spend time in the Old Mt Wesley Cemetery and others in the area.

The NWSG recommends to the Reserve Management Review Committee that Old Mt Wesley Cemetery be treated as a place of historic interest and of interest to visitors and tourists. With this in mind, we have the following suggestions to put to the Review:

- Picket Fence along Mt Wesley Coast Road, at least from gateway to gateway - this would improve the "first impressions" appearance. Gate posts at both entrances, similar to those at the RSA Cemetery on Old Golf Course Road.
- Water receptacle at the gate for cleansing when leaving the cemetery - we see this as a cultural aspect and could take the form of a water bottle (reuse a large juice or fizzy drink bottles) inside a box shaped container perhaps attached to the signage posts. If the box had a door on it, it would keep the sun off the bottles inside.
- Repurpose the sexton's shed as an information place, including history panels, important people panels, and unusual people panels about those buried in the Cemetery. It would be good to include a plot location map and a list of burials with plot numbers - an electronic database would be great but we appreciate that it would be susceptible to vandals and thieves.
- Restorative work to crumbling surrounds (not headstones). Perhaps we could look at having a Friends of the Cemetery who would meet once a month to keep the plots looking their best.
- Fence around the unknown graves near the Mt Wesley corner with a sign listing names of those buried there.
- Concrete the entire driveway, this would remove the need for stones and the movement of stones following heavy rain.
- If the drains along the front of the cemetery were piped, and the area sealed, this could be used as angle parking.
- Several seats spread throughout the cemetery for quiet contemplation.

- Compost bins or rubbish bins for old flowers.

We are very appreciative that the pathway has been extended around the Mt Wesley Corner as this has made the Old Mt Wesley Cemetery much more accessible to people who walk the area. When we reproduce the Amber Threads Historic River Walk pamphlet we will be able to include the path around the corner.

Kind regards

Sue Curtis
Treasurer
Northern Wairoa Genealogy Society Inc

From:
To: [Reserve Management Plan](#)
Subject: Harding park suggestions
Date: Monday, 4 October 2021 4:45:43 PM

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Good Afternoon , We have a few suggestions to help to improvement of Harding Park.

- 1..Provide wooden troughs containing honey water to be attached to trees above people level, in kauri trees area , for encouraging native bird life (as seen being used so successfully on Tiritiri Island).
2. Increased signage along roads in town giving directions to the park, for BMX riding, walking tracks, outstanding kauri stands of trees etc.
3. Continue native planting of native trees around pond, to enhance natural beauty already present..Job only 1/2 done.

Regards Nolene and Wally Osbaldiston

Original Message-----
From: Joss and Brian [<mailto:jossandbrian@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, 10 September 2021 4:17:57 PM
To: Council
Subject: Fwd: RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN:HARDING PARK & POU TU O TE RANGI

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From: **Joss and Brian**
Date: Fri, 10 Sept 2021 at 16:10
Subject: RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN:HARDING PARK & POU TU O TE RANGI
To: <rmp@kaipara.govt.nz>

Kia ora

We wish to submit some thoughts/ feedback regarding the Reserves that contain Pou Tu Te Rangi Pa & surrounds:

The Park need:

- 1/Some solid historical signage with steel RSJ supports i.e. structures that colour with the elements. Current signs, even though the thought was there, are cheap and nasty and wont last.
- 2/Should have colourful pictures of typical historic scenes. ie Marden Cross Walkway in the Bay of Islands has fantastic signage and storyboards. Whangarei Town Basin also has well constructed signs with interesting information. (attached is a picture of the signage from Marsden Cross)
- 3/ Topographic signage of the surrounding points of interest. ie Tokatoka Peak.
- 4/ More emphasis needs to be made of the local Maori History and the pa site. Once again better signage or even historical type building structures.

5/ Art work such as sculptures, Maori carvings/Pouwhenua. etc.

6/BBQ/seating areas for groups to use. Similar to what is found at Cornwall Park in Auckland.

7/Clearer signage to the new bike trial.

8/ Complete footpath from the cemetery to Colville Road/Park Road. As a frequent walker in the area this is a very dangerous corner.

Kind regards

Brian Ross and Joss Hodgson

From: [Snow Tane](#)
To: [Fiona McLeod](#)
Cc:
Subject: Re: Suggestions for the Pou Tu o Te Rangi and Harding Park Reserve Management Plans
Date: Tuesday, 12 October 2021 10:04:18 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Thanks Fiona, you have captured my thoughts well.

Po marie

Snow

On Tue, Oct 12, 2021 at 6:00 PM Fiona McLeod wrote:

Tēnā koe Snow,

Further to our meeting this morning (12 October 2021), below are the notes I recorded in regard to your suggestions for the Pou Tu o Te Rangi and Harding Park Reserve Management Plans.

Please let me know if I have captured your suggestions correctly or if these need any amendments.

Introductory comments:

- Direct whakapapa into the place.
- In regard to the historic site, this needs wider wānanga between specific māori leaders to come up with what is appropriate for the space.

Feedback and suggestions for incorporation into the Pou Tu o Te Rangi and Harding Park Reserve Management Plans:

- a. Cultural flavor important.
- b. Entrance – Identification of the cultural site by way of whakairo at the entrance, or something more simplistic like at the pou at the museum. More detailed than the pou at lighthouse and down the bottom.
- c. Capture historic information - could be in the form of a static information board as opposite to huge development. Examples – Ruapekapeka, Rewa Pā in Kerikeri,
- d. Rainbow Warrior site – overdue for a refresh.
- e. Native bush, good example of kauri, great place to walk, opportunity to plant more.
- f. Pou tu o te Rangi – nothing really enhances the site at present.
- g. Open space – opportunity for development / enhancement. Open space areas are great. Used for picnic spot, family space, reflection, used largely by locals (unless visitors to the museum). Lots of people use the site. Open space near water tank – great views – maintain open space. Lots of people use the open space site near the Rainbow Warrior masts.

- h. Cultural element into the plan is another way to encourage visitors.
- i. Pā development - Opportunities for pā development. Palisades could be incorporated. Example Rewa's Pa and Te Puia (Rotorua) give a good cultural context. Key is how it is built/designed. Do we want something the same as other have done, or opportunity to do something unique to the area.
- j. Whare taonga – questions around what dimensions, what purpose, what taonga, location. Not fully supportive of whare taonga to hold cultural taonga.
- k. Kāinga – walk into, more upmarket than gum diggers huts. Doesn't have to be flash but walk into and get the feel. Challenge - would need to be weatherproof and a safe structure. Regular maintenance and renewal would be important.
- l. Lookout structure – right on River Road bend – look down on to river.
- m. Native planting road between the cemetery- positive.
- n. Track down to the Pā could be a feature.

Ngā mihi

Fiona McLeod, BA MPlanPrac

Senior Planner



Nga mihi

Snow

Taoho (Snow) Tane | General Manager

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