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Subject: World War One Commemoration Projects - Funding for Northcote Point Memorial Hall

Evening Lindsay and Mike,

Further to recent discussions regarding the Lottery Grants Board funding allocation for the WW100 commemorations, I have outlined below a brief proposal for consideration by the NRA and KLB.

Overview and Background

The Northcote Memorial Hall is located at 2 Rodney Road, Northcote Point. The community hall and its gardens provide an important amenity for the local residents, a focal point for Anzac Day services and not least a place to remind and remember those local and NZ troops who made the ultimate sacrifice. The location of the hall is in close proximity to the intersection of Queen Street, Stafford Road, Vincent Street and Rodney Road. It is suggested that this intersection is characterised by high traffic speeds and volumes with low pedestrian/cycle amenity and connectivity. To the extent that AT has proposed an upgrade of this intersection, it is suggested that the Northcote Memorial Hall could also benefit from works that could:

1. Provide a landmark statement from the street to frame the entrance to the hall and memorial garden
2. Reference the landscape and environment where NZ WW1 troops fought in the streetscape of Rodney Road outside the hall. This would also better connect the hall to the local residents and community
3. Frame and emphasise the location of the memorial gardens and provide a more appropriate environment for those wishing to enjoy the well maintained garden beds and planting
4. Connect the surrounding businesses with the hall
5. Provide a safer pedestrian approach for those wishing to access the hall

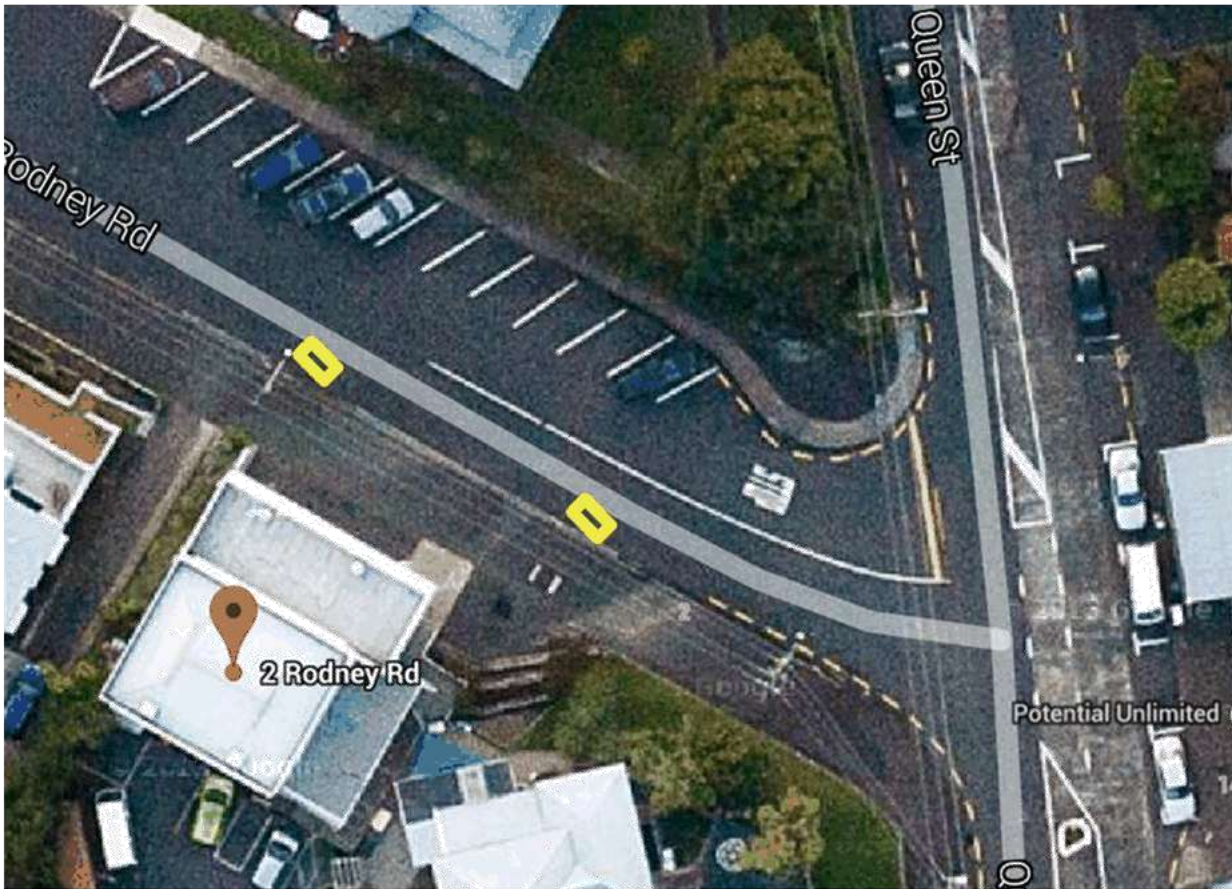
Proposal

The Battle of Lone Pine 1915 also known as the Battle of Kanli Sirt was fought by Australians in Gallipoli and acted as a diversion for the battle of Chunuk Bair which involved NZ troops. The many Kiwis that have visited the NZ and Ataturk Memorial at Gallipoli would have stood beneath the pines that are present there. Seedlings that are direct descendants of the original Lone Pine were presented in 2012 to the Hawkes Bay Regional Council for planting at parks and RSA's. Another direct descendant of the Lone Pine grows at the Paeroa Golf Course.

It is proposed that two specimen trees are planted in the road carriageway directly adjacent to and adjoining the kerb line at either end of the hall on Rodney Road. This is shown indicatively on the below plan highlighted in yellow. The specimen trees could for example be pines via seedlings sourced from Gallipoli through Australia (as per Paeroa and Hawkes Bay identified above) or NZ natives that have a lower canopy and could be more easily maintained. The latter is especially relevant given the presence of power lines. The position of the trees would satisfy the above 5 point criteria and create better profile for the hall that could be further emphasized by externalizing some of the Returned Servicemen paraphernalia typically found inside most war memorial halls. By way of example, a plaque could be included at the base of each tree to reinforce and compliment the street presence of the memorial garden.

This proposal would require AT approval. I note that AT are already considering the inclusion of a line painted parking lane on Rodney Road adjacent to the kerb. The location of the proposed twin memorial trees would easily be integrated into this parking zone without compromising traffic movements but improving pedestrian connectivity to the hall.

Figure 1 - Plan of Northcote Memorial Hall and location of twin memorial trees



Recommendation

I trust the above is a considered approach in terms of the opportunity to seek funding approval for the Northcote Memorial Hall via the Lottery grant. It is recommended that the above outlined proposal is supported by both the NRA and KLB to ensure the hall's accessibility to the community is enhanced and that it remains an integral landmark feature of the region.

I look forward to your feedback.

Regards

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