

## **Application for street name of subdivision R65947 at 207 -215 Goatley Rd, Warkworth: 'Dashper Drive'**

### **History of the property off Goatley Road, Warkworth:**

The first European settlers in what was to be called Goatley Road Warkworth, arrived around 1860. Plans for the road went to the survey office in 1879 for certification. The road was named after James Henry Goatley who arrived from Oxfordshire England in 1883.

James Goatley built his homestead on his property which is now 207 – 215 Goatley Rd where he lived until 1930. He had substantial orchards on the property and was known for hosting community re-enactments of Auckland cricket games.

The farm was later purchased by the family of Stan and Wynn Gittos, who turned the land into a dairy farm and would produce milk and cream for the local market. Goatley Rd was finally metalled in 1935, and the Gittos family remained on the farm with Stan also continued the tradition of the orchards on a small scale with berries grown wild and made available for picking.

Finally in 1977, Richard and Madeleine Dashper purchased the farm and turned it into a goat farm, a working pottery, an architectural practice and a lifestyle block. They continued to live in the old Goatley homestead which they restored to an original condition. Traditionally over the next 40 years, people would refer to their house (the Goatley homestead) as being up Dashper's drive off Goatley Rd.

Their son Mark Dashper and grand-daughter Waimarie moved onto the farm and built a family home in 2003 on a small section of the property next to his mother's pottery shed. Richard practised architecture in a retired capacity, and was a consultant for Historic Places and a small number of Tai Tokerau marae, until his death in 2009. Madeleine was able to move into the pottery shed to live after it was renovated by her son into a studio apartment in 2010.

The old homestead continues to be used in a rental capacity, referred to as Lot 1 on the resource consent. Madeleine was diagnosed with dementia and now lives in the Leigh Rd Cottages to this date. Mark and his wife live in 207 Goatley Rd, and his daughter and her partner live in 209 Goatley Rd on Lot 2 of the subdivision.

The subdivision consists of 7 Lots. Lot 1 is the old Goatley homestead still owned by the Dashper family at the end of the Dashper driveway (215). 100 acres of native bush is now covenanted and attached to Lot 1. Lot 2 supports the modern homes by the roadside at the start of the Dashper driveway, occupied by Mark Dashper and his wife Lyn (207) , and daughter Waimarie and her partner Tamati (209). Lots 3 – 7 are being developed for sale, each being approximately 1 hectare in size.

The logical name put forward for the new private road formed as a right-of-way to the 7 lots, is "**Dashper Drive**" representing the last family to develop the full aspect of the property and continuation of the previous informal name.