

Memorandum

To: Devonport / Takapuna Local Board

From: George McMahon
Parks and Places Specialist

Date: Monday, 3rd September 2018

Subject: John McHugh, memorial picnic table on Cheltenham Beach Reserve

1. Introduction

The purpose of this memorandum is to determine whether the Devonport / Takapuna Local Board support Auckland Council staff exercising their delegation to provide approval for a memorial picnic table to be installed onto Cheltenham Beach reserve, Devonport.

2. Detail

In accordance with the “Plaques and Memorials on Parks Interim Guidelines”, an application form (attachment A) from Maryann Priest has been received to install a memorial picnic table to an Cheltenham Beach reserve, Devonport.

Attachment B to this memorandum is a photo and map showing the location on the ground of the proposed picnic table, also part of attachment B is a photo showing the table photoshopped onto site.

To determine appropriateness of memorials, an assessment of the application is undertaken in accordance with the plaques and memorials guidelines. The key generic protocols and assessment criteria for assessing an application is as follows:

Where there is no policy (i.e. identified in Reserve Management Plan), plaques and memorial structures will only be approved in recognition of:

- i) An important historical figure or important person associated with the area;*
- ii) An important cultural location;*
- iii) An organisation or community group involved in the development of the area;*
- iv) Someone who has come to a misadventure on the park; or*
- v) A significant event e.g. events of civic (national or local) nature.*

3. General

The application has been assessed in accordance with the policy; the information available suggests the application does meet the generic protocols for plaques and memorials, point i ‘An important historical figure or important person associated with the area.

4. Implementation Issues

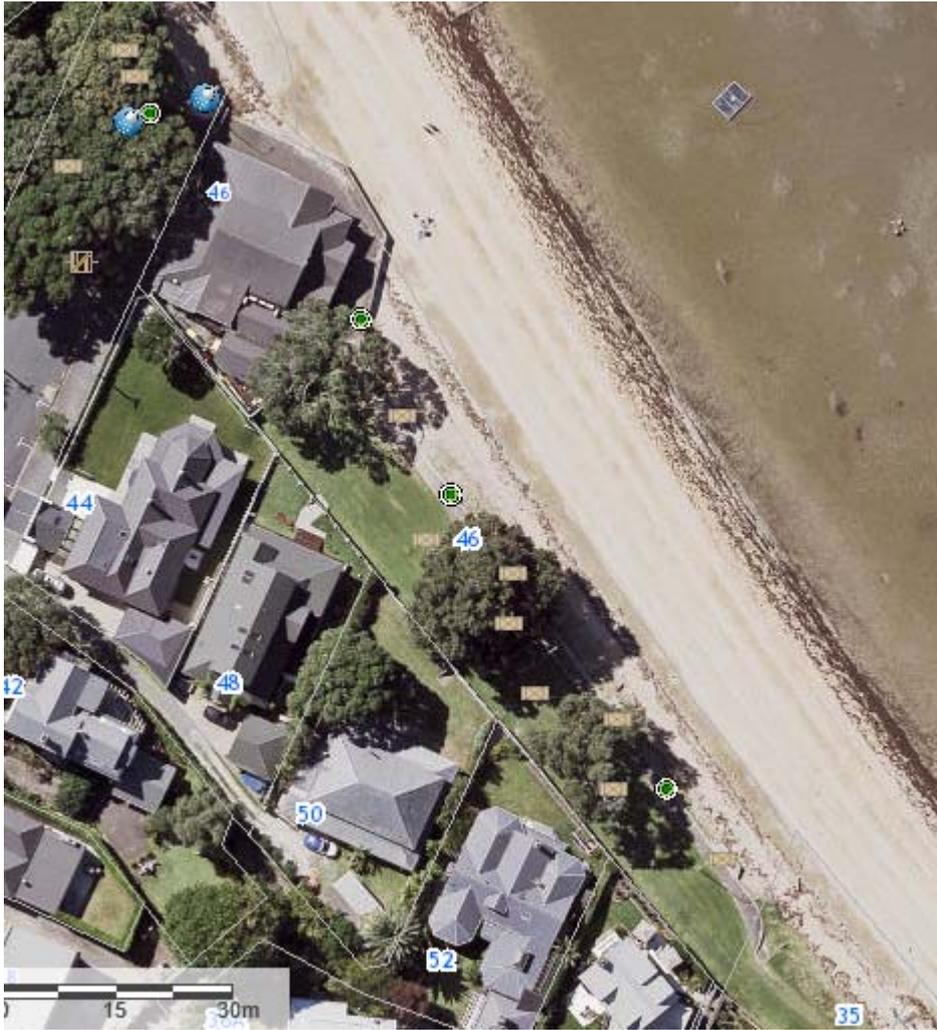
There are no foreseen issues with implementation. The applicant has confirmed they will pay for the table, plaque and installation.

5. Comments

Due to the extensive community work that John McHugh undertook during his life, the Parks and Places Specialist supports the installation of a memorial picnic table on Cheltenham Beach reserve as per the details, contained within attachment A and B.

6. Recommendation

That the Devonport / Takapuna Local Board, support the Manager Land Advisory Services, Stakeholder and Land Advisory, Community Facilities, exercising their delegation to execute the landowner approval to the applicant for the installation, at the applicant's cost, and the wording of the plaque to be confirmed prior to installation with the Devonport- Takapuna Local Board, as per Attachments A and B.





Local and Sports Parks Plaques and Memorials Application form

Date: 13 July 2018

Applicant:

Name/Organisation: Mrs Maryann Priest on behalf of the McHugh Family

Position title: Sister of John McHugh / Executor McHugh Estate

Contact number: 021 136 4273 / 09 5203 853

Email address: priestsnz@gmail.com

Commemorating:

Person/group or event: John McHugh + his parents, Pat and Kath McHugh

Reason: John for 34 years, lived and worked and was very involved & supportive of Devonport Community while running the restaurant

McHugh's of Cheltenham with his parents; all of whom are now deceased. McHugh's was all about bringing people together to laugh, share, eat and celebrate. We as a family would love to donate a picnic table placed outside the restaurant on the beach in remembrance of them and the happy times people spent at McHugh's & its part in Devonport history.

Plaque

Text: Remembering John McHugh and his parents Pat and Kath who ran their restaurant McHugh's of Cheltenham on this beach for 34 years

Memorial

Type: _____

Furniture

Description: picnic table

Tree

Species:

Ceremony

Preferred location:

On beach beside restaurant

NB: Photo must be attached.

See photos attached

NB: All applications must be in accordance with the policies set out in the *Auckland Council Parks, Sport and Recreation Plaques and Memorials on Parks Interim Guidelines 2011*

Applications should be sent to one of the following people depending on where the park is located:

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