

Memorandum

To: Devonport- Takapuna Local Board
From: George McMahon - Parks and Places Specialist
Date: Monday, 7th February 2018
Subject: Hine Grindlay, memorial plaque to be installed at Sunnynook Park

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 donated plaque to be installed onto a new park bench seat as part of the Sunnynook Park upgrade.

2. Detail

In accordance with the “Plaques and Memorials on Parks Interim Guidelines”, an application form (attachment A) from John Godfrey (Member of public) has been received to provide for a memorial plaque. Dempsey Wood who are undertaking works in Sunnynook Park on behalf of Auckland Council has offered to fund the plaque as part of their works. The upgrade works already include the installation of 6 new bench seats.

Attachment B to this memorandum is a map showing the proposed location on the ground.

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 park or locality;*
- ii) An important cultural location;*
- iii) An organisation or community group involved in the development of the area; or*
- iv) 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.

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4. Implementation Issues

There are no foreseen issues with implementation. Dempsey Wood has confirmed they will pay for the plaque and installation.

Dempsey Wood have confirmed there are three potential benches that they feel would be suitable. Staff shall confirm with Hine Grindlay's family before installation if they have a preference of location. These are highlighted by yellow boxes (Attachment B).

5. Comments

Grindlay, who had lived for many years on Auckland's North Shore, died in North Shore Hospital on November 30, aged 74. Hine was a Maori Warden who attempted to quell the Queen Street Riots in 1984. She was awarded the Queen's Service Medal for her bravery in the riot, and the Auckland City Council's Good Citizen award. Māori wardens are guided by principles including peace, respect and support. Grindlay's Māori warden service, which continued until not long before her death, included supporting people at the North Shore District Court. Grindlay was a Te Puna board member for more than 20 years. Te Puna Hauora O Te Raki Paewhenua is a health and social service for Maori. She also stood as a New Zealand First candidate in North Shore at the 1999 election.

The Parks and Places Specialist supports the installation of a memorial park bench at Sunnynook Park 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 approve the landowner approval to the applicant.

7. Attachments

Attachment A – Application for Hine Grindlay

Attachment B – Location of proposed new bench seat