

Memorandum

To: Devonport- Takapuna Local Board

From: George McMahon - Parks and Places Specialist

Date: Monday, 25th February 2018

Subject: Bryan Wardley Jackson, memorial seat to be installed at 4 Victoria Road Devonport, adjacent to King Edward Parade, Devonport

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 park bench with plaque to be installed at 4 Victoria Road, Devonport.

2. Detail

In accordance with the “Plaques and Memorials on Parks Interim Guidelines”, an application form (attachment A) from Alexandra Jackson-Forrester (Daughter) has been received to provide for a donation of a park bench, at 4 Victoria Road, Devonport.

Attachment B to this memorandum is a map showing the proposed location on the ground. There is an existing seat on site that will be replaced with a new seat of similar style.

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. The applicant has confirmed they will pay for the seat, plaque and installation.

5. Comments

Bryan Jackson was a long-time Devonport Resident from the early 1950's until his death in 2015. His early endeavours centred around his successful caravan, and other business ventures, his most significant contribution to Auckland, revolved around his tireless work in restoring and exhibiting antiques and vintage cars in his two public Museums, Bryan Jackson's Muzeum of Sound, Light, and Transport, in Marua Rd, Mount Wellington, and Jackson's Muzeum in the Old Devonport Post Office, in Victoria Avenue.

He restored and preserved tens of thousands of relics, a vast array of artifacts, that would otherwise have been lost to future generations, including over fifty vintage cars, building fixtures, music boxes, lighting, toys, postcards, pratt jars, hats, whole themed rooms, and countless more.

Bryan donated many items to the Auckland War Memorial Museum, and MOTAT, amongst others, many of which are currently on display, and was a generous supporter to many Clubs and Associations, including the Vintage Car Club, the Bottle Club and the Tool Club. Bryan was sort after for his general knowledge, and his expertise and experience in restoring antiques, by local and international collectors, However, one of Bryan's greatest passions was contributing too, and supporting the local businesses and residents of Devonport. He gave generously to the local Probus club, which relied heavily on his contributions

The Parks and Places supports the application to install a memorial park bench at 4 Victoria Road, adjacent to Windsor 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 approve the landowner approval to the applicant.

7. Attachments

Attachment A – Application from Alexandra Jackson-Forrester

Attachment B – Proposed location of memorial seat bench

