

# Memorandum

**To:** Devonport- Takapuna Local Board  
**From:** George McMahon - Parks and Places Specialist  
**Date:** Monday, 8th April 2019  
**Subject:** Mr Brian Osborne, memorial seat to be installed at Takapuna Beach Reserve, Takapuna

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## 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 memorial seat to be installed at Takapuna Beach Reserve, Takapuna.

## 2. Detail

In accordance with the “Plaques and Memorials on Parks Interim Guidelines”, an application form (attachment A) from Jan Gopperth (Wife) has been received to provide for a donation of a park bench, at Takapuna Beach Reserve, Takapuna.

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.

*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 seat, plaque, removal of existing seat and installation of new seat.

## **5. Comments**

Brian Osborne worked as part of the Save Takapuna Beach Holiday Park over a five year period. Brian attended local board meetings and Commissioner's Hearings to ensure that the community voice was heard during the process. Brian was a long- term resident of Takapuna who would often walk the Takapuna to Milford Walkway with his family. On 23 November 2018 business clients and friends organised the Brian Osborne Memorial Golf Tournament, held in his honour. This will be an annual fund-raising event, with the proceeds donated to North Shore Hospice in Brian's name. A sizeable donation to the Hospice this year in Brian's name, following the tournament.

The Park and Places Specialist supports the application, the applicant has shown a connection to the Takapuna Holiday park that sits on park land. Options were discussed to include a plaque on bench seating, the family has requested that a seat be installed at Takapuna Beach Reserve as this is the closest available seat to the Holiday Park.

## **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 form dated 06/12/2018**

**Attachment B - Location of proposed seat**

**Attachment C – Letters of support**

**Attachment D – Photo of proposed memorial seat**