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Manuhiri Kaitiaki Charitable Trust Resource Management Unit Kaitiaki Assessment Report

TLA: NMR **Ref:** NMR 324 **Date:** 20/07/2017
Applicant: Community Facilities Operations Division, Auckland Council
Location: Lot 3 DP 199344 Puhai Pioneers Memorial Park
Proposal: Re-classification and Re-licencing
Contact made with: Karen Walby **Date:** 28/06/2017
by: Fiona McKenzie

The Resource Management Unit has considered the information regarding this Resource Consent Application and have undertaken the following actions in accordance with Manuhiri Kaitiaki Charitable Trust Resource Management protocols

Application Assessment: 20/07/2017
Site Assessment: 20/07/2017
Assessment Report: 20/07/2017

Consideration of this Resource Consent Application is made in regard to its impact upon Ngāi Manuhiri in the following areas:

Wahi tapu – may include: Pa sites, battlefields, burial grounds, significant historic hapu sites, canoe landings sites etc.

Taonga – pertains to artifacts, objects, flora, fauna, water bodies, people

Spiritual values - pertains to: mauri (life force) and wairua (spiritual nature/forces/essences) of people, flora, fauna, land, water bodies etc.

Wellbeing - pertains to potential effects to the people of Ngāi Manuhiri hapu by outside influences or events that effect there way of life, or live life in a traditional way

All Archaeological Sites whether previously identified or unrecorded are protected by law and it is an offence to modify, damage or destroy any site without written authority from Heritage New Zealand.

The Conclusion of the Manuhiri Kaitiaki Charitable Trust Resource Management Unit is that this application for Resource consent:

WILL NOT- require further involvement by Ngāi Manuhiri which may involve subsequent consultation, site visits and/or assessments because of some concerns that were identified relating to:

Archaeology Discovery Condition

If any artifacts, including Ko iwi (Human remains) are exposed during site works, ALL WORK must cease immediately and the area secured to ensure the safety of both workers and artifacts.

Manuhiri Kaitiaki Charitable Trust Resource Management Unit should be contacted on (09) 422 6548, along with Heritage New Zealand, the Department of Conservation and the RMA/TLA Compliance Administration Officer 0800 426 5169. In the case of human remains, Police should also be contacted.

Notes:

Significance of Site:

Ngāti Manuhiri are the iwi who are Mana Whenua for the rohe that extends from Bream Tail in the north to the Okura River in the south, inland taking in Albany, Dairy Flat, Pūhoi, Kaipara Flats, Hotoe, Wellsford and east to the coast extending to include islands such as Kawau, Hauturu (Little Barrier), Āotea (Great Barrier) and Tiritiri Matangi to name a few.

Te Awa Pūhoi and its tributaries, are hugely significant to Ngāti Manuhiri. Not only was the awa an important inland route and food source, it is known that our founding ancestor, Manuhiri and his brothers lived beside the awa for a time in the late seventeenth century. Further the awa is associated several events of considerable importance in the traditions of Ngāti Manuhiri.

Concerns and Recommendations:

It is understood the Pūhoi Community Forum incorporated have held a licence to manage/carry out improvements to a significant part of the Pūhoi Pioneers Memorial Park and to sub-lease grazing for approximately the last 10 years. Work undertaken to date includes site cleanup, pest control some riparian fencing and planting. Proposed works include additional fencing of the Pūhoi River and tributaries within the site, riparian planting, wetland protection, removal of old sheep yards, walkway creation, pasture retirement and continued pest control. All planting to be natives. Ngāti Manuhiri support the Forum endeavours to date and intentions going forward, and thus support the granting of the licence.

It was noted during the site visit, the sheep yards to be decommissioned and partially replaced are located adjacent the river banks. The Ngāti Manuhiri representative highlighted the extensive previous occupation and use of the river and surrounding land, and stressed the importance of Forum members and volunteers being made aware of Archaeological Discovery Protocols. These would also apply for any riparian fencing and planting.

The riparian restoration work undertaken within the park would be enhanced if Auckland Council similarly planted the southern banks of the river within the Esplanade Reserve.

Discussed on site was the creation of a turnaround/picnic/seating area at the end of a new riverside walkway. Ngāti Manuhiri requested the Forum consider including a cultural marker (e.g. pou, sculpture, interpretation) at the site if funding could be found. The Forum representative also requested a cultural blessing for when the walkway is formally opened. Ngāti Manuhiri will be happy to provide the blessing. Ngāti Manuhiri have no objection at this time to the re-classification of Lot 3 DP 199344.

This Kaitiaki Report relates only to this Resource Consent Application:

Any future applications will require separate consideration and consultation by the Manuhiri Kaitiaki Charitable Trust Resource Management Unit. Any costs resulting from further consultation, site visits, information or other action relating to this Resource Consent Application will be the responsibility of the Applicant.

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