

Memorandum

To: Devonport / Takapuna Local Board

From: Don Lawson
Parks and Places Specialist (acting)

Date: Tuesday, 24 April 2018

Subject: Hass family, seat with plaque donation

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 Queens Parade Reserve, Devonport.

2. Detail

In accordance with the “Plaques and Memorials on Parks Interim Guidelines”, an application form (attachment A) from Ian and Julia Hass has been received for the donation of a park bench, within the Queens Parade Reserve.

Attachment B to this memorandum is a photo and map showing the location on the ground of the existing dilapidated park bench, also part of attachment B is a photo showing Hass family previously donated park bench and a map of its location.

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 not meet any of the generic protocols for plaques and memorials. However, given there is already a donated park bench in the vicinity and the donation is not a memorial (plaque on bench to say “*Donated by Hass Family*”). The Devonport / Takapuna Local Board may wish to support such a donation.

The alternative option is to log an enquiry requesting the existing bench be replaced as a renewal item. This has been suggested to Mr Hass, who advised he would rather his family paid for it.

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

Given the savings to the ratepayer, existing donation in vicinity and technically not a memorial plaque, the Places Specialist supports the installation of the park bench and plaque 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, a park bench and plaque "*Donated by Hass Family*", as per Attachments A and B.