
Project title: Extension of the Maori Heritage Trail – Te Ara o Nga Tupuna

Strategy area: Cultural Wellbeing

1. The Proposal

This project provides for an extension of the *Maori Heritage Trail – Te Ara o Nga Tupuna* through additional sites of cultural and historical significance. The extension will incorporate seven additional sites of cultural significance. Each site will have a carved pouwhenua and accompanying information panel.

These sites consist of are:

- Whetu Kairangi (Seatoun) – once a fortified pa site of the Taranaki Iwi
- Oraitai Pa (Fort Dorset) – a fortified pa and kainga / village once occupied by the pre - Taranaki tribes of Rangitane and Ngati Ira
- Te Mapunga Kainga (Near Dorrie Leslie Park) – a fortified pa site once occupied by Te Atiawa
- Pariwhero (Red Rocks) / Old Tom’s Rock - a waka site used by Ngati Toa for transporting resources to Upper Hutt
- Island Bay near Tapu TeRanga Island – once a fortified pa site with links to the pre - Taranaki tribes and significance to Ngati Toa
- Makara Beach / Ohariu Bay – an area once occupied by Ngati Toa, Ngati Tama and the Taranaki Tribes.

The existing Maori Heritage Trail begins at Pipitea Marae in Thorndon and finishes at Owhiro Bay. The sites included in the trail and those identified for future development in this report, have been selected for their importance to the history of Wellington, their accessibility to the public and their viewing interest.

2. Strategic Fit

This project supports achievement of the Council’s strategic priorities in protecting local sense of place and engaging more effectively with the community on the benefits and relevance of a diverse city. It is also aligned with draft Council outcomes; stronger sense of place and more inclusive.

Building on Wellington’s sense of place means providing more interpretation of sites of significance for Maori. The project will celebrate the uniqueness of Wellington City by recognising the rich tribal history, legends and myths of Te Whanganui A Tara. The project reflects and celebrates the bicultural heritage of New Zealand.

3. Relationship to Existing Activities

There is funding in the 05/06 year to complete the upgrade of the existing heritage trail but this does not include funding for the additional sites identified.

There are no other projects currently underway which recognise and celebrate Maori historical sites.

4. Proposal Costs

<i>Outline project costs per year</i>										
<i>Project Component</i>	<i>Operating expenses</i>									
	<i>\$000</i>									
	<i>06/07</i>	<i>07/08</i>	<i>08/09</i>	<i>09/10</i>	<i>10/11</i>	<i>11/12</i>	<i>12/13</i>	<i>13/14</i>	<i>14/15</i>	<i>15/16</i>
<i>Upgrade of heritage trail brochures</i>	4	4								
<i>Depreciation</i>		7	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14
<i>Total</i>	4	11	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14

<i>Project Component</i>	<i>Capital expenses</i>									
	<i>\$000</i>									
	<i>06/07</i>	<i>07/08</i>	<i>08/09</i>	<i>09/10</i>	<i>10/11</i>	<i>11/12</i>	<i>12/13</i>	<i>13/14</i>	<i>14/15</i>	<i>15/16</i>
<i>Casting of Pouwhenua</i>	55	55								
<i>Information Panels</i>	12	12								
<i>Installation of Pouwhenua and Information panels</i>	2	2								
<i>Total</i>	69	69								

5. Project Outline

This project is needed to ensure that Maori sites of significance are recognised and celebrated as part of the Council's desire to reinforce Wellington's unique history. As outlined above the project proposes 7 additional sites with the Maori Heritage Trail. This project involves working collaboratively with the Wellington Tenth's Trust and Te Runanga O Toa Rangatira

6. Conclusion

This project will enhance the existing Maori Heritage Trail – Te Ara o Nga Tupuna in a manner which celebrates the rich bi-cultural heritage of Wellington. The enhanced trail will also educate Wellingtonians and international visitors in terms of the tribal stories and legends which make Wellington unique. It is therefore recommended that this project be approved.