

Heritage Trail interpretation signage

1. The Proposal

This project consists of extension of the *Māori Heritage Trail - Te Ara o Ngā Tūnpuna (the Pathway of our Ancestors)* through the provision of interpretation panels at the existing sites where pou whenua and waharoa have been installed, and the sites where toka whenua will be installed in the current heritage project.

There is need for interpretation to explain the significance of the site that the pou/toka/waharoa marks. Currently there is no interpretation at these sites.

2. Proposal Costs

Outline project costs per year										
Project Component	Operating expenses									
	\$000									
	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20
Depreciation / interest	1.	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
Total	1	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7

Project Component	Capital expenses									
	\$000									
	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20
Design / installation	37									
Total	37									

Design component	\$1,000
Interpretation text (content)	\$1,000
Make and print signage x 12 @ \$150.00	\$1,800
Sign tables x 12 @ \$1,900 per unit	\$22,800
Installation x 12 @ \$500 per unit	\$6,000
Installation difficulty aspect*	<u>\$4,000</u>
Total	<u>\$36,600</u>

* this amount is an additional estimated cost for the install of the signs at the less accessible sites – e.g. Rangitatau Pā, Te Oruaiti Pā and Makara/Owhariu.

Note 1: that helicopter lifts were required at Rangitatau and Te Oruaiti Pā.

Note 2: Urban Design officers feel that resource and building consents will not be required for the signs. Interpretation text (content) will be sourced from the existing Māori Heritage Trail - Te Ara o Ngā

Tūnpuna (the Pathway of our Ancestors) booklet, with minor alterations for static context.

3. Project Outline

The project recognises the legacy of the past through the interpretation and protection of natural and cultural heritage.

There are currently eight *pou whenua*:

- Waitangi Lagoon (Courtney Place)
- Matairangi - Mt Victoria (lookout)
- Te Tūranga o Kupe - Seatoun (Wahine Park)
- Te Oruaiti Pā - Dorset Cove
- Rangitatau Pā – Tarakena Bay
- Te Mapunga Kainga - Shoreland Park Island Bay
- Uruhau Pā – Melbourne Road, Island Bay
- Owhiro Terraces – Happy Valley Road.

There is a *waharoa* located at Waitangi Park.

Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira Incorporated are in the process on confirming the three *toka whenua* sites for the current heritage trail additions. The three likely sites are:

- on Owhiro Bay shore near Toka Haere - Old Thom's Rock– a waka site used by Ngāti Toa for transporting resources
- on Island Bay shore near to Tapu te Ranga island – Ngāti Ira pā besieged by Ngāti Mutunga and Ngāti Toa in 1827
- Makara Beach/Owhariu Bay – an area once occupied by Ngāti Toa, Ngāti Tama and Taranaki tribes.

Currently there is no interpretation at these sites. As a matter of best practice, and in recognition of the significant number of tourists visting Wellington on an annual basis as well as the influx expected as part of the Rugby World Cup (RWC) 2011, it is considered important to provide interpretive signage explaining the significance of these heritage sites.

4. Recommendation

This project will enhance the existing *Māori Heritage Trail - Te Ara o Ngā Tūnpuna (the Pathway of our Ancestors)* in a manner that celebrates the rich bi-cultural heritage of Wellington. The enhanced trail will also be a legacy after the RWC2011 to educate Wellingtonians and international visitors in terms of the tribal stories and legends that make Wellington unique. It is recommended that the funding be approved.