

**PART 7      HERITAGE MANAGEMENT**

***BUILDINGS, OBJECTS, SITES, AREAS, AND FLORA AND FAUNA OF HISTORICAL, ARCHITECTURAL, SCIENTIFIC OR OTHER INTEREST OR OF VISUAL APPEAL***

**7.1      INTRODUCTION**

This section sets out the provisions relating to the management of the heritage of the District. Heritage management is an important matter to be addressed in the District Plan.

**7.2      OVERVIEW**

Heritage can be described as those attributes and features that people wish to bequeath to future generations. The precise composition of those attributes is inherently a cultural perception. In general terms, heritage is that which establishes a sense of connection with the past, community and place, destiny and/or spirituality.

The heritage of Papakura District consists of a range of both old and new attributes which contribute to community identity and sense of place that people wish to bequeath to future generations. It consists of built heritage, archaeological sites, historic sites and landscapes, sites of significance to tangata whenua, natural heritage and urban trees.

Heritage value can be assigned to a single feature, tree, building or structure, an area of bush or an urban landscape, to natural landscape and landforms and historical and cultural sites. Particular items of heritage may include those that make particular locations desirable places to live and contribute to a sense of place.

Built heritage and sites can include that which is new or old and high or average value which represents an expression of a community's lifestyle and which reflects the cultural, commercial and governmental choices and opportunities of a community.

Sites of significance to tangata whenua can include sites, landscape and resources of archaeological, cultural and ancestral significance and other taonga. Ancestral lands may include those no longer in Maori ownership. The range of situations in which Maori interests may be considered can include any land issue within a tribal area.

Natural heritage can include significant elements of the District's natural values such as the landscape and environmental amenity including specimen trees, bush and the coastline. The Council intends to use its powers and discretion to protect buildings, objects, sites, areas, landscape flora and fauna in the District which are of particular historic, scientific or other interest or which have visual appeal. At the same time, the Council recognises that certain items are of greater value than others and that any controls should reflect the degree of commitment by the Council and the community to the maintenance of any particular one of these.

In addition to the provisions contained in the Plan, the Council has established and will maintain an Inventory of items to be protected. The Inventory, which is not part of the Plan, is intended to record matters relevant to each item scheduled in the Plan and to identify its special features. The Inventory will also include items which are not scheduled in the Plan but which are of sufficient interest to be recorded. The main purpose of recording these non-scheduled items is to acknowledge their significance and, by drawing attention to them as examples, to encourage efforts aimed at the full recording of the history of the District.

The recording, protection and preservation of archaeological sites is subject to the provisions of the Historic Places Act 1993. Under that Act, any work or development which may destroy, damage or modify an archaeological site requires an authority from the New Zealand Historic Places Trust prior to the commencement of the proposed work or development. As archaeological sites are protected under that Act, only a limited number of the more significant archaeological sites will be scheduled for protection in the District Plan. All other known archaeological sites have, however, been included in the Inventory for the purposes of public information.

Waahi tapu exist throughout the District and, in consultation with tangata whenua, these may be identified for future inclusion in the Plan. As the concept of waahi tapu may relate to a specific site or may encompass whole areas, the extent to which the item is protected will be specified in the Schedules set out in Section Two, Rural Papakura, and Section Three, Urban Papakura, of the Plan. In some instances, alternative protective mechanisms may be seen as more appropriate than scheduling in the Plan.

### **7.3 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ISSUES**

- The identification and recognition of the heritage of the District which makes a significant contribution to the character of the District, community identity and sense of place.
- The protection of the heritage of the District for the benefit and enjoyment of the present and future community of Papakura.
- The protection of the rights of landowners to use, protect and develop their resources according to sound resource management principles.

### **7.4 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

The resource management strategy for the preservation of the heritage of the District is:

- to schedule in the District Plan items of heritage value for preservation or conservation.
- to control activities which may affect the special qualities of scheduled items.
- to establish and maintain a separate register of items to be protected.

## **7.5 OUTCOMES**

The outcome of this strategy is the conservation, protection and enhancement of the heritage of the District and to retain those special qualities inherent in this heritage.

## **7.6 OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES**

### **Objective**

**7.6.1** *To preserve buildings, objects and areas of architectural, historic, scientific, or other interest or of visual appeal throughout the District.*

### **Policies**

**7.6.1.1** To list in Sections Two and Three of the Plan those significant buildings, objects and areas of architectural, historic, scientific or other interest or of visual appeal for protection and preservation.

### **Objective**

**7.6.2** *To conserve trees, bush, plants or landscape of scientific, wildlife, botanical or historic interest or of visual appeal in the District.*

### **Policies**

**7.6.2.1** To adopt specific measures as set out in Sections Two and Three of the Plan to protect and preserve areas or items of particular significance or visual appeal.

### **Objective**

**7.6.3** *To protect waahi tapu as being central to the spiritual and cultural heritage of tangata whenua of Papakura District.*

### **Policies**

**7.6.3.1** To list for protection those waahi tapu of particular significance to tangata whenua and the District at the request of tangata whenua and following consultation with relevant persons, groups and organisations.

## **7.7 EXPLANATION**

The above objectives and policies are designed to secure the range and integrity of selected items of the heritage of the District. In such a way, the development of the future can be undertaken alongside those valuable items which define the past. Rules to implement these district-wide objectives are included in Sections Two and Three of the District Plan.

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