

# WAIPA HERITAGE COUNCIL

## MINUTES 17 JULY 2008

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### 1 PRESENT

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Barbara Taranaki	Waipa District Councillor(Chairperson)
Alan Livingston	His Worship the Mayor
Bev Dean	Cambridge Historical Society
Jennie Gainsford	NZ Historic Places Trust/Cambridge Historical Society
Sabina Owen	Pirongia Historic Visitor Centre
Alan Hall	Pirongia Historic Visitor Centre
Gail Henry	New Zealand Historic Places Trust
Heather Garrett	Te Pahu District
Max Quirk	Kihikihi District
Annie Fullerton	Ohaupo District
Neville Ritchie	Department of Conservation

#### **In Attendance**

Project Manager Heritage Development & Reserves Manager, T Roxburgh; Museum & Heritage Manager, J White; Cambridge Museum Curator, E Parker; Committee Secretary, S King.

### 2 APOLOGIES

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There were no apologies.

### 3 LATE ITEMS

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The Chair accepted the following as a late item for information only:

- Alexandra East Redoubt Artefacts

### 4 CONFIRMATION OF ORDER OF MEETING

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File: 65-11-02

#### **RESOLVED**

*That the order of the meeting be confirmed.*

Fullerton / Gainsford

### 5 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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File: 65-11-02

**Minutes of Meeting held on 22 May 2008 were included in the agenda**

#### **RESOLVED**

*That the minutes of the meeting of the Waipa Heritage Council held on 22 May 2008, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record.*

Mayor Livingston / Fullerton

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### **Matters Arising**

The Ohaupo Ratepayers Association were to be advised to contact Transit directly regarding the lack of access from the SH 3 to the Public Cemetery at Ohaupo.

Members were informed that there may be a number of celebrations associated with the North Island Railway Centenary in February 2009 as that was when the first passenger train travelled the line.

Councillor Taranaki advised of Council's approval for the reserve on the corner of Bryce & Hall Streets in Kihikihi to be named "John Rochfort Park". Tony Roxburgh to liaise with Manager - Recreation Assets, Max Ward, to ensure the dedication was not planned before the "new" signage was in place.

## **6 MEMBERS REPORTS**

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This item enables members to discuss issues in relation to the organisation/district they represent on the Heritage Council.

### **6.1 Waipa District Council** (Mayor Alan Livingston, Councillor Barbara Taranaki)

Mayor Livingston attended the AGM of the Pirongia Historical Society, and commented on the very interesting guest speaker. He also commented on the Cambridge Museum takeover as an important move for the longevity of the heritage of Cambridge.

Mayor Livingston informed Members that ten tickets have been received for the Parliamentary train ride and the morning tea in Te Kuiti. He requested feedback on appropriate people who may wish to attend.

Members felt that Stephanie Lambert would be appropriate, due to the acclaim received for the Museum's Centenary display. Max Quirk was nominated as a representative of both Kihikihi and the Heritage Council. A suggestion was made to approach Grey Power to see if an old station master or other person living in the District would like to attend. Mrs Emery was mentioned as a person to be included.

### **6.2 Te Awamutu & Cambridge Museums** (Jan White)

J White commented on the transition of the Cambridge Museum to Waipa District Council operational management and the physical changes implemented to enhance the museum. These included better storage, shelving and climate control systems. At the beginning of September, members will be invited to attend an open day to see the changes that have been made.

She also advised Members that Te Awamutu Museum now has a Archivist and a Registrar, which brings staffing levels to full capacity.

### **6.3 Te Awamutu Historical Society**

There is no representation at this time.

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### **6.4 Cambridge Historical Society** (Bev Dean, Jennie Gainsford )

Appreciation was expressed on the Cambridge Museum changes. An old booklet from 1906 was shown to Members.

### **6.5 NZ Historic Places Trust** (Gail Henry, Jennie Gainsford)

The old Rukuhia Creamery building on the Ohaupo/Hamilton Road is possibly up for sale and concern was expressed that this building was not listed as a significant site. It was noted that the roof leaks in several places and the present owner uses the building for storing a range of old "items".

J Gainsford commented the information sent out regarding the Heart of Te Awamutu project on the street upgrade which does not mention the architectural heritage of the main street. Assurance was sought from the Mayor that heritage features would be taken into account during this process.

Max McConnell is doing an incredibly careful job of restoring 'Woodbine' on Kay Road and Jennie Gainsford would like to put forward his name for the Heritage Awards next year. During the restoration, he found a newspaper in the lining boards which dates from 1879.

G Henry commented that she is seeking a meeting with the Chief Executive regarding the level of breaches to the Heritage Places Act in the Waipa District. Members requested that the NZHPT provide a workshop and presentation to assist Council staff to adequately manage historic sites and features. G Henry will discuss the possibility during the discussion with the Chief Executive.

### **6.6 Department of Conservation** (Neville Ritchie)

The archaeological upgrade work is behind schedule. Members were advised that James Robinson has been commissioned to upgrade site information on the West Coast. Physically visiting every site is a significant aspect of the information upgrade as some of the site information is over thirty years old.

### **6.7 Pirongia Historic Visitor Centre** (Sabina Owen, Alan Hall)

A Hall provided a copy the latest newsletter and commented on Tom Roa's address at the AGM. This year is the 150<sup>th</sup> year of the Kingitanga and the Visitor Centre had recently acquired a large photograph of Whatawhatahoe, south of Pirongia, where King Tawhio was in residence for many years.

The garage is being converted to a work and storage area. The new committee has reviewed public attendance trends and from the 1<sup>st</sup> August, the Centre will be open on Sundays, Wednesdays, Friday's, Saturdays, and on public holidays. This will mean a change of signage and other promotional material.

S Owen advised that a visit from Rachel Davies of Natural Service at Te Papa resulted in an offer to add the Centre to the Te Papa website.

A Te Pahu tour is in preliminary planning stages and it is hoped this will be added to the current 'Heritage Tours'.

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### **6.8 Te Pahu District** (Heather Garrett)

H Garrett commented on the number of tourists generated by the National Agricultural Field Days. She has had a number of visitors to her historic homestead and suggested that natural and heritage brochures be available to Field Days visitors.

She highlighted once again, the issue of changes to road names, and the subsequent loss of historic information. She stressed that Council must ensure past road names be recorded as this often reflects settlement of a District. She has advised Margaret Berryman to contact the Museum to record information on Roseborough Road, Harapepe.

### **6.9 Kihikihi District** (Max Quirk)

There is no movement on Major Jackson's House due to requirement imposed by the NZHPT. The "Community Garden" at Kihikihi, an initiative to help supply fresh vegetables, introducing families to gardening and the need for fresh food, will be planted in Maori potatoes, kumara and flax.

### **6.10 Ohaupo District** (Annie Fullerton)

Just south of Ohaupo, on the property at the southern end of Lake Rotomanuka, is a house built in 1875. The owner Kevin Lowe, takes meticulous care of the grounds by including specifications in the sharemilker's contract. There is also an old American barn on the property which has been photographed, but didn't make the list of significant sites within Waipa District. T Roxburgh advised that they are also trying to get Mr Lowe to covenant two Kahikatea stands on the property, plus increase a riparian buffer around the lake.

## **7 STAFF REPORT**

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T Roxburgh advised that Resource Consent has been granted to manage the water levels of Lake Ngaroto. The investigation Plan accompanying the consent requires Council to investigate lake levels that will ensure the swamp Pa and artefacts at those sites are protected.

The Reserves Management Plan for the Matakītiki Reserve will be reviewed. This Plan will complement the recently commissioned Conservation Plan, and will also deal with riparian and other issues outside the cultural / archaeological heritage concerns. G Henry advised that NZHPT will provide comment on the Conservation Plan.

The Natural Heritage Awards will be presented on the 13<sup>th</sup> August including a guest speaker from Landcare Research in the Council Chambers, Te Awamutu.

Members were advised of the appointment of Project Manager, Fiona Hill, to drive the District Plan review. Once she has settled into the position, she will be invited to a Heritage Council meeting to meet the Members and explain the review process.

The Heritage Trails booklet was provided for Member's consideration and feedback. A book to promote Waipa's heritage was then discussed. This was likely to be a "coffee table" book, rather than a reference book, although there is also a need for a reference book. The coffee table book would include natural, archaeological cultural and historic sites and features in the Waipa District.

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Mayor Livingston commented that this would be highly beneficial and H Garrett mentioned that this should be available by the Rowing World Championships in 2010. The suggestion is that the book be 100 – 130 pages on A4 size, with photographs and information on each site being spread across two pages. The expected price range is from \$45 to \$65, however sponsorship would be needed to keep the cost this low.

There would be a range of contributors with one co-ordinator. It was suggested that each site be contained on one page and a small discrete map could be included showing the location of the site if readers wished to visit the site in person.

Members from Heritage and Biodiversity could combine in a sub-committee to progress this project. J Gainsford and N Ritchie have been put forward as the Heritage Council representatives.

### **8 CORRESPONDENCE**

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#### **8.1 Inwards Correspondence**

##### **8.1.1 Naming of Reserve – John Rochfort**

A letter was received from Waipa District Council regarding the Heritage Council's support of the naming of reserve in Kihikihi.

#### **8.2 Outwards Correspondence**

##### **8.2.1 Naming of Reserve – John Rochfort**

A letter of support of naming the reserve after John Rochfort was sent to the Chief Executive, Waipa District Council.

#### **RESOLVED**

*That the inwards correspondence be received and the outwards approved.*

Quirk / Mayor Livingston

It was noted that a letter should have been sent to K Malcomb regarding the old butter factory building. T Roxburgh will respond.

### **9 KHIKIHI POLICE HOUSE RESTORATION GROUP**

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File: 4552/100.00

**Minutes of the meeting held on 26 June 2008.**

#### **RESOLVED**

*That the minutes of the Kihikihi Police House Restoration Group meeting held on 26 June 2008 be received.*

Quirk / Garrett

H Garrett advised that resource consent and other issues such as parking have delayed progress.

### **10 WAIPA HERITAGE COUNCIL UNRESOLVED RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The schedule of Waipa Heritage Council unresolved recommendations as at 17 July 2008 was provided in the Agenda.

Members requested that the two items dated 22 May 2008 be removed from the list.

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### 11 ITEMS FOR NEXT WAIPA HERITAGE COUNCIL MEETING

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Items for the next meeting to be provided to the secretary 14 days before each meeting. This can be done by writing to Waipa District Council (attention Sharyn King) or phoning her on 07 872 0030 or emailing her on [sharyn.king@waipadc.govt.nz](mailto:sharyn.king@waipadc.govt.nz).

### 12 NEXT MEETING

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The next meeting of the Waipa Heritage Council will be held on Thursday 18 September 2008 in Committee Room 1, Waipa District Council, 101 Bank Street, Te Awamutu commencing at 10.00am.

### 13 LATE ITEMS

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#### Heart of Te Awamutu

Mayor Livingston recommended that the Heritage Council submit to the Heart of Te Awamutu project in light of Member's comments regarding the inadequacies of current Museum site and lack of emphasis on heritage buildings.

#### RESOLVED

*That the Heritage Council submit on the Cultural Centre to the Heart of Te Awamutu project on the following four items:*

- 1. Support of confirmation of a site for the Cultural and Heritage Centre; and,*
- 2. Proposed Cultural and Heritage Centre will be an important and high interest venue as part of the sporting/cultural/recreational/historical focus in the Selwyn Park/Events Centre locality.*
- 3. Relocation of museum will enable a logical expansion of library.*
- 4. Retention of a strong heritage theme in Alexandra Street that is provided by building, and would be enhanced by the style of seating, lighting, rubbish bins, etc.*

Owen / Gainsford

#### Alexandra Redoubt

S Owen noted that the Alexandra Redoubt dig was excavated in 1998/99, but the material found has not been appropriately archived. N Ritchie advised that the artefacts are sitting on two pallets, at a private residence in Hamilton. There is currently an impasse as the archaeologist expects to archive the material, but he wishes to be paid for this work.

It is understood the items belong to Council and it was recommended Council take action to ensure the items are removed from Hamilton and placed in appropriate storage at Te Awamutu and, that the Council negotiate with the Archaeologist to complete the archival process. It was noted that not all the material will eventually be held by the Museum. Much of it will be discarded once described and lodged. Seeking a grant for funding to archival work is an option, however first Council needs to negotiate with the archaeologist.

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.57am.**