

# HERITAGE

In managing the use and development of the District's natural and physical resources, the Council is required to have particular regard to the recognition and protection of the heritage values of sites, buildings, structures, places or areas.

Heritage resources form an important part of the District's social values, serving to link successive generations. Heritage resources include all heritage items, all historic areas identified in the District Plan; and all resources subject to a Heritage Protection Order under the Resource Management Act 1991. These resources may be sites (archaeological, waahi tapu); buildings; objects or areas and can also include land forms, landscape features and vegetation.

The Historic Places Act 1993 provides for temporary protection of historic buildings, places, waahi tapu and waahi tapu areas during the registration process, protection for archaeological sites and for items covered by a heritage covenant. The Act requires the New Zealand Historical Places Trust to maintain a register of heritage resources. The register is primarily an advocacy tool, with one of its functions being to assist historic places, historic areas, waahi tapu and waahi tapu areas to be protected under the Resource Management Act 1991. Thus registration under the Historic Places Act 1993 is insufficient for the protection of some heritage resources.

The most effective means of managing the diversity of heritage resources in the District is by identifying those resources of most significance. In order to ensure the appropriate level of protection is provided to those resources identified in the Historic Places Register, provision has been made for the specific management of these items in the Ruapehu District Plan.

## **HE 1.0 ISSUE**

- (a) Loss of heritage values of sites, buildings, places and areas within the District.**

## **HE 1.1 OUTCOME**

- (a) Retention of heritage values of sites, buildings, places, or areas within the District.**

## **HE 1.2 OBJECTIVE**

- (a) Protection of heritage resources and the values of those resources from inappropriate subdivision, use and development.**

## **HE 1.3 POLICIES**

- (a) To promote the conservation and protection of heritage resources by ensuring any adverse effects of the modification of any scheduled heritage resource are avoided, remedied or mitigated; including those effects on:**
- (i) the integrity/value of the heritage resource; and**
  - (ii) the cultural or spiritual significance to tangata whenua**
- (b) To promote the identification of heritage resources by encouraging the provision of information regarding the resource and the placement of plaques in appropriate locations.**

- (c) **To promote the maintenance and enhancement of heritage trails throughout the District.**
- (d) **To promote the use of voluntary covenants between landowners of the heritage resource and parties responsible for the protection of such resources.**

### **Explanation of Policies**

The policies seek to ensure that heritage resources within the District are retained using a range of regulatory and non regulatory methods which include rules, advocacy and education. The Ruapehu District Council believes that a great deal can be achieved in the area of protecting heritage values through the provision of information to people regarding important resources.

## **HE 2.0 METHODS**

- (1) To provide heritage information to the public.
- (2) To consider placing a Heritage Protection Order on any site or building of significant heritage value.
- (3) To include those historic places and areas identified in the Historic Places Trust register as items to be provided with some protection in the District Plan.
- (4) To promote the identification of heritage resources not identified in the schedule within the District Plan, including those structures or features that:
  - (a) have a high degree of importance or are a part of the history of the district
  - (b) have a high degree of importance in the provision of knowledge of the District's history
  - (c) are rare or unique in the District
  - (d) have special cultural or spiritual significance to tangata whenua
  - (e) are already protected by a national protection mechanism
  - (f) exhibit a high degree of technological accomplishment
- (5) To encourage owners of historic or cultural heritage resources to consider executing a heritage covenant for their property under Section 6 of the Historic Places Act 1993.
- (6) To promote the placement of plaques on sites with significant heritage value.
- (7) To prepare a register of significant trees which includes; important specimen trees, important amenity trees and trees with a significant social association, and consider including that schedule, once prepared, into the District Plan.

## **HE 3.0 RULES**

### **HE 3.1 Discretionary Activities**

- (a) Heritage modification, alteration, removal and demolition of a historic resource identified in HE 4.0 "Schedule".

**HE 4.0 SCHEDULE**

Ref	Name	Address	Legal Desc
1	Colonial House (Anderson House)	Pipiriki-Raetihi Road PIPIRIKI	Blk X Rarete SD, Sec 8 Blk V Pipiriki CT B4/555
2	Bank of New Zealand Building	59 Seddon Street RAETIHI	Sec 52 Pt Sec 53 Blk IV Raetihi
3	Hitching Rail (in front of BNZ)	59 Seddon Street RAETIHI	Sec 52 Pt Sec 53 Blk IV Raetihi
4	Mangapurua Bridge "The Bridge to Nowhere"	Whanganui National Park	
5	Glacier Hut	Tongariro National Park MT RUAPEHU	
6	North End Signal Box (Ex. Paekakariki Railway Yard)	Ohakune Steam Museum OHAKUNE	
7	ANZ Bank (former)	46 Miriama Street TAUMARUNUI	Lot 3 DPS 29375
8	Hapuawhenu Viaduct	Ohakune	
9	Former County Council Building	102 Seddon Street RAETIHI	Sec 106 Blk X Raetihi Tn

**Principal Reasons for Adopting the Objectives, Policies and Methods**

The principal reason for the adoption of objectives, policies and methods is to promote an increased awareness of the positive aspects of heritage protection. Council believes heritage protection can be achieved through a range of approaches both regulatory and non-regulatory. Emphasis is placed on education and negotiation between all interested parties. Council believes that the demolition or addition/alterations to individually classified (under the Historic Places Act 1993) buildings (or buildings within historic areas) or the disturbance of sites classified under the Historic Places Act requires District Plan Rules in order to promote the sustainable management of the natural and physical resources.

Protection has been provided for the existing items identified on the Historic Places Register in recognition of their natural importance.

Consideration was given to using methods other than rules in the District Plan to protect Heritage Resources. In the case of archaeological sites this was deemed efficient and effective as Sections 9 - 20 of the Historic Places Act 1993 adequately manage such sites. In particular Section 10 requires that archaeological sites shall not be destroyed, damaged, or modified except pursuant to an authority granted by the New Zealand Historic Places Trust in accordance with Section 14.

With respect to waahi tapu sites, as recorded in the chapter entitled “Tangata Whenua of the Ruapehu District” in the consultation with Iwi this matter was raised. The Iwi did not wish to discuss the matter with Council. This is respected and the District Plan drafted accordingly.

Non regulatory methods have been used to identify and manage local heritage resources. In general these have yet to be identified. Guidance on the criteria for identifying such resources has been provided in the Methods of the Plan.

In support of the non regulatory methods is the Council's ability to act as a Heritage Protection Authority for the purpose of protecting any place of special interest, character, intrinsic or amenity value or visual appeal or of special significance to the tangata whenua for spiritual, cultural or historic reasons, and, any area of land surrounding that place that is reasonably necessary for ensuring the protection and reasonable enjoyment of that place.

## **HE 5.0 CROSS REFERENCES**

As a guide only, any person referring to the above should also refer to the parts of the District Plan addressing the following issues:

- Information Requirements
- District Rules
- Rural Zone
- Residential High Zone
- Residential Medium Zone
- Residential Low Zone
- Urban Settlement Zone
- Protected Areas Zone
- Financial Contributions

