

MSC Significant Sites Working Party Update

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Significant Sites Working Party Purpose

Working Party - key initiatives

1. We have a very rich heritage which needs to be protected
2. Correct spelling of Maori place names (including signage)
3. Increase knowledge including site visits to all known sites (Field trips)
4. SWDC add sites to the District Plan and shape files be added to the LIM reports
5. Council to finance erection of small Pou to mark sites of cultural significance to raise local people's and visitor's awareness that there is a pre-European history
6. Identifying unknown sites: Work toward setting up a Field School Wananga to provide a level of understanding on how & what to look for when walking the Whenua. There is a huge number of undiscovered sites which are at risk due to not being recorded. We need people on the ground to carry out this mahi.

NB. Note from Christine

South Pacific Archaeological Research SPAR (Otago University) is doing a similar program in Hawkes Bay with tangata whenua

Activity	Leading work	Comments	Progress
<p>District Plan / Lim report cultural overlapping</p> <p>(key initiative 4)</p> <p>Work in progress: sites being added to the District Plan and shape files to the LIM reports / GIS overlay</p>	<p>SWDC</p>	<p>Resource management</p> <p>GIS – all Archsite shape files (known sites) to be added as archeological heritage sites.</p>	<p>On going</p>
<p>Raho Ruru (Hume's) Pa</p> <p>(key initiative 1)</p> <p>Discussion paper on the swamp at Raho Ruru (Hume's) Pa and effects of deep rooting plantings in swamp by GWRC. Paper is to raise awareness that the swamp is part of the pa and most likely contains taonga.</p>	<p>Foss</p>	<p>Objective is to preserve for future</p> <p>Farm manager, land owner, GWRC and</p> <p>Foss – send paper to Geoff and Dilys Johns to ask for advise on the way forward.</p>	<p>On going</p>

<p>Correction of spelling on place names</p> <p>(key initiative 2)</p> <p>Waihenga and Waihinga? Paper on next SSWP agenda for discussion Will be tabled at MSC hui when completed.</p>	<p>Foss and Haami</p>	<p>Discussion paper on spelling and origins of the names Waihenga / Waihinga. When and how this changed.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Update on significant site focus:</p> <p>(key initiative 3)</p> <p>Foss and Janet have volunteered to write up reports to increase knowledge on our sites.</p> <p>Kiriwai on the western shore of Lake Onoke</p> <p>Waihinga kaianga carved meeting house (1859) House – Aotea Marae – Rongo Taketake</p>	<p>Janet</p> <p>Foss</p>	<p>In process</p> <p>Research completed and ready to write up</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Web based system for storage of information collected</p> <p>(key initiative 3)</p> <p>Set up a data Centre in the Wairarapa – TPK funding</p> <p>Athol Anderson – upset with how Heritage NZ is handling cultural information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discoveries not being researched, items stored and reporting inadequate • Ngai Tahu is planning to take control of their own discoveries and cultural heritage 	<p>Amber</p>	<p>long-term plan</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Identifying unknown sites</p> <p>(key initiative 6)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richard Walter Professor of Archaeology of Otago University – planning a visit to discuss possibilities with Foss and Janet (couple months off) • Possible funding for this activity - Application to NZ History Research Trust 	<p>Foss</p>	<p>NZAA File Keeper – Andy Dodd Can verify suspected / identified sites of interest</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

<p>Reprint of Prehistoric Man in Palliser Bay by Foss Leach and Helen Leach</p> <p>(key initiative 3)</p> <p>Approach Te Papa Press and Arapata Hakiwai to arrange the re-print</p> <p>Palliser Bay Bulletin?</p>	<p>Amber</p>	<p>Waiting on update</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Ko iwi originally from South Wairarapa</p> <p>(key initiative 1)</p> <p>Query - Amber Aranui, researcher for the Karanga Aotearoa Repatriation Programme at Te Papa.</p> <p>NB. This kaupapa is the responsibility of wider iwi and Marae</p>	<p>Teresa</p> <p>Haami</p> <p>Foss</p> <p>Christine</p>	<p>Initial communication to Marae's</p> <p>Will lead project</p> <p>Research</p> <p>Field work</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Field Trip 15 June (key initiative 3)</p> <p>Kawakawa Bay (Palliser)</p> <p>Itinerary and communication</p> <p>Mākōtukutuku river mouth area</p> <p>Western bank of the Pararaki River mouth area</p> <p>Kawakawa garden walls and the Karearea Pa</p> <p>Field trip notes</p> <p>Trip commentary (88.1)</p>	<p>Karen</p> <p>Foss</p> <p>Foss</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>Very interesting and well attended</p> <p>Trip notes and commentary well received</p>	
<p>Field Trip 20 July (key initiative 3)</p> <p>Western shore Wairarapa Moana</p> <p>Itinerary and communication</p> <p>Kakahimakatea Pa (Battle Hill)</p> <p>Mataruawai Bush (Mataroa Bush) stand of 10 – 20 acres of Karaka bush</p> <p>Kiriwai Pa</p> <p>Field trip notes</p>	<p>Karen</p> <p>Foss</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>Very interesting and well attended by local FTSN</p> <p>Trip notes and commentary well received</p>	

Trip commentary (88.1)	Foss		
<p>Next Field Trip (DateTBC) (key initiative 3)</p> <p>Itinerary and communication</p> <p>Waihinga Kaupekahinga Kehemene</p>	<p>Karen</p> <p>Foss</p> <p>Foss</p>	<p>NB. Field trips will be on Saturday morning in future to encourage attendance</p>	
<p>Future field trip destinations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jury's Island / Pa site and burial site – day trip • House site at Mākōtukutuku valley – day trip • Te Wharau a Kena at Onoke and Okorewa Pa – day trip • Matakītaki Palliser light house • Nga Potiki • Jacksons pa on the sand dune Pa on Pirinoa Station on the Tauanui River 		<p>All welcome, we need to increase attendance.</p> <p>Any requests for destinations of interest email through to k.mikaera@gmail.com</p>	