

13. APPLICATION TO THE HAGLEY/FERRYMEAD COMMUNITY BOARD DISCRETIONARY RESPONSE FUND – INFORMATION PANEL FOR PEACOCKS GALLOP

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board approval for funding from the 2009/10 Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board Discretionary Response Fund to complete the installation of an information panel at Peacocks Gallop.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. At its meeting on 24 February 2007, the Board considered a report relating to the naming of the Peacocks Gallop reserve and the funding of two commemorative plaques. The report noted that was a valid historical link to the name “Peacocks Gallop” for this area. The report also noted that the suggestion of the Sumner-Redcliffs Historical Society was that this historical association be marked by a plaque at each end of the former old Sumner Main Road recording the fact that this was the old Sumner Main Road from Sumner to Christchurch, and the association with JJ Peacock and the term “Peacocks Gallop”.
3. The Board resolved to note that a previous historical association exists with respect to part of the old Sumner Main Road also known as Peacocks Gallop, and that consideration be given to removing the name “Peacocks Gallop” in respect of the reserve area and substituting same with an historical or local interpreted Maori name and discussion on the wording of a suitable plaque, and that the Sumner-Redcliffs Historical Society Inc., and any other interested organisations be informed, and consulted on this. The Board also approved the sum of \$2,500 be allocated from the Board’s Discretionary fund to meet the costs of two memorial plaques acknowledging “Peacocks Gallop”.
4. It was subsequently found that due to an administrative error the \$2,500 was not transferred from the Board’s Discretionary Fund to the Transport and Greenspace Unit budget.
5. Council officers recommended in a memorandum to the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board dated 15 February 2008, that the installation of plaques, or alternatively interpretive panels, be held over until the matter of changing the name of this park was addressed through the Master Plan for this wider area. In addition, the Transport and Greenspace Unit was in the process of developing guidelines and standards for memorial plaques, and staff wished to ensure that the installations were consistent with these.
6. The naming of the park was addressed within the context of Council’s proposed Master Plan for the Monck’s Bay to Scarborough Beach Parks, a much wider management and development planning programme for the overall area. Public consultation on the Monck’s Bay to Scarborough Beach Parks Issues and Opportunities document was undertaken over August/September 2008, and included the question of whether a new name should be chosen for the park. However the majority of people who responded to this particular issue identified that they wished the name to remain as Peacocks Gallop. As a result the matter of changing the name of Peacocks Gallop will not be pursued further.

7. Earlier on site investigations by staff had also indicated that the proposed locations for the placement of the plaques were in close proximity to the cliff faces. Staff were concerned that this may be encouraging passing members of the public to linger in locations where they may be at risk from falling rocks. Recent rock fall events in the park supported this concern. Staff have searched for an alternative safe location along the road frontage of the park and away from the cliff faces. As the park drops away from the footpath boundary, the possibility of attaching the plaques to the existing stone-pillar lamp standards (restored earlier by the Sumner-Redcliffs Historical Society) was investigated. However this was considered by staff to detract from the heritage values and appearance of both the lamps and the existing memorial plaques on the stone pillar lamp standards and the existing memorial plaques. Subsequently staff have identified that installation of two further commemorative plaques in Peacocks Gallop would not be consistent with the Council's Draft guidelines on the commissioning, design, installation, maintenance and decommissioning of plaques, which require that the number of existing plaques, memorials, artworks and other objects in the vicinity is taken into account, and that plaques not be attached or engraved into natural features.
8. There is an existing information panel on the geology of the cliff face which is in need of replacement due to deterioration over time. Council officers are now proposing that a new information panel, developed in consultation with the Sumner-Redcliffs Historical Society, be installed in a safe location along the road frontage of the park and away from the cliff-faces. The new panel would enable the provision of more comprehensive and up-to-date information on the many interesting facets of the history of this area to the public. It may include one or more historic photographs, and information on any or all of the following:
 - (a) The location of the Old Main Road.
 - (b) The story of Captain Peacock.
 - (c) The building of the tram causeway.
 - (d) The work of the returned soldiers.
 - (e) The geology of the cliff face.
9. Council officers have obtained a near new information panel that is being removed from another park and are therefore seeking funding of \$1066 for the printing of the new graphics and installation of this panel at Peacocks Gallop.
10. The project will be managed by the Transport and Greenspace Unit, and Capital Development Unit, therefore financial risk, and risk of delivery, is considered to be low.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

11. Funds are available in the Board's discretionary funds to meet the cost of printing and installing this panel. The current balance of the Board's 2009/10 Discretionary Response Fund is \$45,161. A quote of \$466 has been obtained through Council's Marketing Unit for the production of the printed self-adhesive graphics panel with an anti-gouge laminate. The additional costs of attaching the graphics panel, and installing the completed information panel at its new location, are estimated at \$600.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2009-19 LTCCP budgets?

12. The proposal aligns with the 2009/10 Community Board Funding Allocations (LTCCP page 184).

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

13. No legal issues have been identified.

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

14. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

15. As above.

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2009-19 LTCCP?

16. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

17. The proposal would align with:

- (a) Heritage Conservation Policy.
- (b) Monck's Bay to Scarborough Beach Parks Issues and Opportunities Paper.
- (c) Draft guidelines on the commissioning, design, installation, maintenance and decommissioning of plaques.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

18. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

19. The Sumner-Redcliffs Historical Society have been informed of the proposed course of action and will be further consulted on the content and design of the information panel.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board allocate \$1066 from the 2009/10 Discretionary Response Fund to install an information panel at Peacocks Gallop.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.