

12. NEW BRIGHTON BEACH PARK - GIFT OF MEMORIAL STONE CAIRN AND PLAQUE

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To seek approval from the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board for the installation of a natural stone memorial cairn, with brass plaque, to celebrate the centenary of the New Brighton Surf Life Saving Club, in the central New Brighton Beach Park.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The New Brighton Pier and Foreshore Society (NBP&FS) and the New Brighton Surf Life Saving Club (NBSLSC) have requested permission to place a 'memorial stone cairn' and interpretive cast bronze plaque on the central New Brighton Beach Park. The cairn will commemorate 100 years of the work of the New Brighton Surf Life Saving Club, due in early July 2010. The groups wish to place the cairn as near as possible to the original site of the club, which is on the New Brighton Beach Park, between the whale pool and the library.
3. The design of the proposed stone cairn will be a replica of the stone buttresses on the adjacent historic stone wall along the foreshore (see **attachment**). The stone to be used has come from an original part of the seawall previously removed in the installation of the new pier.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4. Construction - Nil

All costs for the construction and installation of the memorial will be covered by the New Brighton Pier and Foreshore Society.

Maintenance - Minor

The memorial would become the responsibility of Council.

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

5. Not applicable.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

6. The current City Plan zoning within which the cairn is to be located is Open Space 2 (District Recreation and Open Space). The cairn is not proposed to be over two metres so it would not fall under the 'building' definition in the City Plan and it would not require consent under these provisions.

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

7. Yes, as in paragraph 6 above.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

8. With no active landscape plan in place and no funding allocated for redevelopment of the area in the LTCCP for several years, then the community aspiration for an appropriate memorialisation of several historic events of significance is considered important.

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

9. Not applicable - funded internally through the LTCCP.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

10. Arts Policy and Strategy.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

11. Goal 5 – Buildings and public spaces that reflect the past, celebrate the present and provide a legacy for the future.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

12. Project proposed and supported by New Brighton Pier and Foreshore Society and New Brighton Surf Life Saving Club.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board:

- (a) Approve the installation of the memorial cairn in the New Brighton Beach Park as per the provided plan and design.
- (b) Accept Council ownership of the memorial and responsibility for its future maintenance.

BACKGROUND (THE ISSUES)

13. The New Brighton Pier and Foreshore Society (NBP&FS) has requested permission to place a 'memorial stone cairn' and interpretive cast bronze plaque to commemorate 100 years of the work of the New Brighton Surf Life Saving Club, due in early July 2010. The society wishes to place the cairn as near as possible to the original site of the club, which is on the New Brighton Beach Park, between the whale pool and the library.
14. All costs for the construction and installation of the memorial will be covered by the New Brighton Pier and Foreshore Society. The cairn will be four sided and this allows for the placement of future plaques.

THE OBJECTIVES

15. To create a memorial to commemorate 100 years of the work of the New Brighton Surf Life Saving Club, due in early July 2010. The design of the stone cairn was chosen to make the memorial as sympathetic as possible in style and in relation to the adjacent historic stone wall along the foreshore. With no active landscape plan in place and no funding allocated for redevelopment of the area in the LTCCP for several years, then the community aspiration for an appropriate memorialisation of several historic events of significance is considered important.

THE OPTIONS

16. *Preferred Option:*
Allow installation as per the design provided.
17. *Status Quo:*
Allow nothing.
18. *Another Option:*
Require redesign and alternative location.

THE PREFERRED OPTION

Proposal for a 'Memorial Cairn' for the New Brighton Beach Park

19. The proposal is sponsored by the New Brighton Pier and Foreshore Society Incorporated which is offering to fund the construction and installation of a 'memorial stone cairn' of about \$3,500-\$4,000 for the central New Brighton Beach park. The purpose is to create a structure upon which to ultimately attach up to four cast bronze memorial plaques. Only one is proposed at present.
20. It is to be located on an existing concrete plinth located in the asphalted path in front of the historic sea wall, just north of the New Brighton library and pier steps. The cairn design is to be a replication of one of the several tapered buttresses making up the existing stone wall adjacent and will use original stone from the part of the wall removed to install the 'new' pier.
21. The proposal is to make the cairn future proof by making it portable by building the whole structure on a standalone concrete base 150-200 millimetres high. The base would have 'fork lift slots' under it to allow it to be relocated if required in any future redevelopment of the area. The base would also provide the anchor points for the central reinforcing steel rods around which the stone work would be built.

ASSESSMENT OF OPTIONS

The Preferred Option

22. Install new stone memorial cairn as proposed.

	Benefits (current and future)	Costs (current and future)
Social	Community aspiration to mark centenary	Nil
Cultural	Community heritage and sense of place	No impact on any other heritage element or theme in the vicinity
Environmental	Appropriate design and materials for site	May have to be relocated in future landscaping proposal.
Economic	Another visitor attraction	Minor future maintenance cost
<p>Extent to which community outcomes are achieved:</p> <p>Local community partner requesting and promoting memorial</p> <p>Impact on the Council's capacity and responsibilities:</p> <p>Minor</p> <p>Effects on Maori:</p> <p>Nil</p> <p>Consistency with existing Council policies:</p> <p>Yes: Arts Policy, Goal 5 – Buildings and public spaces that reflect the past, celebrate the present and provide a legacy for the future.</p> <p>Views and preferences of persons affected or likely to have an interest:</p> <p>Local community promoting and supporting proposal</p> <p>Other relevant matters:</p> <p>Proposal accepted by Hannah Lewthwaite, Senior Landscape Planner, CCC Strategy and Planning Group</p>		

Maintain the Status Quo (if not preferred option)

23. Not allow memorial stone cairn.

	Benefits (current and future)	Costs (current and future)
Social	Nil	Community dissatisfaction with refusal
Cultural	Nil	Lack of memorial celebrating key groups in the community
Environmental	Open space retained but un enhanced	Nil
Economic	Nil	Missed opportunity to source community funding for project
Extent to which community outcomes are achieved: Outcomes not achieved		
Impact on the Council's capacity and responsibilities: Failure to meet community aspiration		
Effects on Maori: Nil		
Consistency with existing Council policies: No - Failure to celebrate past heritage and community		
Views and preferences of persons affected or likely to have an interest: Significant community dissatisfaction with refusal		
Other relevant matters: Nil		

At Least one Other Option (or an explanation of why another option has not been considered)

24. Memorial plaque located in general area but without cairn or redesign structure required.

	Benefits (current and future)	Costs (current and future)
Social		Frustration to community groups involved
Cultural		Difficulty in deciding on alternative design that would be considered suitable for locating plaques
Environmental		
Economic		May miss out on gift
<p>Extent to which community outcomes are achieved:</p> <p>No suitable structure for plaques at desired site except existing seawall.</p> <p>Impact on the Council's capacity and responsibilities:</p> <p>Nil</p> <p>Effects on Maori:</p> <p>Nil</p> <p>Consistency with existing Council policies:</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Views and preferences of persons affected or likely to have an interest:</p> <p>Community group already invested in chosen site and design</p> <p>Other relevant matters:</p> <p>Nil</p>		