

## Proposed Hahei Memorial Garden Kotare Reserve

Members of the Hahei Reserves Committee met with Alan Tiplady, Mercury Bay Area Manager for TCDC and Scott Farrell of the Council Reserves Department prior to Christmas last year to discuss the possibility of creating a Memorial Garden in Kotare Reserve.

Christine & Gilbert Bannan met with local artists Margaret Ivory, Meg Auth and Rachel Olsen to explore creative ideas for the proposed Memorial Garden. The site was then measured and a scale plan of the area drawn. Maggie Walker drew the wall design created by the artists for the plaques and placement of the entranceway on the site plan.

The idea of having a sculpture included in the garden has led to the Tree of Life stone wall being included.

The idea for the memorial garden being a historical timeline for Hahei was discussed, beginning with the arrival of Ngati Hei in 1350, then the Wigmore and Harsant families and up to the present day.

Significant events for Hahei, like the gifting to DOC by Vaughan Harsant of Cathedral Cove and its surrounds and the establishment of the Te Whanganui-A-Hei Marine Reserve to be included in the timeline, along with other events considered significant by the community.

The concept plan has been presented to the Reserves Committee and the Hahei Ratepayers Assn. Consultation will now begin with representatives of Ngati Hei, the Wigmore and Harsant Families and the members of the Hahei Community.

Geoff Hick has offered to do the costings when all consultative processes have concluded at which time, the plan will be presented to the Council for approval. The Council have agreed to put aside funds in next year's budget to begin this project.

Members of the Reserves Committee will complete a planting and seating plan and the formation of a charitable trust to administer the Memorial Garden will begin. Gavin Moorhouse, who designed the bespoke plaque on the memorial seat for his sister Rachel on the walkway to the Pa has indicated his interest in making the plaques.

Please contact Christine and Gilbert Bannan, 866 3144 or [christine.bannan@xtra.co.nz](mailto:christine.bannan@xtra.co.nz) if you would like to give feedback or contribute thoughts and ideas for this community project.

PROPOSED PATHWAY TO WIGMORE

WIGMORE STREET  
APPROX 24m

EXISTING BOUNDARY FENCE



10.4m



9.2m



APPROX. 65m

TOILET BLOCK

10m



9.3m

13.6



STONE 'TREE' WALL

7.1m



7.1m



22m

NEW PATH

SIGN A

NEW PLANTING



EXISTING TREE

32.8m



PROPOSED MEMORIAL GARDEN

KOTARE RESERVE

HAHEI

SCALE 1:100

Pa Road

