

Kotare Memorial Garden

TO Mercury Bay Community Board
FROM Heather Bruce - Community Manager
DATE 18 April 2018
SUBJECT Kotare Memorial Garden

1 Purpose of Report

To seek approval for The Kotare Reserve Memorial Garden Trust to develop and maintain a memorial garden on Kotare Reserve, Hahei.

2 Background

Members of The Kotare Reserve Memorial Garden Trust (The Trust) tabled a copy of their presentation at the 5 July 2017 Mercury Bay Community Board meeting, outlining their proposal to develop a memorial garden at Kotare Reserve (**Attachment A**).

The Trust is a registered charitable trust, whose objectives are to develop and maintain a memorial garden on the reserve known as Kotare Reserve. (**Attachment B**)

The Garden would incorporate walls on which to place plaques in memory of those who have died and who have contributed to the community of Hahei, a historical timeline of significant events in Hahei and a sculptured wall as a focal point of the Garden.

The Garden would also provide a place of quiet beauty available for everyone to contemplate and reflect.

Item 9.13.2.4 of the current Reserve Management Plan for Kotare Reserve allows for an area to the east of the sports field to be used for a memorial garden and tree planting. (**Attachment C**).

The Mercury Bay Community Board have previously provided a Grant to The Trust of \$1,500 for the development of an entrance wall, historical wall, memorial wall and initial landscaping.

3 Issue

The Board is asked to review and approve the request for development of a memorial garden on Kotare Reserve, Hahei.

4 Discussion

The Memorial Garden is a Hahei community initiative and has strong community support.

Local iwi have been consulted by The Trust and have blessed the land for the purpose of the memorial garden. The Trust intends to work in conjunction with Ngati Hei, the Wigmore and Harsant families to produce information to be included on a Historical wall.

The District Plan (Appeals Version) shows the zoning for Kotare Reserve as Recreation Active. The proposed sculptural wall would fit the definition of a 'public amenity' which is permitted in this zone provided it meets the general development standards.

A building consent would be required for the wall and any structure above 2m in height and for signs over 3m in height and 6m² surface area. If a structure or sign is unable to meet the standards of the District Plan (Appeals Version) it will require a Resource Consent.

The Trust will arrange the day to day operation of the Garden with the maintenance of the Garden being undertaken by the Hahei Reserves Group, headed by Karen Blair. This group will also undertake initial planting of the garden as well as assisting with the walkway and seating within.

Plaques will be purchased by The Trust and on sold to families who will arrange for appropriate inscription. The Trust will install the plaques and keep records online, at the Hahei Library and the Mercury Bay Museum.

The Trust is clear that the Garden is not a cemetery or a place for the scattering or interring of ashes. (**Attachment D**)

The Trust has estimated the cost of the historical wall, entrance wall, memorial wall and sculptural wall as \$80,000. The Trust is currently holding \$6,000 and proposes to fundraise by way of application to funding agencies and donations from local community and businesses.

A Memorandum of Understanding setting out terms and conditions for The Trust, will be undertaken in conjunction with the Community Facilities Group and Community Manager, Mercury Bay.

5 Suggested Resolution(s)

That the Mercury Bay Community Board:

1. Receives the 'Kotare Memorial Garden' report dated 18 April 2018.
2. Reviews and approves the request for The Kotare Reserve Memorial Garden Trust to develop a memorial garden on Kotare Reserve, Hahei.

References-Tabled/Agenda Attachments

Attachment A *Kotare Reserve Memorial Garden proposal*

Attachment B *The Kotare Reserve Memorial Garden Trust Charitable Deed of Trust*

Attachment C *Kotare Reserve Individual Reserve Plan*

Attachment D *Supporting information and concept plans for Kotare Reserve Memorial Garden*

[Attachment A - Kotare Reserve Memorial Garden Proposal](#)

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Attachment B

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[Attachment C - Kotare Reserve Individual Reserve Plan](#)

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