Executive Summary

This study is intended to assist the Thames-Coromandel District Council in its forthcoming review of the District Plan. Historic heritage recommendations specific to the Thames Community Board area are provided here for consideration by the Council and discussion by local iwi and other members of the community.

This report should be read in conjunction with the Coromandel Peninsula Thematic History and Consultant’s Summary Recommendation Report (2010), also prepared by Heritage Consultancy Services. In them a thematic approach has been taken to compiling historical information in a format that is best suited to identifying and interpreting historic heritage resources in the district.

The principal recommendation made within this report is that the historic heritage resources of Thames and surrounding areas should be protected, actively managed and interpreted by the council on behalf of the community. Whilst scheduling of some historic buildings, sites and places on the District Plan is desirable, heritage values can also be conserved on council reserves and the DoC estate. The history of the locality may also be recorded and disseminated by the Thames Library, in partnership with The Treasury and The Coromandel Heritage Trust.

Historic heritage resources in the area can be enhanced or undermined by new development, whether undertaken by the council or private landowners. It is therefore desirable that the history of the area is promoted within council and throughout the wider community in order that the future of local area settlements and their environs is based on an understanding of the past. Heritage, urban design and character values need to be considered holistically so that the distinctive aesthetic of the Thames area’s settlements and landscapes can be maintained and enhanced.
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Authorship

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Project Scope and Limitations

This report is specifically focused upon making recommendations that may be considered as part of the TCDC District Plan review.

This study should be read in conjunction with the Coromandel Peninsula Thematic History (Heritage Consultancy Services 2010). It is a summary document, outlining key aspects of the historic heritage resources of the locality. It does not purport to be an exhaustive historical study of the area nor an assessment of every historic heritage item that the community and council may seek to acknowledge and protect in the future via the District Plan.

While the author is aware of the cultural diversity of the Peninsula, both historically and in the present day, this report does not presume to tell the story of the locale from a tangata whenua perspective. Nor does it purport to be a research project based on primary research material, such as oral histories, family diaries, or historic newspapers.

While every effort has been made to ascertain the accuracy and credibility of the source material used during the preparation of this report, the author acknowledges that history can at times be fragmentary, controversial and open to multiple interpretations.
Coromandel Historic Heritage Thematic Framework

In line with national and international best practice a thematic heritage assessment framework has been developed to assist in the identification and interpretation of the Coromandel Peninsula’s historic heritage places, sites, structures and narratives.

The following framework is based upon the Canadian National Thematic Framework (2000) but has been modified to suit local circumstances. The Canadian thematic framework was selected for its relevance in a fellow settler society and its brevity, which lends itself more readily to heritage interpretation outputs.

The five principal themes and their associated sub-themes, are intended to act as a sieve, or a test bed, for assessing the breadth of historic heritage resources that the district may acknowledge, identify, manage and interpret.

An individual historic heritage resource, whether a building, archaeological site or wahi tapu area, may have a number of themes attached to it. ‘The consistent organizing principle for the Thematic Framework is activity’ (Australian Heritage Commission, p. 4). The themes are not arranged in a chronological sequence and should be seen as being inclusive of men, women and children and of people of all ethnic groups, religious beliefs and political persuasions. No theme is more or less important than another.

1. Peopling the Land:
   • Coromandel’s earliest inhabitants - Te Tara-o-te-Ika-a-Maui
   • Early European settlement
   • Gold, timber and gum settlements
   • Farming
   • Population growth
   • Holiday settlements
   • People and the environment

2. Developing Economies:
   • Barter and exchange
   • Extraction and production
   • Trade and commerce
   • Technology and engineering
   • Labour
   • Communications and transportation

3. Governing the Coromandel:
   • Politics and political processes
   • Government institutions (local and central)
   • Security and law
   • Military and defence

4. Building Communities:
   • Religious institutions
   • Education and self-improvement
   • Social groups and classes
   • Serving the community

5. Mind and Body:
   • The arts
   • Sport and leisure
   • Invention and discovery
   • The Great Escape
A note about the area’s archaeological resources:

Not all heritage on the Coromandel Peninsula is visible, much less visually significant. In fact in the majority of the places where people have lived over the last 700 years the layers of occupation and the remains of structures are buried under the surface of the ground. This not only applies to Maori sites – settlements of the gold and timber era, which were once thriving communities, have all but disappeared leaving empty paddocks. These places tell a story about New Zealand’s past and the achievements and hopes of individuals. Written records contribute part of the story, but the physical remains of the settlements are also important.

Any place which has evidence of settlement prior to 1900 is protected under the Historic Places Act 1993 whether it is recorded or not. Known sites are assigned a unique number and recorded in the New Zealand Archaeological Association’s database. Over the last 50 years archaeologists and other interested individuals have added to the database. As sites are revisited and rerecorded, the grid references are updated to GPS coordinates. However a large number of the records have locations based on map grid references and may be up to 100 metres out in terms of their accuracy. For this reason archaeological sites are identified in the Thames Coromandel District Councils GIS database as having a 100-metre radius buffer zone. The current distribution of sites is a reflection of where sites have been recorded, and the archaeological site distribution map for each community board area has quite obvious gaps. It is important for planning purposes to recognise that the absence of dots does not mean that the area was not used in the past, or that archaeological sites do not exist there.

Risk Assessment

Sites of early occupation and use, that is those dating from c.1300-1450 A.D., have been compromised over the years as a result of coastal erosion and beach development. Dune sites, generally regardless of their age, have been affected by the same processes. This restricts our understanding of settlement pattern and changes to use of marine resources over time. Development pressures are now moving away from the coast, so that areas inland from beaches are also under threat. The ability to tell the story of changes through time in settlement pattern, styles of houses, artefact use and how people used the landscape has been affected. Unfortunately there are few undeveloped or unmodified areas left that can fill in the gaps. Furthermore coastal sites are now under a new threat from sea level rise, increased storm surge and changing hydrology in the district’s harbours and estuaries.
The Historic Heritage Resources of the Thames Area

The protection offered by the Thames-Coromandel District Plan needs to be extended to additional historic heritage resources located in Thames and its environs. Historic heritage resources on council reserves also require identification and protection.

A large number of historic heritage resources in the Thames area have already been identified, by the NZ Historic Places Trust and the District Council. In some cases information pertaining to a building, structure or site may need to be reviewed and updated to ensure that the District Plan heritage schedule, in particular, remains robust and defensible.

1. NZHPT Registered Historic Places in the Thames area:

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**REMOVED TO MORE CONVENIENT SITE.**

(Photos, C. R. Baker).

Views shewing the Thames station in process of removal to a new site, and the building as it now stands.

Thames Railway Station being moved and on its new site *New Zealand Railways Magazine* Vol. 5 Issue 6 (1 October 1930) available at [www.nzetc.org](http://www.nzetc.org)

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2. Local historic heritage resources actively managed by the Department of Conservation:

*Kauaeranga Kauri Trail*

Kauri logging from the 1870s to the 1920s changed this landscape and made a major contribution to the national economy. Includes the Billy Goat incline (1922), Dancing Camp kauri driving dam (1924) and Christmas Creek kauri driving dam (1925). The Pinnacles Hut is also a major Coromandel visitor attraction.

Also:

Booms Historical Walk, Coromandel Forest Park – log booms site 1918

Pinnacles Hut, Coromandel Forest Park

Smith Historic Reserve, Thames – pa site c. 1700
3. TCDC Thames Heritage Register

A] Review of items currently scheduled on the District Plan:

Information included here, beneath the register number and name of the item scheduled, includes whether or not the building is registered by the NZ Historic Places Trust and, in italics, comments about the current status of the Item Identification Sheet provided for each Heritage Item included in the District Plan. Where it is noted that there is no or little information about the scheduled item on the Item Identification Sheet this raises concerns as to the defensibility of the inclusion of this building or place on the District Plan’s Heritage Register.

Register Item No 1 Hauraki Prospectors Assn
- Not registered by NZHPT
- Group of buildings that embody Thames' 19th century mining history and the mid-20th century appreciation of its educational and tourism potential

Register Item No 2 Old Golden Crown Mine Storage Shed
- NZHPT Category II, no. 4643

Register Item No 3 A & G Price Foundry
- NZHPT Category I, no. 128
- Group of buildings, dating from 1871

Register Item No 4 Burke Street Wharf
- NZHPT Category II, no. 4666
- *No information on Item Identification Sheet.*
Register Item No 5 former Royal Hotel
- NZHPT Category II, no. 2668

Register Item No 6 World War One Memorial
- NZHPT Category II, no. 4658

Register Item No 7 Saxon Shaft and Pumping Station
- NZHPT Category II, no. 4650

Register Item No 8 Sunkist Lodge
- NZHPT Category II, no. 2667 – name given as former Lady Bowen Hotel

Register Item No 9 Victoria Park
- Not registered by NZHPT
- Identified as Victoria Park Conservation Area
- No information on Item Identification Sheet.

Register Item No 10 Band Rotunda [Victoria Park]
- NZHPT Category II, no. 4609
- No information on Item Identification Sheet. Question as to why the rotunda should be scheduled separately from the Park? Ornamental brackets are not visible in 1989 register photograph, which suggests they are a modern addition.

Register Item No 11 former Lady Bowen Hotel
- NZHPT Category II, no. 713 – name given as Lady Bowen Hotel
- Potential for confusion here between items 8 and 11 as regards their names on the NZHPT register.

Register Item No 12 Boer War Memorial [Victoria Park]
- NZHPT Category II, no. 4610
- Also located in Victoria Park – single ‘conservation area’ approach more appropriate and arguably more suited to raising awareness of the relationship between the park, rotunda and memorial.

Register Item No 13 former Police Station
- Not registered by NZHPT

Register Item No 14 Robertson’s’ Funeral Homes Ltd
- NZHPT Category II, no. 4981 – name given as Thames Courthouse (former)

Register Item No 15 former Miners’ Union Office
- NZHPT Category II, no. 4653 – name given as Thames Aluminium Co. building
- No information on Item Identification Sheet.

Register Item No 16 Carnegie Library [former]
- NZHPT Category II, no. 718

Register Item No 17 Thames School of Mines
- NZHPT Category I, no. 132

Register Item No 17a Fire Bell behind Thames School of Mines
- Not registered by NZHPT – unless registration of School of Mines includes Fire Bell
- No apparent relationship between school buildings and bell.

Register Item No 18 former Livery Stables
- NZHPT Category II, no. 4624
- No information on Item Identification Sheet.
Register Item No 19 Thames Working Men’s Club
- NZHPT Category II, no. 702 – name given as former Cornwall Arms Hotel (now Club)

Register Item No 20 former Odd fellows’ Lodge
- Not registered by NZHPT
- No information on Item Identification Sheet.

Register Item No 21 Corinthian Lodge
- Not registered by NZHPT
- See Salmond conservation plan for further information.

Register Item No 22 row of historic shops, east side of Pollen Street
- Not registered by NZHPT as a group – individual registrations of shop frontages as follows.
- Query as to ‘shop frontage’ name given by NZHPT – does HPT registration include only the street elevations?

Register Item No 22a 704/706/708 Pollen Street
Register Item No 22b
- NZHPT Category 2, no. 2685?? – Check current status, as on-line Register of Historic Places does not include this property
- No information on Item Identification Sheet. Duplicate listing for same building, same legal description – Embassy Theatre. Determine correct street address and combine as one heritage item.

Register Item No 22c 710 Pollen Street
- NZHPT Category II, no. 5481
- No information on Item Identification Sheet. What about 712 Pollen Street, northern half of this building?
Register Item No 22d 714 Pollen Street
- NZHPT Category II, no. 2684

Register Item No 22e 720, 720a, 720b Pollen Street
- NZHPT Category II, no. 5482
- No information on Item Identification Sheet.

Register Item No 22f 724 Pollen Street
- NZHPT Category II, no. 2683
- No information on Item Identification Sheet.

Register Item No 22g 726 Pollen Street
- NZHPT Category II, no. 2682
- No information on Item Identification Sheet.

Register Item No 22h 728, 730, 732 Pollen Street
- Not registered by NZHPT
- No information on Item Identification Sheet. Modern building – review heritage values and placement on the schedule.

Register Item No 22i 734/736 Pollen Street
- NZHPT Category II, no. 2677 – 736 Pollen Street only
- No information on Item Identification Sheet. Check street addresses and confirm scope of scheduling.

Register Item No 22j 738 [-742?] Pollen Street
- NZHPT Category II, no. 2679 – for group 738-742
- No information on Item Identification Sheet. Check street addresses to reconcile NZHPT register and DP schedule.

Register Item No 22k 742 746-8 Pollen Street
- NZHPT Category II, no. 2681 – for group 746-8
- No information on Item Identification Sheet. Reconcile HPT registration and DP schedule.

Register Item No 22l 750 Pollen Street
- NZHPT Category II, no. 2680
- No information on Item Identification Sheet. Check inclusion of 752 Pollen Street in this item.

Register Item No 22m 754 Pollen Street
- NZHPT Category II, no. 2678
- No information on Item Identification Sheet. Check inclusion of 756 Pollen Street in this item.

Register Item No 22n 758 Pollen Street
- NZHPT Category II, no. 2675
- No information on Item Identification Sheet. This looks like a modern building – review heritage values and placement on the schedule.

Register Item No 22o [760-?] 768 Pollen Street
- NZHPT Category 2, no. 2676?? – Check current status, as on-line Register of Historic Places does not appear to include this property
- No information on Item Identification Sheet. Site was vacant when Heritage Study carried out, since then the Thames Masonic Centre has apparently been erected on the site. Question heritage values and placement on the schedule.

Register Item No 22p 770 Pollen Street
- Not registered by NZHPT
- No information on Item Identification Sheet.
Register Item No 23 Thames Hauraki Mine Pumphouse
• NZHPT Category II, no. 724 – address given as Cochrane Street
• Has the recommended Conservation Plan been prepared?

Register Item No 24 Quadrants from Thames Hauraki Mine Pumphouse
• NZHPT Category I, no. 4682 – Queen of Beauty Mine Pump Quadrants
• Suggest Items 23 and 24 be combined into an area listing.

Register Item No 25 Junction Hotel
• NZHPT Category II, no. 712

Register Item No 26 St James’ Union Church
• NZHPT Category I, no. 131 – note DP schedule states Cat II registration

Register Item No 27 St James’ Church Hall
• NZHPT Category II, no. 722

Register Item No 28 Beck Cottage
• Not registered by NZHPT
• No information on Item Identification Sheet.

Register Item No 29 House, 300 Pahau Street
• Not registered by NZHPT
• Minimal information on Item Identification Sheet

Register Item No 30 Thames Club
• Not registered by NZHPT

Register Item No 31 St George’s Anglican Church
• NZHPT Category I, no. 721

Register Item No 32 St George’s Anglican Church Hall
• NZHPT Category II, no. 2672

Register Item No 33 Old Hospital Building
• Not registered by NZHPT
• REMOVE from register as building has been removed from the site.
Register Item No 34 Brian Boru Hotel
- NZHPT Category I, no. 129 - note DP schedule states Cat II registration

Register Item No 35 Rural Bank [ACC] building
- Not registered by NZHPT
- *Late 1980s facadism, exterior appears in relatively poor condition today [2009]*

Register Item No 36 Halsbury Chambers
- Not registered by NZHPT
- *No information on Item Identification Sheet.*

Register Item No 37 Westpac Bank building
- Not registered by NZHPT
- *No information on Item Identification Sheet.*

Register Item No 38 Tararu Cultural Centre
- NZHPT Category I, no. 133
- *Minimal information on Item Identification Sheet. See NZHPT on-line register information.*

Register Item No 39 House 746 Tararu Road
- NZHPT Category II, no. 710
- *No information on Item Identification Sheet.*

Register Item No 40 House 750 Tararu Road
- NZHPT Category II, no. 711
- *No information on Item Identification Sheet.*

Register Item No 41 House 727 Tararu Road
- NZHPT Category II, no. 709
- *No information on Item Identification Sheet.*

Register Item No 42 former St John’s Anglican Church
- NZHPT Category II, no. 723
- *No information on Item Identification Sheet. Now in private ownership – date of sale by Anglican Church?*

Register Item No 43 Pillar Boxes V R Type [3]
- NZHPT Category II, no. 717, 7242 & 7244
- *Minimal information on Item Identification Sheet. Three separate locations, three separate NZHPT registrations – suggests the need for three separate scheduled items.*

Register Item No 44 House, 200 Queen Street
- NZHPT Category II, no. 4633
- *Minimal information on Item Identification Sheet.*

Register Item No 45 Shortland/Thames Railway Station
- NZHPT Category II, no. 719, also goods' shed no. 4646
- *Limited information on Item Identification Sheet. Desirable that scheduling clearly identifies the two separate buildings that are included in this item.*

Register Item No 46 Thames Plunket Rooms
- Not registered by NZHPT
- *REMOVE from schedule as the building has been removed from this site – relocated to Pipiroa in Hauraki District Council. No information on Item Identification Sheet. See Burgess heritage assessment report.*
Register Item No 47 House, 300 Queen Street
- Not registered by NZHPT
- *Note photograph held by the Auckland Art Gallery shows the circular staircase in this building. Consider scheduling interior features of this house following a site assessment.*

Register Item No 48 Superior Dairy
- Not registered by NZHPT
- *Minimal information on Item Identification Sheet, but mention of former use as a Maori boarding house.*

Register Item No 49 Holy Trinity Anglican Church
- NZHPT Category II, no. 705
- *Limited information on Item Identification Sheet.*

Register Item No 50 House, 210 Parawai Road
- NZHPT Category II, no. 706 – name given as House [formerly Marshall]

Register Item No 51 ‘Coniston’ house, 201 Heale Street
- Not registered by NZHPT
- *Limited information on Item Identification Sheet.*

Register Item No 52 ‘Thurlston’ house, 300 Banks Street
- Not registered by NZHPT
- *Limited information on Item Identification Sheet.*

Register Item No 53 House, 316 Rolleston Street
- Not registered by NZHPT
- *Limited information on Item Identification Sheet.*

Register Item No 54 Roman Catholic Convent
- Not registered by NZHPT
- *Limited information on Item Identification Sheet.*

Register Item No 55 House, 402 Williamson Street
- Not registered by NZHPT
- *Minimal information on Item Identification Sheet.*

Register Item No 56 Lodge Sir Walter Scott
- NZHPT Category II, no. 4652
- *Minimal information on Item Identification Sheet, but some archival information appended to original study sheet.*

Register Item No 57 House, 200 The Terrace
- Not registered by NZHPT
- *Limited information on Item Identification Sheet.*

Register Item No 58 Old School House
- Not registered by NZHPT
- *Limited information on Item Identification Sheet. Notes architectural integrity has been compromised by installation of aluminium window joinery.*

Register Item No 59 Brick building, Thames High School
- Not registered by NZHPT
- *No information on Item Identification Sheet.*

Register Item No 59a Bell tower, Thames High School
- Not registered by NZHPT
- *No information on Item Identification Sheet.*
Register Item No 59b Old school building, Thames High School
  • Not registered by NZHPT
  • *Minimal information on Item Identification Sheet.*

Register Item No 60 Shortland Wharf
  • NZHPT Category II, no. 4672
  • *No information on Item Identification Sheet, but some archival information appended to original study sheet.*

Register Item No 61 Hotel Imperial
  • Not registered by NZHPT

Register Item No 62 Salutation Hotel
  • Not registered by NZHPT

Register Item No 63 House, 306 Richmond Street
  • NZHPT Category II, no. 5384
  • *No information on Item Identification Sheet.*

Register Item No 64 House, 202 Kirkwood Street
  • Not registered by NZHPT
  • *No information on Item Identification Sheet. Noted that owner requested inclusion on the schedule – review heritage values to establish significance of the dwelling.*
B] Recommended additions to TCDC District Plan:

The following proposed additions to the District Plan align the Council’s Heritage Schedule with the Register of the NZ Historic Places Trust, acknowledge the contribution of some notable Thames residents to the district and nation’s history, and identify a collection of buildings that contribute to the area’s social and cultural history.

*The following items are scheduled by the NZHPT and should be considered for scheduling on the District Plan:*

- Kopu Bridge, SH 25, Kopu - Category I, No. 4681 (1926-8)
  The western half has recently been proposed for scheduling on the Hauraki District Council's District Plan. The bridge is a rare surviving swing span bridge and will be retained when the new two-lane Kopu Bridge opens in 2012.

- former Thames Borough Council Office, 401 Albert Street, Thames - Category II, No. 4668

- House / Corbett Homestead, 8088 SH 26, Hikutaia - Category II No. 4635

- Kauaeranga Valley School (former), 437 Kauaeranga Valley Road, Kauaeranga - Category II no. 9278

Comet photographed by John Grigg, May 1901. Carter Observatory, Wellington
Additional historic heritage items, not currently registered by the NZ Historic Places Trust, that merit consideration for scheduling:

- former John Grigg residence, 604 Queen Street, Thames

John Grigg (1838-1920) was an astronomer, teacher, composer and musician and he built an observatory behind his Thames home in 1884. This was then rebuilt on another site, presumably this one, in 1894 and enlarged into a two-storey structure. He has been described as the ‘founding father of New Zealand cometary astronomy’, having discovered four comets and received two Donohoe Medals from the Astronomical Society of the Pacific in recognition of his stargazing efforts. Grigg was also a foundation member of the Thames Baptist Church and operated a furnishing and upholstery business in Thames in addition to his musical and astronomical commitments. The house is a square-plan hip roofed villa with an enclosed veranda. The property once extended south to the Karaka outfall.

Principal theme: Mind & Body

- Former Rei Hamon residence, 817 Mt Pleasant Road, Thames

Former home of Rei Hamon (1919-2008), a self-taught artists who is best known for his line drawings of Coromandel’s flora and fauna. A kauri near the source of the Kaimarama Stream is named for him in recognition of his life as a bushman and efforts to raise awareness and conserve the Coromandel’s remnant native forests. Hamon was also a stalwart member of Mormon Church, serving as Branch president in Thames at one time. He was the subject of a television documentary Rei Hamon Man of Nature that screened on Maori TV in May 2009.

Principal theme: Mind & Body

- Totara Vineyard, 219 Ngati Maru Highway, Totara

Formerly the Gold Leaf Vineyard, established by Joe Ah-Chan in 1925 and sold to Stanley Young Chan in 1950, who renamed it SYC Wines. Gilbert Chan, son of Stanley, is the winemaker at the vineyard today, maintaining an 84-year historical association between two Chinese New Zealand families and a prominent business located on the outskirts of Thames.

Principal themes: Peopling the Land, Developing Economies

- Waikawau & Tapu tram baches, 949-961 Thames Coast Road & 1 Tapu Wharf Road (1951-

EJ (Ted) Russell acquired decommissioned trams from the Auckland tram Company in the early 1950s and transported them to the Coromandel. 10 were converted to baches at Tapu
and 23 received the same treatment at Waikawau. Others were located singly on farms etc for accommodation and storage.

Principal theme: Mind & Body

• St Mary’s Anglican Church, 8059 Paeroa-Kopu Road, Hikutaia (1914)

Promoted by the local schoolmaster EJ Walters and other members of the local community in 1910. Restored in 2002 with support from Frank Bax and Keith Trembath. The lectern and altar were evidently carved by local man RW Lowry.

Principal theme: Building Communities

• Kopu Station Hotel, 1 Kopu Road SH25, Kopu (c.1910?)

First hotel established at Kopu by Joseph Cornwell Williams (b. 1847, Wales) in 1880. Oldest section of the present hotel, on the corner of the site, appears to date from c.1910. Possibly some of the late 19th century hotel may have been reduced in height to a single storey and refashioned.

Principal themes: Developing Economies, Building Communities

• Captain Cook Memorial, 23 Kopu Road SH25, Kopu (1941)

Unveiled on 21 November 1941 beside the Kopu Bridge and resited beside the Kopu Public Hall in 1969. Stands adjacent to Kopu Hall and Clubrooms.

Principal themes: Peopling the Land, Building Communities
C] Local TCDC Reserves containing historic heritage resources

Not all of the following reserves are identified in the relevant TCDC reserve management plan as having historic heritage resources in situ. Nevertheless the sustainable management of historic heritage resources on council reserves is desirable and will make a significant contribution to the council’s efforts to protect local heritage and identity.

Bright Smile Mine Reserve
712 Mackay Street, Thames ID# 0487049201 Lots 369-372 & 369A-372A Kauaeranga 5

Historic heritage values: Site of the Bright Smile Goldmine that operated 1871-76. The mineshaft collapsed in 1879 and more recently the site has been used as a community garden.

Principal theme: Developing Economies

Burke Street Beachfront Reserve
Burke Street, Fergusson Drive ID# 0487070500 Lots 1-4 DPS 60014

Historic heritage values: Beachfront title acquired by Marutauhu people in 1872 and the RMP also mentions wharf piles, which are those belonging to the scheduled Burke Street Wharf (Register No. 4). RMP notes support for retention of wharf piles as a bird roosting habitat. Historic heritage values of the piles are equally important.

Principal themes: Peopling the Land, Developing Economies

Campbell Street Reserve
106 Campbell Street, Thames ID# 0487036500 Lots 212 & 213 Kauaeranga 13

Historic heritage values: RMP states there is no known history of this reserve. Five large puriri and one pohutukawa may have historic heritage values, subject to further research being undertaken.

Principal theme: unknown at this time.
Dickson Park Reserve
115 Victoria Street, Tararu Lot 17 DPS 775, 0492019600 Pt Lot 2 DPS 74746, Maori (Tararu), Maori (Kauaeranga), Maori (Onepu), Sec 1-3 SO 61309

Historic heritage values: A gold stamper battery site and several gold edicts are in the area, part of which has been used as a camping ground for over 30 years.

Principal theme: Developing Economies

Kauaeranga Valley – Devcich Recreation Reserve
ID# 0493102001 Lot 4 DP 55928 Blk V VI Thames SD

Historic heritage values: Devcich is a Croatian family name and many men from eastern Europe arrived in New Zealand around the turn of the 20th century to work on the kauri gum fields. The Devcich Kauri is the Coromandel Peninsula's ninth largest and this reserve is located on land once owned by the family. Further research and interpretation is desirable.

Principal theme: Peopling the Land

Kuranui Bay Reserve
Fergusson Drive & Tararu Road, Thames ID# 0492028100 Lot 2 DPS 43354 PT Waihoanga NO 3A Blk, Blks I & II Thames

Historic heritage values: Formed from spoil from the adjacent mines, which resulted in the partial reclamation of Kuranui Bay.

Principal theme: Developing Economies

Porritt Park
Queen Street, Thames ID# 0488100111 Lots 1, 3 & 4 DP 53443

Historic heritage values: Named for former Governor-General Sir Arthur Porritt (1967-72). Former location of Thames Plunket Rooms until they were to Pipiroa by resource consent. Citizens Advice Bureau and Thames Citizens Brass Band Hall occupy the reserve, both making an important contribution to community well-being and identity. RMP recommendation that removal of buildings may be desirable should be reviewed in light of historic use and potential heritage values embodied in the park.

Principal theme: Building Communities

Queen Street North Reserves
919 Queen Street, Thames ID# 0487022000 Pt Parareka Blk & Sec 26 Blk IV

Historic heritage values: The area has identified urupa sites ad has featured a Scented Garden developed by the Thames Lionesses Club in 1998. RMP should perhaps identify any management issues arising out of the urupa sites.

Principal theme: Peopling the Land

Rhodes Park
449 Ngati Maru Highway, Thames ID# 0490000300 Lot 1 DPS 79693
445 Ngati Maru Highway, Thames ID# 0490000400D Sec 3 Blk VII Thames SD & Maori (Ohoupo)
Historic heritage values: A rugby ground since 1928 and gifted to the Thames Rugby Football Union by Reginald Rhodes in 1938. The TRFU gifted the land to TCDC in 1988. Predating the long sporting history of the site, there are several burial grounds in the area on the river edge.

Principal themes: Peopling the Land, Mind & Body

Taipari Park
105 Mackay Street, Thames ID# 0489102700 Lot 1 DP 37117 NZ Gazette 1951/1644

Historic heritage themes: The site features three separate wahi tapu and is the subject of a management agreement with Ngati Maru. Long-term plan to remove Thames Centennial Pool is proposed to protect and respect the wahi tapu sites.

Principal themes: Peopling the Land, Building Communities

Tapu Domain and Beachfront Reserves
701A Thames Coast Road, Tapu ID# 0491029300 Lots 1 & 2 DPS 23986 NZ Gazette 1983/496
701B Thames Coast Road, Tapu ID# 0491029200 Lot 1 DPS 14344 Sec 28 Hastings Town Blk IX ML 20473
3 Wharf Road, Tapu ID# 0491028600 Lot 1 DPS 14344 Sec 28 Hastings Town Blk IX ML 20473 NZ Gazette 1965/864
2A Wharf Road, Tapu ID# 0491028400 Lot 1 DPS 32058 Blk XI Hastings SD
723 Thames Coast Road, Tapu Sec 54 Blk X Hastings SD

Historic heritage values: RMP details Maori history (Ngati Tamatera) and indicates presence of wahi tapu. Part of the reserve purchased in the 1920s from AE Dodds for use as a World War I memorial sportsground. Tapu Flat Domain Board formed in 1945 and a community hall built 1948-9. Camping ground established in the 1960s to provide funding for the hall and grounds.

Principal theme: Peopling the Land, Mind & Body

Tararu Cultural Art Centre
600 Tararu Road, Thames ID# 0492022400 C Sec 78 Blk IV Thames SD

Historic heritage values: Site of former Thames North School. RMP notes that buildings at the rear of the former school building are not in keeping with the style of the school. Nevertheless they may have historic associations with it and, if this is the case, should be managed accordingly.

Principal theme: Building Communities

Te Mata North Reserves
801 Thames Coast Road, Te Mata ID# 0491016600 Lot 4 DPS 5052 Blk XI Hastings SD & Sec 122 MLP 13212

Historic heritage values: The scene of a battle between iwi. RMP does elaborate on any cultural or archaeological values pertaining to the site.

Principal theme: Peopling the Land, Governing the Coromandel
Te Puru Domain
6 West Crescent, Te Puru ID# 049108700 B Lot 70 DPS 8735

Historic heritage values: Te Puru was a Ngati Tamatera settlement and was extensively cultivated. Reserve occupied by Thames Coast Community Centre, Kindergarten and Bowling Club.

Principal themes: Peopling the Land, Building Communities

Te Puru Beachfront Reserves
1 Seaview Avenue, Te Puru ID# 0491077600 Sec 23 & 50 Unuarei Town Blk XIV Hastings SD
21A Seaview Avenue, Te Puru ID# 0491076800 Sec 12 & 22 Unuarei Town Blk XIV Hastings SD
43 Seaview Avenue, Te Puru ID# 0491079700 Sec 1 Unuarei Town Blk XIV Hastings SD NZ Gazette 1962/594
31 Aputa Avenue, Te Puru ID# 0491075602 Lot 3 DPS 90917 Hastings SD, also 0491075300 Lot 6 DPS 3688 Hastings SD
9 A Sarjants Road, Te Puru ID# 0491072100 Lot 24 DPS 1664 Blk XIV Hastings SD
501A Thames Coast Road, Te Puru ID# 0491088300 Sec 47 Unuarei Town Blk XIV Hastings SD

Historic heritage values: Te Puru was a Ngati Tamatera settlement and was extensively cultivated. A large number of cultural an wahi tapu sites are located along the beachfront.

Principal theme: Peopling the Land

Thames Historical Museum
800 Pollen Street, Thames ID# 0487037100 Sec 64 SO 47975 Blk IV Thames SD NZ Gazette 1975/923
503 Cochrane Street, Thames ID# 0487037100 Lot 1 DPS 29882
802 Pollen Street, Thames

Historic heritage values: Former school site, set aside as a reserve for a war memorial after World War II and featuring a commemorative rock wall and memorial gates that were built for the school. At the time the RMP as prepared a Heritage and Archive building was proposed for this site at 802 Pollen Street. This is now being planned for to the south of the former Carnegie Library building in Queen Street. The RMP makes no mention of the age or genesis of the current museum building.

Principal theme: Building Communities

Thames War Memorial Reserve
111 Monument Road, Thames ID# 0487069101 Pt Sec 42 SO 40398 Blk IV Thames SD NZ Gazette 1962/629

Historic heritage values: Site of Tutukaka Pa and set aside for use as a war memorial site after World War II. Mediterranean themed gardens are intended to evoke the countries in which some NZ servicemen and women served in World War I.

Principal theme: Building Communities

Te Amo o te Rangi
17 Crawford Drive, Thames ID# 0490070900 Lot 32 DPS 89145
Historic heritage values: Jointly owed by Ngati Maru and TCDC and significant to the iwi because of its relationship with Te Totara Pa. Signage and interpretation intended to highlight reserve history.

Principal theme: Peopling the Land, Building Communities

Victoria Park
Brown Street, Albert Street, Beach Road, Thames ID# 0487025700 Lot 2 DP 12729, Lots 1-2 DP 22803, Lots 1 & 3 DP 56092, Pt DP 2379, Pt Lot 520 Kauaeranga 13A Blk, Lots 521-3 Pt 524 Kauaeranga 13A Blk, Pt DP 3024 Thames Beachfront, DP 878 Pt Kauaeranga 13 Blk, Pt Thames Beachfront Blk IV

Historic heritage values: Reserve includes several urupa sites, a number of heritage structures (see Thames Register No. 9, 10 & 12), and several scheduled trees. RMP mention of the desirability of all park furniture and structures presenting ‘a coherent unity of design’ may be at odds with historical genesis of park and its facilities.

Principal theme: Peopling the Land, Building Communities

Victoria Reserve and waterfront, as seen from the Pacific Hotel c. 1910 Thames Price Collection, Alexander Turnbull Library ¾-001550-G

Waikawau Reserve
Thames Coast Road, Waikawau Sections 25, 28, 29 Blk V Hastings SD

Historic heritage values: Ngati Tamatera holds title to this land and its future ownership and management is currently being discussed by TCDC and the iwi. This reserve abuts the Waikawau tram houses on the seaward side. The reserve features a boat ramp popular with local and visiting boaties and fishers.

Principal theme: Peopling the Land, Mind & Body

Waikiekie Historic Reserve
244 Waikiekie Road, Thames ID# 0490024001 Sec 27-29 Blk VIII Thames NZ Gazette 1981/2341
Historic heritage values: Within the reserve lies part of the watercourse that moved water from the Kauaeranga River to the Thames Goldfields.

Principal theme: Developing Economies

**Waiomu Domain and Reserves**

- 601C Thames Coast Road, Waiomu ID# 0491055200 Lot 3 DPS 30882 Lot 3 DPS 33150
- 601A Thames Coast Road, Waiomu ID# 0491057201 Lot 1 DP 33672 Blk XIV Hastings SD
- 614 Thames Coast Road, Waiomu ID# 0491057201 Lots 8 & 9 1 DP 25599 Hastings SD
- 7A Valder Place, Waiomu ID# 0491057201 Lot 2 DPS 49601

Historic heritage values: Settlement area of Ngati Tamatera and the reserve includes a waka landing site and the place at which Captain Cook’s cutter was beached. Community reserve established in c.1935. RMP also suggests there are goldmining sites on the reserve.

Principal theme: Peopling the Land, Building Communities

**Waipatukahu Point Reserve**

- 727 Thames Coast Road, Tapu ID# 0491002400 Waipatukahu B Blk, Blk XI Hastings

Historic heritage values: Part of the Point may be Maori Reserve and the local is tapu because of inter-iwi fighting that resulted in the deaths of many Ngati Tamatera. There is also a small private iwi cemetery located on the reserve. TCDC mows the cemetery and maintains the fence around the cemetery.

Principal theme: Peopling the Land

**William Hall Reserve**

- 220 Mount Sea Road, Thames ID# 0489188300 Lot 1 DPS 10089, Lot 2 DPS 48100, Lot 7 DPS 76651, Sec 23 & 24 Blk V SD Thames
- 132 Brunton Crescent, Thames ID# 0489142200 Lot 1 DPS 5569
- 113 Currie Crescent, Thames ID# 0489142200 Lot 17 DPS 1393

Historic heritage values: William Hall (d. 1915) was a notable New Zealand 19th century arborist who established a significant native and exotic tree arboretum on this land in the 1870s. Forest & Bird and Hamilton’s Waikato Institute of technology are working in partnership with the Council to preserve and enhance Hall’s legacy.

Principal themes: Peopling the Land, Mind & Body
D] Historic Thames Cemeteries

Shortland Cemetery
Tararu Cemetery
Tapu Cemetery

Also:
Omahu Cemetery – in which is located the Wharepoa War Memorial (1922, relocated 1973).

Private cemeteries may also be the site of historic heritage values, including those pertaining to historical, spiritual, architectural and archaeological qualities.
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