

Sent: Friday, 14 March 2014 12:29:55 p.m.

To: TCDC General Mail Address

Subject: Submission on Proposed Thames-Coromandel District Plan

Proposed Thames-Coromandel District Plan

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My further comments:

As someone who is moving to the Coromandel within the next two years to live I am appalled that the council could consider threatening the environment and values that we cherish about the Coromandel for an illusory pot of gold.

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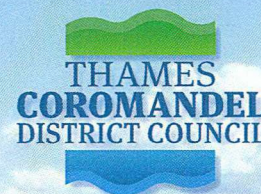
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14/03/2014

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Signature of submitter [Signature] Date 6-02-14

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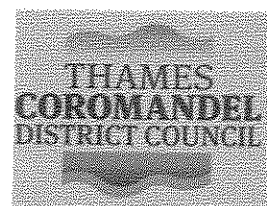
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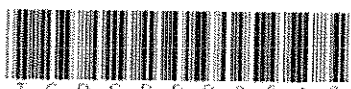
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MAP 29D overlays its plan. THE FORMER TAIRUA SCHOOL
TEACHERS HOUSE. 147 MAIN ROAD TAIRUA.
HISTORIC HERITAGE SITES. TABLE 8, ITEM 253

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Reasons for my views:

The exterior has been significantly altered over the years.
This plan will seriously affect our resale ability & affect the
value of the property, to our detriment to develop the site.

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Signature of submitter

DG H. Key

Date 13-3-14

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☒ Y ☐ N

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TO EVEN THINK OF WIDENING THE ROAD
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Signature of submitter W. Daines Date 6th February, 2014

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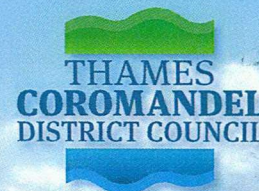
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Section 29- Biodiversity - rule 3

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I am a dry stock farmer in the hill country behind Kopu. Farming on this and most hill country is not very financially rewarding so you have to look at other ways to boost your income to survive. My block grows our own organic vegetables and has a large orchard to help feed my family and keep costs down. My livelihood relies heavily on fire wood to make the whole dream of being a farm owner and living off the land viable. I am unable to sustain a fee to cut firewood and seek that Council delete the fee for farmers to cut and sell firewood. I oppose Section 29 - Biodiversity - rule 3.

This country has for more Tea Tree on it than it ever has had. It grows like weeds on this country and is regenerating back onto most hill country more than it has been harvested or cleared. The seed is in the ground so when you have cut it down the light gets in and more tea tree germinates from the dropped seed and it grows.

The Coromandel has thousands of hectares of native bush. Now Council wants me to not cut Tea tree on my own farming land so it can have more bush which will make the hill country worthless, I won't be able to run my stock and lose my farming job. Taking my job and meaning I might need to leave the area to look for work.

In a 5km radius of Kopu 6 different farmers that I know about sell tea tree on a small scale. By putting a tax on me to sell tea tree is going to make things very tough for me, my family and a lot of people who purchase tea tree. The cost will go up for people to purchase wood and people just won't be able to afford it.

I don't know anywhere on the Coromandel where large operations are cutting big areas of tea tree most are single one person operators. Look at the thousands of hectares of land that is in pine and is cleared on a massive scale, they take everything in their path destroying biodiversity, spray, replant and cut down again.

Why single out the little business cutting sustainability on a small scale, doing some honest work. My land in has a covenanted area and this is protected from stock, I only cut trees off our pasture fenced off land where tea tree regenerates.

I leave trees on steep areas and am selective to provide shade for animals on some of the flatter areas. Also my farm has planted a lot of natives but not just any old natives we have been very selective and planted rare natives from the Coromandel Rare tree list. These plantings are to encourage more birds and insects creating a better biodiversity to our land. Not to mention the work we do for pest removal such as opossums, rabbits, wild cats, hedgehogs, stoats, pigs and rodents that do a lot of damage to biodiversity. My family have joined the KiriKiri Bird Corridor group, this group consists of a dozen or so residents in the district that have come together to form a corridor. The group is active with predator traps which help to allow the recovery of some of the forest remnants long under threat. We have noticed a pleasing result with an increase in bird life with wood pigeons, hawks, resident tui and the newest edition of Kaka. The group plans to supplement the corridor through the transfer of some of the original tree species, several of which have long since gone from the Valley. My farm will continue to plant native trees on a yearly basis and support this group.

Spraying areas of tea tree like some farmers and forestry do kill not only the tea tree itself but the biodiversity that goes with it, on the trees, under the trees and around them. This is an unsustainable practice, it can cause slips, erosion, biodiversity loss and toxic residues in the ground and waterways. Slips from forestry occurred last year on the Kopu-Hikuai Road. If you must put a tax on, put it on these farmers and forestry.

I believe how I harvest tea tree is the best practice in a sustainable manner and putting other trees back into the environment.

In closing I thought Council were about economic growth and not compromising the future of small business?

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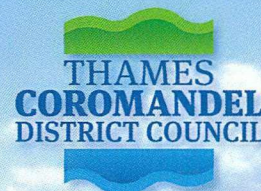
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Object to establishing CCEL in South Te Puru

Shareholder in 419 Te Puru Rd (SH23)

My submission is:

(clearly state whether you SUPPORT or OPPOSE specific parts of the Proposed District Plan or wish to have amendments made, giving reasons for your view)

I support ☐ oppose ☒ the above plan provision.

Reasons for my views:

South Te Puru has soft coastal defence

Enough buffer to manage our own coastal erosion risk

Over 40yr have seen a build-up rather than erosion

The decision I seek from the Council is that the provision above be:

Retained ☐ Deleted ☐ Amended ☒ as follows:

exclude South Te Puru from CCEL & FCPL lines

Proposed District Plan Hearing

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Signature of submitter

Jim Storey

Date 13/3/2014

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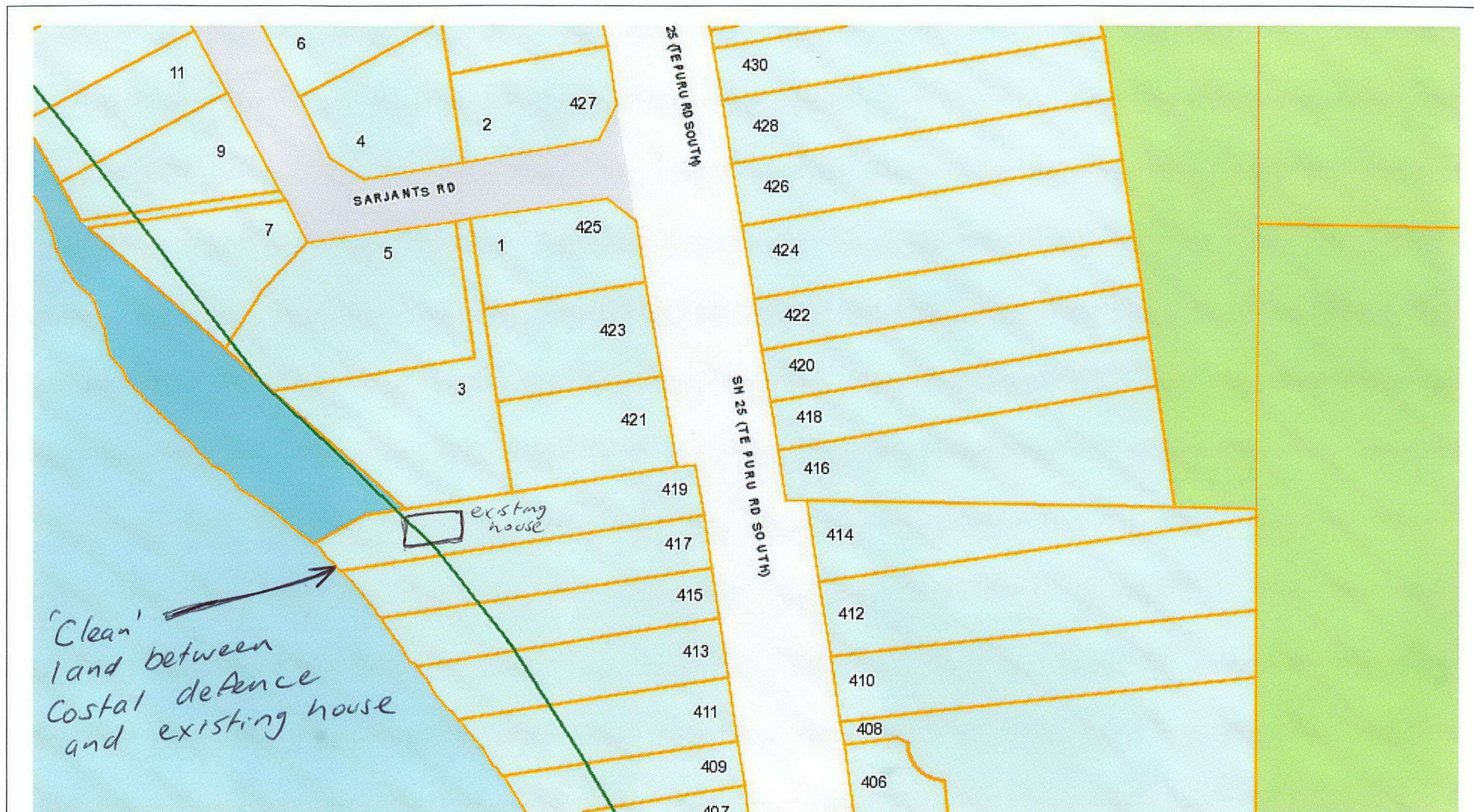
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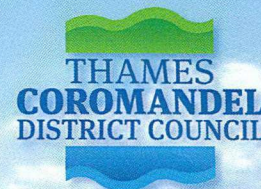
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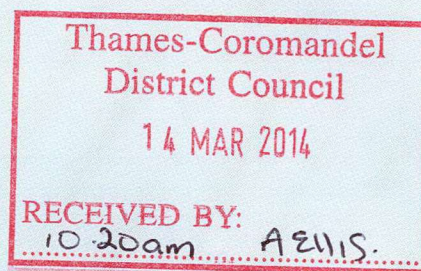
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(please specify the Objective, Policy, Rule, Map or other reference your submission relates to)

RESIDENTIAL ZONE - RULE 12.

DEFINITIONS - BUILDING, TEMPORARY LIVING SPACE

MINING ACTIVITIES SECTION 6/4 and 37

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RESIDENTIAL ZONE-RULE 12

PART VIII-Zone Rules

Section 54-Residential Zone

54.4-Permitted Activities

Rule 12-Temporary Living Space

The decision sought

An amendment in the form of an addition (**in bold underlined**):

1. A temporary living space is a permitted activity, provided:
 - a) It is accessory to an existing dwelling on-site; or
 - b) **It is accessory to a utility building with toilet and plumbed sink and**
 - i. **From 7 February to 1 December in the same year but excluding all public holidays, no more than two vehicles used for sleeping are on-site; or**
 - c) It is:
 - i. Not used as a permanent residence; and
 - ii. From 7 February to 1 December in the same year but excluding all public holidays, no more than two vehicles used for sleeping are on-site.
2. A temporary living place that is not permitted under rule 12.1 is a discretionary activity

Reason for decision sought

The addition allows for a provision between that of a) and c). Like a dwelling it benefits from the safe and sanitary facilities that a toilet and plumbed sink provide allowing for more extended, and possibly permanent, residence for one or two people, with moderately low compliance costs and minimisation of red tape that suits those who wish to live a quiet, simple, minimalist, inexpensive lifestyle. The restriction to no more than two vehicles used for sleeping from February to December limits the potential for adverse effects, in terms of loss of amenity and increased noise levels, to the Christmas holiday period allowing for the District's tradition of family get-togethers in the same spirit as provision c) (or provision b) in the PDP).

DEFINITIONS

Part I – Introduction

Section 3 – Definitions

1. Building

Decision Sought

The amendment of one free standing enclosed structure.. to

No more than three free standing enclosed **structures**..

Reason for decision sought

There are many small enclosed structures that a resident may wish to have including a garden shed, a greenhouse and a sleep-out. This would minimise compliance costs and red tape for these ordinary activities. The dimensions and rules that are specified in the Building Act would limit the number on a smaller lot.

2. Temporary Living Space

I support this definition**Reason for support**

It is an improvement on the current definition as it appropriately refers to 'temporary' in terms of the form of accommodation rather than the duration of time on site.

JANE BECK

Proposed Thames Coromandel District Plan

Submission by

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Given the outstanding landscapes and ecology of the Coromandel Peninsula, we need much stronger planning regulations to protect our environment from Industrial Mining Activities, for the benefit of communities and future generations. The PDP does not articulate the special Qualities, Values and Natural Character of the Coromandel Peninsula, therefore:

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- I require the PDP to uphold biodiversity values expressed in the RMA Section 6. I require the Plan to **Prohibit all Mining Activities in Outstanding Natural Landscape, Natural Character and Amenity Landscape Overlays** in the Section 32 Rules.
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- Section 37.4 Note 1 fails to provide any rules for Underground Mining Activities in affected Zones outside the access zone.
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I oppose Section 14 - Mining Activities.

- I want the language of in Section 14.1 (Mining Activities) to clearly state how future mining activities will have a major adverse impact on the unique Conservation Values and Natural Character of the Coromandel. We must acknowledge the adverse impacts of the modern Mining Industry on small communities.
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- I want the Plan to acknowledge the long term economic, social and environmental effects of the legacy of historical mining in the District.
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My further comments:

Please preserve the beauty, ecology, economy and attractiveness of the Coromandel District by prohibiting all mining activities. Avoid the negative consequences of mining, including noise, vibration, dust and toxic heavy metal pollution that can impact on human health and that of native and other animals, especially endangered species by prohibiting all mining activities in the Coromandel district. Thank you.

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Yours sincerely,

Signature:

J Beck

Jane Beck

Date: 28.2.14

Sent: Friday, 14 March 2014 8:47:03 a.m.

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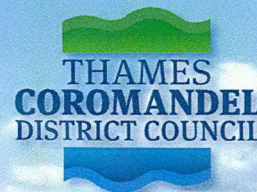
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DATAWORKS NO B5198/1060
PASSIVE RECREATION ZONE

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Reasons for my views:

HISTORIC (19) SITE AND BUILDINGS
AND MACHINERY.

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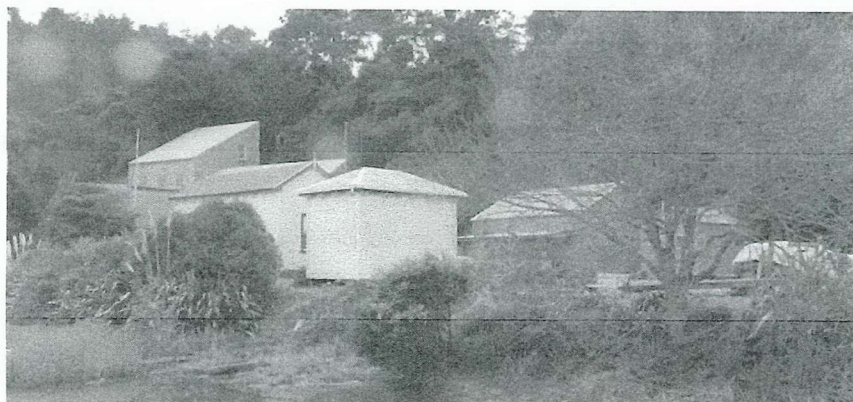
HERITAGE ITEM NAME

Hauraki Prospectors' Association 'Goldmine Experience' complex

ADDRESS

1000-1004 Queen Street

Thames

PHOTO

[23 July 2010]

DISTRICT PLAN ITEM NO. *X 107***NZHPT REGISTRATION****DATAWORKS NUMBERS**

B5198/1000

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION

On-site construction 1968 +

ARCHITECT/DESIGNER/BUILDER~~Various unknown~~*DESIGN - E.N. VALIANT
BUILDERS H.P.A. INC members***STYLE**

Utilitarian

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

A group of buildings arranged in a linear fashion, running north to south, located on the east bank of the Waiohahi Stream sediment pond, on the eastern side of SH25.

MATERIALS/STRUCTURE

Timber, corrugated iron

ADDITIONS/ALTERATIONS*SAMUEL BATTERY 1930's
HPA INC BATTERY 1970's AND EXTENDED 1990's/2000's*

Boilerhouse [1978], lean-to over crushing plant [1970], retaining wall [1995], toilet block [1997]

SURROUNDINGS & CONTRIBUTION TO CONTEXT*RELOCATE HOSPITAL MORGUE
AND JUDD OFFICE 1990's*

The complex is located on an area of land sandwiched between SH 25 and a spur covered in regenerating bush. The relocated mine buildings serve as a gateway, both visually and historically, to Grahamstown. Although not original to their site the buildings also relate, in their location, history of use, and materials, to the A & G Price workshop, which also stands at the northern entrance to Thames.

* HISTORY OF SITE/STRUCTURE/PLACE/AREA

The Hauraki Prospectors' Association [HPA] first met in September 1964, with the aim of promoting prospecting and erecting a gold treatment plant in Thames. From early in 1968 mining machinery and buildings were shifted on to the site and a mineshaft on site was reopened for visitors. The town's morgue and an office from Judd's Foundry were amongst the buildings relocated by the HPA. The only structure on the site of the former Caledonian – Golden Crown – Manukau claim when the HPA began was Sawyer's Stamper Battery at the southern end of the site. The process of gold extraction and processing is demonstrated on site. The aqueduct that enters the site at its northern tip can be seen in a 1946 aerial view of Thames. At the time the only other structure on the site was the stamper battery referred to above.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The site has archaeological significance as a place of mining activity in the 19th century, at which time it was part of the Caledonian – Golden Crown-Manukau claim. *Adjacent to Waioatahi claim.*

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE *Originally the site of 3 Stamp Batteries now relocated (19) Thames Hospital Morgue & Chas Judd Foundry Office.*

CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE *(21) BATTERY BUILDING TIMBERS FROM:*
 - (19) Chas Judd Pattern Shed
 - (20) Thames High School Administration Block
 (19) European.

HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE

The significance of the Hauraki Prospectors' Association complex lies in its embodiment of both the 19th century history of gold mining in Thames and the growing appreciation of the educational and tourism potential of this history in the mid-20th century.

SCIENTIFIC SIGNIFICANCE

TECHNOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE

The technological significance of the site lies in its preservation and demonstration of 19th century gold mining equipment and techniques. *including Stamp Battery & Berdons & Steam Boiler & Foundry patterns*

* SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANCE

This property and the buildings upon it have historic, archaeological, and technological significance and make a notable contribution to the northern entry of Thames.

REFERENCES

HAURAKI PROSPECTORS ASSN WEB SITE <http://www.goldmine-experience.co.nz/index.html>

THAMES STAR 21 DECEMBER 1908, p. 2.

DJ PANKHURST 'THE HAURAKI PROSPECTORS ASSOC. INC.', HISTORICAL NOTES APPENDED TO TCDC HERITAGE STUDY, c.2004

REPORT COMPLETED

17 September 2010

AUTHOR

Dr Ann McEwan / HCS

REPORT UPDATED

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PEER REVIEWED

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Site of Hauraki Prospectors' Association 'Goldmine Experience' March 1946 White's Aviation Collection ATL WA-05707-G. The Golden Crown Mine storage shed may be seen at centre right.

WAIOTAI TIP HEAD ON HILLSIDE

THAMES HERITAGE STUDY ITEM IDENTIFICATION SHEET

NAME Hauraki Prospectors Association

ADDRESS

1000 Queen Street Thames. West side of Queen Street (State Highway 25) and adjacent and East of Haven and Owen Streets

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: PT LOT 2 DP4942 PT DP1732 & PTS KAUAERANGA 23 & PARAREKA BLKS

OWNER ~~Mr R Skeet~~ CROWN MINING LICENCE
~~Secretary~~, Hauraki Prospectors Association, Inc.
P O Box 278
Thames

ORIGINAL OWNER

GOLDEN CROWN MINING LICENCE

STATUS

ARCHITECT/DESIGNER

**REGISTERED
ITEM NO. 1**

TYPE

Waahi Tapu
Precinct
Building
Group of Bldgs ✓
Structure
Monument
Historic Site (✓)
Other

DATE PERIOD

Pre 1800
1800-1840
1840-1870
1870-1880 ✓
1880-1910 (✓)
1910-1940
1940-1980
Post 1980 (✓)

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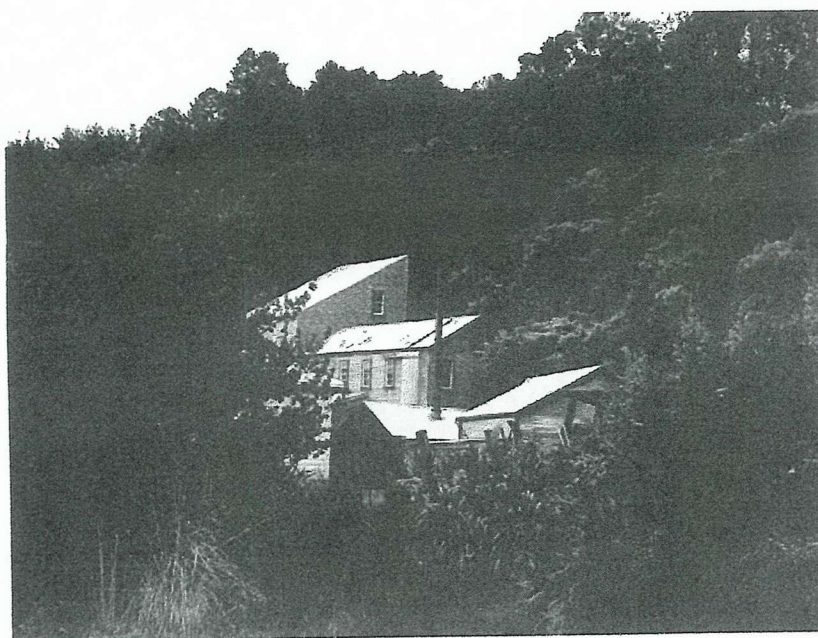
Maori
Gold-mining ✓
Engineering & Shipbuilding ✓

Timber Industry
Transport

Rural Servicing
Entertainment
Social and Civic (✓)

SIGNIFICANCE

Tangata Whenua
Historic ✓
Architectural ✓
Aesthetic
Scientific
Technological (✓)
Archaeological
Townscape



DESCRIPTION:

The Hauraki Prospectors Association ^{has} is a collection of buildings on the banks of Moanataiari Creek. Some buildings from Judd's Foundry were moved here and rebuilt (not necessarily as they were) to be used as an outdoor museum and working stamper battery. Judd's Foundry office building is here, as is the old morgue ~~and~~ building originally located above Karaka Creek. The site encompasses ~~an old~~ gold mine which can be walked through.

↑
The (19) Golden Crown
adits and shaft


CONDITION:

Buildings are in excellent condition and well maintained once restored.

HISTORY:

As above

SOURCES:

See attachments. — 

RECOMMENDATIONS:

As an outdoor museum with a working stamper battery there is enormous potential for developing this site as a cultural, tourism and educational centre. See Recommendation 8 of Heritage Study and Recommendation 9 of the Landscape Study.

THE HAURAKI PROSPECTORS ASSOC. INC.

The first meeting of the Association was held in September 1964 when 16 men with an interest in mining met at the claim of Mr. J Egan just south of the present battery site. The aims were to erect a gold treatment plant in Thames and to encourage prospecting for all ages.

In 1965 after lengthy negotiations, the 'New Alaska' 10 head stamper battery at Neavesville (inland from Puriri) was purchased by the Association for the sum of £5. The task of dismantling and transporting the battery to Thames was a mammoth one as it was over half a mile from the nearest logging road and many of the parts were extremely heavy, each stamp alone weighing 800lb. without the dedicated effort of members and in particular the first president Mr. H Watson and Secretary Me. G.W Wild together with financial assistance from the Mines Department and local people, the battery would probably still be at Neavesville.

By April 1967 all the heavy machinery had been transported to Thames and after some delays in obtaining a suitable site the present building was commenced early in 1968. Since its completion members have been fully occupied in re-assembling the equipment. This has been a long and sometimes disheartening job and many modifications and additions have been necessary. Steel has replaced the original pit sawn kauri for structural support and a ball mill has been added to make the process more efficient. By the end of 1972 all the machinery was in running order but a full scale test has yet to be held.

An adjoining mine tunnel, probably part of the old Golden Crown claim has been re-opened for visitors most of this work being done by Messrs A. Bateman and W. Jones.

The Association is now an incorporated society and meets regularly at 7:45p.m on the second Monday of each Month at the old School of Mines building in Cochrane Street and on most weekends members are engaged in working parties at the battery. Visitors are welcomed and their financial support purchase of specimens, souvenir certificate or by donations is much appreciated.

D.J. Pankhurst

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~~For organisation of Conduct Tours of the Mine Stamper
Battery please Phone or Write to:
The Secretary, (Mr. H. C. Fryer Ph.991)
Hauraki Prospectors Assn,
125 Edward Street,
THAMES.~~



PROJECT INFORMATION MEMORANDUM
SECTION 31, BUILDING ACT 1991

File Number... 97/8677

Date Issued: 9-5-97

Applicant..... HAURAKI PROTECTORS ASSN (INC)
C/- P O BOX 278

Contact..... THAMES
R SKEET

Phone... 025 755818

Fax.....

Application Received 07/05/97

PROJECT LOCATION: 34A WAIOTAHU ROAD, THAMES

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Valuation No. 04870/71000/A

Legal Desc... PT KAIPITOPITO PT WAIOTAHU BLK

PROJECT: (Description of proposed work and main purpose of use.)

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PUBLIC TOILET FACILITY

Intended Life: 50

THIS PROJECT INFORMATION MEMORANDUM IS:

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(Ticked if applicable; Crossed if
non-applicable.)

☒ Confirmation that the proposed building work may be undertaken,
subject to the provisions of the Building Act 1991, and any
requirements of the building consent.

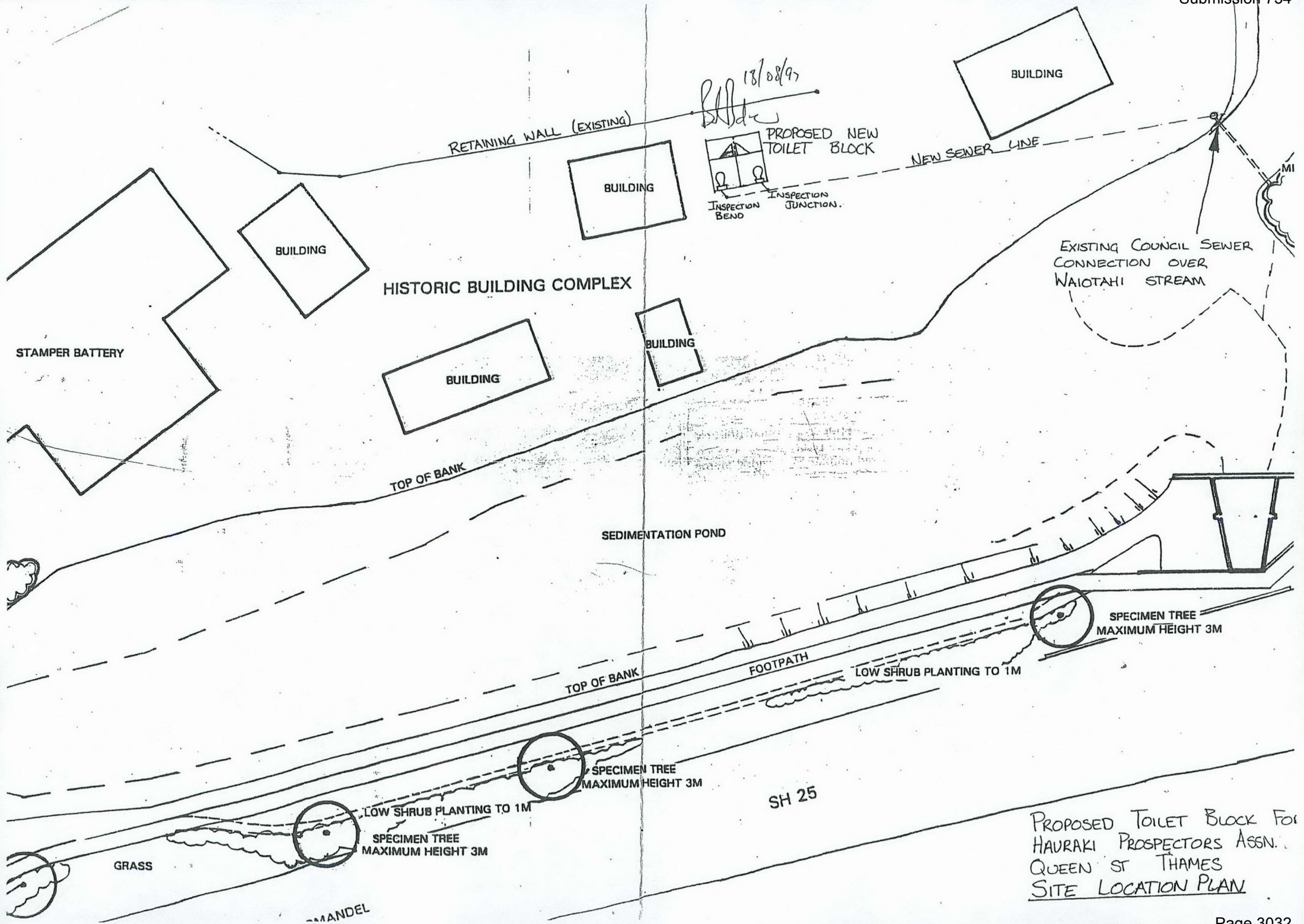
Not yet applied for ☒

No. 97/8677 attached ☒

Not yet issued ☒

☒ Notification of any other authorisations which must be obtained
before the proposed building work may be undertaken.

☒ Notification that the proposed building work may not be undertaken
because a necessary authorisation has been refused.



Permit No. B.028318Date of Issue 5.10.70APPLICATION FOR BUILDING PERMITDate 15th Oct 1970

To The Building Inspector,

I hereby apply for permission to erect, alter, add to, remove, repair
 a building at..... Street/Road
 for Hawaki Prospector Asen Pae (full name)
 of 616 Taram Rd Thames (address)
 according to the plans, specifications and site plan submitted herewith.

Particulars of Land

Valuation Roll No. 487/186 Lot No.....
 D.P.S..... Section No.....
 Block..... Area.....

Particulars of Building

Foundations Concrete Walls 4x2 timber with wire
 Roof corrugated iron
 Floor Area (External Measurement) 140 Square feet.

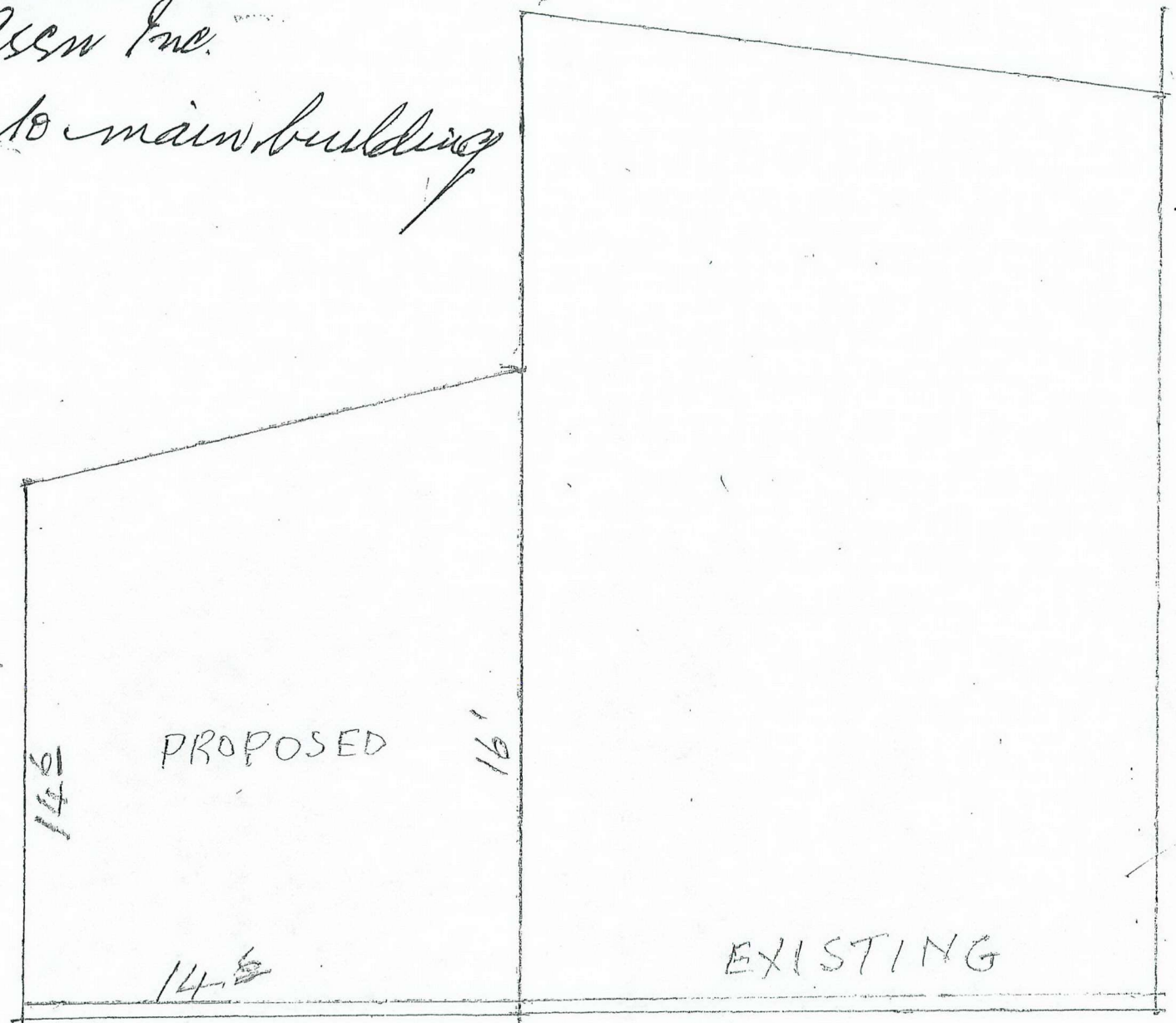
Estimated ValuesBuildings \$ 150 Plumbing and Drainage \$.....Type of Building (Shop, dwelling, flats etc.)heavily over crushing plantPurpose of Building (Own use, rent, sale)..... Own useBuilder J. Egan

Signature of Applicant

Address 616 Taram Rd ThamesHawakiApproved [Signature] Borough Inspector 15-10-70Fee \$1 Building Department

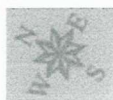
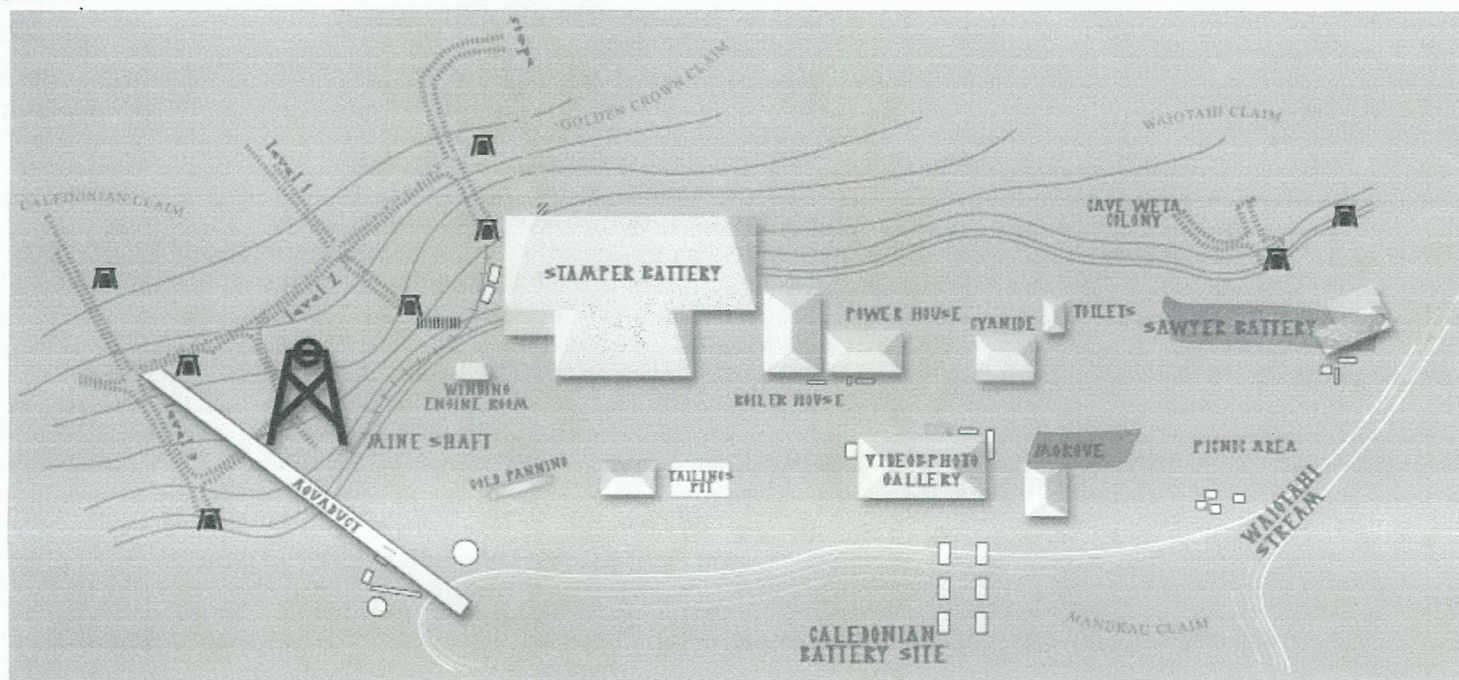
Hawaki Prospectors Assn Inc.
proposed addition to main building

Estimated cost \$150





SITE MAP

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ABOUT THE HPA - A BRIEF HISTORY:

The Hauraki Prospectors Association Incorporated (HPA,) was formed 30 years ago by a couple of retired gold miners. Sawyer's Stamper Battery had just closed its doors, the gold mining companies had disbanded and the town of Thames was focussed on other means of making a living. And yet, the prospectors held a firm belief that gold was still to be found. ("gold fever" was still running high). The only problem to overcome was to how to process their gold-bearing ore.



The solution; to build a Stamper Battery. A site was chosen. What better place than one of the richest hard rock gold fields in New Zealand, the site of the world famous Caledonian - Golden Crown - Manukau claim situated in Thames.

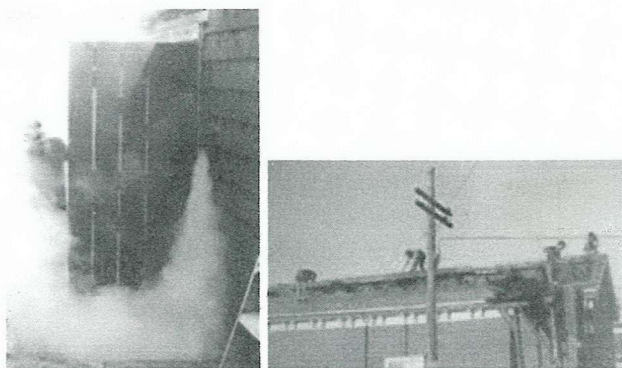


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And so, the quest of the HPA began: to recover old gold mining equipment, fix it, install it, and obtain gold. When the HPA first moved into their claim, only the single-head Sawyer Battery still stood, next to a tabby cat - later to be named "Battery Cat". (Battery Cat is currently the "Resident Rodent Control Officer" for the HPA)



First things first - a "smoko-room" was erected. Stampers for the battery, from Neasville on the Hauraki Plains. Berdans, Jaw crushers and miscellaneous parts came from various other sources, such as Judds Foundry, A&G Price, Individual donations, and out of the bush. A Boiler house was built, the refurbished steam Engine and wood-fired boiler installed. A number of historic buildings were rescued from ruin, including the old morgue, and Judd Office.



To build new structures - building materials were needed. With no budget for the year - the HPA volunteered to do demolition jobs around town, Thames High School and Judds Foundry to name a few.

Old tunnels were reopened and the search for gold began. (Incidentally, there is an estimated 2 billion dollars worth of gold, unclaimed within the region today!)

Many people began to visit the HPA - curious to see what all the noise was about (literally, you'll hear what I mean if you visit Goldmine Experience). It seemed to the HPA, that a lot of people had gold fever too, and a general interest in the past. Official tours of the HPA operation began. The HPA annual budget now covered beer, tea, milk, and Battery Cat food costs.



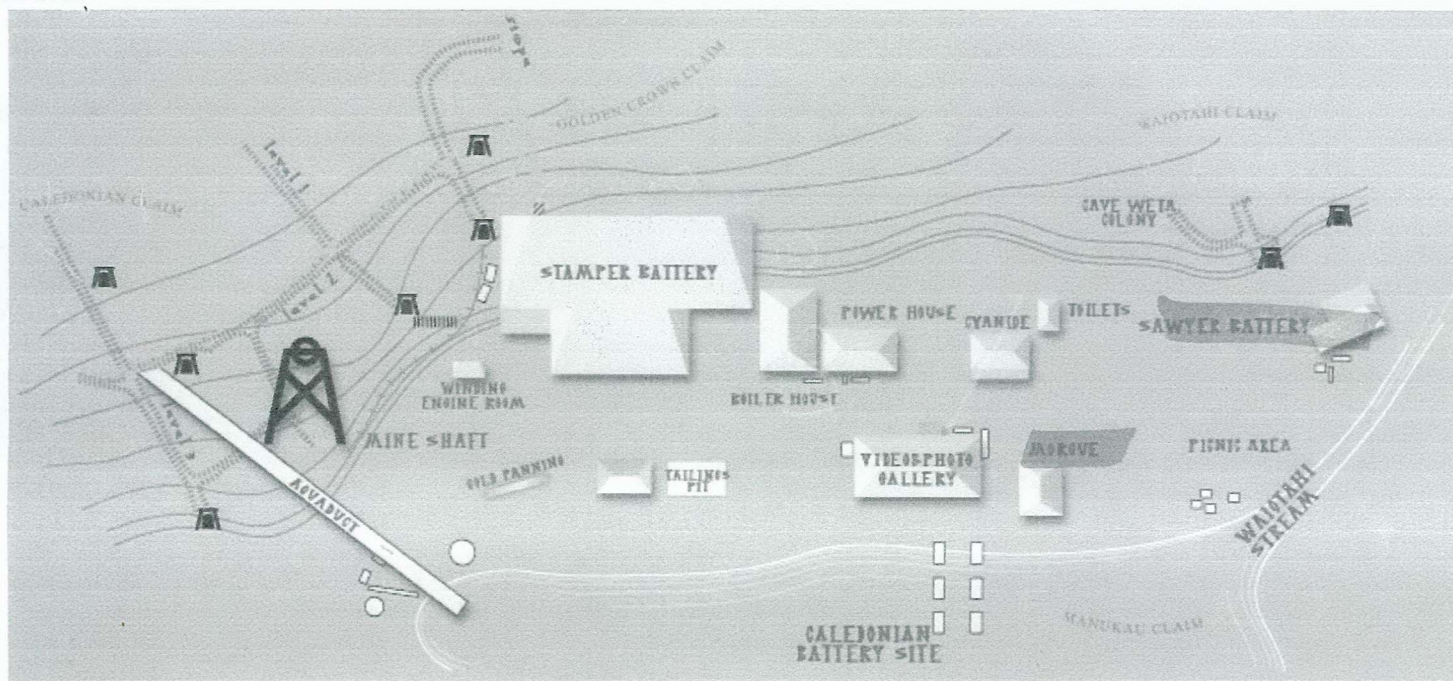
Today the HPA are constructing a new Stamper battery that will be twice the size of the current one! This is in order to process a greater volume of gold ore. New tunnels have been reopened and gold discovered. The ore is quite rich at 1 oz/ton. Also, the HPA are digging their way down to the 100 - 200 foot below-sea level. The Golden Crown Mine Shaft is being reopened, and a head frame is being built with a grant from the [Lotteries Commission Board](#).

There are currently about 50 members of the HPA, and a core group of about 10. The HPA volunteer group is made up of Lawyers, Engineers, Designers, Builders, Electricians, Parliamentary journalists... Working "Bs" are held at the claim, on the second Saturday of every month. Members also go on field trips to gold mining related sites, when there is the inclination.



If you would like to become a volunteer, donate funding for a project, donate gold mining related artifacts, or have helpful information please [email the HPA](#), or send a letter to, HPA, PO Box 278, Thames 2801, New Zealand.

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