

Historic Places Aotearoa President James Blackburne



It has been a turbulent time for the country over the past few months and no doubt things will remain some what fluid for the foreseeable future. For many of us, the lock down has meant a change in the way we all operate and for many heritage organisations we have not been able to connect with our members. Over the coming years domestic tourism is likely to boom and this will provide an opportunity for local heritage tourism as many people will be looking for things to do as they travel around. This will provide an opportunity to tell the stories of your place to the people of Aotearoa.

The Executive is concerned that the governments desire to fast track projects around the country will place heritage at a greater risk. We will be lobbying government about this and ask that you also contact you local MP's and advocate for our heritage to be protected in any new legislation.

The conference date and location has been set, so please put the weekend of the 17th and 18th October in your dairies and start planning for a trip to Whanganui. More details on the planned events and speakers will be released over the coming months as they come to hand.

Architectural Term



The Doric Order in the Parthenon at Athens.

Doric: The Doric order, the earliest type of classical Greek architecture, has a simple yet powerful capital design.

Wikipedia: Original source was an engraving from A. Rosengarten, A Handbook of Architectural Styles, NY, 1898

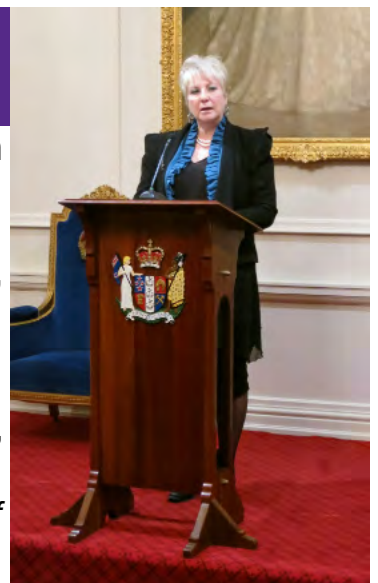
New Year Honours 2020

“To be a Dame Companion
of the New Zealand Order of Merit:

CRIGHTON, Dr Anna Louisa de Launey,
QSO, JP”

“For services to heritage preservation and governance”

*Dame Anna Crighton was the founding President of
Historic Places Aotearoa.*





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8 June 2020

Annual Conference of Historic Places Aotearoa Sat 17th October 2020

“Our Heritage Visible, Valuable and Protected for Future Generations”

We are pleased to invite you to Historic Places Aotearoa Annual Conference on Saturday 17th October 2020 in Whanganui, one of New Zealand’s most significant heritage cities.

Historic Places Aotearoa (HPA) represents a nationwide network of independent heritage organisations and is an important voice for heritage. Our Patron is Dame Anne Salmon.

We expect to hold welcoming drinks at NZ Glassworks on Friday 16th and a dinner on Saturday evening, with the possibility of tours to heritage points of interest, on Sunday morning.

The Conference is hosted by the Whanganui Regional Heritage Trust Board in partnership with HPA and invitations will go to heritage organisations, the Ministry for Heritage, relevant Government Ministers and heritage portfolio holders in central and local government. Heritage representatives from the Whanganui District Council will also attend.!!

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This Conference is an opportunity to connect grass-roots heritage organisations throughout NZ with policy-makers and Heritage NZ in a relaxed setting, for better heritage outcomes. Key discussion points will include strategies to make our heritage “Visible, Valuable and Protected”.

HPA has developed a comprehensive plan of initiatives that will assist New Zealand’s heritage become an incredible asset for future

generations. Through projects that raise the profile of heritage, HPA is keen to work with you to form an effective partnership. This conference is a mechanism to discuss and share ideas together. Together we can make a real difference.

Full details of the Conference will be forwarded in due course. Please feel free to contact me on hellycraig@hotmail.com, Ph 021 1030737 if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Helen Craig
Trustee
Conference Coordinator
HPA Executive

PS: Air routes should include Air New Zealand flights to Palmerston North from throughout the country, and a one-hour drive to Whanganui. Direct flights between Auckland and Whanganui should be available with Air Chathams.

Premier accommodation is available at Aotea Motor Lodge. Early bookings are recommended.

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“We have already received confirmation that Heritage New Zealand will attend this event in strength, including their Chief Executive Andrew Coleman, Board Chair Hon Marian Hobbs and HPA Patron, Dame Anne Salmon. We would expect Government Ministers with related portfolios to also attend.” Helen Craig (text form email)

New Zealand Heritage “Blue” Plaque Update

One new Plaque at Kurow, five ordered for Timaru and five more planned for Ashburton

After another successful year delivering five more Blue Heritage Plaques for Mid Canterbury, HPMC are looking at doing a further five plaques within the region this year.

The South Canterbury Historical Society (an HPA Associate member) and the Timaru Civic Trust have also ‘picked up the baton’ and are progressing the Blue Plaque initiative in South Canterbury, with the first five Blue Plaques currently on order and due to be placed on five heritage buildings in Timaru in the first half of 2020.

We also had an enquiry from the 87 year-old Grandson of Kurow’s first resident Doctor, who contacted us from the UK, where he resides, to see if we could produce a Blue Plaque to go on the original Doctor’s House in this tiny, but historic North Otago township.

This house was later occupied by Dr D. G. McMillan, who, along with Rev. A. H. Nordmeyer and local Headmaster Mr A. M. Davidson (known as the ‘Three Wise Men’ of Kurow), met regularly in this house to develop what was eventually to become New Zealand’s ground-breaking Social Security system which was introduced when the first Labour government came to power in 1935.

An earlier plaque on the site, which was produced by the North Otago branch of the former NZ Historic Places Trust neglected to mention the Kurow’s first resident Doctor, whom the house was originally built for. The wording on the replacement plaque now includes reference to the original date and purpose of this modest little (unlisted) 1893 Oamaru Stone bungalow. The new plaque was placed on an existing plinth outside the Doctor’s House (now a private residence) in January 2020.

During the course of the research for this building, we also uncovered the original architectural drawings of the Doctor’s house which revealed that it was designed by the renowned architect John Megget Forrester, son of Thomas Forrester (of Forrester & Lemon fame) and the architect of the Oamaru Opera House.



Government Announcements for Heritage: Budget 2020

Government Announcements for Heritage 2020

25 May 2020

Up to \$70m for upgrades of marae, town halls, Pasifika churches and war memorials. The funding is expected to create hundreds of jobs throughout the country.

“Renovating these buildings will provide work for local tradies and contractors while regular building and repair work is on hold. It is an opportunity to target Māori, Pasifika and other vulnerable workers who are not able to secure contracts through more substantial infrastructure projects. Funding of \$70m will cover salaries and construction costs for these projects,” Shane Jones said.

EARLY MAY 2020

Budget 2020 Announcement:

Mātauranga Māori

- \$20 million over two years for mātauranga Māori initiatives to support iwi, hapū, whānau and Māori communities with projects that will protect their mātauranga and taonga from the impact and ongoing threat of COVID-19.

Discussions to refine the details of the funding will take place with participating agencies, iwi and Māori communities post-budget. Final details on how to access funding will be available in September 2020.

Annual Budget

The annual Budget 2020 includes:

- \$3.1 million to Heritage EQUIP to support seismic strengthening of heritage buildings
- \$6 million to address Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga cost pressures
- \$250,000 to investigate the seismic upgrade and refurbishment of Turnbull House.

Note \$6 million was included in the subsequent \$11. Announcement. See following HNZ PT Media Release.

7 April 2020

Reintroduction of building depreciation for Earthquake Strengthening

See the following HPA Media Release on Depreciation for Earthquake Strengthening

HNZPT to Receive \$11.364 million

This includes the \$6 million and \$250,000 Turnbull Library Budget 2020 announcements.

See the following HNZPT Media Release.

Budget 2020: HPZPT Media Release



HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND
POUHERE TAONGA



1st June

Budget 2020 funding allocations a huge boost

Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga is delighted with the Government's continued commitment to heritage in Budget 2020 and last Thursday's cultural recovery package announced by Prime Minister and Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage, Jacinda Ardern.

The country's lead heritage agency receives \$11.364 million in support to recover from the impact of COVID-19. This total includes the \$6 million allocation announced in the Budget on 14 May to help ease financial pressures arising from increased insurance, information technology, property management, accommodation and staffing costs, and prepare a business case for the seismic upgrade and refurbishment of the Category 1 listed Turnbull House in Wellington.

"The cultural sector was amongst the worst hit by the global pandemic," the Prime Minister said at Te Papa in Wellington last Thursday.

"Museums, galleries and heritage sites closed, and individual artists and arts organisations like dance and theatre companies saw their incomes decimated almost overnight.

"Funding announced today will help them get back on their feet. New jobs will be created, and the sector will innovate and connect with new audiences."

The funding is a huge boost for Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga to continue its ongoing management and development of the visitor experience to nationally important heritage properties it cares for on behalf of the nation, says Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Chief Executive, Andrew Coleman.

"The confidence and support from the Government reflects our standing as this country's lead heritage agency and the commitment and expertise our staff have in continually achieving positive opportunities and outcomes for heritage," says Mr Coleman.

"These are significant, prominent heritage properties that we look forward to caring for and enhancing so they become must-visit properties for New Zealanders and international visitors."

Historic Places Aotearoa Media Release April 2020

Historic Places Aotearoa Welcomes Government Tax Changes

Historic Places Aotearoa (HPA) applauds the Government for including depreciation of earthquake strengthening in its COVID-19 stimulation packages, and providing real incentives for commercial heritage building owners.

HPA President James Blackburne said this initiative would be welcomed by commercial heritage building owners facing the burden of earthquake strengthening.

"The depreciation rate of two percent diminishing value is a good first step. We are looking forward to the Government's new heritage initiatives.

"Work on heritage buildings can be quickly made 'shovel ready' and this applies to strengthening. This meets the Government's intention in their Stimulus Bills."

Mr Blackburne commended Minister Grant Robertson for acting on the Cullen Tax Working Group's recommendation, and the Opposition's Paul Goldsmith for supporting the Bill.

Whanganui District Council councillor Helen Craig welcomed the changes, which the council and local heritage organisations had lobbied long and hard for, due to the city's significant heritage town centre.

"A full range of incentives are needed to support heritage building redevelopment due to high costs versus the value of buildings, especially in provincial New Zealand.

"New Zealanders value their heritage but it's rapidly deteriorating and at risk due to age, changing demand and use for inner city spaces, and earthquake strengthening requirements."

Heritage restoration advocate Dame Anna Crighton concurred.

"As chair of a heritage trust restoring two commercial heritage buildings, I can state the changes to depreciation is a prudent and worthwhile practical help.

"Depreciated strengthening supports the 'adaptive reuse' of heritage buildings. We can look forward to seeing vibrant heritage buildings in our cities and provincial main streets."

Background:

The Government now allows commercial building owners, including heritage building owners, to depreciate the capital cost of earthquake strengthening by 2 percent in diminishing value.

In addition, this will be an incentive for Heritage Building "Adaptive Reuse" Projects where the original use is changed ie, a government building interior is converted to lawyers offices with full IT support.

(The change was made in Section 39 of the COVID-19 Response (Taxation and Social Assistance Urgent Measures) Act 2020 Public Act 2020 No 8. Date of Ascent March 2020.)

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HPA ICOMOS Letter to the Minister

Historic Places Aotearoa ICOMOS New Zealand



24 April 2020

Rt Hon Jacinda Arden
Prime Minister
Minister of Arts, Culture and Heritage
Parliament Buildings
Wellington

c.c. Hon Grant Robertson, Assoc Minister of Arts, Culture and Heritage
Hon David Parker, Minister for the Environment

Dear Prime Minister

COVID-19 Recovery and New Zealand Aotearoa's heritage

We are writing to applaud the fast and decisive action taken by you and your Government to control the COVID19 situation, also noting the impact that this action has and will continue to have on our economy and local communities.

As we move out of lockdown we appreciate that the Government and wider public's thoughts are rightly turning towards recovery and what can be done to re-stimulate the economy – this is evidenced by recent moves you and your colleagues are taking to identify and accelerate major 'shovel ready' infrastructure projects.

Although we are supportive of these efforts, we would also request that consideration is given to the significant role that heritage can play in the recovery process as a primary contributor to our social, cultural and economic well-being.

We note, for instance, that economic research in the US has demonstrated that:

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- Dollar for dollar, heritage conservation is one of the highest job-generating economic development options available
- Rehabilitation of existing buildings has a far greater impact on the local economy than the same amount of new construction

The retention and conservation of our historic heritage is also fundamental to our ongoing sustainable development as a nation, and is reflected in such factors as:

- Adaptive reuse of heritage buildings reduces our environmental footprint by minimising construction waste and the loss of ‘embedded energy’ inherent within these buildings (environmental sustainability)
- Retention of original elements of built form and fabric helps maintain the character of local areas and neighbourhoods (socio-cultural sustainability)
- Due to their relative affordability historic buildings are often used as incubators for small businesses, thereby enabling such enterprises to make a demonstrable contribution to the local economy (economic sustainability)

Equally, our historic and cultural heritage provides New Zealanders with a tangible link to their past as well as contributing to their sense of national, regional and local identity – these are factors which both help to bind and ground us in times of uncertainty. In doing so they help to sustain our overall cultural, social and economic well-being by enhancing the quality of the environments in which we live.

We stress that “heritage” is not just built structures; it also includes archaeology and sites of significance to Māori. These places tell unique stories of our land and its people.

In light of this we would encourage the Government as part of its recovery strategy to accelerate national, regional, and local projects that support and promote conservation of our heritage.

We note that the issue is not just the potential for adverse effects that construction projects can have on heritage values, but also delays that can arise from inadequately informed or executed project planning. Appropriate consideration of heritage matters at the front end of projects can prevent delays and ensure smoother delivery. It can also help avert unintended impacts on heritage resources resulting from neglect due to unanticipated project delays.

We are firmly of the view that heritage can play a key role in assisting the recovery process. There is huge potential to create jobs through identifying projects that involve the identification, protection and conservation of heritage assets (including through repair, maintenance and adaptive reuse) throughout the country. These projects could be stimulated by relying and building on existing mechanisms such as the Heritage EQUIP fund administered by the Ministry for Culture and Heritage. They could also be a result of the Government adopting a more active stance in undertaking repair and maintenance of Government-owned heritage, consistent with the Policy for Government Departments’ Management of Historic Heritage approved by Cabinet in 2004.

Equally, community projects have the potential to offer considerable benefits for heritage and communities locally. These can include identification, maintenance, repair and seismic stabilisation of local heritage resources, and the corresponding strengthening of community identity and collective pride arising from such works.

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In the pursuit of projects to re-stimulate the economy we ask that the Government not lose sight of the importance of our heritage resources and put protective measures to one side. We strongly advocate for the Government to continue its work to strengthen the heritage protection system including developing national direction for historic heritage.

We would welcome the opportunity to work with you and Ministry officials to progress these ideas and would be happy to meet with you if this would assist.

Nga mihi

Pam Dziwulska

Chair, ICOMOS New Zealand

James Blackburne

President, Historic Places Aotearoa

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Blackburne', written in a cursive style.

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Ministry for the Environment Manatū Mō Te Taiao

“Comprehensive review of the resource management system – preliminary questions for initial stakeholder engagement”

HPA’s Submission to the Panel

(The Panel is Reviewing the Resource Management Act. The HPA Submission was in response to the “Preliminary Questions” released by the Panel.)

The following is the text of the HPA Submission to the Questions was emailed on the 3rd February 2020.

Dear Review Panel

This submission is made by Historic Places Aotearoa (HPA) which welcomes the opportunity to comment on the issues and options paper relating to the RMA review. The reasons for making this submission are that HPA promotes the preservation of historic places in Aotearoa New Zealand. HPA also has an interest in promoting the education of the public in the appreciation of heritage values. HPA is a key stakeholder in the consultation process and answerable to its affiliated regional societies and affiliated membership.

HPA makes the following two main points. Firstly, we do not wish to see the existing (fairly weak) support for built and other heritage in the RMA further weakened. While heritage is identified as a matter of national significance, in practice the general provision often falls short for actual protection in specific cases. In the last three years, for example, 3 Category 1 Heritage New Zealand listed buildings either have already been demolished or are in the process of being demolished. These are Aniwanuiwa (Visitors Center Lake Waikaremoana), Erskin College main block Wellington, and the former teachers college at Karori Wellington.

Countless category 2 buildings have been demolished all around Aotearoa. Councils are generally under resourced to support property owners who are willing to repair substandard heritage buildings. In other cases, owners target heritage buildings as a cheap option for demolition and development.

HPA supports efforts to make good use of urban space for much needed additional housing etc, but not at the further expense of retaining heritage buildings.

Secondly, HPA supports the idea to introduce a mechanism for Councils to use spacial planning as a way of directing development into suitable specified areas, and thus provide clearer signals about where development and intensification would be welcome while identifying heritage areas where that is not suitable.

Yours sincerely

JAMES BLACKBURNE BArch, FNZIA, President



Geoff Daniel's Presentation to the HPA/ICOMOS AGM 2019

Geoff Daniels' is a Principal Advisor (Heritage) to the Ministry of Culture and Heritage

“Strengthening Heritage Protection-Project update and key issues.”

Geoff Daniels, the Principal Heritage Advisor Policy to the Manatū Taonga the Ministry for Culture and Heritage (MTMCH) presented an update on the work being carried out by his "Heritage Team".
(Geoff has taken over from the Director Policy, Stefan Corbett, who has moved onto become Director of Regional Economic Development at Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI).)

Daniels provided an “**Overview of the Presentation**” which consisted of the following,

1. Background on the Strengthening Heritage Protection Project
2. Update on the 2019 work programme
3. Key Issues /discussion

Geoff informed the gathering there are now 4 people working with him in developing the Heritage programme at MTMCH.

The **Project Background** was outlined:

2017 Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern as Minister for Arts Culture and Heritage initiated the review when she assumed office.

2018 An Assessment of the existing system for protecting Heritage Buildings was carried out. A Stakeholder Survey was then conducted along with Stakeholder Workshops to test the following proposition.

MTMCH assessment of the existing (Heritage) System included the following as they applied to Heritage,
Laws,
Policy,
and Funding.

They had found the following in their Assessment.

Strengths: The number of dedicated professionals and volunteers working in the area.

Weaknesses: There are gaps in the Heritage System when it comes to Heritage Buildings and their protection.

"There are failures in New Zealand's heritage system that lead to the preventable and permanent loss of heritage buildings."

Geoff commented upon starting this position he read the Jacinda Ardern Speech given at the HPA AGM @ Napier, as Opposition Spokesperson for Arts Culture and Heritage.

Geoff outlined the initial Program that had been formulated:

Geoff outlined the **2019 Work Programme**

- a. Strengthening Heritage Protection.
- b. Regulatory system Funding and incentives (including information issues)
Crown Management

A Work Programme was then set up. *(Note there is a slight change as it is now Heritage Protection. Built was removed.)*

They have started working on solutions and the following “carrying forward programme” had been approved.

He and his Team are working on the following:

Regulatory System- the work programme

1. Provide a national direction on best practice approaches to protecting historic heritage under the RMA.
2. Examine automatic protection for HNZPT Category 1 and 2 listed historic places.
3. Review RMA heritage order provisions. *(The Buildings and Sites listed will presumably be provisionally scheduled automatically in the respective Territorial Authority District Plans.)*
4. Investigate mechanisms to address demolition by neglect. They are reviewing HNZPT Protection Orders and addressing the long standing issue of "Demolition by Neglect" (of Heritage Buildings).

The Objective is : "A streamlined regulatory system for protecting heritage buildings, that provides sufficient direction to decision-makers to give effect to the protection of historic heritage as a matter of national importance under the RMA."

Funding and incentives – the work programme

Examining the broadening of the scope of heritage funding and how to apply it.

- assist TAs in complying with a new national direction *(Will it be the responsibility of MTMCH or primarily fund HNZPT to carry it out?)*
- broader range of support for owners.

Further analysis of potential for new economic instruments, including tax incentives

The Objective: "Effective incentives and assistance are available for owners to support the protection and strengthening of their heritage buildings. TAs are adequately resourced to give effect to the protection of historic heritage as a matter of national importance under the RMA."

Crown management- the work programme

Review the policy for Government Ministries and their management of their heritage buildings. Department's Management of Historic Heritage 2004 Policy including.

- The are scooping the issues
- Addressing monitoring and enforcement

Objective: "The Crown demonstrates best practice in its ownership and management of heritage buildings."

Comment: Management of Government Historic Heritage Policy 2004. This policy was released under the Clark Government, provided guidance for Departments to look after their Heritage Buildings. It has not been revoked but had not been monitored and so presumably was not being applied.

MTMCH will probably be responsible for monitoring.

Regulatory system- 2019 work to date

Research and international comparison has been conducted.

They have started a Regulatory Impact Analysis (A Cabinet requirement)

- Objectives
- Options

Working with Ministry for the Environment Manatū Mō Te Taiao (MofEMMTT) on a National Direction *(under the RMA)*

Resource management reforms

Specifically mentioned were Resource management reforms as they are working with MfEMMTT in regards to the Resource Management Act.

For the proposed Resource Management Reforms they are working within the government processes of MfEMMTT policy development.

Funding and incentives-2019 work to date

Currently Work Is progressing on the following:

Research and international comparisons e.g. Australian heritage advisory scheme They are developing a "menu of possibilities"

This is being connected with other key work-streams

- Tax incentives (IRD) and how they could be implemented.
- Insurance markets (Treasury)
- Building system initiatives (MBIE)

Building Systems and Regulations: Work is being done with Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment Hīkina Whakatutuki (MBIEHW) on examining the adjusting of thresholds when regulations kick in for work being done a Heritage Building which forces the owner to make it full Earthquake compliant. *There are numerous examples of an inconsistency of when and how they apply.*

Heritage Building Capital Write Off: MTMCH Heritage Team are currently working with IRD.

This is looking positive with advice going to the Minister. *The Tax Working Group recommended depreciation for Earthquake Strengthening and it was announced a part of the Government COVID-19 Economic Incentives.*

Crown management – 2019 work to date

A Survey of government departments and meetings with key agencies. Research of international comparisons.

Developed a draft Policy and discussion document

Key issues –

- Scoping of Policy issues (departments v broader state sector)
- Promoting greater compliance
- Updating and targeting to audience

A draft policy rewrite of Crown Policy 2004 is being worked on and a discussion document is being prepared. He indicated an intention that Crown Entities will be included.

Current status and next steps – regulatory work

Regulatory system – The process is the following.

- Targeted engagement with Stakeholders– testing our thinking
- Develop discussion document with specific proposals / options
- Cabinet approval for Public consultation (Possible first 1/4 of 2020)
- Cabinet policy approvals
- Drafting national direction / input to RMA reforms / other primary legislation (?)

Current status and next steps – funding work

Funding and incentives –

- Targeted engagement – testing our thinking
- Report to Minister on funding options
- Develop initial bid for Budget 2020
- Remain connected with other work-streams (eg, tax incentives)

Current status and next steps – Crown management

Crown management of heritage –

- Cabinet approval to consult on draft Policy
- Consultation with state sector agencies and heritage stakeholders
- Cabinet approval of new Policy

Key Issues for Targeted engagement

National direction

Possible content for National Direction :

- Regular reviews to identify heritage
- Measures to ensure identification of sites of significance to mana whenua

Consistent assessment criteria

- Regular updating of plans
- Standardised levels of protection

Policies v rules Prescription v flexibility

A role for a National Direction is being scoped.

MofE web site has an explanation for National Direction under the Resource Management Act (1991). National Direction is described as supporting local decision making using the following instruments, National Policy Statements, National Planning, National Environmental Standards and Section 360 Regulations.

Heritage orders

Clarity about purpose and criteria for use

Allocation of risk - heritage protection authorities / owners A role for national direction?

Daniels outlined they are in a process of identification of the "allocation of risk" to each of the groups involved including Building Owners, HNZPT, Territorial Authorities (TA) etc. to gain an understanding. *This is an acknowledgement the Heritage Orders are not being utilised.*

Demolition by neglect

A new statutory power required? He outlined the Issues –

- Who holds the power
- What Act would it be added to
- Scope of buildings that it applies to
- Who determines appropriate maintenance standards
- Broad power v detailed criteria for when to apply it
- Checks and balances – appeal rights?

"Demolition by Neglect" is to be a specific focus of their work:

The Process he indicated will be the following.

Funding Targeted Engagement Report to the Minister

Develop an initial Bill covering Demolition by Neglect will be addressed by legislation.

(Territorial Authorities and HNZPT are offering advice and MTMCH are in the middle of the discussions.)

Funding – the menu of possibilities

Education and Information Support for Territorial Authorities. Support for building owners Tax and other incentives.

Finishing Comment

In reference to Urban Development pressures. Daniels acknowledged that increasing urban intensification is a trend.

MTMCH is suggesting, and their current thinking is that certain Heritage areas be "ring fenced" from intensification. The MTMCH Heritage Team are working though within the government Department processes.

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Images of the Presenters.



Back: Marcus Wainwright, Andrew Marriot, Dr. Nigel Isaacs
Front: Chessa Stevens, Mary O'Keeffe, Robyn Burgess, Dr Anna Crighton, Kevin Jones, Pam Dziwulska, Alisa Cain



Dr. Dolapo Fakuade, Dr. Dmytro Dizhur, Andrew Marriot, Claire Craig



Sir Neil Cossons (Guest Speaker),
James Blackburne (HPA President)
Dame Anne Salmond (HPA Patron)



James Blackburne and Mary
O'Keeffe- Well Done!!
(The lead organisers)

HNZPT Presentation Given by Claire Craig to the HPA / ICOMOS AGM 2019

Claire Craig is Heritage New Zealand's Deputy Chief Executive of Policy, Strategy and Corporate Services.

Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga HPA / ICOMOS AGM Presentation was given by Claire Craig.

Claire Craig is Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Deputy Chief Executive Policy, Strategy and Corporate Services: .

(Andrew Coleman HNZPT's Chief Executive who usually attends the HPA AGMs was overseas.)

Claire in her opening remarks acknowledged the wider heritage community who are important to Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga (HNZPT). Claire also acknowledged the conference, organisers, presenters and attendees. Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga she stated was proud to provide sponsorship for this event.

In her Presentation the following four areas were covered.

1. Cultural Identity: Awareness of our Identity and its Importance in Heritage Conservation.
2. Resilience and Adaption
3. Systems Review
4. (HNZPT) An Evolving Organisation

Cultural Identity:

Claire started with the observation that we are in midst of a real evolutionary change in our understanding what it is to be a New Zealander and our cultural identity of New Zealand.

She considers the exciting announcement of New Zealand History to be part of the School curriculum is an absolute game changer for heritage conservation. The younger (following) generations will now understand History happens here.

Claire then referenced two Books "Treaty on the Ground"(Papers from a Massey Conference) and Salmond's "Tears of Rangī" in her presentation.

She commented that Ihumātao is a step on from the legacy of the Bastion Point achievements. A recent NZ Herald Editorial she described as giving a wonderful balance of the challenges for Heritage Conservation. The Editorial noted we now have a maturity to have the discussions about Ihumātao and other landscapes which do not have adequate protections. (*Oculus has asked for the details of the Herald Editorial however it is behind the web site paywall. HNZPT are contacting the Herald and asking for it to be made available.*) Claire provided the information that more than 80% of the (HNZPT) Heritage List consists of colonial built heritage. Her observation is that our heritage framework is weighted against Maori Heritage. The (NZ) Human Rights Commission, in a report stated there is an imbalance in the protection of Maori Heritage. She regarded as helpful for us collectively to take note the international organisations view of our approach to heritage.

In the 2014 HNZPT Act, Wāhi Tupuna category was added to the New Zealand Heritage List/Rārangi Kōrero. Claire stated Wāhi Tapu has entrenched concepts that we (with a European background) don't understand. We have a chance, she argued, as Heritage Professionals to ensure The List

HNZPT Presentation Given by Claire Craig to the HPA / ICOMOS AGM 2019

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evolves and adapts to our identity.

The Conference was informed, HNZPT is currently undergoing a cultural change. There is now a stronger balance when apportioning resources to be spent on Maori Heritage by HNZPT. HNZPT has produced a blog of an Archaeological dig which is representative of HNZPT developing a social media presence.

Heritage Protection: Claire informed the gathering that Te Reo is on the UNESCO endangered list. HNZPT now has an in house initiative called "Pouhere Reo" that has been set up as an internal system for the Staff to learn Te Reo and Te Kanga protocol.

Resilience Adaption:

National Historic Landmarks: Claire briefed that extensive work is being done on risk assessment management for the Treaty of Waitangi grounds. Storm and Sea Level rise are some of the (climate change) challenges being factored in for consideration. In addition, Political challenges are part of the risks being assessed.

A full (HNZPT) Risk Management Framework has been developed which means that each Landmark added to the List, will be assessed and connected to local emergency management systems.

Insurance Sector: Currently HNZPT are conducting an insurance review of all its properties. This is part of planning for risk resilience.

HNZPT is being guided by the ICOMOS document "Post-Trauma Recovery and Reconstruction" which has a Glossary of terms that lists the different types of response to damaged heritage. The Key Value is what value is placed by the community and knowing what they want to see happen if damage should occur. This mapping will be done for each of the properties. What are the community's expectations?

Using the Lyttleton Time Ball Station as an example, HNZPT went to the community and asked what they wanted. The response was the rebuilding of the Tower and Time ball with mast and flags. The Time Ball Tower was rebuilt in response to the declared wishes and has been warmly received by its community. Insurance profiles enable HNZPT to do as well as possible for each of their properties. HNZPT insurance coverage is now set at a level to put our built heritage back as we need to.

Systems Review:

The importance of the combined stakeholders in Heritage Protection Review was acknowledged. Claire drew attention to the "Living Standards Framework" which is the Treasury Framework for measuring Social and Environmental effects.

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She commented, this is a positive development for Heritage as there is now a framework that addresses other issues such as social and environmental impacts as well as economic value.

Heritage she commented fits well across the Framework.

HNZPT is comfortable working within the framework and is making a contribution.

The RMA Reforms: HNZPT is keeping watch. As an organisation they are making sure the Heritage Protection Review was not being stymied by the RMA Reforms.

She concluded that the pitch and level of RMA reforms of the changes to Section 6, will not adversely affect the work being done on the (MCH) Heritage Protection Review. Heritage Protection Review will contribute to the outcomes of the RMA reforms.

In the (MCH) Heritage Protection Review the role of the Territorial Authorities (TA) is under scrutiny. HNZPT is considering what TA need from HNZPT and determining the levels of support, assistance, resources etc. Claire briefed the HNZPT District Plan survey has found only 25% of TA have sites of significance for Maori in their Heritage Schedules. As an example she noted many TA have no architectural engineering advice.

HNZPT Re-Organisation:

HNZPT has recently completed in 2017 a reorganisation that has produced two parts,

- a. HNZ Regional Service Team (and)
- b. Organisational Development Team (ODT).

ODT is planning for the organisation's future and looking after our communications and currently are now moving into social media. ODT are also working on raising the HNZPT brand profile. (Claire prior to her presentation had placed HNZPT branded tote bags on the conference attendees' seats.)

Regional Services Team Director, Pam Bain is seeking more co-ordination with outreach and ensuring systematic event structures. (Pam Bain attended the Conference.) HNZPT are currently working on their wall paper collection and it will be online at their web site. Claire drew attention to the latest purchase. **HNZPT's newest property was The Kate Shepherd House.** HNZPT Regional Service Team had run regional art workshops creating suffrage banners to celebrate the purchase!

Claire concluded there will be more connections being developed and broadened by HNZPT!

The Living Standards Framework used by Treasury can be found at the following link:

Our living standards framework

<https://treasury.govt.nz/information-and-services/nz-economy/higher-living-standards/our-living-standards-framework>

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National Policy Statement- Urban Development

HPA Submission

(The following is the HPA Submission on the proposed National Policy Statement-Development.)



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**Submission on
NATIONAL POLICY STATEMENT - URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

This submission is made by Historic Places Aotearoa Inc. (HPA) which welcomes the opportunity to comment on the proposed National Policy Statement on Urban Development (NPS-UD).

The reasons for making this submission are that HPA promotes the preservation of historic places in Aotearoa New Zealand. HPA also has an interest to promote the education of the public in the appreciation of heritage values. HPA is a key stakeholder in the consultation process and answerable to its affiliated regional societies and associated membership.

HPA has reviewed the NPS-UD and considered the impact the proposed statement will make with respect to this country's heritage buildings.

HPA has a particular interest in the subject of this NPS-UD, as it has the potential to dramatically change the distinctive heritage character of sections of New Zealand cities and towns.

Too often in New Zealand demolition of heritage buildings to create higher density urban environments is seen as the only solution. Other countries deal with heritage buildings in a more considered and constructive manner, including many European cities.

HPA is concerned that the proposed National Policy Statement on Urban Development (NPS-UD) risks undermining the protection of historic heritage from inappropriate development which is a matter of National Importance under section 6(f) of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA).

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The proposed NPS-UD will require high growth cities to make room for growth regardless of their plans and rules designed to protect historic heritage from inappropriate development. The NPS-UD will require those plans and rules to be changed if they hold up development and intensification - even inappropriate development.

While HPA is not opposed to development, or intensification per se, it is opposed to inappropriate development which undermines heritage protection and has the potential to destroy heritage buildings and character areas in New Zealand cities.

By using the lesser term “reflecting” heritage in the scope of what constitutes a quality urban environment, the NPS-UD undermines the RMA’s existing standard.

The NPS-UD must acknowledge heritage in a more positive and definitive manner and, in advancing intensification, ensure that it is not at the expense of heritage and associated heritage protection measures.

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