

### **6.0 KEY IMPLEMENTATION AREAS**

#### **Introduction**

This section provides a schedule of works required to implement objectives and policies identified in this management plan. Following adoption of the operative management plan the timing for implementation will be identified during Council's Long Term Council Community Plan process. Some of these works are day-to-day maintenance work, while others are on-going or are long-term development projects.

Where works result in earthworks an application to the Historic Places Trust for an authority to modify or destroy archaeological sites is required (under the Historic Places Act 1993). A Resource Consent (under the Resources Management Act 1991) from Council will also be required.

Key Implementation includes the following:

#### **6.1 Walking Tracks**

- a) To extend the summit track from Cook Plaza, past the historic military camp to the Poverty Bay Lookout and car park (see walking tracks map - Appendix 2).
- b) Upgrade the summit track to a 'Short walk' standard (see Appendix 4 for specifications).
- c) Develop a new section of the Summit Track through the Inner Harbour Zone (once specifically titled to Council), providing a more direct and accessible walking track into Titirangi Reserve from the harbour (City) side of Titirangi Reserve. This will connect with the existing Summit Track.
- d) Maintain existing nature trails and develop new nature trails to a 'Walking Track' standard (see Appendix 3 for specifications). See walking track map (Appendix 2) for proposed track locations. This includes developing new access tracks from Oxford Street and Cambridge Terrace into Titirangi and connecting with other proposed nature trails. Consider the development of mountain biking trails in the future and develop as appropriate.
- e) Upgrade the section of summit track from the bottom of the hill (opposite Cook landing site) to the lookout above the historic cottage site, as an all ability track (see 'Path' standards in Appendix 3 for specification guidelines).
- f) Develop a walkway from the eastern end of Titirangi Drive to the end of Kaiti Beach Road, consistent with 'walking track specifications' (see walking tracks map (Appendix 2) for location and NZS Walking Track Standards (Appendix 3). Due to the nature of the topography of this part of Titirangi an engineer's feasibility report will need to be prepared. Once this walkway is established it will allow additional linkages to and from this area such as to return to the City along Kaiti Beach Road, and potentially to Sponge Bay, Tuaheni Point and Wainui.

### **6.2 Signage**

- a) Interpretive panels will be used to identify heritage sites.

Naming and location signage will be used to identify key sites. Unified signage creating Titirangi 'brand' and identifying Titirangi as a heritage site that is unique from other reserves in the City will be used.

- b) Repaint the gun emplacement and enhance the surrounding area through planting. The surviving features associated with military activity, inclusive of the concrete foundations of the camp buildings during WWII should be recognised and preserved.
- c) Erect sign at the start of the walking track at the bottom of the hill (opposite Cooks Landing site) noting the current walking tracks and destination times.

### **6.3 Vegetation**

All vegetation work will be consistent with Titirangi's Planting Programme and Weed control Strategy including the following:

- a) Clearing weeds and plant pests and the revegetation of native plant species.
- b) New planting of native plant species (including flax) through the large southern gully slip area to improve land instability (see Appendix 5 - Caltex Culvert Catchment Erosion Control – Revegetation Concept, Don Miller, March 2003)
- c) Low flammable plant species will need to be planted where Titirangi adjoins residential properties.
- d) Create a 6m-fire buffer by planting low flammability species adjoining roads and residential areas of the reserve off Oxford St. New planting below walking tracks should include low flammability species (see 'Flammability of Native Plants'– Appendix 6).
- e) Titirangi platform, the Gisborne City lookout, the Cook Plaza and the Poverty Bay Lookout views will be maintained. Where necessary, exotic vegetation which does not provide essential habitat or nesting sites for indigenous wildlife, will be managed or removed. Appropriate, low growing native plant species will be planted to replace exotic plant species.
- f) The harvesting of the Pine Plantation between 2008 and 2018 and the revegetation of native plantings, especially in erosion prone sections of the Pine and Pasture Zone.

### 6.4 Facilities and Lookouts

- a) The Observatory requires the following work to be undertaken to improve the safety of the building: lighting outside steps (beside the gun emplacement), fixing the flat roof and the sinking corner of the floor, and resealing the driveway.
- b) An upgrade of the Titirangi Platform above the historic cottage site should include an unimpeded view to the Cook Monument and ensure that views of Poverty Bay and the mouth of the Turanganui River are maintained. Any upgrading of the Titirangi platform should be done in association with the Tairāwhiti National Heritage Project.



*Track through the 'Arboretum'  
– to be upgraded*



*View of Young Nick's Head from  
Titirangi*



*View of Titirangi looking across the City*



*The recently revamped Gisborne  
City Lookout*