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Tēnā koe Adam

Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

Re: Emily Place Reserve

Thank you for your email of 28 September 2021 about the Emily Place Reserve. Your specific request and our response are set out below.

1. Provide the legal status and ownership of the land occupied but the Emily place reserve, and who that is vested in.

In 1972 first title NA24B/1307 was issued in the name of the Auckland City Council (now Auckland Council) as a public park or reserve for the land containing 1517m² of land, defined on SO 13A. In 1982 the reserve was formally classified for recreation purposes. Please refer to the attached

- NA24B/1307 Title Historic View
- SO13A

2. Who is responsible for the day-to-day maintenance of the reserve, and how has that authority been allocated or authorised.

The full facilities contractor, Ventia, who were selected via a procurement process, are responsible for the day-to-day maintenance of the reserve.

3. Who currently has legal authority relating to final say over the reserve, including who makes final decisions about who is consulted on matters relating to the reserve?

Auckland Council is the owner and responsible for maintenance, planning and decisions. The Waitemātā Local Board is the best initial point of contact to speak to about getting things done in the reserve.

**4. Is Emily Reserve subject to the Significance and Engagement policy 3. The reserve/trees have significant recognised heritage values including in the UP:
a) has there been a conservation plan done, if so please provide**

A conservation plan has not been done for Emily Place Reserve.

b) is there a management plan of any sort including Tree management and replacement plans

The Auckland Council Urban Ngahere (Forest) Strategy applies to all open space in the Local Board area including management of the trees in Emily Place Reserve.

c) has a safety or CPTED assessment been done? if so please provide.

No specific CPTED or safety assessment has been done for Emily Place Reserve, however it was the focus of the recent Innovative Streets project led by Waka Kotahi and the Auckland Council design team which involved community consultation from November 2020 through to mid-2021. Although the project focussed on safe streets and the greening of these streets, there was community feedback signalling a couple of key concerns for the reserve including the tree canopy coverage and other CPTED related matters with visitors in the park after dark.

Please refer to attached for information from the consultation and design workshop as well as the most recent update on the trial programme for the Innovative Streets project, which if successful will have a positive impact on activities in the park as well. During consultation themes raised by the community with respect to the use of the park included:

- Liveability, People First, Safety, Quiet Enjoyment
- Respect the historical background - redevelop the park as an outdoor living museum - Māori culture, it's trading history, it's red-light history - with seats and benches so people want to spend time there
- Improve the facilities on Emily Place so that families can enjoy the green spaces

d) is there a heritage assessment, if so, please provide

There hasn't been a heritage assessment of Emily Place Reserve as a discrete unit however the area has the below overlays in the Auckland Unitary Plan:

- Natural Heritage: Notable Trees Overlay - 6, Pohutukawa (6), Maidenhair Tree (4), Unverified position of tree
- Historic Heritage and Special Character: Historic Heritage Overlay Place [rcp/dp] - 1908, Churton Memorial
- Historic Heritage and Special Character: Historic Heritage Overlay Extent of Place [rcp/dp] - 2511, Princes Street Historic Heritage Area
- Mana Whenua: Sites and Places of Significance to Mana Whenua Overlay [rcp/dp] - 059, Waahi whakahirahira, 1

Please refer to the attached evaluation sheets on the trees and Churton Memorial which are related documents held on these assets within Emily Place Reserve.

- 12204 Churton Memorial Reg Report
- 19816 Churton Memorial 25 Emily Place
- 000466E5 – Evaluation Sheet
- 00466E7 – Evaluation Sheet

Due to the size of the files, they can be accessed at the following [OneDrive link](#):
Please note this link is only active for 30 days, so we recommend you save the file to your computer

Decisions relating to the information that is being released to you were made by **Taryn Crewe General Manager Community Facilities**.

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If you have any further queries, please contact me on 09 301 0101 quoting official information request number 8140009330.

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