

RANGIRIRI June 2020

Submission 980.1 by Christine Madsen for Protection of Historic Heritage at Rangiriri



Add to the Proposed District Plan maps of a Rangiriri Precinct to include the area opposite Rangiriri Tavern adjacent to the Historic Cemetery along to Murphy Street and the area on the same side Rangiriri Road as the Tavern towards Te Wheoro's Redoubt.



This area has both Maori and Pakeha significance. The Anglican church was situated beside the historic cemetery.

We have the potential here in Rangiriri to make a Village with a difference. But it needs to have a special zone to protect the area.

To cater for Visitors to Rangiriri our village/town should cater to those who come here to learn a significant part of New Zealand History.

The Hotel, with food and accommodation, the cottages for B&B and a space for campers. Visitors who come while walking the Te Awaroa Trail, cyclist, car clubs, service clubs, local tourists and school children by the bus load.

Our Government wishes New Zealand School Children to learn this history and it is now an important part of the New Zealand Education Curriculum

When our New Zealand borders open again we will be able to show this history once again to overseas visitors including those who come to learn of the Maaori warriors and British Soldiers and Sailors who fought here. Many who lost their lives lay in the historic church yard.

There is also a more recent history that is and can be shown in the architecture of the historic hotel and associated cottages we wish to use on the heritage sites. Houses being demolished nearby could be used in this way.

The Council assisted us to tell this history on the story board in the village but better signage could help people to find their way off the highway into the Village. NZTA assisted with highway signage to the historic sites but a more detailed **Welcome** especially for Rangiriri Businesses could also tell that there are Paa tours, a museum, accommodation, restaurant and café's.

This sign is located outside the cemetery.



