

# Chapter 7: Historic Heritage

Proposed Waikato District Plan

Stage I

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### 7.1 Protection of Historic Heritage and Notable Trees

#### 7.1.1 Objective

- (a) A district that acknowledges its past by: recognising, identifying, protecting and promoting heritage.

#### 7.1.2 Policy – Identification

- (a) Identify and schedule historic heritage throughout the District that represent the heritage and cultural themes and activities of the district.

#### 7.1.3 Policy – Heritage items

- (a) The contribution of historic heritage to the Waikato District and its communities is maintained through the protection and conservation of its buildings, sites, structures, places and areas through restoring, conserving and reusing.
- (b) Protect scheduled heritage items and their values from inappropriate subdivision, use and development of land where the values may include:
  - (i) Architectural;
  - (ii) Archaeological;
  - (iii) Cultural;
  - (iv) Technological;
  - (v) Scientific;
  - (vi) Intrinsic or amenity values; and
  - (vii) Any other significant features.
- (c) Relationships between heritage buildings, sites, structures, places and their settings, including the view of the identified heritage item, are retained.
- (d) Protect the relationship of identified redoubts and battlefields with their surrounds or settings from inappropriate subdivision, use and development.
- (e) Protect scheduled heritage items from demolition or removal unless:
  - (i) The condition of an item poses a serious risk to human life, and
  - (ii) Reasonable alternatives have been investigated and considered, including restoration or adaptation, reuse or relocation, and these alternatives have been found to be impracticable or uneconomic.
- (f) Ensure alterations to identified heritage items and curtilage are:
  - (i) Consistent with the scale, detailing, style, materials and character of the heritage item;
  - (ii) Retain cultural and heritage values;
  - (iii) Do not compromise the heritage item, or have a design that competes with its heritage values; and
  - (iv) Do not compromise the heritage setting of the item.
- (g) Ensure maintenance and repairs protect the significant features identified in (Schedule 30.1 Heritage Item)
- (h) Ensure signs on scheduled heritage items are only for the purposes of identification and interpretation, and:
  - (i) Do not detract from the heritage values, and
  - (ii) Maintain the heritage item as the primary visual element.

#### **7.1.4 Policy – Matangi and Huntly Heritage precinct**

- (a) Ensure the design of new buildings and structures and external alterations or additions to buildings are compatible with the setting, scale, detailing, style, materials and character of the precinct and protect heritage values within:
  - (i) Matangi Heritage Precinct
  - (ii) Huntly Heritage Precinct.

#### **7.1.5 Policy – Subdivision**

- (a) Subdivision and development within an identified precinct do not compromise and are sympathetic to the existing historic heritage items or features.

#### **7.1.6 Objective notable trees**

- (a) Recognise and maintain the contribution of the district's notable trees to the community.

#### **7.1.7 Policy – Identification**

- (a) Identify and schedule trees, including groups of trees and assess them for significance and/ or notable values.

#### **7.1.8 Policy –Tree protection**

- (a) Ensure removal of a notable tree listed in (Schedule 30.2 Notable Trees) only occurs if the tree is in an unsafe condition and/or there is a serious risk to human life or property.
- (b) Ensure land use or work within the dripline of a notable tree listed in (Schedule 30.2 Notable Trees) does not affect the form or health of the tree.

#### **7.1.9 Policy – Tree maintenance**

- (a) Enable the maintenance and management of a notable tree for the purposes of:
  - (i) Ensuring the continuing health, structural integrity and amenity value of the tree; and
  - (ii) The reasonable use and enjoyment of the property and surrounds.