

RMA FORM 5



Submission on publicly notified Proposed Porirua District Plan

Clause 6 of the First Schedule, Resource Management Act 1991

To: Porirua City Council

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2. This is a **submission** on the **Proposed District Plan** for Porirua.

3. I could I could not
gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.
(Please tick relevant box)

If **you could** gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission please complete point four below:

4. I am I am not
directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that:
(a) adversely affects the environment; and
(b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.
(Please tick relevant box if applicable)

Note:

If you are a person who could gain an advantage in trade competition through the submission, your right to make a submission may be limited by clause 6(4) of Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

5. I wish I do not wish
To be heard in support of my submission
(Please tick relevant box)

6. I will I will not
Consider presenting a joint case with other submitters, who make a similar submission, at a hearing.
(Please tick relevant box)

Please complete section below (insert additional boxes per provision you are submitting on):

The specific provision of the proposal that my submission relates to:
SCHED3 - Historic Heritage Items (Group B)
Do you: Support? Oppose? Amend?
Propose amendment
What decision are you seeking from Council? What action would you like: Retain? Amend? Add? Delete?
See document 'Pukerua Bay WW2 Road Block' emailed with this document. Supporting documents, map, plan and photograph here: https://we.tl/t-8YI26kf1In

Reasons:

Please return this form no later than **5pm on Friday 20 November 2020** to:

- Proposed District Plan, Environment and City Planning, Porirua City Council, PO Box 50-218, PORIRUA CITY or
- email dpreview@pcc.govt.nz

Signature of submitter
*(or person authorised
to sign
on behalf of submitter):*

Date: 16 November 2020

*A signature is not required if you make
your submission by electronic means*

Submission to Proposed Porirua District Plan

1 This submission is for the Pukerua Bay WW2 Road Block to be included in SCHED3 - Historic Heritage Items (Group B) and to be identified on Porirua Council's District Plan maps. The Pukerua Bay Machine Gun Posts HHB014 are already included yet the road block is of greater significance and much rarer.

2 This Road Block, together with a road demolition south of the block and demolition of the Pukerua Bay overbridge, was part of the defences against an expected Japanese invasion force heading south to Wellington. These defences were manned by men of 2 Battalion, National Military Reserve, which later became 3 Battalion The Wellington Regiment which was part of the Territorial Force.

3 This Road Block, officially known as Type E Concrete Block Rail carrier number 801, and commonly referred to as a tank trap, was constructed in 1942 as part of Wellington Fortress during the invasion threat. This type of block usually consisted of two massive concrete pedestals on both sides of a road. Grooves on the inner sides were to have heavy iron rails locked in place when invasion was imminent. The Pukerua Bay WW2 Road Block was unusual as it had three pedestals, one either side of the road and one in the centre of the road.

4 A total of 340 machine gun posts were constructed from 1942 to 1943, including 38 in Wellington. From a military perspective their effectiveness was questionable, and they may have "been intended to have a calming effect on locals fearing invasion." (Cooke, 2000, p 266, p268). Five machine gun posts survive in Porirua: the Pukerua Bay WW2 Road Block is the only one in the region remaining in its original position, the only one in New Zealand beside a main highway and one of the few still remaining.

5 With a war time blackout in force and no effective warnings of the road block, Arthur Collin a 22 year old medical student, was killed when his BSA motorcycle hit the central pedestal on the evening of 15 May 1942. His sister Marie was injured. On the 25 May 1942 a truck heading south was badly damaged after hitting the Road Block. As a result of the accidents two red hurricane lamps were placed near the Road Block at night.

6 When the invasion threat receded the central and seaward pedestals were removed leaving the remaining pedestal against the cliff.

7 The New Zealand Archaeological Association site number for the Pukerua Bay WW2 Road Block is R26/284. Road block position: Latitude -41.028191 Longitude 174.900092; Easting 2669755.93, Northing 6018088.91.



8 Pukerua Bay WW2 Road Block location map.

8 He Ara Pukerua, the Pukerua Heritage Group, has prepared a plaque with information about this Road Block. Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency has not given permission to erect this plaque as it is an 80kph zone.

9 Suggested Statement of Significance:

The Pukerua Bay WW2 Road Block, officially known as Type E Concrete Block Rail carrier number 801, and commonly referred to as a tank trap, was constructed in 1942 as part of Wellington Fortress during the Japanese invasion threat. The Road Block was part of the defences against an expected invasion force heading south to Wellington. The Pukerua Bay WW2 Road Block was very unusual as it had three pedestals, one either side of the road and one in the centre of the road. Grooves on the inner sides were to have heavy iron rails locked in place when invasion was imminent. The one remaining pedestal of the Pukerua Bay WW2 Road Block is the only one in the region in its original position, the only one in New Zealand beside a main highway and one of the few still existing in New Zealand. Its size, white colour and position beside State Highway 1 make this WW2 relic a prominent landmark.

References

Blair, Ashley (2018) *A War Time Tragedy at Pukerua Bay*. NZBSAMOC Southern Star, November/ December. <https://bsaoc.co.nz/852-2/>

Brown, Terry (n.d.) *The Army in Pukerua Bay During World War 2.*

Cooke, Peter (2000) *Defending New Zealand-Ramparts on the Sea 1840-1950s.*
Wellington: Defence of New Zealand Study Group.

Evening Post 16 May 1942 p.7. *MOTOR-CYCLE FATALITY.*

Evening Post 9 July 1942 p.6. *COLLISION WITH OBSTACLE.*

He Ara Pukerua, 2020. *This Road Block Was Part of Wellington Fortress Area for the Defence of Wellington in the Second World War.*

<https://www.facebook.com/HeAraPukerua/posts/130752955200231>

Archives New Zealand. *Coroners inquests - Case files - Wellington - Collin, Arthur Merryfield.* Archway Item ID:R23744324.

Supporting material

1 Ariel photograph (1942). Pukerua Bay Survey Number SN198 Photo taken 1 August 1942, 11,000 feet. Photo Retrolens <http://retrolens.nz>

2 Archives New Zealand. (1942) *Drawing of Pukerua Bay WW2 Road Block made by Albert Collin the day after the accident.* Archway Item ID: R23744324.

3 Archives New Zealand. (1942) *Plan of Pukerua Bay WW2 Road Block made by Albert Collin the day after the accident.* Archway Item ID: R23744324.

4 Blair, Ashley (2018). Photo: *WW2 Road Block north of Pukerua Bay. This is the only Type E Road Block remaining in New Zealand on a main road.*

5 Cook, Peter (2020) *Support email.*

6 He Ara Pukerua plaque for Pukerua Bay WW2 Road Block.

7 New Zealand Archaeological Association site record for the Pukerua Bay WW2 Road Block.

8 Pukerua Bay WW2 Road Block location map.

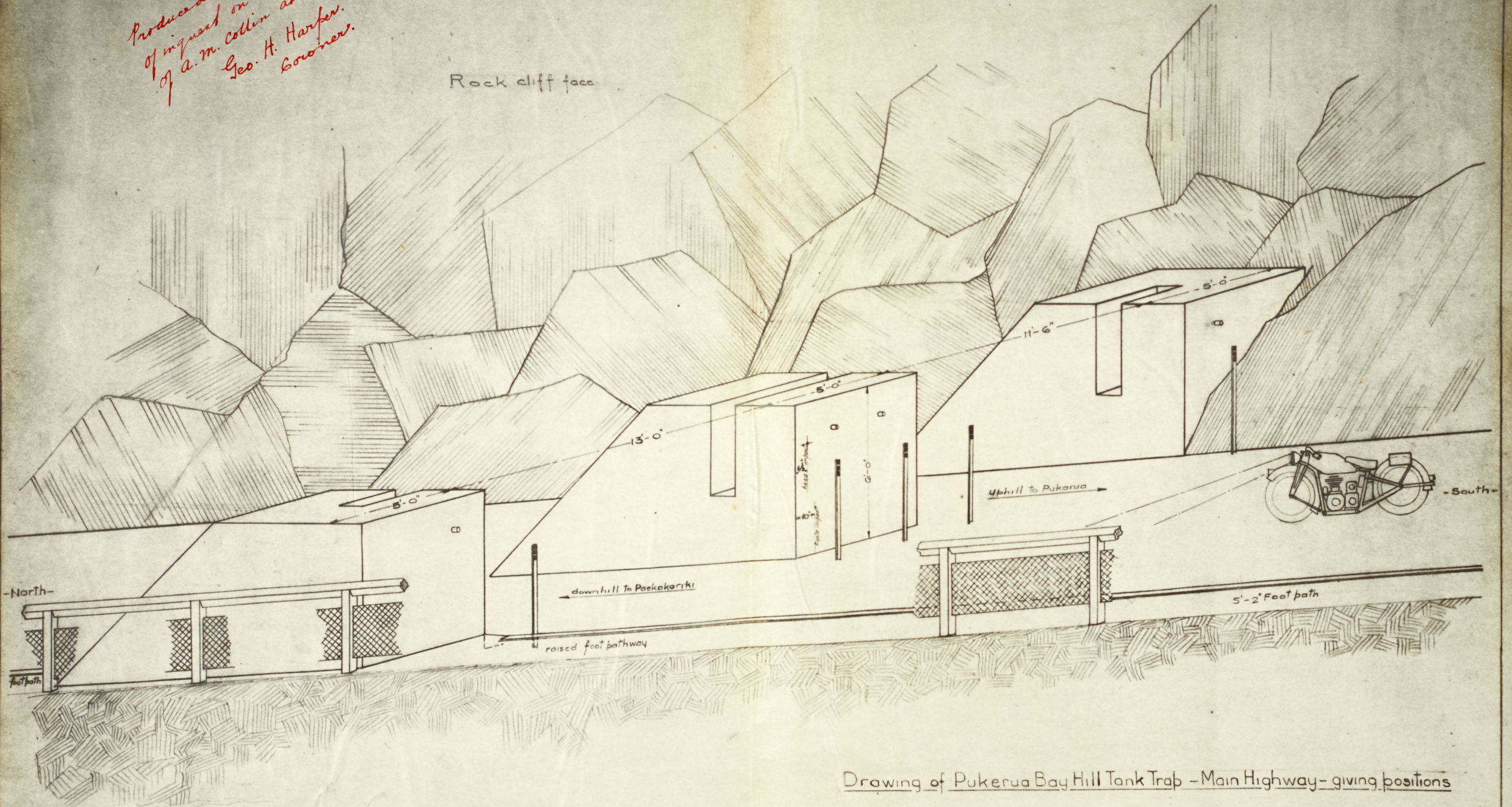
9 Letter of support Pukerua Bay RSA.

10 Letter of support Pukerua Bay Residents Association.



Motor cycle lamp centre 50ins above road level
Centre white reflector 42ins more
Down hill to Paekakariki - North
Uphill to Pukerua - South
Area Lighting Restrictions Area - dimmed lights
No lights on obstruction

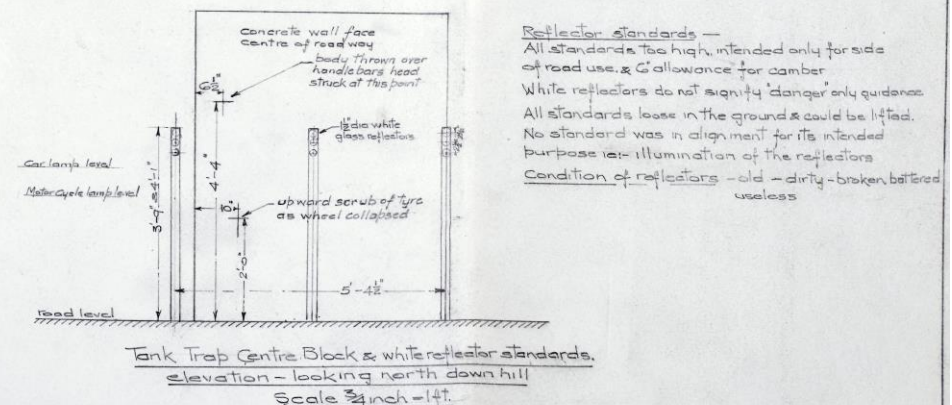
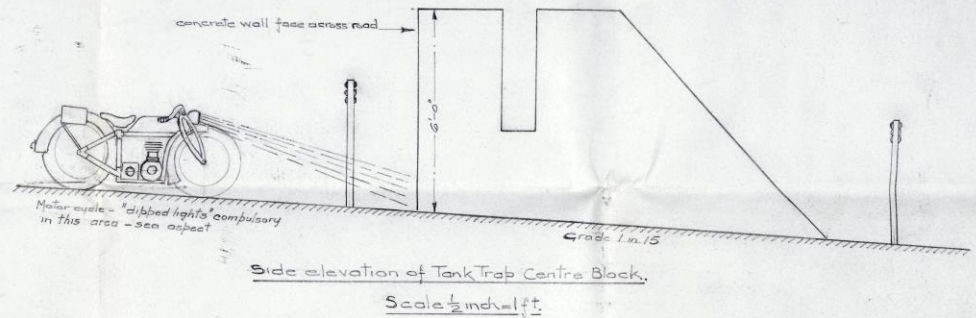
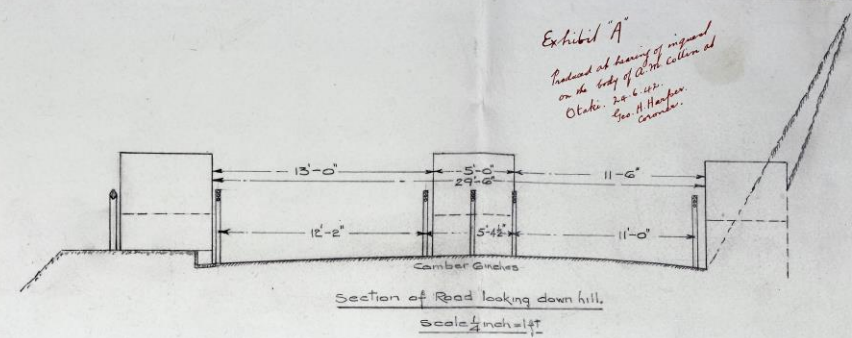
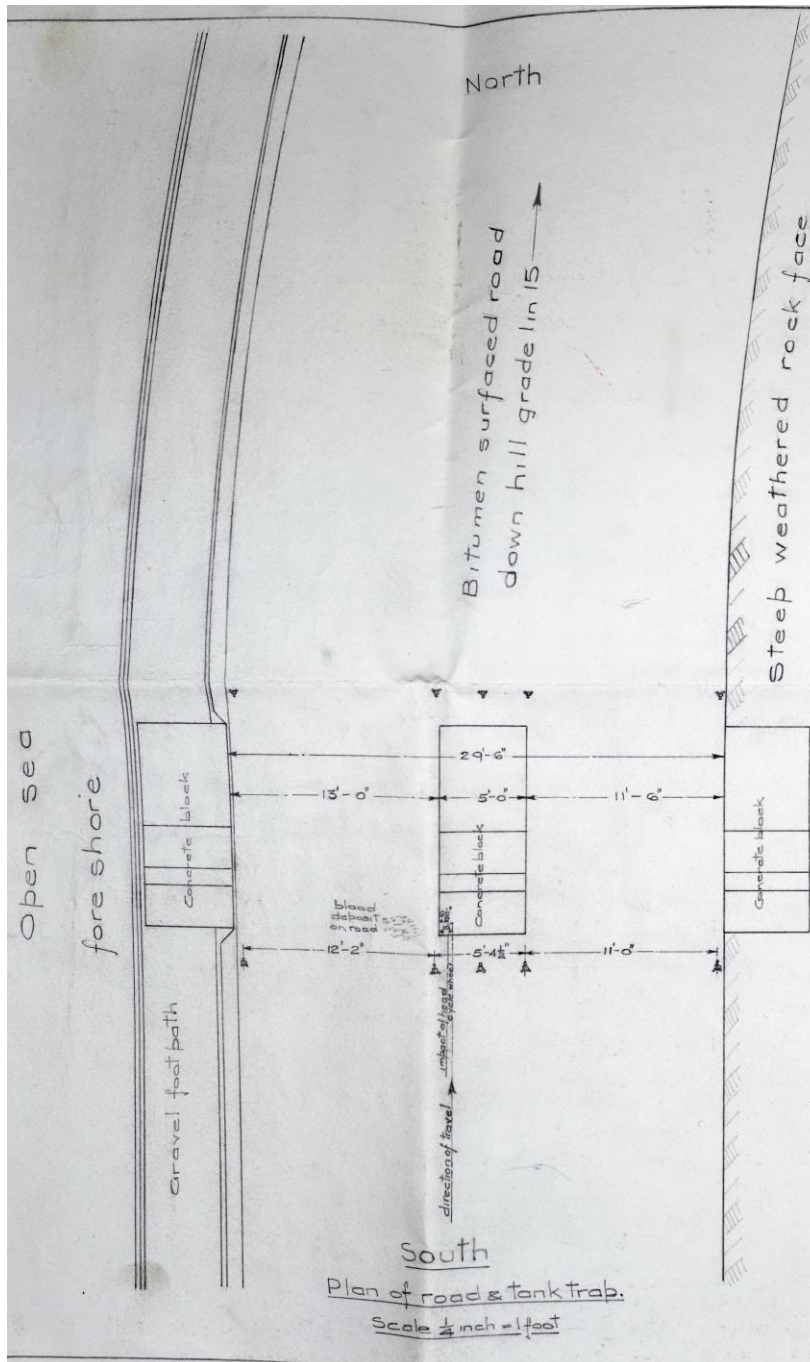
Exhibit "B"
Produced at hearing
of inquest on the body
of A. M. Collin at Otaki 24.6.42.
Geo. H. Harper.
Governer.



Drawing of Pukerua Bay Hill Tank Trap - Main Highway - giving positions of impact on Centre Block with a Motor Cycle and its deceased rider Arthur M. Collin. - direction travelling North - Time 7pm. 15th May 1942.

Scale 1/2 inch = 1 foot.

Portions of the fence & netting omitted in order to show detail of Road & Road Blocks.



Pukerua Bay Main Highways Tank Trap
 Fatality: Arthur M. Collin & injuries Mance E. Collin both of Wellington.
 Occurrence 7pm Friday 15th May 1942.
 - Paekakariki Police Station. - from particulars taken 11.45am 16.5.1942

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Re: Porirua District Plan and the Pukerua Bay Road Block

Peter COOKE <petercooke_donz@icloud.com>

11:54

To [Ashley Blair](#)

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- Actions

Ashley Blair

The Defence of NZ Study Groups supports your application for heritage recognition for the remains of road block No.801 on SH1 in Pukerua Bay. It is the only road block in the region still in its original position and is therefore a good reminder of the intense defence activity caused by the insecurity of the Pacific War, 1941-45. It is also unusual in that it was one of three structures built to block the two lanes of the highway, the other two of which have been demolished. It also was the scene of accidents which gives it social history pertinence. Such road blocks are rare throughout the parts of NZ where they were built. Those still in their original position even more rare.

Peter Cooke

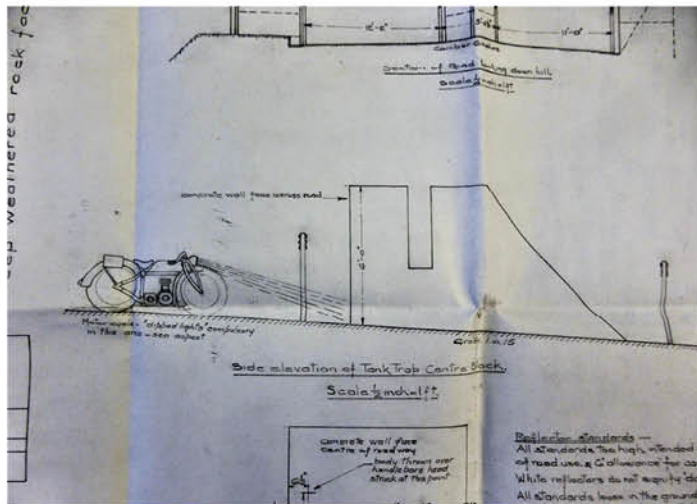
Defence of NZ Study Group

On 20/10/2020, at 8:42 AM, Ashley Blair <ashleybsa@xtra.co.nz>

Second World War Road Block



Drawing of Pukerua Bay road block made by Albert Collin the day after the accident. Archives Reference: ACGS 16231 COR1942/989. Archives New Zealand, Department of Internal Affairs, Te Tari Taiwhenua.



Part of plan drawn by Albert Collin. Archives Reference: ACGS 16231 COR1942/989. Archives New Zealand, Department of Internal Affairs, Te Tari Taiwhenua.

THIS ROAD BLOCK WAS PART OF WELLINGTON FORTRESS AREA FOR THE DEFENCE OF WELLINGTON IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR.

Japan's victories in Asia and the Pacific had created a fear of invasion in New Zealand. Officially known as a type-E Road Block, and popularly known as a tank trap, it consisted of three substantial concrete pillars each 1.8 metres high, 1.5 metres wide and 3.7 metres long with grooves in the side. When invasion was imminent sections of railway iron were to be dropped into the grooves to slow down a Japanese advance on Wellington. Two of the concrete pillars were on each side of the road and the third was in the centre of the highway.

Apart from white reflectors, there were no effective warnings of the block. On the evening of 15 May 1942 Arthur Collin, a 22 year old medical student, was killed when his 1936 3½ horsepower BSA motorcycle hit the centre pillar. His sister Marie, who was riding pillion, was injured.

This road block, explosives placed under the main road near here, explosives under Beach Road, the two Pukerua Bay machine gun posts, and preparation for demolishing the highway bridge over the railway formed the first line of defence for Wellington.

This is the only road block of this type remaining on a main road in New Zealand.



Second World War road block north of Pukerua Bay. Photo: Ashley Blair.



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Site Record Form

NZAA SITE NUMBER: R26/284

SITE TYPE: Military (non-Maori)

SITE NAME(s):

DATE RECORDED:

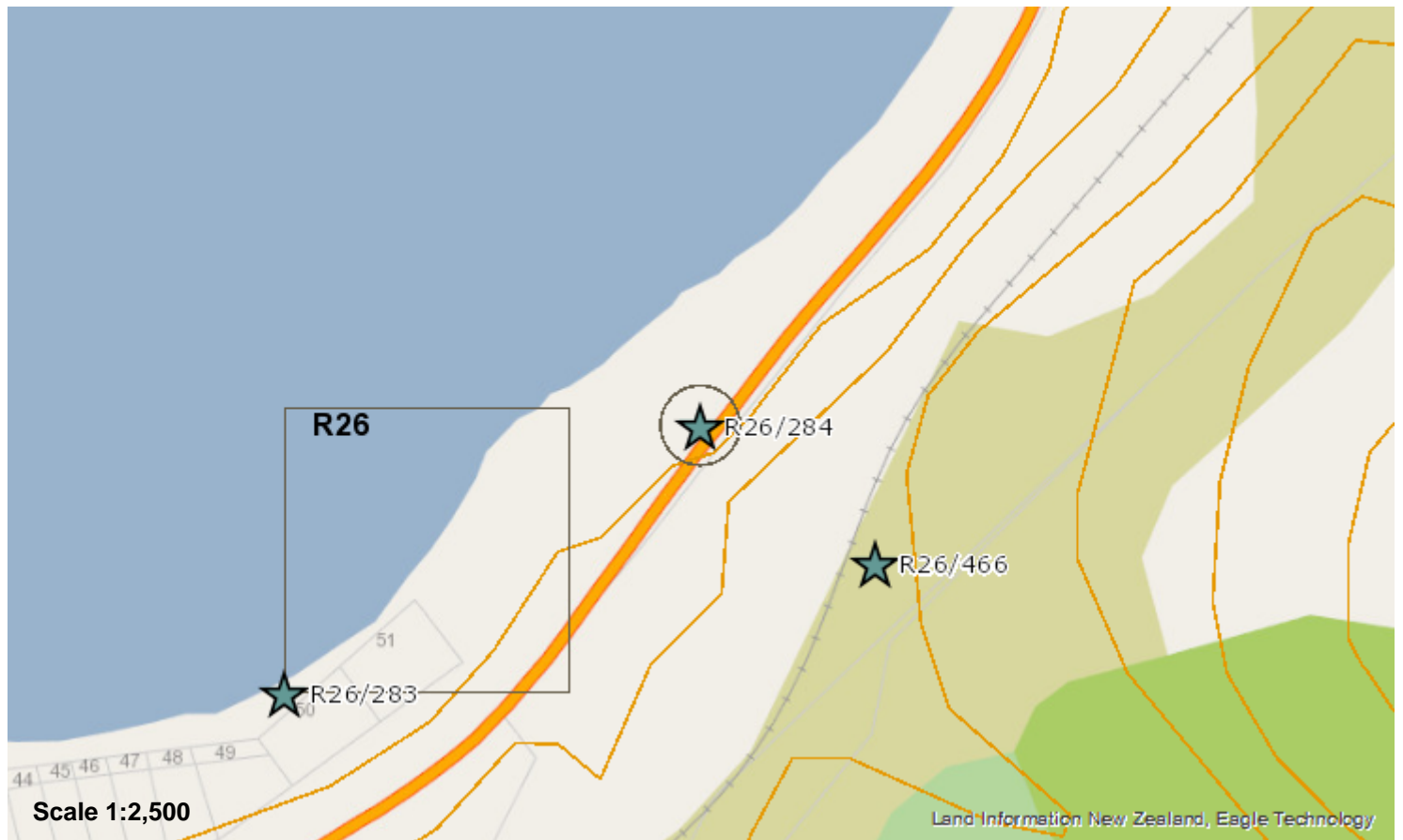
SITE COORDINATES (NZTM) Easting: 1759727

Northing: 5456380

Source: Handheld GPS

IMPERIAL SITE NUMBER:

METRIC SITE NUMBER: R26/284



Finding aids to the location of the site

East side of SH1, immediately north of prominent gut in hillside.

Brief description

Concrete World War II Road Block.

Recorded features

Other sites associated with this site

SITE RECORD HISTORY

NZAA SITE NUMBER: R26/284

Site description**Condition of the site**

Highly visible in roadside bank/cliff. Remaining eastern portion is intact and structurally sound.

Statement of condition**Current land use:****Threats:**

SITE RECORD INVENTORY

NZAA SITE NUMBER: R26/284

Supporting documentation held in ArchSite

NEW ZEALAND ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION SITE RECORD FORM		NZAA METRIC SITE NUMBER R26/ 284
NZMS260 map number R26	DATE VISITED 16 May 1998	
NZMS260 map name Paraparaumu	SITE TYPE WWII road block	
NZMS260 map edition 1st 1983	SITE NAME: MAORI OTHER	
Grid Reference Easting .2.6 6 9 7 . . Northing .6.0 1 8 0 .		
1. Aids to relocation of site (attach a sketch map)		
East side of SH1 at roadside. Cliffs immediately behind. Immediately north of prominent gut in hillside. Very visible.		
2. State of site and possible future damage		
Part that survives is good as concrete construction makes for a fairly durable feature. Presumably always at risk from road works.		
3. Description of site (Supply full details, history, local environment, references, sketches, etc. If extra sheets are attached, include a summary here)		
Road blocks were created at points on the road where natural obstacles either side of the road made by-passing the road block difficult. They consisted of two solid block of concrete, one on each side of a road, and each with a slot to hold a barrier. Only the block on the eastern side survives at this site. Generally date to c.1942.		
I recognised this only because of Owen Wilkes's Site Record Form (S14/202) describing one of these in Waikato.		
4. Owner Address	Road Reserve	Tenant/Manager Address
5. Nature of information (hearsay, brief or extended visit, etc.)		
Seen in passing at 70 kpm		
Photographs (reference numbers and where they are held)		No
Aerial photographs (reference numbers and clarity of site)		
6. Reported by A. Walton	Filekeeper <i>AWK</i>	Date
Address DoC, P.O. Box 10420 WELLINGTON		20 May 1998
7. Department of Conservation (for office use)		
<u>FIH</u> Type of site	<u>YY</u>	<u>AIAI</u> Present condition & future danger of destruction
<u>1-1-1</u> Local environment today	<u>PISI</u>	Local body Porirua
<u>1-1-1</u> Land classification		





Pukerua Bay

5-7 Wairaka Road
Pukerua Bay 5026

12th November 2020

PUKERUA BAY RSA SUBMISSION IN SUPPORT OF THE TE HARA PUKERUA HERITAGE GROUP

Pukerua Bay RSA supports the He Ara Pukerua Heritage Group in their submission for the Pukerua Bay World War 2 “Road Block Tank Trap” to be included in the “Historic Heritage Items (Group B)” and identified on the Porirua City Council’s District Plan maps.

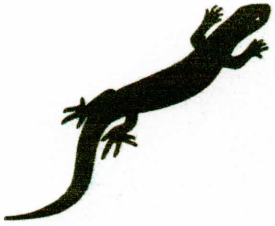
Any military artefacts or history recognising the efforts of Service personnel in safeguarding our country needs to be properly documented and retained for future generations to view.

Our heritage is important for those generations that follow, otherwise it will be lost for ever.

Pukerua Bay RSA has been very impressed by the accurate, detailed work of the “He Ara Pukerua Heritage Group” and it’s quality of presentation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Pearce'.

John Pearce
President
Pukerua Bay RSA



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PUKERUA BAY RESIDENTS' SUBMISSION IN SUPPORT OF THE HE ARA PUKERUA HERITAGE GROUP

Pukerua Bay Residents' Association supports the He Ara Pukerua Heritage Group in their submission for the Pukerua Bay WW II "Road Block Tank Trap" to be included in the "Historic Heritage Items (Group B)" and identified on the Porirua City Council's District Plan maps.

There are few examples remaining of activities undertaken to safeguard our country in times of conflict. What remains needs to be properly documented and retained for future generations to view.

Our heritage is important for those generations that follow, otherwise it will be lost for ever.

Pukerua Bay Residents' Association very much appreciates the accurate and detailed work undertaken by the "He Ara Pukerua Heritage Group" and its quality of its presentation.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul FitzGerald", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Paul FitzGerald
Chair
Pukerua Bay Residents' Association