

INTERNSHIP PROJECT BRIEF

Title: Raekura/Redcliffs Historic Research Intern	Unit: Parks
Total hours: 150 hours	Location: Civic Office, 53 Hereford Street, Christchurch
Start date: March 2021	Days and hours of work: Flexible to be discussed and agreed with intern

Summary:

Raekura/Redcliffs Historic Research.

Raekura / Redcliffs has a rich natural and cultural heritage, valued by manawhenua, natural historians, archaeologists, cavers, the local community and the city's residents.

While Ngāi Tahu (and their predecessors Waitaha and Ngāti Mamoe) settled here in quite different historic periods than Europeans, both communities valued the micro-climate and access to rich resources of the estuary.

The coastal community was also on the main travel routes for both peoples. The suburb has historical features harking from the 19th and 20th centuries that reflect that of many New Zealand coastal villages of the time.

Of national value however is the critical role the archaeological exploration of the area's caves have been to our historical knowledge of Aotearoa / New Zealand.

There is interest in revealing more of these histories to our visitors and local community. Various projects are considering ways to do this, including interpretation panels, heritage trails and integrated artworks.

Several units within Christchurch City Council are considering trialling a story-telling planning process that brings all the community, council and manawhenua interests together. Currently Mahaanui Kurataiao is updating the cultural narrative for the area.

It is now a good time to start collating visual material which can be the base of some of the story-telling projects. In particular material from the 20th century that is not currently available in cultural institutions.

Purpose:

To research and digitise images for use in interpretation of Raekura/Redcliffs natural, cultural and historic heritage.

Outcomes	Measurement of outcome success
<ul style="list-style-type: none">A table summarising key topics for interpreting Raekura Redcliffs including references	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Table completed

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Research images available on existing platforms | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Image spreadsheet completed |
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Tasks

- Review, reference and summarise key documents about the natural and cultural history of the area
- Set up spreadsheets for material already available in cultural institutions
- Work with community governance team to identify key contacts in the community for future engagement with over images (not part of this internship)
- Present a summary of key results to the internal stakeholders
- Depending on timing, attend a meeting with external stakeholders for the wider heritage project

Key Milestones

- 40 hours Table and spreadsheet set up, key sources and references identified listed
- 120 hours Table and spreadsheet completed, gaps identified
- 150 Sources for gaps researched and identified

Key skills and experience

- Competency in Microsoft Office programmes, in particular Excel and Word. Excellent written communication skills required to write effective image descriptions.
- Understanding of New Zealand and Christchurch history would be an advantage

Desired qualification or department of college

- History
- Journalism
- Communication
- Heritage interpretation

Desired key personality and behavioural attributes

- Attention to detail
- Curiosity

Benefits

- Experience of working in an office environment.
- Knowledge of significant aspect of the history of Ōtautahi / Christchurch
- Research skill development
- You will receive a 'Certificate of Placement' that you can attach to your CV which will confirm details of the placement that you have undertaken

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