

More Information

Copies of the Rakaia Huts Conservation Management Plan, the plan change and the accompanying report (prepared to meet the requirements of Section 32 of the Resource Management Act) can be viewed on the Council's website or at libraries and Council service centers.

Council staff will also be available to discuss the draft plan change at the Rakaia Huts Community Hall on: Wednesday 4th of May (6.30pm to 7.30pm) or Saturday 14th of May (1.30pm to 3.00pm).

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Comments

Comments should be in writing using the Response Form available on Council's website at www.selwyn.govt.nz Please use additional sheets if necessary.

Comments must be received by 5.00pm on 3 June 2011.

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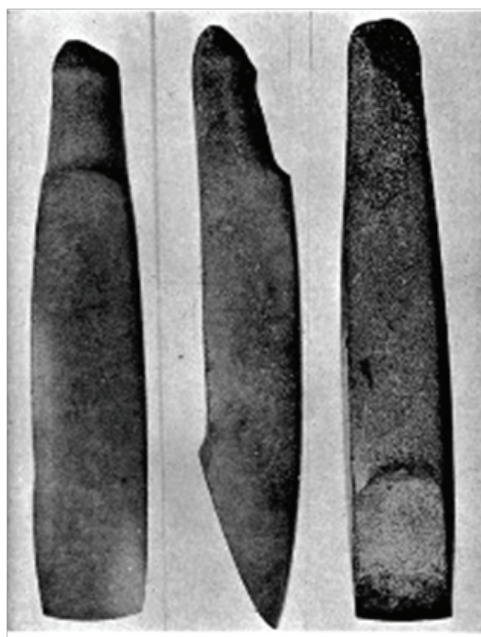


FIG. 38.—One type of Maori stone arte.



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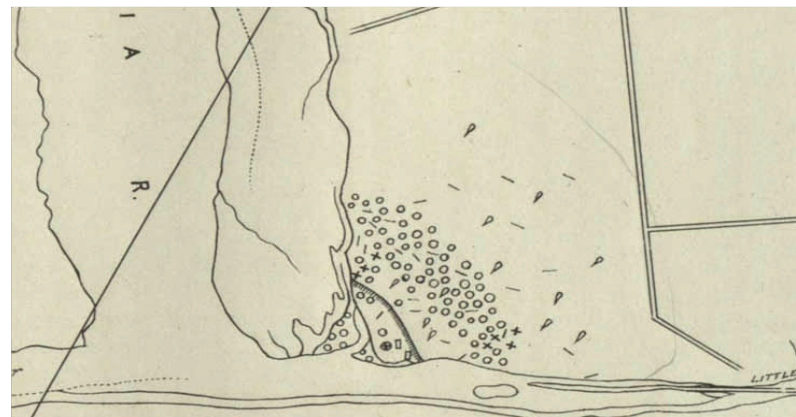
Implementation of the Rakaia Huts Conservation Management Plan

The area in and around the Rakaia Huts settlement is of considerable cultural and archaeological significance, with the area recognised as one of the most important complexes of archaeological sites in the South Island.

The Rakaia Huts Moa Hunter Site was first identified in the late 1860s, and was investigated by Julius von Haast between 1869 and 1871. His findings from the site were later used to identify and define a Moa Hunter culture in New Zealand. Subsequent work by other archaeologists has further identified the extent of the archaeological site and material associated with it.

In 2009 a Conservation Management Plan of the Site was completed to ensure that its meaning and importance is conserved and able to be appreciated and interpreted for present and future generations. The CMP identified a range of issues and threats to the archaeological and cultural values of the area, and proposed a range of regulatory and non-regulatory tools to manage those threats.

Selwyn District Council is developing proposed plan change (PC26) which is intended to implement regulatory methods identified in the CMP.



Julius von Haast map of Rakaia River Moa Hunter Site — 1872

Why is the Plan Change needed?

Archaeological and cultural values are important because they form a tangible insight into our past and can be important sources of knowledge, acting as a reminder or social link to the past that is important to the community. They can also provide valuable information that contributes to the knowledge of our history and environment.

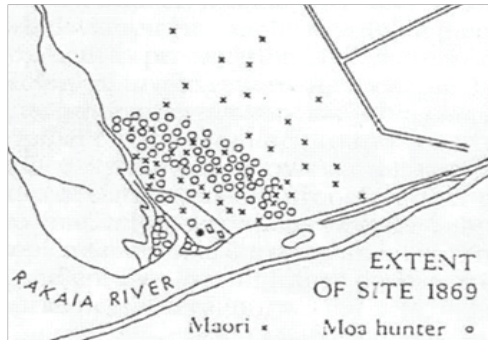
For example, historic buildings provide information about the tools, technology and materials available at the time as well as contributing to a sense of place.

Another example is examining an archaeological site to find information about how people lived in the past, and what their environment was like at that time.

The accidental or inadvertent destruction or damage of historic heritage features can cause the loss of this knowledge as well as a social/cultural link to the past.

Current District Plan provisions do not adequately or accurately identify and protect the archaeological and cultural values associated with the Rakaia River Moa Hunter Site.

Unless the District Plan is amended there is a danger the archaeological and cultural values will be lost or damaged further.



What will the plan change achieve?

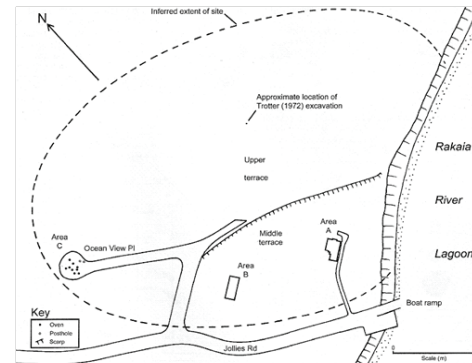
The plan change is intended to manage a range of threats to the archaeological and cultural values at the Rakaia River Moa Hunter site.

Plan Change 26 is part of a range of initiatives the Council intends to develop to implement the Rakaia Huts Conservation Management Plan.

This includes working with Te Tau-mutu Runanga, the New Zealand Historic Places Trust, the local community and other interested parties to raise the awareness, understanding and appreciation of the cultural and archaeological values of the Rakaia River Moa Hunter Site and other cultural and archaeological values in the area.

What does the plan change propose?

Plan Change 26 is concerned primarily with the Wāhi Taonga Management Areas and Sites in and around the Rakaia Huts Township.



Plan Change 26 will amend the District Plan in the following ways:

- Amend the structure and layout of Section B3.3 Culture & Heritage of the Plan to reflect 2003 RMA Amendments that made the protection of historic heritage a matter of national importance;
- Amend the rules framework, requiring applicants to obtain resource consent prior to undertaking specified activities which may affect archaeological or cultural values in the area subject to the CMP;
- Advice notes advising that an Archaeological Authority is required from the New Zealand Historic Places Trust for any works in the area, regardless of whether a resource consent is required;
- Amend District Plan Map 133 to accurately identify the extent of the Rakaia River Moa Hunter archaeological site;
- Amend Schedule 5 of the District Plan (Township & Rural Volumes) to show the Archaeological site as two distinct Wāhi Taonga Management Areas (Site C39(a) and site C39(b)), with appropriate rules attributed to the relevant site.

Clarify which activities are exempt from earthworks rules in each Wāhi Taonga Management Site.