



THE TAIPA MONUMENT IS ON THE MOVE

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The NZ Transport Agency is working with Hapu designers to create a new monument in a more prominent location to reflect the proud history and culture of Taipa.

For many years the Taipa monument has been a focal point for locals and those passing through Taipa. The land on which it stands has been slowly chipped away by development making it difficult for people to stand and appreciate it safely. The Taipa Bridge replacement project has provided an opportunity to relocate the monument to a new site that will give it the peace and respect it deserves.

The new, two lane bridge is being constructed immediately upriver of the existing one lane bridge and we need to realign a short section of SH10. The realignment affects the small piece of land between the carpark and SH10 where the monument sits, so it will be relocated to an area by the water where people can gather safely to appreciate the story it tells.



Matakairiri, Ngati Tara and Ngati Whata have gifted the top of the monument to the Taipa Area School. The School plans to incorporate it with three House pou depicting tupuna from Ngati Kahu to be located on the beach side of the school field where it will look out over the Pacific Ocean. A student from Taipa Area School will document the removal of the monument as part of a school project. This will help tell its story and close the circle.

The Transport Agency plans to start removing the existing monument in June and this work will take approximately 2 weeks to complete. To complete this work we will work through both weekends.

The Taipa Monument borders on both SH10 and the Taipa shops carpark, and we will need to temporarily remove several car parking spaces to complete the work safely. Please know that vehicle and pedestrian access to the shops will be maintained at all times.

To help us keep you safe, please follow the instructions of the site traffic management team and keep well clear of this work site.

We thank you for your patience while we continue to upgrade this section of SH10.