

**The Remuera Urban Storytelling Trail  
Signage between Remuera Library – Waiata Reserve and Mt. Hobson Domain**

**Remuera Library -  
Trailhead**

**Remuera Library**

The sign is located in front of the right wing of the Remuera Library. This is a welcoming sign onto the area. It is coloured in black. It is mounted on the ground on the footpath. The sign is double sided with the same information on each side. The pictures are shown below. The orange rectangle indicates the location of the sign.



<p>Existing signage (comment)</p>	<p>The sign is in an excellent condition.</p>
<p>Enhancements / additions / repairs needed</p>	<p>The sign is in an excellent condition. No repair needed.</p>
<p><b>Remuera Library - Trailhead</b></p>	<p><b>Remuera Library</b></p> <p>The sign is located in front of the Remuera Library on the Remuera Road entrance. This is an informational sign. It is coloured in blue. It is mounted on the ground off the footpath. The sign is double sided with the same information on each side. The pictures are shown below. The orange rectangle indicates the location of the sign.</p>



Existing signage  
(comment)

The sign is in a good condition. However, the colour of the sign is fading.

Enhancements / additions  
/ repairs needed


The sign is in a good condition. No repair needed.

**Remuera Library**

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There is a plaque mounted on the wall of Remuera Library. It is an informational plaque to commemorate the first opening of the library. It is a marble plaque. The pictures are shown below. The orange rectangle indicates the location of the plaque.




	
Existing signage (comment)	The plaque is in a good condition.
Enhancements / additions / repairs needed	The plaque is in a good condition. The leaves surround it need to be trimmed.
Sign transcription	<p>Auckland City Council</p> <p>Free public library, Remuera Branch</p> <p>This building was opened by Miss Ellen Melville Chairman of the Library Committee</p> <p>On the 31<sup>st</sup> day of July 1926, His worship the mayor Mr. GEO. Baildon presiding at the ceremony.</p> <p>J. S. Brigham, Town Clerk. J. Barr, Librarian.</p> <p>Gummer &amp; Ford, Architects. W. Philcox S Son, Builders.</p>
Remuera Library	Remuera Library


There are two plaques mounted on the wall of Remuera Library next to the water fountain. They are informational plaques to acknowledge the artist and the Remuera Garden Club who presented this to the library. They are marble plaques. The pictures are shown below. The orange rectangle indicates the location of the plaque.



Existing signage  
(comment)

The plaques are small but easy to find. They are in a good condition.

<p>Enhancements / additions / repairs needed</p>	<p>The plaques are in a good condition. No repair needed.</p>
<p>Sign transcription</p>	<p>Presented by Remuera Garden Club – 1991-</p> <p>Made by Anthony Morris Matakana</p>
<p><b>Remuera Library</b></p>	<p><b>Remuera Library</b></p> <p>There is a plaque located on the side entrance of the library. It is an informational plaque to commemorate the award-winning architects who designed the library building. It is mounted on the library door. It is a brass and wooden plaque. It is small and hard to find. The pictures are shown below. The orange rectangle indicates the location of the plaque.</p> 

	
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Enhancements / additions / repairs needed	It is in a good condition. No repair needed.
Sign transcription	<p>The Gold Medal of The New Zealand Institute of Architects for the year 1928 was awarded for the design of this building to Gummer &amp; Ford</p> <p>FFRIBA . FFNZIA Architects</p>
St Aidan's Parish	<p><b>St Aidan's Parish</b></p> <p>There are eight stone plaques surrounding an obelisk as a monument to commemorate World War I and II in front of the church. The pictures are</p>



shown below. The orange rectangle indicates the location of the plaques.





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Enhancements / additions / repairs needed	They are in a good condition. No repair needed.
Sign transcription	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For God and Country "Lord God of hosts be with us yet, Lest we forget_ lest we forget!"</li> <li>2. 1914-1918 1939-1945</li> <li>3. W.A. Buchanan A.E.E. Bourne E.W. Boucher A.F. Boucher C.B. Beeson N. Beattie E.A.O. Butler T.G. Culling P.G. Clark R.E.O Coates E.A. Coates J.S. Dagg</li> <li>4. W. Andrews W.C. Asher R.G.D. Adlam D. Anderson C.J. Booklass R. Blewett R. Bell R. Campbell J.N. Campbell H.G.S. Cotton B.B.S. Catran J. Collins C.W. Cook G. Fussell J. Franklin C.J. Freshney</li> <li>5. E.N. Matthews K.I. Munce</li> </ol>

	<p>T.I. Prosser R.J. Proude T.F.W. Smith C.G. Saxby W. Thomson F.A. Vickerman H.J.I. Walker W.H. Williams F. Bullock Webster</p> <p>6. T.J.V. Gill W.H. Gould D. Gould G.M. Goldfinch I.D. Graham F.C. Harrison-Smith G.W. Hamlin J.B. Hardcastle L.H. Ireland G.J. Innes G.C. Kirk T.E. Kirk D. Lewis R. Lewis G.J.D. Mellsoy A. Marbeck</p> <p>7. J.D. Dinneen H.E. East I. Ernest D.H. Gamble A.W.T. Gill J.L. Hartland E.G. Hudson W. Henning B. Hirst G.H. Holland F.J. Holland G.H. Larner</p> <p>8. R. McLean I.J. Pearce P.M. Price L. Rasmussen T. Robertson D.C. Sawyer T.C. Sawyer S. Shepherd F.R. Shannon J. Upton T.B. Wright D.T.E. Wright C. Woolcott A.R. Wilson</p>
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M. Wickman  
P.R. Woods

**Waiata reserve –  
entrance through 36  
Orakei Road**

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Waiata Reserve can be accessed through Orakei Road. The entrance is next to 36 Orakei Road. There is a narrow footpath in between houses there. There is a pole in front of the entrance. This pole might previously be used to hang the sign, but there is no evidence to it. However, there is a 'dog off leash' sign below the pole. The pictures are shown below. The orange rectangle indicates the location of the sign.





**Waiata Reserve**

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There is a small blade sign at the Waiata Ave entrance to Waiata reserve. It is a wooden sign mounted on the ground off the footpath. It is coloured green.



Another current Auckland Council Sign exists at 72 Orakei Road, it is the only current sign at the entrance to the Waiata Reserve, however access is grass only and inaccessible for people with disabilities. The sign is in good condition.



Existing signage  
(comment)

An old small blade sign. The sign is mouldy.

Enhancements / additions  
/ repairs needed

The existing green sign should be left in its current condition.

**Remuera Old Post Office  
– ANZ Bank**

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There are two brass plaques attached on the wall of ANZ Bank. One is located on the left side of the entrance. The other plaque is located in the front entrance of the bank. The pictures are shown below. The orange rectangle indicates the location of the plaque.







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Enhancements / additions / repairs needed	They are in a good condition. No repair needed.

<p>Sign transcription</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This development was opened by Mrs B. V. Graham on Wednesday, 29 May 1991</li> <li>2. This clock in the tower was presented by M. B. Spencer ESQ in memory of the pioneers of the Remuera Road Board District 27 February 1962.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Mt. Hobson – Remuera Road Entrance, Disabled Access</b></p>	<p><b>Mt. Hobson – Remuera Road Entrance, Disabled Access</b></p> <p>The sign at Mt. Hobson is located on the Remuera Road entrance with disabled access. It is an interpretive sign with a map. It is attached on a pole on the ground off the footpath. The sign is visible to drivers, walkers and cyclists. The picture is shown below.</p> 
<p>Existing signage (comment)</p>	<p>Dogs are not allowed to enter the mountain.</p>

Enhancements / additions / repairs needed

The map is not in a good condition. Some stickers fall apart. Needs to be replaced with a new one.



Sign transcription

REMUERA – MT HOBSON

Geology

Remuera Hobson is the remnant cone of a volcano which erupted less than 20,000 years ago. It is a fine example of a breached crater from which lava flowed as far as the junction of Broadway and Great South Road, making contact with the Mt Eden lava field.

Maori History

The mountain was most commonly called “Remuera” meaning “burnt edge”, referring to the incident when a young chieftainess, one of a party of visitors from Wharekawa, was murdered (probably near where the old Dilworth homestead now stands). Her dressed body was cooked in an oven. The “remu” or edge of the skirt was scorched, hence the name Remuera.

It has also been referred to by the ancient name of “Ohinerau”, meaning the place of Hinerau which also refers to the Portland Road area below Remuera Road.

Another name of the mountain has been noted – “Waitararoa”, but the meaning is now lost.

The European name is after Captain William Hobson, R.N., the first Governor of New Zealand, 1840-42.

Traditionally, prior to 1740 Remuera (Mt Hobson) was occupied by the Wai-o-hua people whose chief was Kiwi Tamaki, and whose main pa was Maungakiekie (One Tree Hill). About 1741 the Wai-o-hua were defeated in battle by Te Taou (a sub tribe of the Ngati Whatua) and from this time the cone has been unoccupied.

George Graham of the royal Engineers bought Remuera as part of a block in 1844 but when the claim was investigated by the crown in 1847 the land was retained and now forms the Mt Hobson Domain.

Records show 27 midden sites on the mountain containing cockles, pipi, catseye, scallop, obsidian and bone.

There are 42 terraces on the part of the cone not destroyed. These cover all sides of the mountain from the base to the summit and were probably all used at the same time by a single group of people.

The terraces contain houses, storehouses and storage pits. The summit was probably defended by palisades with a citadel (tihi) on the highest part, where the chief lived. The original terraced citadel was replaced by a small pa, defended at either end by a transverse ditch and bank. This may have been built by the Te Taou people.

	<p>It is estimated that about 1000 people lived on Remuera. The lower slopes and flatter ground on all sides were utilised as gardens, with the site extending well beyond the present domain.</p> <p>Three water reservoirs have been built on the mountain, each destroying a portion of the site. Of the sites 133,000 m<sup>2</sup> it is estimated that 11,000 m<sup>2</sup> have been totally destroyed. The first reservoir was built in 1900, the second in 1935, and the third in 1955. Remuera is a landmark Auckland volcano, particularly for travellers on the Southern Motorway.</p> <p>Archaeological sites on the mountain are protected under the Historic Places Act, and administered by the Department of Conservation with strict controls to maintain the integrity of sites and features. For example, the planting of trees on the mountain is not considered appropriate where these may interfere with middens, pits and terraces.</p> <p>While pasture is managed by cattle grazing, stock are reduced or removed during winter months and summer drought.</p> <p>It is intended that Remuera/Mt Hobson remains as a recreation park, characterised by extraordinary panoramic views, dramatic geology, and archaeology representing centuries of Maori occupation.</p>
<p><b>Mt. Hobson</b></p>	<p><b>Mt. Hobson</b></p> <p>There is a brass plaque attached to stonewall at the mid-entrance of the disabled access to Mt Hobson. It is a memorial for World War II. There is also a bench below this plaque. The pictures are shown below. The orange rectangle indicates the location of the plaque.</p>




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(comment)

It is in a good condition.

Enhancements / additions  
/ repairs needed

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<p>Sign transcription</p>	<p>This seat was given by residents of Remuera in memories of boys who played on the slopes of this mountain and who made the supreme sacrifice in World War II.</p>
<p><b>Mt Hobson – Remuera Road entrance, Disabled Access</b></p>	<p><b>Mt Hobson – Remuera Road entrance, Disabled Access</b></p> <p>There is a sign on the mid-entrance of the disabled access to Mt. Hobson. It is an informational sign about the daffodils garden in front of the memorial bench. The sign is attached to a pole on the ground off the footpath. It is one sided. The garden commemorates those who gave their lives during the Second World War. The pictures are shown below.</p> 

	
Existing signage (comment)	The sign needs to be replaced or cleaned up.
Enhancements / additions / repairs needed	It is not in a good condition. Consider cleaning it up or replacing it.
Sign transcription	<p>The daffodils growing within the confines of this place were planted to commemorate all those who gave their lives during the Second World War.</p> <p>Members of the public are requested not to pick the flowers.</p>
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