



Site Record Form

NZAA SITE NUMBER: R27/654

SITE TYPE: Pa

SITE NAME(s): Possibly part of or an outpost of Whakataka pa.

DATE RECORDED:

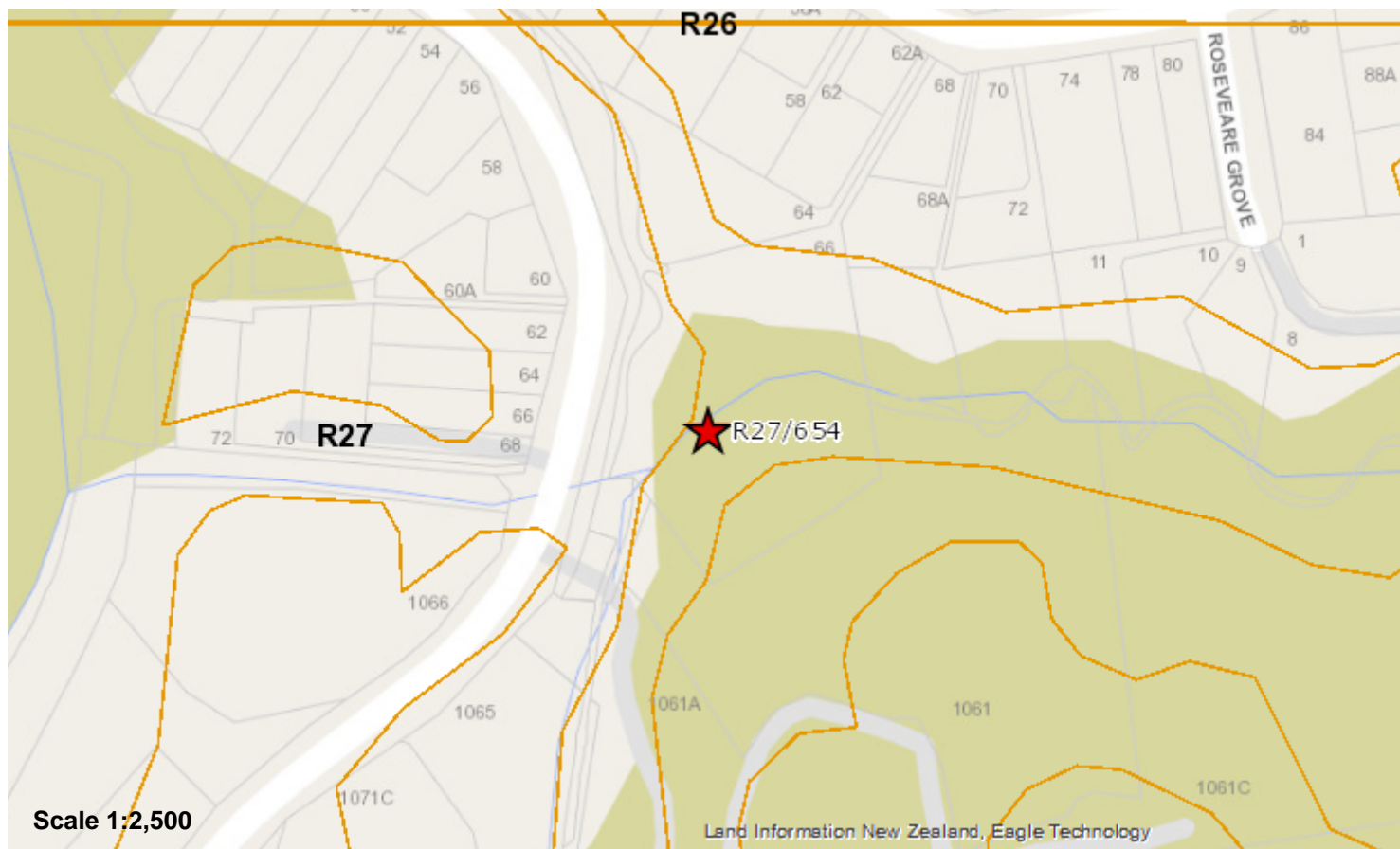
SITE COORDINATES (NZTM) Easting: 1779073

Northing: 5448142

Source: Handheld GPS

IMPERIAL SITE NUMBER:

METRIC SITE NUMBER: R27/654



Finding aids to the location of the site

The site can be accessed from the back of 66 Plateau Road with permission.

Brief description

Recorded features

Ditch - transverse, Terrace

Other sites associated with this site

SITE RECORD HISTORY**NZAA SITE NUMBER:** R27/654**Site description**

Updated 15/04/2019 (Field visit), submitted by nickbeynon , visited 15/04/2019 by Beynon, Nicholas
Grid reference (E1779073 / N5448142)

The site is a headland pa defended by a 2m long transverse ditch. The eastern, western and northern faces all have large 20m drop offs. The Blaikie Stream flows from the eastern side and around the southern face and flows into the Mangaroa River (after a culvert was built to redirect the stream away from the western side) providing a close water source.

The features on the top of the pa have been damaged by the owners work to build a track, stairs and a small deck. However the ditch is still intact as a small bridge has been built over it. Its likely features on the northern approach have been destroyed, such as further defences, terraces and pits. There appears to be a small tihi located at 1779070 5448149, with possible small terraces on the southern face.

Overall the top is very thin for the most part about 2m wide and very easily defended. It's possible this is a small outpost to the well-known Whakataka pa or a temporary refuge pa. Further work is needed to investigate other sites of interest on Plateau spur and overlooking the Hutt River to find other defended sites in the area.

Condition of the site

Updated 15/04/2019 (Field visit), submitted by nickbeynon , visited 15/04/2019 by Beynon, Nicholas

The ditch is in a good condition apart from being overgrown by vegetation, but other features on the pa have been damaged by the owners activities to build a leisure area on the top, erosion is also affecting the eastern face.

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

SITE RECORD INVENTORY

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Supporting documentation held in ArchSite



Figure 1: Map showing the location of the ditch on the pa on a LIDAR map. Source: GWRC

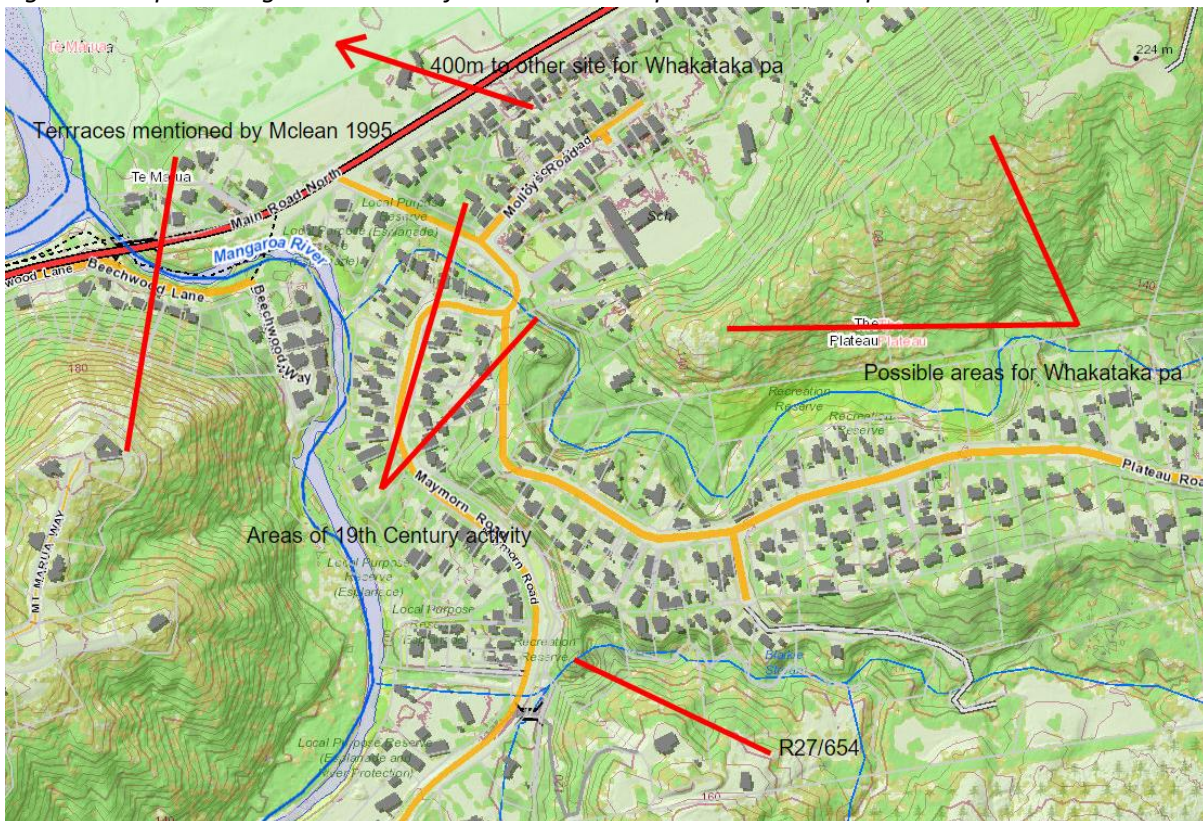


Figure 2: Map showing the wider area and other sites of interest. Source: GWRC.



Figure 3: This image facing north shows some of the work undertaken by the owners to make the area accessible. The bridge is built over the transverse ditch which is also protected by vegetation. Note also the stairs and vegetation probably hide further defences. Scale is one metre.

Photo by N. Beynon 15/04/2019



Figure 4: This image facing south shows the highest point of the pa marked by a wooden sculpture in the middle. The chairs below are on the deck built by the owners which has cut into the surface.

Photo by N. Beynon 15/04/2019



Figure 5: This image facing south shows the general width of the pa with large drop offs on either side. Of note is the large tree which is likely to have been there for several hundred years.

Photo by N. Beynon 15/04/2019

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