

My whānau have maintained ahi-kā-roa on a block of land known as Waikawa West B 223a Or 05p since the Waitohi Purchase Deed 4 March 1850. In 1912 Waikawa West B was partitioned into three blocks with one block, Waikawa West B Sec 1, 22a 1r 26p awarded solely to my kuia Heni Keepa. Upon her death in 1925, the block was succeeded by her adopted daughter Oriana, my grandmother, then her five children. The oldest child, Olive is my mother. In 1975 Marlborough District Council vested a road between Rānui and Huia Streets.

My grandfather Jack Nimmo, married Heni Keepa in 1912. He was able to successfully farm an area between Rānui and Huia Streets to grow vegetables including purple māori potatoes sold to whaling stations down the Queen Charlotte Sounds. There was an area for a big strawberry garden, which was harvested by local families. Free range eggs also sold along with numerous fruit from fruit trees growing on that land, which some still exist today. It would be important that those trees should be given heritage protection.

During a summer drought he went water diving and found an underground spring. There is a carved post located near that spring. Near the spring is horseshoe belonging to my grandfather's horse named Taranaki (Taranaki is my iwi Te Ātiawa ancestral mountain).

Jack Nimmo was a well-known identity of the community not only as a market gardener, as he was a local pound keeper, and many times spoke to representatives of the Borough Council about improving the conditions of local roads and other utility services.

When my mother Awe-nui (Olive) was born Heni Keepa performed a baptism rite in the stream that flows at the end of Rānui Street. My

mother's placenta and umbilical is buried by a kānuka tree, which is registered as a Notable Tree no.355 on our original ancestral land, now located on a private property.

A memorial seating with interpretation panels located near start of The Snout Walkway. Built of natural timber like a kiosk style. A water fountain too.

Memorial plaque at end of Rānui Street with a carved pātaka, this is supporting the proposed Community Garden in the same area.

I have previously made submissions concerning the memorial seating and pātaka in the Environmental Plan, Victoria Domain Reserves Plan and MDC Annual Submissions.

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