

TŪPUNA MAUNGA RESEARCH POLICY

Policy

1. The Tūpuna Maunga Authority has adopted a policy that:
 - a. all research conducted on Tūpuna Maunga requires a permit from the Tūpuna Maunga Authority;
 - b. it will actively endorse research projects which align with the Tūpuna Maunga Values, as outlined in the Integrated Management Plan; and
 - c. that it will create an annual pool of funding for which students can apply to support their research.
2. The policy does not affect any research held as an “Authorised Cultural Activity” pursuant to Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau Collective Redress Act 2014.

Background

3. The Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau Collective Redress Act 2014 legislated the transfer of ownership of 14 Tūpuna Maunga to Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau (the 13 hapū/iwi of Tāmaki Makaurau).
4. The Act establishes and appoints the Tūpuna Maunga Authority as the administering body for the Tūpuna Maunga under the Reserves Act 1977. In exercising its powers and carrying out its functions, the Maunga Authority must have regard to the spiritual, ancestral, cultural, customary, and historical significance of the Tūpuna Maunga to Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau.
5. The Tūpuna Maunga Authority is made up of 6 Mana Whenua representatives, 6 Auckland Council representatives and 1 non-voting Crown member. As the administering body, the Tūpuna Maunga Authority is responsible for decision-making and the governance of the Tūpuna Maunga and can implement its own policies on the Maunga.
6. The Policy applies to the Tūpuna Maunga being:
 - Matukutūruru/Wiri Mountain
 - Maungakiekie/One Tree Hill
 - Maungarei/Mount Wellington
 - Maungawhau/Mount Eden
 - Maungauika/North Head
 - Ōwairaka/Te Ahi-kā-a-Rakataura/ Mount Albert
 - Ōhinerau/Mount Hobson
 - Ōhūiarangi/Pigeon Mountain
 - Ōtāhuhu/Mount Richmond

- Pukewīwī/Puketāpapa/Mount Roskill
- Te Ara Pueru/Te Pane-o-Mataaho/Mangere Mountain
- Te Kōpuke/Tītīkōpuke/Mount St John
- Takarunga/Mount Victoria
- Te Tātua a Riukiuta/Big King.

Rationale

7. The purpose of the policy is to protect the sanctity, health, and well-being of the Tūpuna Maunga.
8. The Tūpuna Maunga Authority will endorse research projects which align with the Tūpuna Maunga Values because the research outputs will provide benefit to the Maunga, enhancing their mana and mauri.
9. The Authority administers the Tūpuna Maunga under the Reserves Act 1977 and pursuant to Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau Collective Redress Act 2014. The Hauraki Gulf Marine Park Act 2000 is also relevant.
10. Section 109(2) of Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau Collective Redress Act 2014 requires the Authority to have regard to the spiritual, ancestral, cultural, customary, and historical significance of the Maunga to Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau and that the Tūpuna Maunga is held in trust for Ngā Mana Whenua and the other people of Auckland.
11. The Tūpuna Maunga Authority's Integrated Management Plan (IMP) was adopted by the Authority in terms of Ngā Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau Collective Redress Act 2014 and the Reserves Act 1977. The Integrated Management Plan describes a series of "Values" and "Pathways" that guide all activities on the Tūpuna Maunga. The primary focus of the IMP is to protect the health and well-being of the Tūpuna Maunga. The "protection and enhancement of the mauri and wairua of the Tūpuna Maunga is paramount" (p57).
12. The policy is designed to align with the following Maunga values:
 - a) Wairuatanga / Spiritual. Relevant pathways for aligning to this value include: 1. Treat gently, and 2. Treat the Maunga as taonga tuku iho – treasures handed down the generations.
 - b) Takotoranga Whenua / Landscape. Relevant pathways for aligning to this value include: 1. Protecting the integrity of the landscape of the Tūpuna Maunga, and 2. Preserve the visual and physical integrity of the Maunga as landmarks of Tāmaki.
 - c) Mana Ao Tūroa / Cultural and Heritage Value. Relevant pathways for aligning to this value include: 1. Encourage culturally safe access.

Implementation

13. Management will regulate research permits to ensure the sites are well managed and do not conflict with other research or events.
14. Permits may be refused at the discretion of Management and may include any conditions necessary to protect the health and well-being of the Maunga.
15. Research permits may be subject to fees.
16. Management will have the delegation to approve research projects that are deemed low risk, meaning where:
 - a. an application is on the approved list of research projects (see 18); and
 - b. the methodology does not require any physical samples to be taken, such as the flora or fauna of the Maunga.
17. Research projects that fall outside of the scope of being low risk will require approval from the Tūpuna Maunga Research, Events and Commercial Activities Rōpū (previously the Filming and Events Rōpū) and will require Mana Whenua feedback to inform the final decision.
18. As per the Monitoring Strategy (identified in the IMP), Management is required to provide a list of research projects for students to undertake as part of their qualifications. This list is included as an attachment to this policy and will be subject to regular review.
19. The Tūpuna Maunga Authority will provide an annual funding pool of \$10,000 which can be allocated to one or more student applicants for their research. The fund would be allocated to individuals based on the merits of their applications. This process will take place in August / September of each year in order for the funds to be paid in time for the start of the first semester of the following year.

Definitions

20. In this policy, “research” means any activities on the Maunga such as the collection of physical samples (i.e., soil, rock, plants), the monitoring of conditions over time, experiments, or any socially focussed studies which take place on the Maunga but fall outside the scope of an event.