



### Purpose of indicator

Rotorua's heritage is a unique and finite resource. Heritage gives a place character and history. Monitoring the retention of heritage sites and structures gives an indication of the recognition and protection that is placed on heritage so that they are retained for future generations.

### Current information and trend

Maori heritage is a major component of the heritage and history of Rotorua and is reflected in the number of heritage features and archaeological sites protected by the district plan (Table 3.1). A number of more recent heritage sites and features reflecting the development of Rotorua and Ngongotaha townships, are also recognised by the district plan.

The structure that was lost in the past five years was Pukeroa Cottage. Its removal was due to it losing its structural integrity. A similar building of the same era still remains near the site where the demolished building stood. Retaining heritage buildings and structures in Rotorua is a challenge because of the corrosive properties of sulphur gas.

**Table 3.1 Protected heritage features**

Heritage features protected by the district plan	Iwi 2006	Other 2006	Total 2002	Total 2006
Historic buildings	3	16	20	19
Historic churches	7		7	7
Structures	2	8	10	10
Sites	10	1	11	11
Notable trees	5	29	34	34
Archaeological sites	235	10	245	245
Marae	35		35	35
<b>Total</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>360</b>

Source: Rotorua District Plan, 2006

**Table 3.2 Sites of authorities granted 2001-2007**

Site Type	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Total
Pa	2				1	2		5
Terrace and pit		1	1				1	3
Historic area			2				1	3
Midden				1				1
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>

Source: New Zealand Historic Places Trust, 2007

**Table 3.3 Authority activity types 2001-2007**

Activity type	Number of authorities granted
Harvesting trees	6
Tourism	2
Subdivision / development	3
Road realignment	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>

Source: New Zealand Historic Places Trust, 2007

If an activity is proposed to take place at a registered archaeological site an authority to do so must be sought from New Zealand Historic Places Trust. Table 3.2 shows the type of historic site where authorities were granted. Table 3.3 shows the types and numbers of authorities. Only 12 authorities were granted between 2001-2007. Most of these were for logging operations.





## ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE



### In 15 minutes

- ✓ Invite your friends to visit Rotorua and enjoy one of the many events hosted in the district.
- ✓ Become a member of the Rotorua Multi- Cultural Society.



### In 1 hour plus

- ✓ Visit the Museum of Art and History. It is free for Rotorua residents.
- ✓ Register with the Te Arawa Lakes Trust if you are of Te Arawa descent.
- ✓ Take the heritage arts and culture walk, it's free. Booklets are available at the Museum.

## WEBSITES FOR MORE INFORMATION AND IDEAS

Information about heritage of Rotorua

Rotorua Museum  
[www.rotoruumuseum.co.nz](http://www.rotoruumuseum.co.nz)

Ministry of Culture and Heritage  
[www.mch.govt.nz](http://www.mch.govt.nz)

New Zealand Historic Places Trust  
[www.historic.org.nz](http://www.historic.org.nz)

Information about Rotorua

[www.rotoruainfo.co.nz](http://www.rotoruainfo.co.nz)  
[www.rotoruanz.com](http://www.rotoruanz.com)