



## New role for site

An historic horse trough in Carrington St near the intersection with Victoria Rd in New Plymouth is being restored to become a rest area for passers-by.

The New Plymouth City Council has employed contractor Ian Gregory (above) to undertake the work which is expected to be completed this week.

It involves building a concrete surround, adding a seat in front of the trough and laying bollards to create a small layby area.

The council also hopes to erect a plaque if it can obtain more information about the trough.

Horticulture and planning manager Graham Mulvay says both the Taranaki Museum and local branch of the New Zealand Historic Places Trust were asked about the trough's history but could provide little information.

He is asking members of the public who know about its history to contact the council.

The trough had fallen into disrepair and had a large crack in it which threatened its stability.

Landscaping will be carried out in several months' time to enable the area to be more easily maintained, he says.

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