

NATIVE TREE: 28
SPECIES: *Metrosideros excelsa*
COMMON NAME(S): Pohutukawa
B.B CATEGORY: Native Historic Tree - Local Interest.

ORIGINAL READINGS

LOCATION: Corner of Cameron and Leach Street.
DATE MEASURED: 1967
HEIGHT: 68 ft (20.7 m)
CANOPY SPREAD: 60 ft (18.3 m)
DBH: 79 in (2 m)
BURSTALL'S NOTES: A handsome tree brought from Kawhia and planted by Thomas Inch in 1874 on land presented to the city by Charles Swanson in 1938.
Another tree, Dr. E. P. Allen's, 22 A Dartmoor Av. The larger of two trees had a girth of 19 ft (5.8 m) at 2 ft (61 cm) x 50 ft x 55 ft (15.3 m x 16.8 m) in 1973.
Many trees of this species have been planted in this region over the past 120 years.

CURRENT READINGS

UPDATED LOCATION: Same as above
DATE MEASURED: 21st April 2002
HEIGHT: 18.5 m
CANOPY SPREAD: 23.4 m
DBH: 2.627 m
REMARKS: A Pohutukawa of massive proportions (**Fig. 51**) that is maintaining a steady development. When viewed from the eastern end of Leach St the canopy almost appears to be perfectly balanced and symmetrical, (only an 80 cm difference in canopy spread measurements), although from the other side (city side) it is possible to observe a large hole in the upper canopy where the tree has been struck by lightning in the past. This would explain the differences in the height recordings.
The appearance is very healthy (new growth evident) when considering it is nearly completely surrounded by tarmac and is located on Leach Street, one of the busiest in New Plymouth and the main thoroughfare into the city.
When recorded the construction of a new motel was being undertaken beneath the canopy of this glorious tree (Landmark Manor) (see photo following).

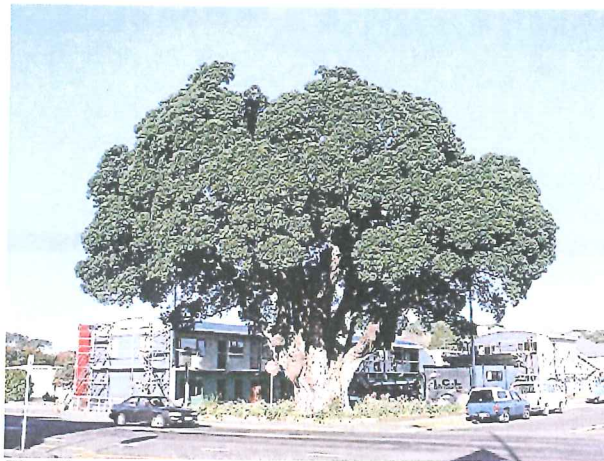


Fig. 51