

# Appendix One

## NZAA Site Record Forms

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## Site Record Form

R22/539

Pit/Terrace

SITE NAME(s):

DATE RECORDED:

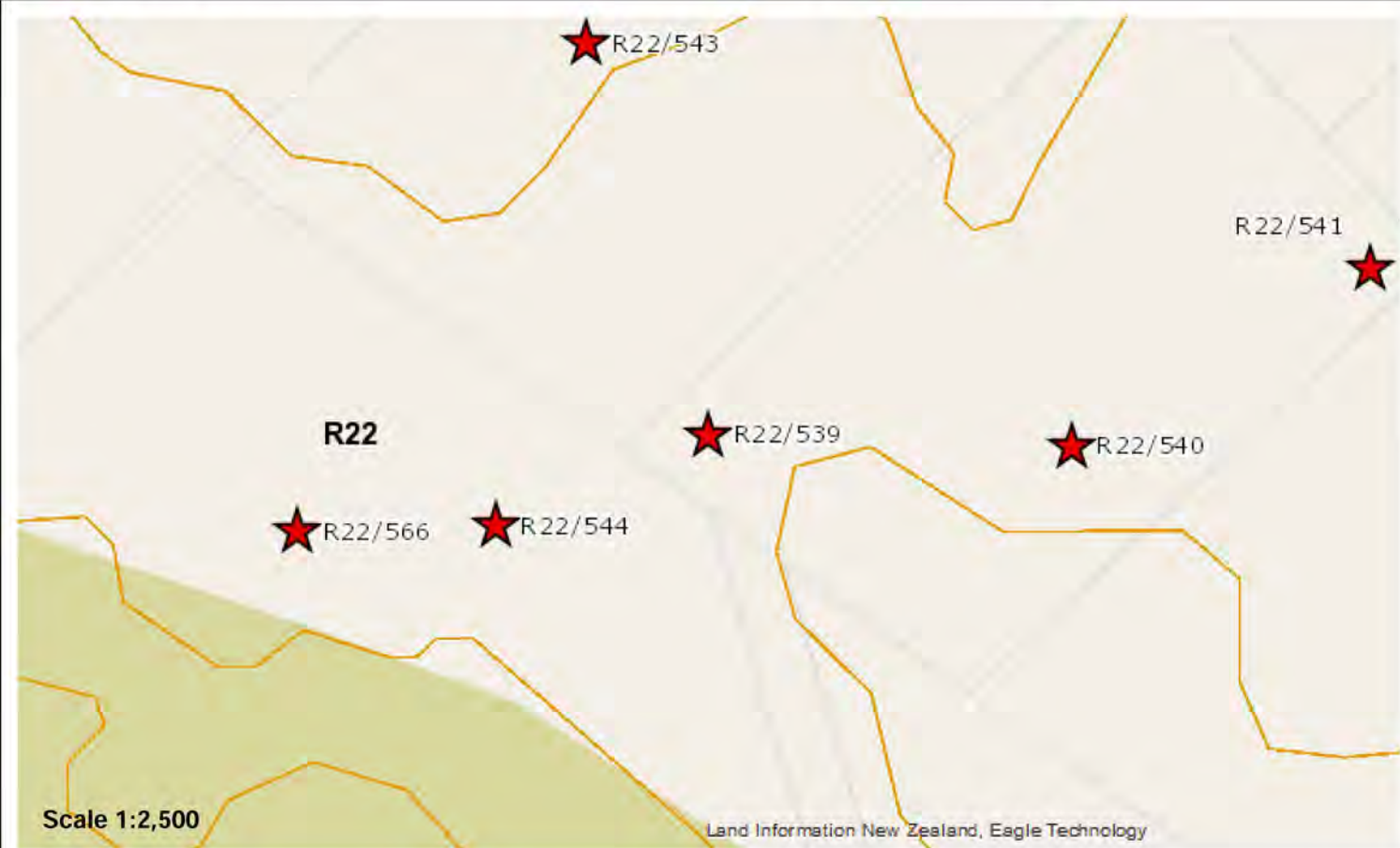
SITE COORDINATES (NZTM) Easting: 1772090

Northing: 5580440

Source: Handheld GPS

IMPERIAL SITE NUMBER:

METRIC SITE NUMBER: R22/539



Access via Tirimoana Pl., Whanganui. The site is 500 m SW from end of the road, towards the bottom of a valley on the end of a low ridge running E-W. In farm land.

Pits in a 40 x 13 m area on the end of a low sand ridge. A possible terrace also recorded to the west.

Other sites associated with this site

**SITE RECORD HISTORY****NZAA SITE NUMBER:** R22/539**Site description**

Updated 07/08/2017 (Field visit), submitted by michaeltaylor , visited 23/05/2017 by Taylor, Michael; Sutton, Annetta  
Grid reference (E1772090 / N5580440)

Updated 21/07/2015 (Field visit), submitted by annettasutton , visited 01/04/2011 by Sutton, Annetta  
Grid reference (E1772088 / N5580448)

The ridge is adjacent to one internal farm fence and a property boundary fence with a gate.

The pits are in a 40 x 13 m area on the end of a low sand ridge. There are five well defined pits clustered at the east end of the ridge and one possible slumped pit. Also one possible terrace to the west. The largest pit is 3 x 2 m.

Updated 21/07/2015 (Field visit), submitted by annettasutton , visited 01/04/2011 by Sutton, Annetta  
Grid reference (E1772088 / N5580448)

The ridge is adjacent to one internal farm fence and a property boundary fence with a gate.

The pits are in a 40 x 13 m area on the end of a low sand ridge. There are five well defined pits clustered at the east end of the knoll and one possible slumped pit. Also one possible terrace to the west. The largest pit is 3 x 2 m.

**Condition of the site**

Updated 07/08/2017 (Field visit), submitted by michaeltaylor , visited 23/05/2017 by Taylor, Michael; Sutton, Annetta

Updated 21/07/2015 (Field visit), submitted by annettasutton , visited 01/04/2011 by Sutton, Annetta

In grass.

**Statement of condition**

Updated: 18/08/2015, Visited: 01/04/2011 - Good – Majority of visible features are intact, but some minor loss of definition and/or damage

**Current land use:**

Updated: 18/08/2015, Visited: 01/04/2011 - Grazing

**Threats:**

Updated: 18/08/2015, Visited: 01/04/2011 - Subdivision

**SITE RECORD INVENTORY**

**NZAA SITE NUMBER: R22/539**

Supporting documentation held in ArchSite



R22/539, looking NE across the site, with a possible terrace on left side of photo.  
Photograph: Alice Taylor, Archaeology North Ltd, 1 April, 2011.



R22/539, looking SW across the site, pits are visible in the foreground.  
Photograph: Annetta Sutton, Archaeology North Ltd, 1 April, 2011.



Looking SW across site R22/539, showing three hollows, including one in the left foreground, which are recorded as pits. The sand ridge with midden sites, R22/544 and R22/566, is in the background, in front of the pine plantation. (Photograph taken by Michael Taylor, Archaeology North Ltd., 23 June 2017).



Looking from the SW end of site R22/539 towards the NE, showing pits on the ridge top and a possible terrace on the left on the side of the ridge. (Photograph taken by Michael Taylor, Archaeology North Ltd., 23 June 2017).



## Site Record Form

**NZAA SITE NUMBER:** R22/540

**SITE TYPE:** Pit/Terrace

**SITE NAME(s):**

**DATE RECORDED:**

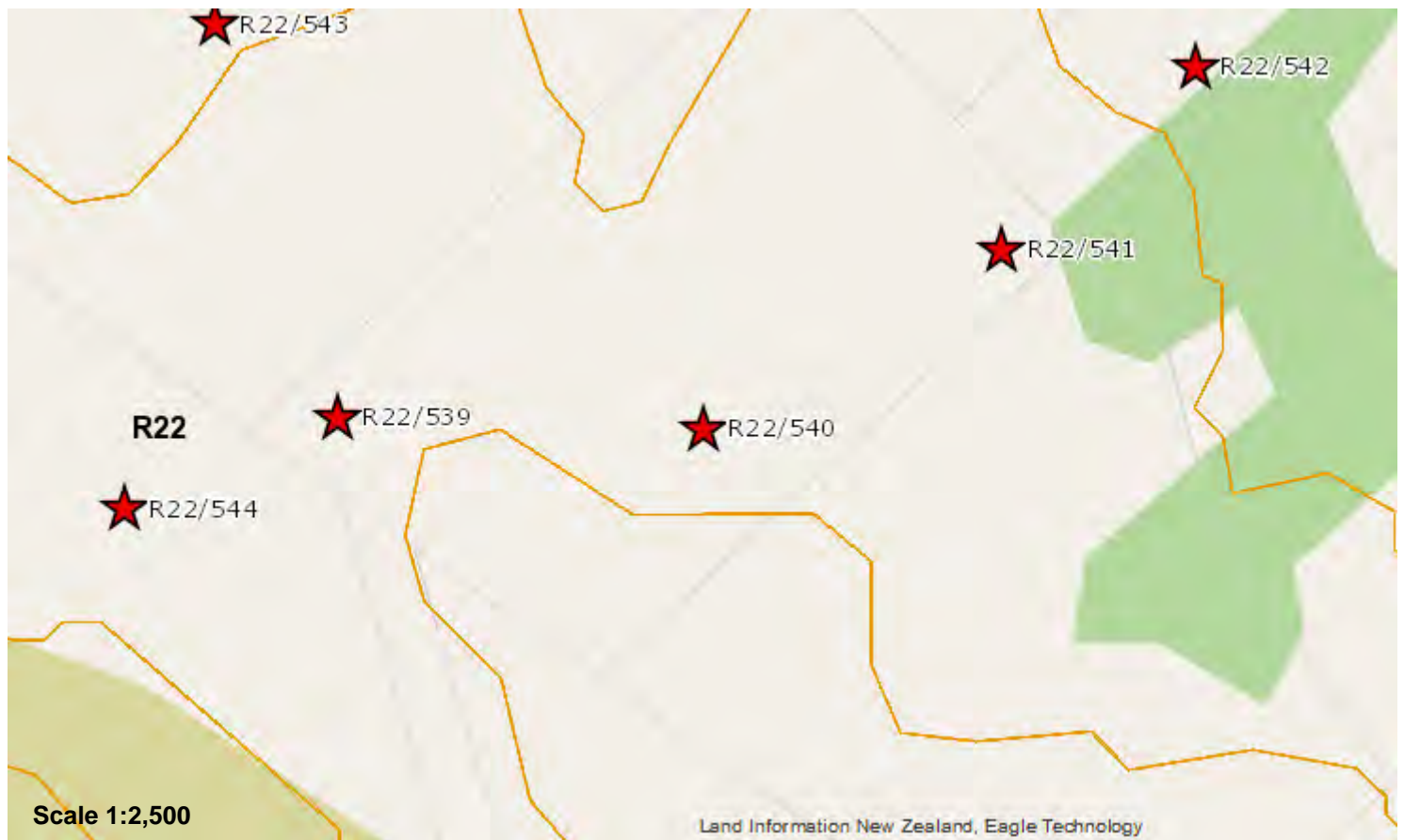
**SITE COORDINATES (NZTM) Easting:** 1772218

**Northing:** 5580436

**Source:** Handheld GPS

**IMPERIAL SITE NUMBER:**

**METRIC SITE NUMBER:** R22/540



### Finding aids to the location of the site

Access via Tirimoana Pl., Whanganui. The site is 470 m SW from end of the road, located towards the bottom of a valley on the top of a long narrow sand ridge running NE-SW.

### Brief description

Nine pits running along a knoll, and two possible terraces.

### Recorded features

Terrace, Pit - rectangular

### Other sites associated with this site

**SITE RECORD HISTORY****NZAA SITE NUMBER:** R22/540**Site description**

Updated 07/08/2017 (Field visit), submitted by michaeltaylor , visited 23/05/2017 by Taylor, Michael; Sutton, Annetta  
Grid reference (E1772218 / N5580436)

Updated 21/07/2015 (Field visit), submitted by annettasutton , visited 01/04/2011 by Sutton, Annetta  
Grid reference (E1772218 / N5580436)

Site in a 90 x 10 m area on the top of a low narrow ridge. Nine pits running along the knoll. In grass. Level areas at the north end and on the west side of the ridge may be two poorly defined terraces.

Farm vehicle track beside the east side of the ridge.  
Visible on Google Earth, imagery date 3/1/2005.

**Condition of the site**

Updated 07/08/2017 (Field visit), submitted by michaeltaylor , visited 23/05/2017 by Taylor, Michael; Sutton, Annetta

Updated 21/07/2015 (Field visit), submitted by annettasutton , visited 01/04/2011 by Sutton, Annetta

In grass.

**Statement of condition**

Updated: 18/08/2015, Visited: 01/04/2011 - Good – Majority of visible features are intact, but some minor loss of definition and/or damage

**Current land use:**

Updated: 18/08/2015, Visited: 01/04/2011 - Grazing

**Threats:**

Updated: 18/08/2015, Visited: 01/04/2011 - Subdivision



**SITE RECORD INVENTORY**

**NZAA SITE NUMBER: R22/540**

Supporting documentation held in ArchSite



R22/540, looking SW along the top of the ridge, showing pits.  
Photograph: Alice Taylor, Archaeology North Ltd, 1 April, 2011.



R22/540, looking SE down the valley, showing the pits along the top of the ridge in the middle of photograph.  
Photograph: Annetta Sutton, Archaeology North Ltd, 1 April, 2011.



Looking SW along site R22/540 showing hollows in the hill top, which are recorded as pits and terraces. (Photograph taken by Michael Taylor, Archaeology North Ltd., 23 May 2017).



Looking NNE from site R22/544 across a sand gully to the ridge on which R22/540 is located, in the centre of the image, above the eroding sand face. (Photograph taken by Michael Taylor, Archaeology North Ltd., 23 May 2017).



Looking NE along the pit site, R22/540. ((Photograph taken by Michael Taylor, Archaeology North Ltd., 23 May 2017).



## Site Record Form

**NZAA SITE NUMBER:** R22/541

**SITE TYPE:** Pit/Terrace

**SITE NAME(s):**

**DATE RECORDED:**

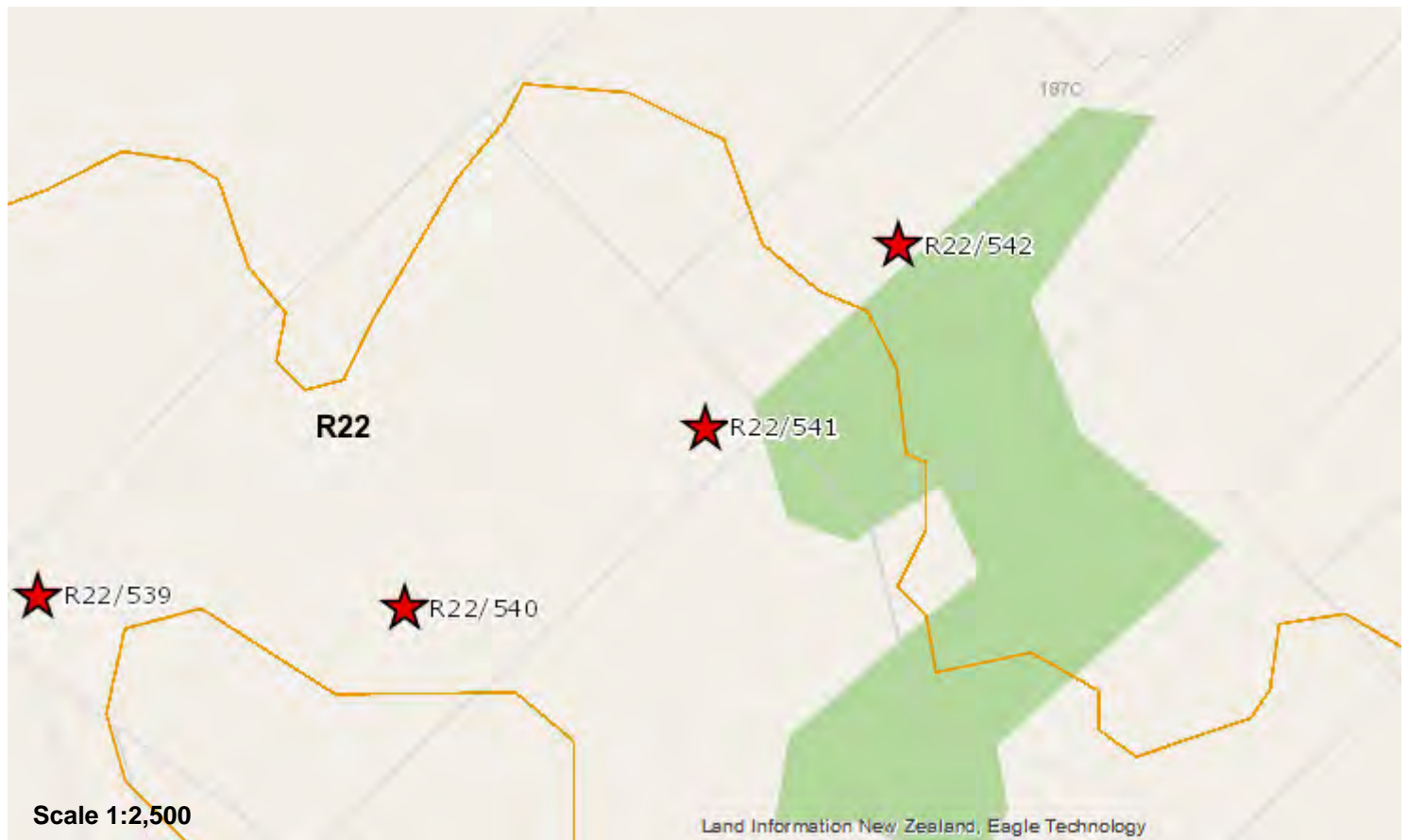
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**Northing:** 5580499

**Source:** Handheld GPS

**IMPERIAL SITE NUMBER:**

**METRIC SITE NUMBER:** R22/541



### Finding aids to the location of the site

Access via Tirimoana Pl., Whanganui and 360 m S from end of the road. The site is located on the side of a valley, at the SW end of a sand ridge which is near the corner of a farm paddock with deer fencing.

### Brief description

Two well defined pits, both 2 x 2 m.

### Recorded features

Pit

### Other sites associated with this site

**SITE RECORD HISTORY****NZAA SITE NUMBER:** R22/541**Site description**

Updated 21/07/2015 (Field visit), submitted by annettasutton , visited 01/04/2011 by Sutton, Annetta  
Grid reference (E1772323 / N5580499)

The site is in a 8 x 5 m area on the SW end of a sand ridge, in grass.  
Two well defined pits, both 2 x 2 m.

**Condition of the site**

Updated 21/07/2015 (Field visit), submitted by annettasutton , visited 01/04/2011 by Sutton, Annetta

In grass.

**Statement of condition**

Updated: 28/08/2015, Visited: 01/04/2011 - Good – Majority of visible features are intact, but some minor loss of definition and/or damage

**Current land use:**

Updated: 28/08/2015, Visited: 01/04/2011 - Grazing

**Threats:**

Updated: 28/08/2015, Visited: 01/04/2011 - Subdivision

**SITE RECORD INVENTORY**

**NZAA SITE NUMBER: R22/541**

Supporting documentation held in ArchSite



R22/541, looking NE across the valley. The pit site is located on the end of the ridge at the right of the photo in the middle distance.

Photograph: Alice Taylor, Archaeology North Ltd, 1 April, 2011.



R22/541, looking NW across the side of the valley. The two pits are visible in the foreground.

Photograph: Annetta Sutton, Archaeology North Ltd, 1 April, 2011.





Looking west across site R22/541 showing the pits, which appear as shallow hollows.  
(Photograph taken by Michael Taylor, Archaeology North Ltd., 26 May 2017).



Looking south across site R22/541 showing the pit hollows. (Photograph taken by Michael Taylor,  
Archaeology North Ltd., 26 May 2017).



## Site Record Form

**NZAA SITE NUMBER:** R22/542

**SITE TYPE:** Pit/Terrace

**SITE NAME(s):**

**DATE RECORDED:**

**SITE COORDINATES (NZTM) Easting:** 1772391

**Northing:** 5580563

**Source:** On Screen

**IMPERIAL SITE NUMBER:**

**METRIC SITE NUMBER:** R22/542



### Finding aids to the location of the site

Access via Tirimoana Place, Whanganui and SE around the top edge of a valley behind a residential area. The site is at the top of a valley, on a small area of level ground immediately south of a fenced house section. Steep slope to the south.

### Brief description

Two shallow pits, 1 x 1.5 m; 2 x 2 m.

### Recorded features

Midden, Pit

### Other sites associated with this site

**SITE RECORD HISTORY****NZAA SITE NUMBER:** R22/542**Site description**

Updated 07/08/2017 (Field visit), submitted by michaeltaylor , visited 26/05/2017 by Taylor, Michael; Sutton, Annetta  
Grid reference (E1772391 / N5580563)

Access via driveway at 181 Great North Road (SH3), 300 m from SH3 beyond the current buildings. SW from old poultry sheds. On the edge of a drop from more level ground into the valley. Amongst a remnant group of large pines & some macs.

The midden is 15 m SE (beyond the boundary fence) from the pits pit recorded in 2011.

The midden shell is exposed on the underside of a root plate and in the root hole of a large wind thrown pine tree. The midden exposure in the ground extends along the edge of the root plate hole for 1.5 m.

The midden consists of medium sized pipi (3-4 cm) in a charcoal blackened matrix with abundant small (4-10 cm) water rolled stones. The stones appear to be burnt and fire cracked, but their origin is not clear from what is visible.

Soil profiles exposed by erosion and other root plate disturbance in the same vicinity has exposed a 20-30 cm deep top soil with some pieces of charcoal present, overlying a grey/brown natural sandy soil. Other than the midden and charcoal there were no distinctive signs of modification of top soils in the vicinity.

There is a well-defined 12x5 m level area on a low knoll on the scarp edge about 10 m above (NE of) the midden, which may have a cultural origin, but nothing definitively constructed or modified was identified.

The grid point for the midden (1772413-5580547) was obtained using a Garmin GPS 60CS X.

Updated 21/07/2015 (Field visit), submitted by annettasutton , visited 01/04/2011 by Sutton, Annetta  
Grid reference (E1772391 / N5580563)

The site is on an 8 x 4 m level area, in grass.  
Two poorly defined shallow pits, 1 x 1.5 m; 2 x 2 m, side by side.

**Condition of the site****Statement of condition**

Updated: 11/09/2015, Visited: 01/04/2011 - Fair - Some intact features, but others may be unclear or damaged

**Current land use:**

Updated: 11/09/2015, Visited: 01/04/2011 - Grazing

**Threats:**

Updated: 11/09/2015, Visited: 01/04/2011 - Subdivision

**SITE RECORD INVENTORY**

**NZAA SITE NUMBER:** R22/542

Supporting documentation held in ArchSite



R22/542, looking NW along the top of the valley. The two pits are visible on the right side of the photograph. (Photograph: Alice Taylor, Archaeology North Ltd, 1 April, 2011.)



R22/542, viewed looking NNE up the side of the valley from R22/540. The pit site is located at the top of valley to the right of the pile of dead shrubbery visible at the top middle of the photograph. (Photograph: Alice Taylor, Archaeology North Ltd, 1 April, 2011.)

**Information up-loaded by Annetta Sutton & Michael Taylor, Archaeology North Ltd., Wanganui, 10 September 2015.**



Looking NW across the two recorded pits. (Photograph taken by Michael Taylor, Archaeology North Ltd., 26 May 2017).



Looking SE across the two recorded pits towards the pine and macrocarpa trees on the adjacent property where midden was located in 2017. (Photograph taken by Michael Taylor, Archaeology North Ltd., 26 May 2017).



Looking at the hole created by the roots of a pine tree ripping from ground in which shell midden is visible along the grassed section marked by the ranging pole. (Photograph taken by Michael Taylor, Archaeology North Ltd., 26 May 2017).



Close-up looking at the lower side of a root plate of the fallen pine tree in which shell is visible in a black matrix with a layer of small stones at the base of the layer. The stones are burnt and blackened. (Photograph taken by Michael Taylor, Archaeology North Ltd., 26 May 2017).



Looking NW towards the pine stump in which the midden is visible. The pits are located over the boundary fence (not visible) beyond the macrocarpa and pine trees visible in the near background. (Photograph taken by Michael Taylor, Archaeology North Ltd., 26 May 2017).





## Site Record Form

**NZAA SITE NUMBER:** R22/543

**SITE TYPE:** Midden/Oven

**SITE NAME(s):**

**DATE RECORDED:**

**SITE COORDINATES (NZTM) Easting:** 1772047

**Northing:** 5580578

**Source:** On Screen

**IMPERIAL SITE NUMBER:**

**METRIC SITE NUMBER:** R22/543



### Finding aids to the location of the site

Access via Tirimoana Pl., Whanganui and SW from the road end. The site is located on a long wide sand ridge which runs NE-SW down the side of a valley parallel to a fence with another fence cutting across the west side of the ridge.

### Brief description

Midden. Probing defined midden over an area of 1.5 x 2.5 m on the side of the ridge.

### Recorded features

Borrow pit, Midden

### Other sites associated with this site

**SITE RECORD HISTORY****NZAA SITE NUMBER:** R22/543**Site description**

Updated 07/08/2017 (Field visit), submitted by michaeltaylor , visited 22/05/2017 by Taylor, Michael; Sutton, Annetta  
Grid reference (E1772047 / N5580578)

The evidence of the midden has become obscured and was not able to be relocated when the site was visited on 22 May 2017.

Updated 21/07/2015 (Field visit), submitted by annettasutton , visited 31/03/2011 by Sutton, Annetta  
Grid reference (E1772047 / N5580578)

Midden visible due to rabbit digging. Probing defined midden over an area of 1.5 x 2.5 m on the side of the ridge. Midden is generally 20 cm below the surface and very small pipi shell.

Sheep scuffing has also exposed fire cracked rock and an horizon of charcoal stained soil on other parts of the 150 m long ridge. There are other deep hollows which are likely to be borrow holes and other holes and level areas which are poorly defined but may be archaeological pits and terraces.

**Condition of the site**

Updated 07/08/2017 (Field visit), submitted by michaeltaylor , visited 22/05/2017 by Taylor, Michael; Sutton, Annetta

Updated 21/07/2015 (Field visit), submitted by annettasutton , visited 31/03/2011 by Sutton, Annetta

Some erosion.

**Statement of condition**

Updated: 18/08/2015, Visited: 31/03/2011 - Fair - Some intact features, but others may be unclear or damaged

**Current land use:**

Updated: 18/08/2015, Visited: 31/03/2011 - Grazing

**Threats:**

Updated: 18/08/2015, Visited: 31/03/2011 - Subdivision

**SITE RECORD INVENTORY**

**NZAA SITE NUMBER: R22/543**

Supporting documentation held in ArchSite



R22/543, looking NE up the ridge, showing possible borrow holes on the sides of the ridge.

Photograph: Annetta Sutton, Archaeology North Ltd, 31 March, 2011.



R22/543, looking NE up the ridge, showing possible borrow holes and animal scuffing.

Photograph: Annetta Sutton, Archaeology North Ltd, 31 March, 2011.



## Site Record Form

**NZAA SITE NUMBER:** R22/544

**SITE TYPE:** Midden/Oven

**SITE NAME(s):**

**DATE RECORDED:**

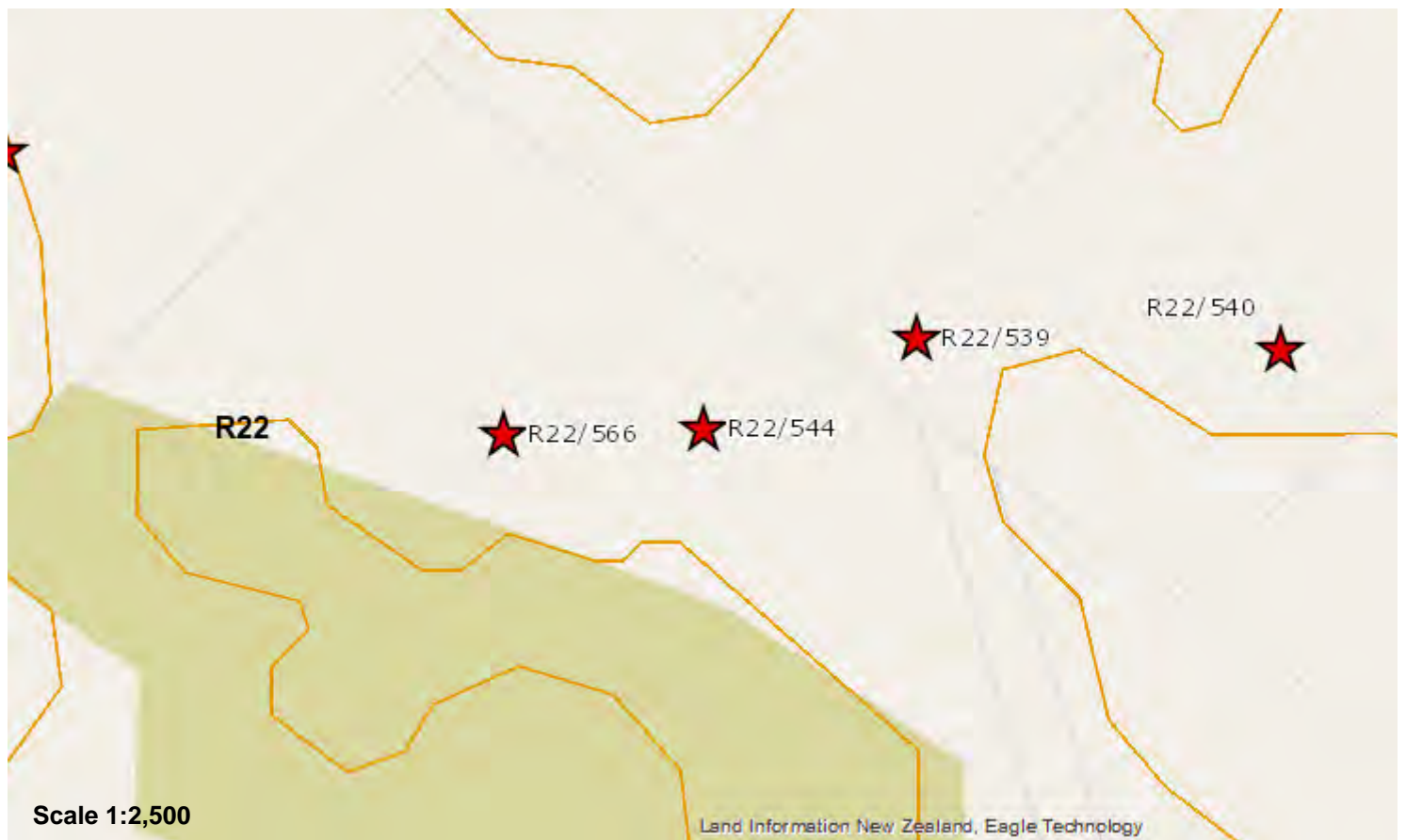
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**Northing:** 5580408

**Source:** On Screen

**IMPERIAL SITE NUMBER:**

**METRIC SITE NUMBER:** R22/544



### Finding aids to the location of the site

Access via Tirimoana Pl., Whanganui and SW from end of the road. The site is located on the south side of a valley on a prominent ridge running E-W across the side of the valley.

### Brief description

Pipi shell midden visible for 3 m along the top edge of the ridge.

### Recorded features

Midden, Charcoal

### Other sites associated with this site

**SITE RECORD HISTORY****NZAA SITE NUMBER:** R22/544**Site description**

Updated 07/08/2017 (Field visit), submitted by michaeltaylor , visited 23/05/2017 by Taylor, Michael; Sutton, Annetta  
Grid reference (E1772015 / N5580408)

Features that appear to be a possible terrace and pit on the ridge top by the midden are probably of natural origin, although they may have been utilized.

Updated 21/07/2015 (Field visit), submitted by annettasutton , visited 01/04/2011 by Sutton, Annetta  
Grid reference (E1772015 / N5580408)

The site is visible along top of the ridge which is 50 m up hill from a farm gate at the bottom of the valley. Pipi shell midden was visible for 3 m along the top edge of the ridge, 40 cm below the surface. The midden is generally 10-15 cm thick, with a 5 cm bottom layer of crushed and burnt shell and whole shell above. Visible shell is 3-4 cm size. Fire cracked rock, charcoal and charcoal stained soil are visible with the midden. The ridge also has a possible pit and a level area beside the midden which may be a terrace but these features are poorly defined.

**Condition of the site****Statement of condition**

Updated: 18/08/2015, Visited: 01/04/2011 - Fair - Some intact features, but others may be unclear or damaged

**Current land use:**

Updated: 18/08/2015, Visited: 01/04/2011 - Grazing

**Threats:**

**SITE RECORD INVENTORY**

**NZAA SITE NUMBER: R22/544**

Supporting documentation held in ArchSite



R22/544, looking west. Midden and charcoal stained soil horizon eroding at the top of The ridge. Photograph: Annetta Sutton, Archaeology North Ltd, 1 April, 2011.



R22/544, view of site from north. Ridge with eroding midden just visible at the top. Photograph: Annetta Sutton, Archaeology North Ltd, 1 April, 2011.





Looking SW at the area of visible midden on site R22/544.  
(Photograph taken by Michael Taylor, Archaeology North Ltd., 23 May 2017).



Looking SW at site R22/544. located on the high point on the sand dune through the gate  
viewed from site R22/539 (Photograph taken by Michael Taylor, Archaeology North Ltd., 23 May 2017).



## Site Record Form

**NZAA SITE NUMBER:** R22/562

**SITE TYPE:** Midden/Oven

**SITE NAME(s):**

**DATE RECORDED:**

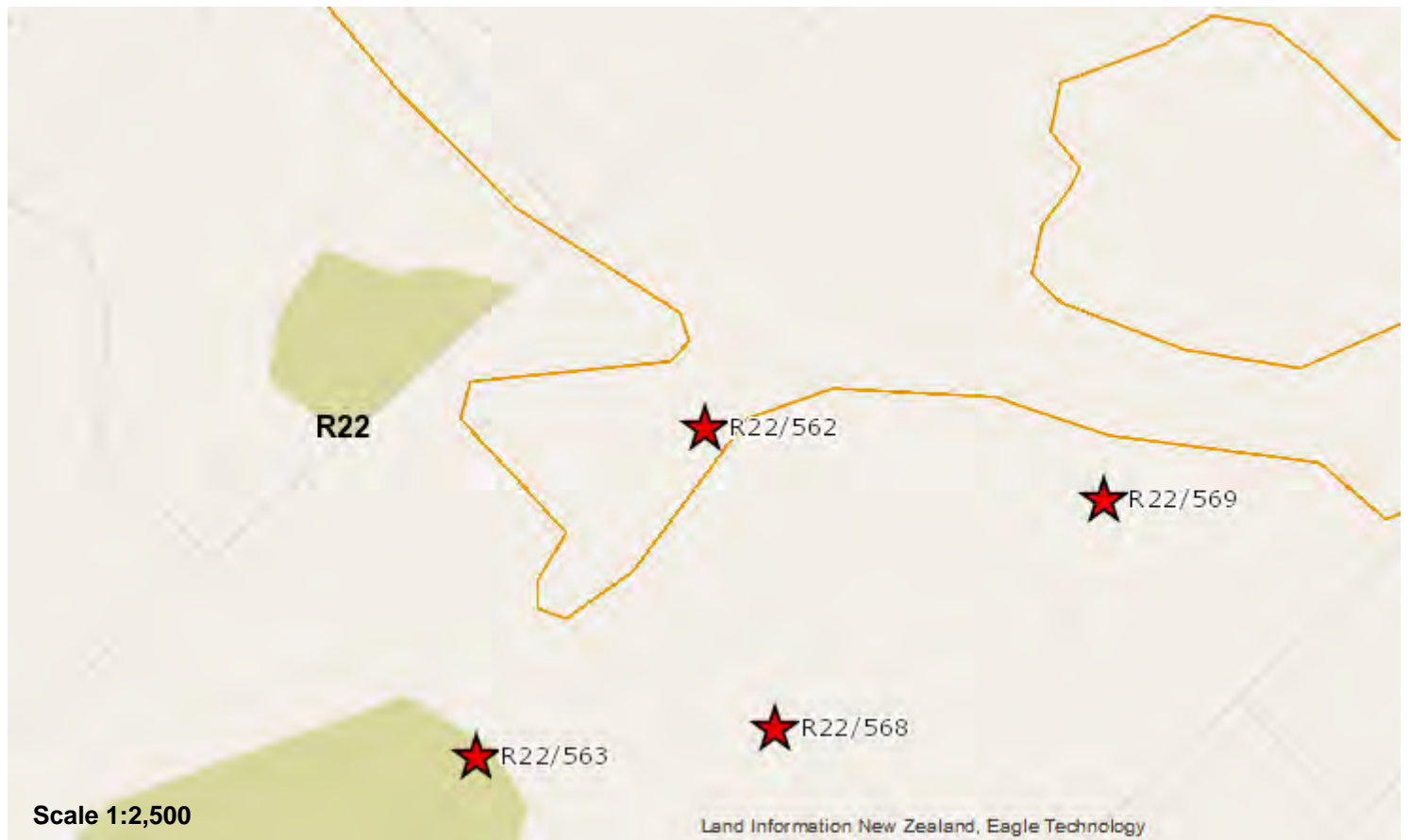
**SITE COORDINATES (NZTM) Easting:** 1771970

**Northing:** 5580855

**Source:** Handheld GPS

**IMPERIAL SITE NUMBER:**

**METRIC SITE NUMBER:** R22/562



### Finding aids to the location of the site

Access from 209 Great North Road (SH3) gate. The site is c. 450 m SW from SH3 following the farm track to the stockyards & shed. Proceed through the gate onto the top of the northern end of the high dune ridge just to the west of the shed.

### Brief description

### Recorded features

### Other sites associated with this site

**SITE RECORD HISTORY****NZAA SITE NUMBER:** R22/562**Site description**

Updated 04/08/2017 (Field visit), submitted by michaeltaylor , visited 22/05/2017 by Taylor, Michael; Sutton, Annetta  
Grid reference (E1771970 / N5580855)

The main archaeological evidence consists of midden, which is exposed just off the top of the northern end of the high NE–SW dune, on the NE “corner” of the dune. The dune continues at a lower level onto the adjacent paddock to the NE. The dune is mainly in kikuyu grass.

Midden is visible in a sand matrix on the upper slopes of the dune in two locations.

1/ The N dune slope had the denser midden, which was up to 10 cm thick in a sand matrix blackened with charcoal and buried under 20-30 cm of clean sand. Some fire cracked rock was also visible. The pipi shell was 2-3 cm in length, some fragmentary.

This midden occurred just below two possible terraces. One terrace is 6x4 m at least. The terraces are probably of largely natural origin but are likely to have been utilised given their close association with the middens. These possible terraces are in the lee of the dune, protected from the prevailing southerly and south westerly winds.

2/ The top of the NE slope had a 1 m wide scatter of sparse shell in clean sand exposed in a small eroded face, possibly coming from a buried charcoal blackened soil c. 20-30 cm under the modern top soil. The midden consists of small pipi (2-3 cm). A probable dog scapula was eroding from the sand face amidst the shell. Below the midden two large (20 cm max length) water rolled rocks were exposed on the dune surface.

The nearby dune highpoint c.40 m to WSW from the midden and possible terraces has an exposure of a buried blackened topsoil up to 20-30 cm deep below the topsoil with visible small lumps of charcoal.

Updated 04/08/2017 (Field visit), submitted by michaeltaylor , visited 22/05/2017 by Taylor, Michael; Sutton, Annetta  
Grid reference (E1771970 / N5580855)

The main archaeological evidence consists of midden, which is exposed just off the top of the northern end of the high NE–SW dune, on the NE “corner” of the dune. The dune continues at a lower level onto the adjacent paddock to the NE. The dune is mainly in kikuyu grass.

Midden is visible in a sand matrix on the upper slopes of the dune in two locations.

1/ The N dune slope had the denser midden, which was up to 10 cm thick in a sand matrix blackened with charcoal and buried under 20-30 cm of clean sand. Some fire cracked rock was also visible. The pipi shell was 2-3 cm in length, some fragmentary.

This midden occurred just below two possible terraces. One terrace is 6x4 m at least. The terraces are probably of largely natural origin but are likely to have been utilised given their close association with the middens. These possible terraces are in the lee of the dune, protected from the prevailing southerly and south westerly winds.

2/ The top of the NE slope had a 1 m wide scatter of sparse shell in clean sand exposed in a small eroded face, possibly coming from a buried charcoal blackened soil c. 20-30 cm under the modern top soil. The midden consists of small pipi (2-3 cm). A probable dog scapula was eroding from the sand face amidst the shell. Below the midden two large (20 cm max length) water rolled rocks were exposed on the dune surface.

The nearby dune highpoint c.40 m to WSW from the midden and possible terraces has an exposure of a buried blackened topsoil up to 20-30 cm deep below the topsoil with visible small lumps of charcoal.

**Condition of the site**

Updated 04/08/2017 (Field visit), submitted by michaeltaylor , visited 22/05/2017 by Taylor, Michael; Sutton, Annetta

In grass paddock

**Statement of condition****Current land use:**

**Threats:**

**SITE RECORD INVENTORY**

**NZAA SITE NUMBER: R22/562**

Supporting documentation held in ArchSite



Close-up of midden exposure 1 in a blackened sandy soil matrix, visible through the grass.  
(Photograph taken by Michael Taylor Archaeology North Ltd., 22 May 2017).



Looking SW with the location of midden1 marked by the ranging pole, with the possible terrace above the midden. (Photograph taken by Michael Taylor, Archaeology North Ltd., 22 May 2017).



Midden 2 exposed in an eroding section. (Photograph taken by Michael Taylor, Archaeology North Ltd., 22 May 2017).



Midden 2 showing probable dog scapula exposed in sand on the section on the upper right of the image. (Photograph taken by Michael Taylor, Archaeology North Ltd., 22 May 2017).



Looking SW at the dune where the middens are located (beyond the fence). The possible terrace is visible in the centre of the dune, just below the high point. The shearing shed and yards are SE on the left, just out of the image. (Photograph taken by Annetta Sutton, Archaeology North Ltd., 22 May 2017).



Looking SW at an exposed section on the highest point of the dune (see above image) where R22/562 is located, showing the buried charcoal rich soil over 50 cm in depth that is buried under a lighter 20 cm deep topsoil.





## Site Record Form

**NZAA SITE NUMBER:** R22/563

**SITE TYPE:** Midden/Oven

**SITE NAME(s):**

**DATE RECORDED:**

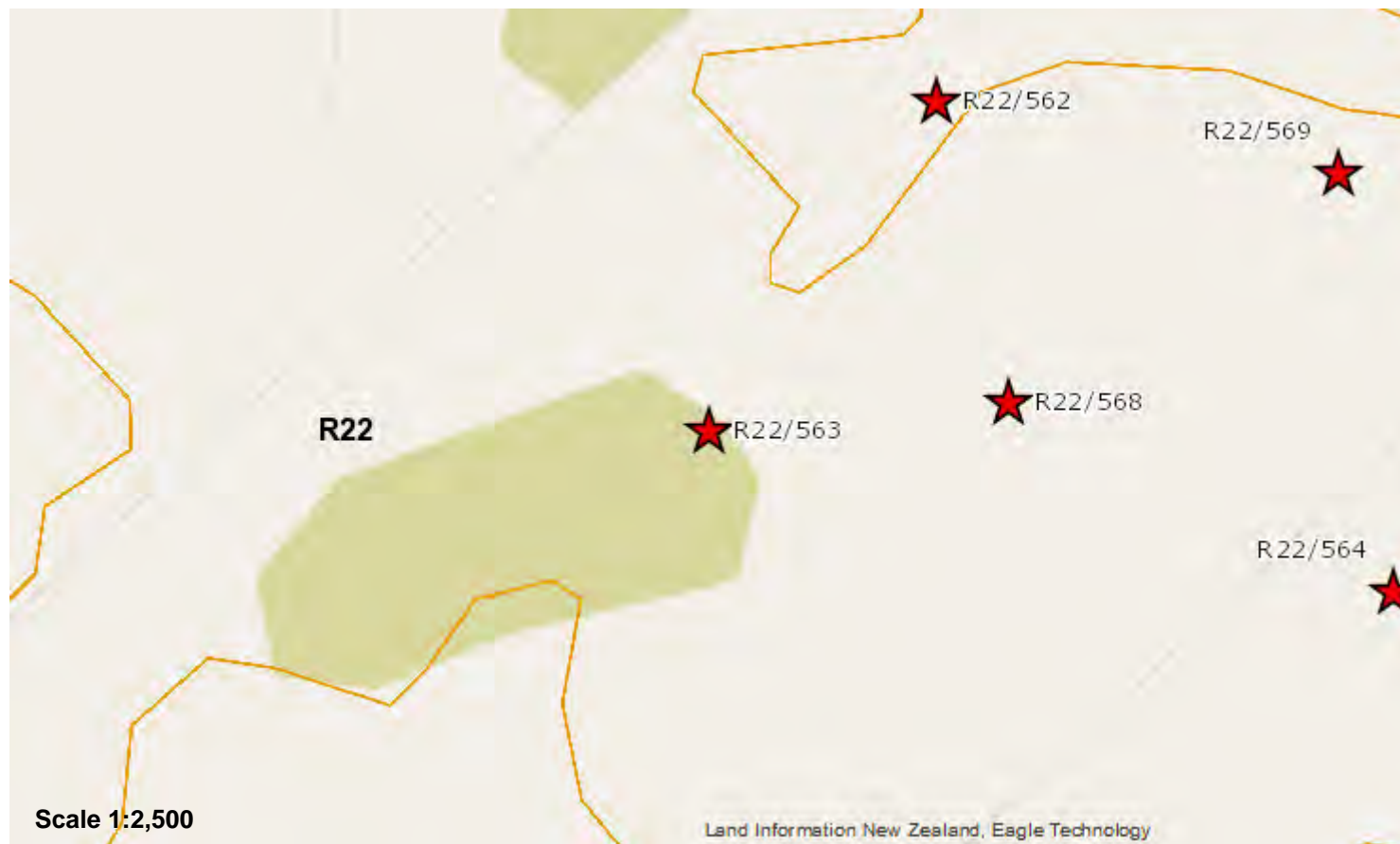
**SITE COORDINATES (NZTM) Easting:** 1771890

**Northing:** 5580740

**Source:** Handheld GPS

**IMPERIAL SITE NUMBER:**

**METRIC SITE NUMBER:** R22/563



### Finding aids to the location of the site

Access from 209 Great Nth Rd (SH3) gate. Site is c.580m SW of SH3 following farm track to stockyards & shed & onto the top of the high dune ridge (west of shed) & 130m SSW along ridge. The dune is dropping down an underlying slope into the valley.

### Brief description

### Recorded features

Oven (intact), Ovenstones

### Other sites associated with this site

**SITE RECORD HISTORY****NZAA SITE NUMBER:** R22/563**Site description**

Updated 04/08/2017 (Field visit), submitted by michaeltaylor , visited 22/05/2017 by Taylor, Michael; Sutton, Annetta  
Grid reference (E1771890 / N5580740)

The fire cracked rock was visible in an area of exposed and deflated dune sand amidst a group of old boxthorn bushes.

The site consists of a 0.60x0.60 m in-situ concentration of fire cracked rocks. Nine large water rolled rocks were seen, each up to 25 cm maximum dimension, with six of the rocks remaining in-situ. All the rocks showed signs of reddening/blackening from burning and cracking from heating. The in-situ rocks represent a haangi or similar cooking fire. There was no evidence of re-use of the rock. Three of the rocks were detached from the haangi by erosion and were scattered over area about 5x2m.

Further south, where the dune meets the floor of the valley below, there were scattered traces of shell midden and some rock.

**Condition of the site****Statement of condition****Current land use:****Threats:**

**SITE RECORD INVENTORY**

**NZAA SITE NUMBER: R22/563**

Supporting documentation held in ArchSite



Looking east showing the in situ fire feature. (Photograph taken by Michael Taylor, Archaeology North Ltd., 22 May 2017).



Looking east showing the in situ fire feature and loose rocks. (Photograph taken by Michael Taylor, Archaeology North Ltd., 22 May 2017).



Looking SE showing fire feature (beside the ranging pole) and showing one of the box thorn bushes. Note view to sea and distant ranges. (Photograph taken by Michael Taylor, Archaeology North Ltd., 22 May 2017).



Looking NE showing the location of site R22/563 on the right and site R22/562 on left. Mounding on the lower to mid-left of the image is from past machine excavation for drainage (Photograph taken by Michael Taylor, Archaeology North Ltd., 22 May 2017).



## Site Record Form

**NZAA SITE NUMBER:** R22/564

**SITE TYPE:** Midden/Oven

**SITE NAME(s):**

**DATE RECORDED:**

**SITE COORDINATES (NZTM) Easting:** 1772129

**Northing:** 5580684

**Source:** Handheld GPS

**IMPERIAL SITE NUMBER:**

**METRIC SITE NUMBER:** R22/564



### Finding aids to the location of the site

Access via Tirimoana Place, 160 m WSW from current end of road, 410m from Great North Road (SH3). Midden exposed in the top of a cutting, in the side of a grassed sand dune, made during the construction of a storm-water retention pond.

### Brief description

### Recorded features

Midden

### Other sites associated with this site

**SITE RECORD HISTORY****NZAA SITE NUMBER:** R22/564**Site description**

Updated 04/08/2017 (Field visit), submitted by michaeltaylor , visited 22/05/2017 by Taylor, Michael; Sutton, Annetta  
Grid reference (E1772129 / N5580684)

The in situ midden is exposed in a machine cut section along the top of a dune which runs NE-SW for over 150 m down into the paddock.

A lens of shell midden is visible intermittently for 4 m along the top of the exposed section of dune. There were two small main patches of in situ shell.

The in situ patches of shell are 10 cm thick in a darkened sand matrix, buried 20 cm below the modern sand dune surface. The midden consists mainly of pipi shell 2-3 cm long, with some fragmentary fire cracked rocks. There was also one larger 12 cm long water rolled rock visible.

The midden eroding down the slope from top of dune is the most conspicuous indicator of the site.

This midden was not exposed when nearby site R22/543 (midden and possible borrow holes) was recorded in 2015.

Updated 04/08/2017 (Field visit), submitted by michaeltaylor , visited 22/05/2017 by Taylor, Michael; Sutton, Annetta  
Grid reference (E1772129 / N5580684)

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This midden was not exposed when nearby site R22/543 (midden and possible borrow holes) was recorded in 2011.

**Condition of the site****Statement of condition****Current land use:****Threats:**

**SITE RECORD INVENTORY**

**NZAA SITE NUMBER: R22/564**

Supporting documentation held in ArchSite

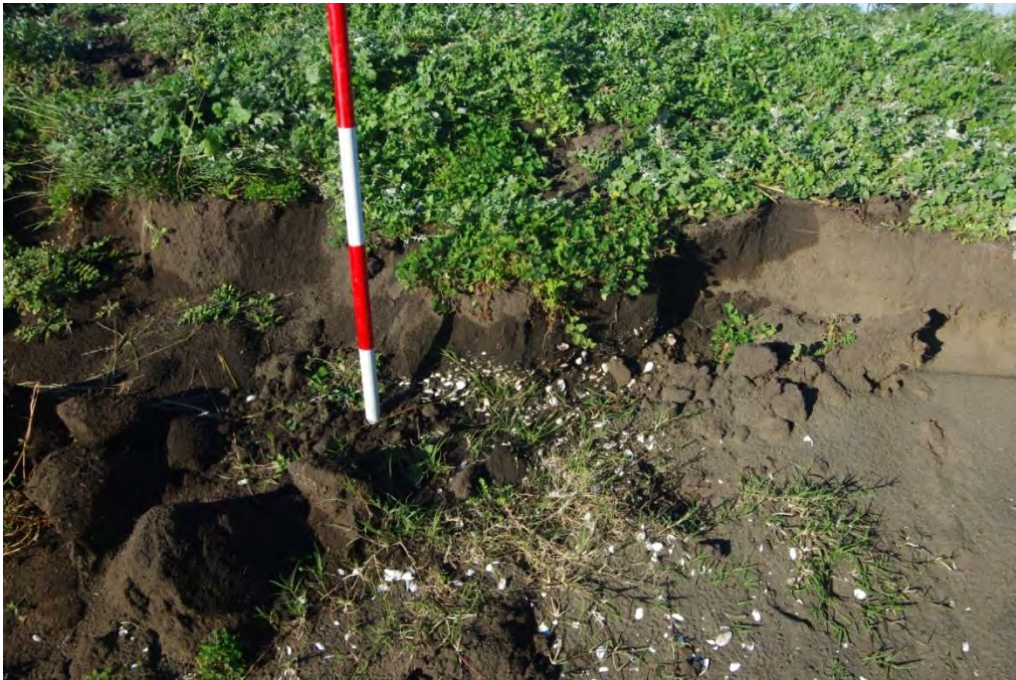




Eroding midden exposed in cutting for a storm-water retention pond, looking east.  
(Photograph taken by Michael Taylor, Archaeology North Ltd., 22 May 2017).



Exposed midden viewed from SE side of storm-water retention pond. The in-situ midden lens from which the midden is eroding is marked by the ranging pole. (Photograph taken by Michael Taylor, Archaeology North Ltd., 22 May 2017).



Close-up of part of the in-situ midden lens located below 20cm of lighter coloured sandy top soil. (Photograph taken by Michael Taylor, Archaeology North Ltd., 22 May 2017).



Close-up of the eroding midden showing the intact nature of much of the pipi shell . Small pieces of fire cracked rock are also visible. (Photograph taken by Michael Taylor, Archaeology North Ltd., 22 May 2017).



## Site Record Form

**NZAA SITE NUMBER:** R22/565

**SITE TYPE:** Midden/Oven

**SITE NAME(s):**

**DATE RECORDED:**

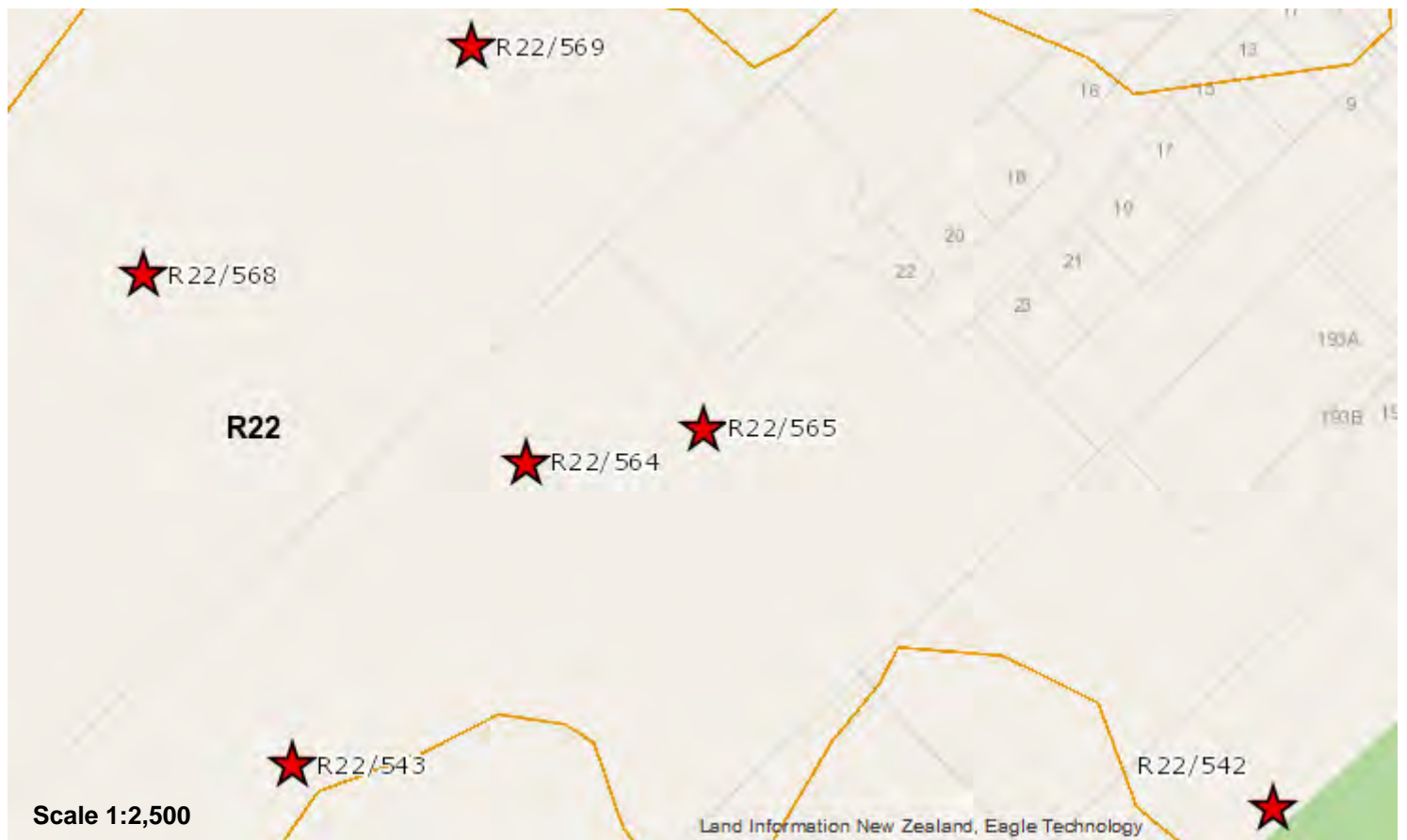
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**Northing:** 5580696

**Source:** Handheld GPS

**IMPERIAL SITE NUMBER:**

**METRIC SITE NUMBER:** R22/565



### Finding aids to the location of the site

Access via Tirimoana Place, c. 85 m WSW from current end of road. The rocks are exposed at the northern end of the dune ridge by machine earth moving. The dune runs NE-SW down into the valley.

### Brief description

### Recorded features

Oven (intact), Ovenstones

### Other sites associated with this site

**SITE RECORD HISTORY****NZAA SITE NUMBER:** R22/565**Site description**

Updated 04/08/2017 (Field visit), submitted by michaeltaylor , visited 22/05/2017 by Taylor, Michael; Sutton, Annetta  
Grid reference (E1772191 / N5580696)

Small group of fire cracked rocks, about 50 cm across, just visible in-situ in a charcoal matrix on the northern end of the low truncated dune ridge. Most likely a haangi or similar cooking fire. The rocks were all small (maximum dimension under 10 cm). A small number of pipi shells were scattered around the sand surface.

This feature was recently exposed by earth moving machinery and is at the top end of the same ridge as R22/543.

**Condition of the site****Statement of condition****Current land use:****Threats:**

**SITE RECORD INVENTORY**

**NZAA SITE NUMBER:** R22/565

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The ranging pole marks a small in situ fire feature consisting of fire cracked rocks & charcoal exposed in sand matrix, most probably the remains of a haangi. (Photograph taken by Michael Taylor, Archaeology North Ltd., 22 May 2017).



Looking south, from the north end of the dune ridge showing the location of the fire feature, marked by the ranging pole. Note the sea and ranges visible in background. (Photograph taken by Michael Taylor, Archaeology North Ltd., 22 May 2017).



## Site Record Form

**NZAA SITE NUMBER:** R22/566

**SITE TYPE:** Midden/Oven

**SITE NAME(s):**

**DATE RECORDED:**

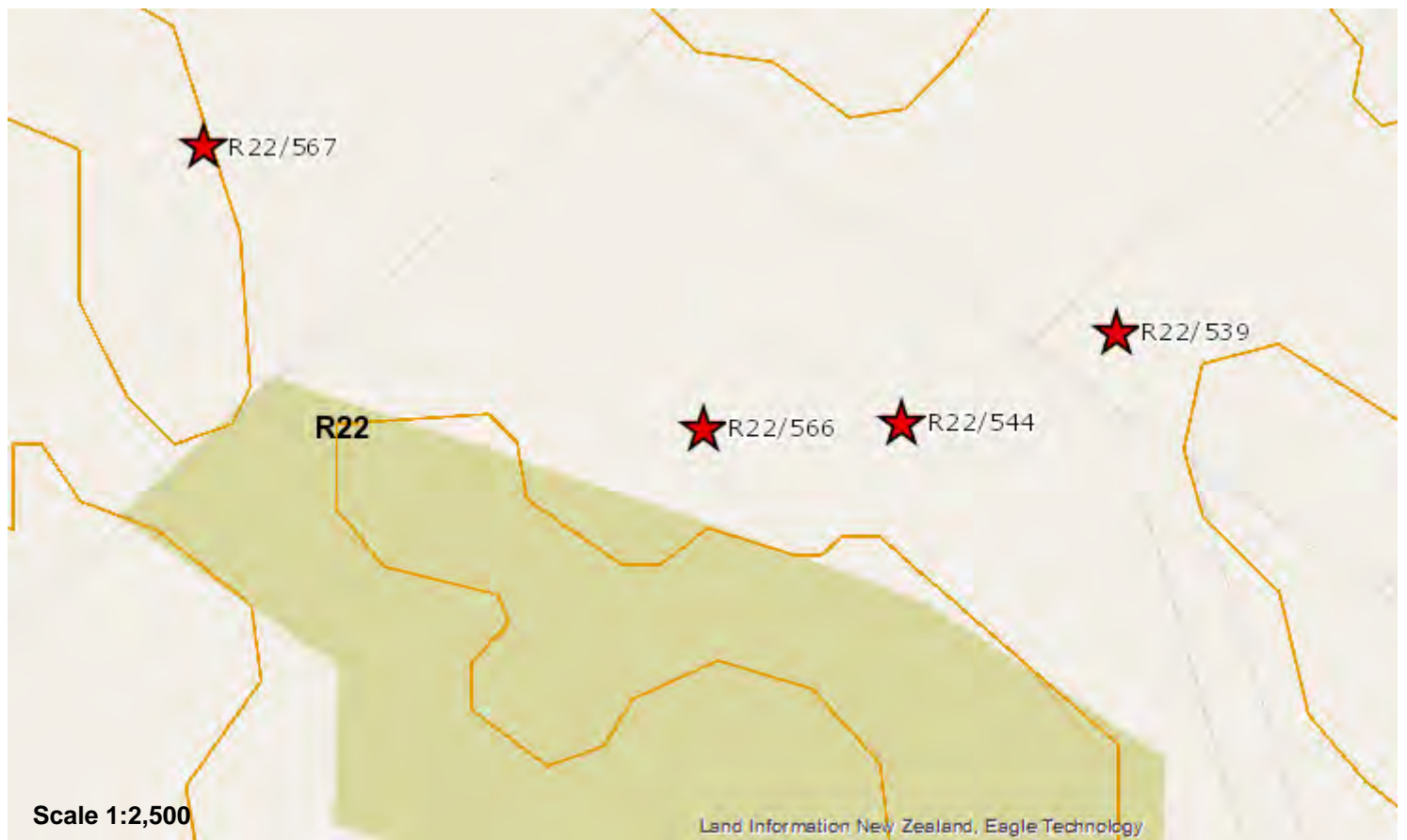
**SITE COORDINATES (NZTM) Easting:** 1771945

**Northing:** 5580406

**Source:** Handheld GPS

**IMPERIAL SITE NUMBER:**

**METRIC SITE NUMBER:** R22/566



### Finding aids to the location of the site

On top of a low E-W dune ridge on western side of valley about 460 m SW of the present end of Tirimoana Place. It is on the same dune ridge as R22/544 which is 75 m to ENE. About 35 m NE from small near-mature pine plantation.

### Brief description

### Recorded features

Midden

### Other sites associated with this site

**SITE RECORD HISTORY****NZAA SITE NUMBER:** R22/566**Site description**

Updated 04/08/2017 (Field visit), submitted by michaeltaylor , visited 23/05/2017 by Taylor, Michael; Sutton, Annetta  
Grid reference (E1771945 / N5580406)

The shell midden is visible where the ground has been disturbed by stock trampling.

The shell is mainly pipi with cockle. Very little shell was visible and what is visible is fragmentary. The shell is visible over a 6x5 m area.

There are several hollows on the ridge in the vicinity, which look like they could be pits, but are equally likely to be natural hollows.

**Condition of the site****Statement of condition****Current land use:****Threats:**



**SITE RECORD INVENTORY**

**NZAA SITE NUMBER: R22/566**

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Looking east with the ranging pole marking the location of the R22/566 midden exposure. Another midden, R22/544, is located at the eastern end of this dune, to the right of the high point visible in the photograph. (Photograph taken by Michael Taylor Archaeology North Ltd. 23 May 2017).



Close-up showing shell midden just visible (in centre of the image) in a black sandy matrix where the shell has been exposed by cattle trampling. (Photograph taken by Michael Taylor Archaeology North Ltd. 23 May 2017).



## Site Record Form

**NZAA SITE NUMBER:** R22/567

**SITE TYPE:** Midden/Oven

**SITE NAME(s):**

**DATE RECORDED:**

**SITE COORDINATES (NZTM) Easting:** 1771770

**Northing:** 5580505

**Source:** Handheld GPS

**IMPERIAL SITE NUMBER:**

**METRIC SITE NUMBER:** R22/567



### Finding aids to the location of the site

Access to the midden is over farm land from Taylor Road. The midden is on the high dune 300-400 m north of Britton Housemovers yard and directly NW of a stand of mature pine, planted on the same ridge.

### Brief description

### Recorded features

Midden, Ovenstones

### Other sites associated with this site

**SITE RECORD HISTORY****NZAA SITE NUMBER:** R22/567**Site description**

Updated 07/08/2017 (Field visit), submitted by michaeltaylor , visited 15/06/2017 by Taylor, Michael; Sutton, Annetta  
Grid reference (E1771770 / N5580505)

Archaeological remains, including midden and some fire cracked rock, are spread for about 90 m along a high NW-SE dune which overlooks a wet drained swampy area to the east. The main midden exposures occur on the steep NE face of the dune just below the dune top, where shell is visible in three patches spread over about 40 m around the site record grid reference point.

The area is in short kikuyu grass, with a clean sandy top soil. Generally, the midden can be seen to be coming from an old charcoal blackened soil layer that is 20-30 cm below the modern ground surface. Under the midden is an older dune sand with iron pan formed in some places. The midden is only visible where erosion has deflated the sand overburden, resulting in shell cascading down the steep slope, which tends to obscure the point of origin of the shell. Stock scuffing has also exposed shell.

The archaeological evidence is exposed in patches (A-C) for about 90 m on or near to the ridge top with different points where evidence is exposed being defined with grids obtained used a Garmin GPS 60CS X.

A – (1771665 5580540) shell fragments exposed in eroding sand.

B – (1771715 5580545) fire cracked rock on west side of dune in small gully.

C – Three patches of midden (C1-C3) over area of 40x12 m on the NE side of the dune, beginning 7 m down from crest of the dune.

C1- (1771765 5580510) – Midden C1 is 7 m below the dune crest. A 75 cm long small section of in situ shell in a layer of charcoal blackened sandy soil is at the top of a 2x2 m spread of eroded shell that runs down the slope. The shell is all small pipi, some fragmentary, up to 2 cm long.

C2 (1771770 5580505) - Midden C2 is 5 m southeast of C1 and about 3 m further down the NE dune slope. The midden is eroding from a charcoal blackened sandy soil buried under clean sand. The exposure is spread 5 m across the slope and runs 6 m down the slope. All shell is small pipi up to 3 cm long, some fragmentary. Small water rolled pebbles and some small lumps of pumice are also present amidst the shell.

This grid as the central point of the main exposure of shell was used for the grid reference for the site.

C3 (1771775 5580480) – A 2x1 m patch of eroding midden, 20 m southeast of C2 and 7 m down from the dune top. Some scattered shell was observed further up the dune slope also. The shell consists of small pipi shell up to 3 cm in length. Most of the shell is fragmentary and broken. Some small pebbles and pumice were present amongst the shell.

**Condition of the site****Statement of condition****Current land use:****Threats:**

**SITE RECORD INVENTORY**

**NZAA SITE NUMBER:** R22/567

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Looking NW showing location of eroding shell midden.  
(Photograph taken by Michael Taylor, Archaeology North Ltd., 15 June 2017).



Closer view of the same dune face as in the above image showing the visible shell.  
(Photograph taken by Michael Taylor, Archaeology North Ltd., 15 June 2017).



Close-up of the midden showing the lighter sand overlying the charcoal darkened layer from which the shell is eroding. (Photograph taken by Michael Taylor, Archaeology North Ltd., 15 June 2017).



Looking south with the ranging pole and the person showing two of the locations where eroding shell is visible. (Photograph taken by Michael Taylor, Archaeology North Ltd., 15 June 2017).



## Site Record Form

**NZAA SITE NUMBER:** R22/568

**SITE TYPE:** Historic - land parcel

**SITE NAME(s):**

**DATE RECORDED:**

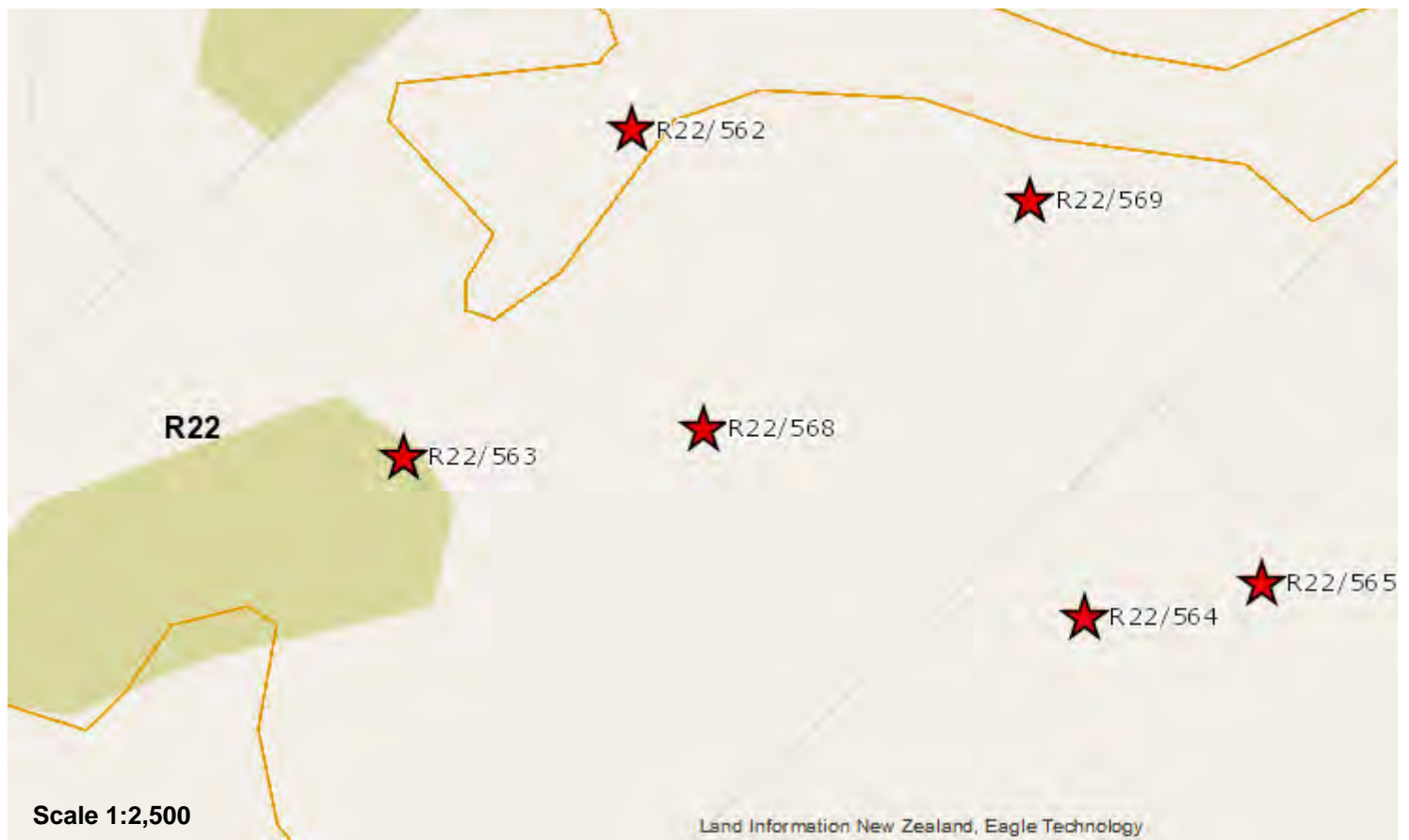
**SITE COORDINATES (NZTM) Easting:** 1771995

**Northing:** 5580750

**Source:** Handheld GPS

**IMPERIAL SITE NUMBER:**

**METRIC SITE NUMBER:** R22/568



### Finding aids to the location of the site

Located at North Grange, 209 Great North Road (SH3), Whanganui. The estimated site is c.480m SW from SH3, via a farm track. This site is on open, level ground in grass SW of shearing shed & stock pens & NE from brick & concrete remains of a later house.

### Brief description

### Recorded features

Building - homestead

### Other sites associated with this site



**SITE RECORD HISTORY****NZAA SITE NUMBER:** R22/568**Site description**

Updated 07/08/2017 (Field visit), submitted by michaeltaylor , visited 22/05/2017 by Taylor, Michael; Sutton, Annetta  
Grid reference (E1771995 / N5580750)

The site of a 19th century homestead known as Tayforth House or Homestead. The site location was estimated by overlaying historic plans, which show the house. The estimated location coincides with a building that is visible on compiled 1954 aerial sheet NZMS003 N137-9, Castlecliff, and also aerial photograph NZAM 1942 Patea-Fielding Survey No.215, photo run numbers 380/10 & 11.

The fenced enclosure where the house is located is shown on an 1876 survey plan, which was drawn to show the route of a water pipeline from Lake Westmere. The house is named as "Tayforth House" on the plan and is shown as located beside a small "Plantation".

The 1876 plan is entitled "Plan and section showing course and levels of the proposed pipe from Westmere Lake to Virginia Water" by Whanganui surveyor, H. C. Field. The plan is held by Whanganui District Council Archives (Series No: WDC 00069, Item No: 204, Legacy Identifier: 3075).

In 1876 the property was owned by the Wanganui firm of Taylor and Watt.

The Proude family, who moved to Whanganui in 1890 from England, purchased Section 33 on which the homestead was located. In 1903 after the death of Mr & Mrs Proude the property was subdivided and the land sale poster shows the homestead as one building marked as "House and Garden". The land sales poster is entitled "The Proude Estate to be sold by public auction, by C. L Duigan & Co., Auctioneers, etc. on Wednesday, 24th June, 1903." This plan is held by the Alexander Heritage & Research Library, Whanganui. Overlaying the sales poster places the house shown as in the same place as the building visible on the 1942 and 1954 aerials. The building on the Proude poster is the same size, shape and location as that visible on the aerials.

In 1903 the property was then called "North Grange", the name retained on the gate to the property today. Large standing exotic trees to the east of the house site may be remnants from the garden shown on the plan.

There is no visible evidence of the 19th century homestead buildings on the modern ground surface.

Another more modern house stood c. 50 m SW (177200 5580720) of the estimated location of Tayforth House. The house was built in 1921 for Mr Bristol Snr., the father of the current property owner Orton "Bruce" Bristol, who was born in the house. Visible remains of the Bristol house include concrete and bricks.

**Condition of the site**

Updated 07/08/2017 (Field visit), submitted by michaeltaylor , visited 22/05/2017 by Taylor, Michael; Sutton, Annetta

There are no visible remains of the house. The area is in grass.

**Statement of condition****Current land use:****Threats:**

**SITE RECORD INVENTORY**

**NZAA SITE NUMBER: R22/568**

Supporting documentation held in ArchSite



Looking SSE from R22/562 with a red circle showing the estimated site of the 19<sup>th</sup> century house. Remains of the 20<sup>th</sup> century Bristol house are present in front of the macrocarpa to the right of the image. (Photograph taken by Michael Taylor Archaeology North Ltd., 22 May 2017).



Looking about SW showing brick and concrete remains of 1920's Bristol house. (Photograph taken by Michael Taylor Archaeology North Ltd., 22 May 2017).



## Site Record Form

**NZAA SITE NUMBER:** R22/569

**SITE TYPE:** Historic - land parcel

**SITE NAME(s):**

**DATE RECORDED:**

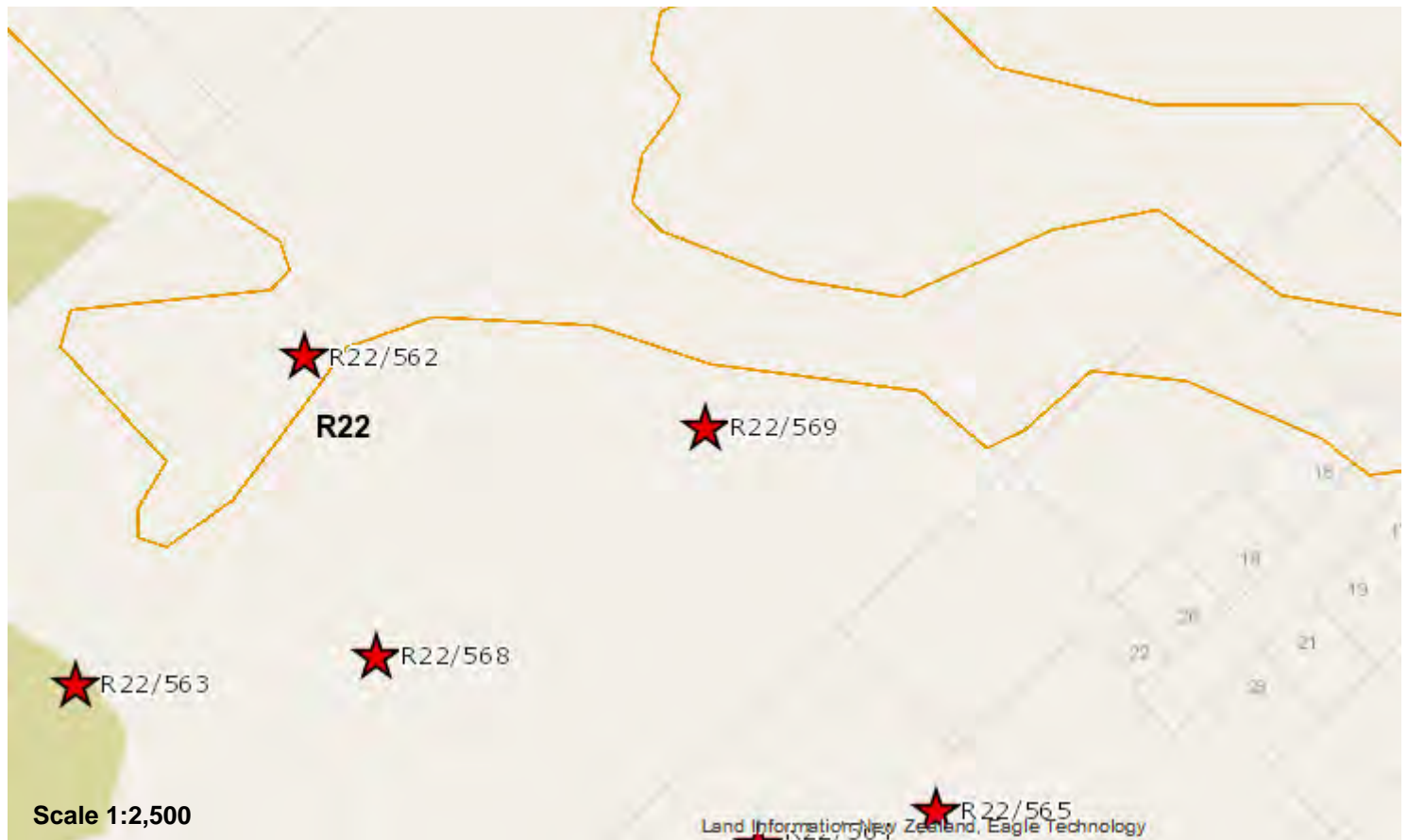
**SITE COORDINATES (NZTM) Easting:** 1772110

**Northing:** 5580830

**Source:** Handheld GPS

**IMPERIAL SITE NUMBER:**

**METRIC SITE NUMBER:** R22/569



### Finding aids to the location of the site

Located at 209 Great North Road (SH3), Whanganui. The site is c. 360 m SW from SH3, accessed on a farm track. The site is on open, level ground in grass NE of shearing shed & stock pens, with a low sand dune to the north

### Brief description

### Recorded features

Fence - ditch and bank

### Other sites associated with this site

**SITE RECORD HISTORY****NZAA SITE NUMBER:** R22/569**Site description**

Updated 07/08/2017 (Field visit), submitted by michaeltaylor , visited 22/06/2017 by Taylor, Michael; Sutton, Annetta  
Grid reference (E1772110 / N5580830)

The grid point is roughly at the centre of a c. 65 m a flat area enclosed by a square of ditches that can be seen on the 1942 aerial photograph, NZAM Patea-Fielding Survey No.215, run numbers 380/10 & 11. The ditch appears in the 1942 aerial photograph on the western and eastern sides to be a double ditch and bank. The square area defined by ditches is also visible on the compiled 1954 aerial sheet NZMS003 N137-9, Castlecliff. The ditches are still just visible on the ground today.

On a land sales poster from 1887 ("Plan of the Westmere Estate, Wanganui. To be sold by Auction at Wanganui at noon on the 19th November 1887, by Freeman R. Jackson & Co.") three buildings are marked "Homestead" on the poster. Overlaying this poster onto modern maps places this homestead largely within the square area recorded here. A little further to the SW (1771995 - 5580750) is another house recorded with NZAA as R22/568, Tayforth House. It seems likely that the homestead shown on the 1887 poster may actually be the same homestead recorded as R22/568 and that its position is slightly misrepresented on the poster. An alternative explanation is that another homestead stood within the fenced enclosure (recorded on this form) as shown on the 1887 poster. However, no plans or aerials located to date show a house at this location.

Possibly the enclosed area was used for cropping or as a garden.

Two large Eucalyptus trees are located near to the SW edge of the square with other old and large exotic trees a bit further to the SW.

There is no visible archaeological evidence on the ground surface other than the ditch remnants and the trees.

The grid point was obtained using a Garmin GPS 60CS X.

**Statement of condition****Current land use:****Threats:**



Looking SW across the flat that is enclosed with ditch and bank fence. The red arrow marks a ditch that is visible on the 1942 aerial as a double ditch and bank fence on the eastern side of the flat. (Photograph taken by Michael Taylor, Archaeology North Ltd., 22 June 2017).



Looking SE across the area once enclosed by ditch and bank fences. The ditch and bank fence is just visible running diagonally from just above the dune on the left to the centre of the image on the right. A ranging pole marks the GPS point. (Photograph taken by Michael Taylor, Archaeology North Ltd., 22 June 2017).



## Site Record Form

**NZAA SITE NUMBER:** R22/570

**SITE TYPE:** Unclassified

**SITE NAME(s):**

**DATE RECORDED:**

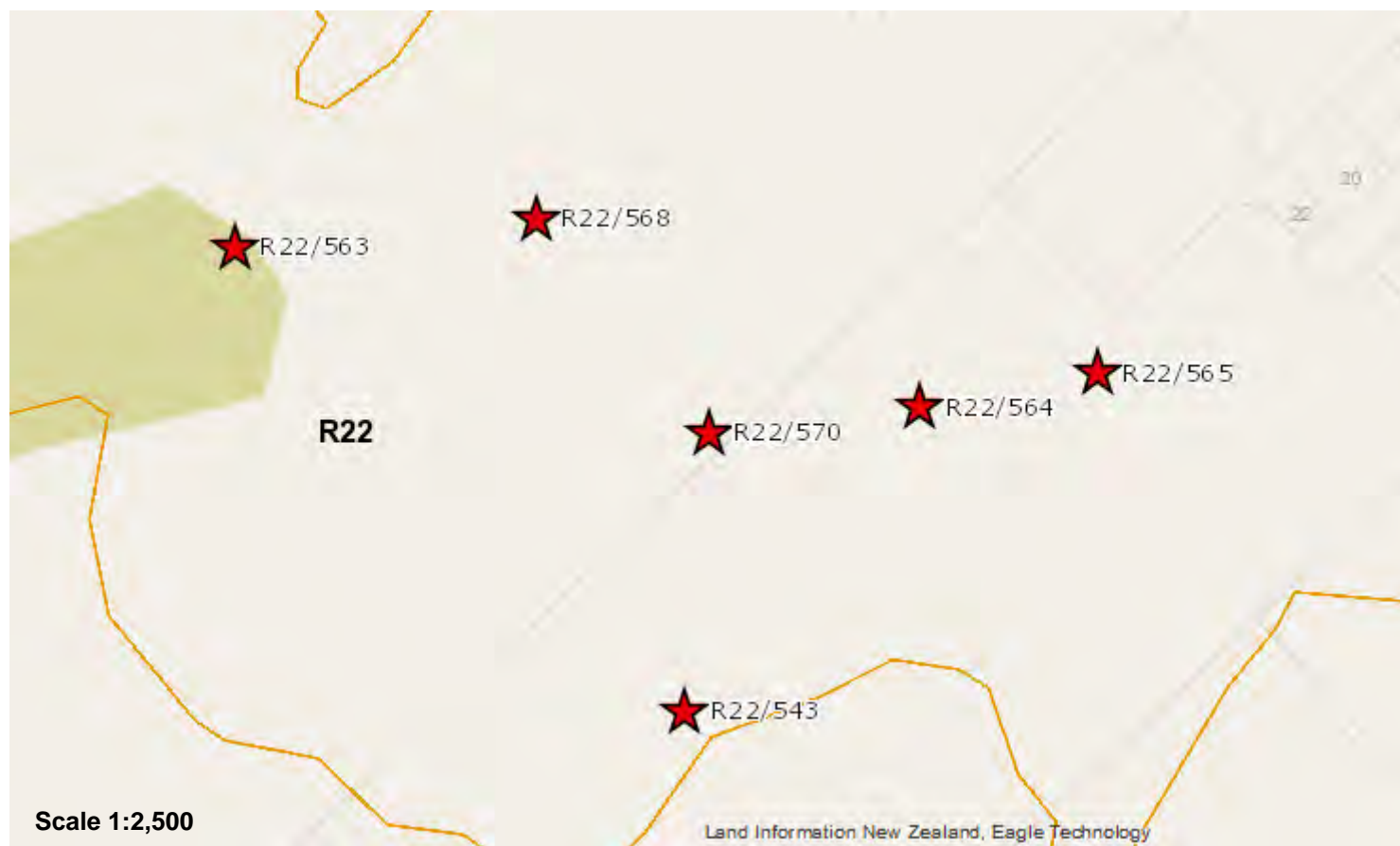
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**Northing:** 5580675

**Source:** On Screen

**IMPERIAL SITE NUMBER:**

**METRIC SITE NUMBER:** R22/570



### Finding aids to the location of the site

Historic ceramic pipeline running 2.5 miles between Westmere Lake across the property historically known as Tayforth to meet the Great North Road by Virginia Lake.

### Brief description

### Recorded features

Pipeline

### Other sites associated with this site

**SITE RECORD HISTORY****NZAA SITE NUMBER:** R22/570**Site description**

Updated 07/08/2017 (Field visit), submitted by michaeltaylor , visited 22/06/2017 by Taylor, Michael; Sutton, Annetta  
Grid reference (E1772055 / N5580675)

The pipeline was constructed in 1877 to add to the Wanganui municipal water supply. The line was 2.5 miles long and made mainly from 6 inch stoneware pipes. Costings and some specifications can be found in the Wanganui Herald, 4 & 5 January 1877 and 6 June 1877.

The pipeline route was surveyed in 1876 by Whanganui surveyor, Henry C. Field. His plan is entitled "Plan and section and shows the course and levels of the proposed pipe from Westmere Lake to Virginia Water". The plan is held by Whanganui District Council Archives (Series No: WDC 00069, Item No: 204, Legacy Identifier: 3075). It is a public document.

The grid reference has been estimated using map overlays and placing the grid point at near to the centre of pipeline.

The pipeline was replaced with an iron pipe in 1883. This pipeline followed a different route, but this has not yet been identified from documents.

Updated 07/08/2017 (Field visit), submitted by michaeltaylor , visited 22/06/2017 by Taylor, Michael; Sutton, Annetta  
Grid reference (E1772055 / N5580675)

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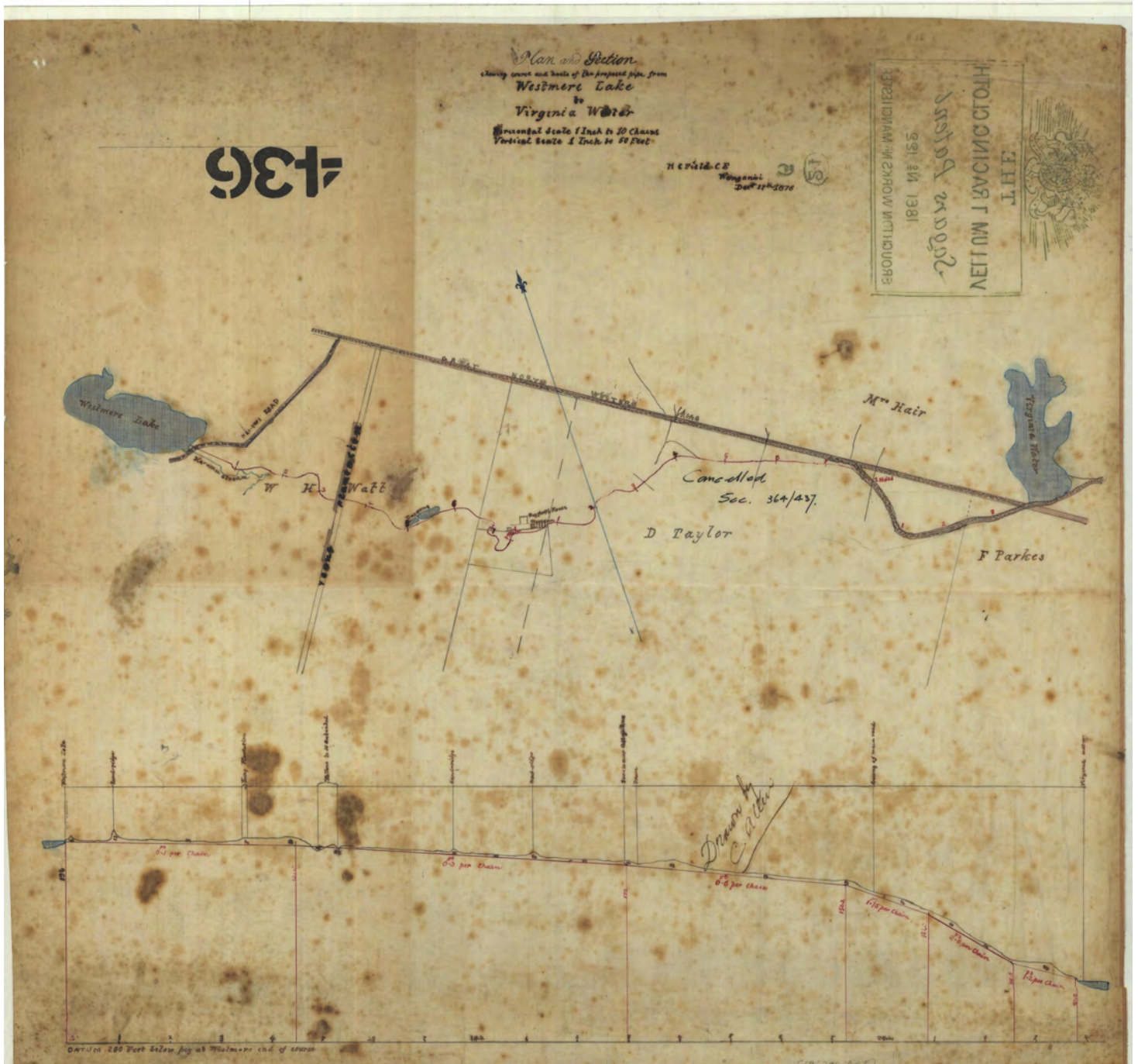
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**Statement of condition****Current land use:****Threats:**



Supporting documentation held in ArchSite

Plan of water pipeline from Lake Westmere to Virginia Lake 1877, uploaded August 2017



## **Appendix 2**

Wanganui Herald

28 February 1905

Some Notable Farms Around Wanganui

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## SOME NOTABLE FARMS AROUND WANGANUI

Wanganui Herald, Volume XXXIX, Issue 11495, 28 February 1905, Pa

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## SOME NOTABLE FARMS AROUND WANGANUI.

As stated in our first notice, many of the farms immediately surrounding the town were kept in a high state of cultivation during the first two decades of settlement, but no holding on the coast was better adapted to the requirements of the agriculturist or pastoralist than that known as the "Westmere," with its lowlands and uplands, its bush lands and fern lands, comprising some four thousand and odd acres, with its beautiful sheet of twenty-three acres of water, situated right in the midst. Fortunately, indeed, were the owners in their selection of this property, which possibly contained less waste land than any other holding of

a similar area on this coast. The one apparent disadvantage of having two main roads running through the property, thereby necessitating a considerably outlay in fencing, ultimately proved a great benefit when the farm was subdivided for sale. No wonder the Messrs Joshua Brothers, who were touring New Zealand after selling out their sugar works on the banks of the Parāra, took a fancy to the property, but their offer of £40,000 failed to tempt the owners, Messrs Taylor and Watt, to part with the place. At that time we believe the farm was worked jointly in conjunction with the firm's extensive wholesale and retail business in Wanganui, and various well-known managers guided the destinies of the flocks and herds, the wheatfields and oatfields, which were rotated on the several paddocks for a period of thirty or forty years. We cannot remember all the names above referred to, but those of Maxwell, Ewens, Napier, Duars, and Ritichie and Wilson were among the number, the last two subsequently acquiring nice holdings for themselves when the estate was cut up and sold. The first division of the estate, we believe, was made in the seventies, when for business and family reasons it was divided into two parts, the late Captain Taylor taking the north side of the Main

Road—some 1400 acres of the very best of the land—together with about 600 acres known in old times as the “Duck Ponds.” This was really the poorest land on the farm, but by its nearness to town much of it has recently been sold at prices far in excess of the richer land but a short distance further on. The “Tayfield” village settlement, in small areas of five or more acres, was also cut off and sold from this block many years ago. To Mr Watt went the homestead on the Lake, with all that part lying between the Great Western Road and Hicks’s Lane, now known as Rapanui Road, together with all the lands abutting on the south side of the same road.

In the old coachings days, and even long before the coach road was formed and opened to Patea and onwards to New Plymouth, it was a pretty journey driving for a mile or two through the waving corn fields of the Westmere; and thought the stern requirements and exigencies of finance, with the constant clamour for closer settlement, demand the subdivision of such properties in process of time, yet we cannot but regret the circumstances which led the late Mr Watt to part with his interest in his beautiful estate. Neither should it be forgotten by the citizens of Wanganui the great sacrifice to the value

which, judging from a passing survey of the crop a few days ago, we feel sure he will get." Such crops as these testify to the staying qualities of the land, especially when it is remembered that many wheat crops have been taken off the same paddocks since they have been in Mr Ritchie's possession.

The late Mr James Laird's property joins the former, and is known as "Mavis Bank." This land, some hundred acres or thereabouts, was bought for the special purpose of tree and seed raising and orchard work. As a source of supply to the nursery and seed business, then, as now, carried on by the firm of James Laird and Sons in town.

The next holding, "Fairfield," was taken up and mostly planted as an orchard by the late Mr A. Laird, brother of James. The apples produced in this orchard are some of the finest in the district, and have made a name in other than local markets. At one time Mr Laird purposed going in largely for strawberry cultivation, but dry weather and blight played such havoc with the large beds planted out that the proprietor was discouraged from proceeding with the business.

Mr Cameron, who occupies a neighbouring farm, is devoting his attention to strawberries, raspberries, Cape gooseber-

of the lands surrounding Lake Westmere made by Mr Watt when he gave them the lake water as an auxiliary to Virginia, which latter had been acquired at great cost to the Borough, and maybe the remark of a mutual friend was somewhat ill-timed when, upon meeting the late Mr Watt standing by the Fountain opposite the Post Office talking with the late Mr James Laird, pointing to the first-named he said, "The former laird of Westmere," and, turning to the other, "The present Laird of Westmere," the latter having bought some of the land at the sale when the two thousand and odd acres were divided into areas ranging from a few acres up to farms of three hundred acres extent. Of these the greater proportion are now worked as dairy farms, and a creamery belonging to the Waverley Dairy Company is in full swing, taking the milk from the whole of the former Westmere estate and also from many farms beyond. Cropping has not been entirely neglected, as evidenced at the present time by one of the finest crops of wheat to be seen in this or any other district. Mr Ritchie, the owner, informs us that experienced farmers assure him it will yield eighty bushels to the acre; but he himself will be quite content with fifteen to sixteen sacks—not regulation railway sacks—which judging from a passing survey of

ries, and other fruits, and as he has facilities to irrigate the beds in dry weather he has every reasonable prospect of success.

Possibly one of the finest orchards on the estate, if not in the whole district, was that on the holding adjoining Messrs A. Laird and Cameron and owned by Mr T. Allison, who, upon his return from California—where he had been for some years engaged in raisin growing and drying—at once set to work and planted wide belts of shelter trees, which in a very few years assumed the appearance of a forest, in the midst of which he had planted the choicest selection of fruit trees the nurserymen's catalogues could furnish, and from which much choice fruit was marketed for many years. Mr Allison, however, subsequently decided to practice his profession as a solicitor, and removed to town, and the once beautiful orchard has become a prey to the depredations of the myriads of birds introduced by well meaning but ill-advised Acclimatisation Societies.

Thus far we have dealt with some of the subdivisions of Mr Watt's Westmere and Captain Taylor's estate. A division was finally made between his sons, Thomas, Robert, David, and James. To the former fell the portion known as the Duck



Ponds," the bulk of which he sold, just reserving to himself a small residential site: to Mr. Robert Taylor was apportioned the prettily situated farm bounded by the main Western Road, the Blueskin road, and the Kaikokopu and Pickwick properties, described in a former article, while to Mr. David fell, perhaps, the cream of the estate, bounded by three roads and the famous "Lily Bank" property, with the Brunswick railway station on one corner. Mr. Taylor, however, does not work the property himself, having leased it to Messrs Wilson and Sons and others. Finally we come to the last, though not by any means the least of these choice properties, that owned and worked by the youngest member of the family, Mr. James Taylor, whose pleasant homestead overlooks the Goat Valley and surrounding country. Mr. Taylor devotes his attention to lamb raising, at which business he came out on top amidst the keenest competition at the late Agricultural Show in Wanganui.

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