F45/6 – Māori oven

NZTM E1286797 N4902325

Site type:	Midden/Oven
Features:	Oven (intact)
First Recorded:	28/3/1988
Last Updated:	28/04/2022
Address:	398 Milne Road, Chatton, Gore
Legal Description:	Lot 1 DP 3955
Summary:	An isolated Māori oven was found in a gully in a cultivated paddock. The oven was reported to be approximately 1.5 metres in diameter. A test pit excavated by the original site recorded revealed oven stones and charcoal. Although the oven was not able to be located during 2022 field inspection due to high grass cover, a porcellanite outcrop was noted downslope from the site and incorporated into the site record.
Condition:	The location where the oven was recorded is fenced off and the paddock has not been disturbed since the last update. The outcrop is also located in this fenced area and is not under threat.

2022 Field Work

F45/6 was inspected in the field by Chris Jennings and Tristan Russell on 28 April 2022. All site information was updated on ArchSite, including NZTM coordinates (See Appendix A).

Management recommendations

Although the location of the oven was unable to be inspected due to long grass, the landowner is aware of its presence, and the site has been fenced off. The newly recorded porcellanite outcrop is not threatened by any forms of disturbance. An archaeological authority under the HNZPTA will be required to undertake development or other ground disturbance activities in immediate area of the oven and outcrop.