

From: [Victoria Leachman](#)
To: [Awhina Tamarapa](#)
Cc: [Lesley Cobb](#); [Leimomi Gorsich](#)
Subject: Accession lot 2787
Date: Friday, 15 February 2008 3:59:53 PM

Kia ora Awhina,

Can you check the two cloaks purchased in Accession Lot 2787 to establish whether an iwi clearance is required to put images of these cloaks in Collections Online and Te Papa's website?

ME023854; Kahu huruhuru-kākā feather cloak; mid 1800; New Zealand; unknown

ME023855; Kahu huruhuru; mid 1800; New Zealand; unknown

Can you record your decision by updating the Catalogue Module, Web Admin Tab, Iwi Clearance required field?

If an iwi clearance is required and you know the name of the iwi clearance contact can you pass this information onto me and I will record it in the rights module for further action.

Thanks Awhina.

Kind regards,

Victoria Leachman

Rights Manager

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From: [Lesley Cobb](#)
To: [Awhina Tamarapa](#); [Dion Peita](#); [Nirmala Balram](#)
Cc: [Leimomi Gorsich](#)
Subject: Acquisition proposal 2787 Kahu huruhuru (2) to be auctioned at Dunbar Sloane 11 Nov
Date: Wednesday, 7 November 2007 10:05:39 AM

Hi everyone

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I've loaded Julia Gresson's condition report and images in the Temporary folder for you to look at. Dion and Nirmala, can you please add your comments to the acc lot record asap, thanks. (The auction is on Sunday so not much time.)

Awhina, the record needs a bit of work, I'll phone you to discuss.

Thanks everyone
lc

Lesley Cobb
Collection Development Manager
Ext 7494

From: [Awhina Tamarapa](#)
To: [Lesley Cobb](#)
Subject: Acquisition proposal 2787
Date: Wednesday, 7 November 2007 6:55:48 PM

Kia ora Lesley

I think I've made all the changes as you have suggested but please let me know if I haven't. I'm actually at home tomorrow, returning to the office Friday, but I can be contacted if there are urgent things I have to do.

Please call me on [REDACTED] or cellphone [REDACTED]. I can come in if I have to.

Thanks Lesley
Awhina

From: [Lesley Cobb](#)
To: [Julia Gresson](#)
Subject: Are you available for a condition assessment?
Date: Thursday, 1 November 2007 8:50:21 AM

Hi Julia

Te Papa is considering bidding on two cloaks at Dunbar Sloane's sale of Sunday, 11th November 2007.
as follows:

Lot 39: Kākā feather cloak, muka with side borders of kererū, kākāriki and kākā, Y2006, L 151cm H 100cm, catalogue says: "Made by Rongowhakaata in Northern Hawkes Bay." Est\$55,000-80,000

Lot 57: Kahu huruhuru, muka with kākā, kererū, possibly tüi, kākāriki feathers, L 83cm W 120cm, est \$10,000-30,000 (We understand this lot is in a glass frame, the curator will check to see if it can be unframed for assessment)

Viewing Times:

Sunday 4th November 11am - 3pm
Monday 5th November 9am - 5.30pm
Tuesday 6th November 9am - 5.30pm
Wednesday 7th November 9am - 5.30pm
Thursday 8th November 9am - 5.30pm
Friday 9th November 9am - 5.30pm
Saturday 10th November 10am - 3pm
Sunday 11th November 9am - 10.30am
Saturday 10th November 10am - 3pm
Sunday 11th November 9am - 10.30am

Are you available to do a pre-auction assessment for us?
lc

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From: [Lesley Cobb](#)
To: [Awhina Tamarapa](#)
Cc: [Dougal Austin](#)
Subject: Bidding rules for auction
Date: Friday, 9 November 2007 5:28:30 PM

Hi Awhina

Thank you for confirming Seddon has given verbal approval to bid on the two cloaks and the whalebone mallet at Dunbars on Sunday.

Note that the plus one rule applies for each bid, as set out in the Corporate Governance Manual delegation 12.7.1. (iii):

[The Board] Authorises in respect of items acquired at auction, the Museum's bidder to exceed the authorised indicative price by one final bid, at the increment of the preceding bid, subject to the final bid not exceeding acquisitions delegations, or in the case of a Board-approved acquisition, the upper bidding limit approved by the Board.

What this means is that for Lot 39 if \$100,000 is bid against you, you do not get another bid.

For lot 57 if \$50,000 is bid against you, you do get one more bid.

For lot 22, if \$9,500 is bid against you, you do get one more bid, if the additional does not exceed \$500 (a bid of more than \$500 will put you over into the next delegation).

Please respond in writing that you understand and agree to this rule

lc

Lesley Cobb

Collection Development Manager

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From: [Jacqui MacDougall](#)
To: [Lesley Cobb](#)
Subject: Can I have a cost code for Awhina to go To Auckland on Tuesday 06/11/07 please?
Date: Wednesday, 31 October 2007 4:42:05 PM

From: [Lesley Cobb](#)
To: [Arapata Hakiwai](#); [Carol Diebel](#); [Carolyn Roberts-Thompson](#); [Claudia Orange](#); [Jette Sandahl](#); [Jonathan Mane-Wheoki](#); [Paul Brewer](#); [Seddon Bennington](#)
Cc: [Antoinette Wilcox](#); [Anna Greaves](#)
Subject: CAT approval required for bidding at auction this Sunday - updated
Date: Friday, 9 November 2007 1:44:59 PM
Attachments: [2787_Kahu_huruhuru \(2\).pdf](#)
[2787_additional_information.doc](#)
Importance: High

Dear CAT members

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Many thanks
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From: Lesley Cobb
Sent: Thursday, 8 November 2007 12:02 p.m.
To: Arapata Hakiwai; Carol Diebel; Carolyn Roberts-Thompson; Claudia Orange; Jette Sandahl; Jonathan Mane-Wheoki; Paul Brewer; Seddon Bennington
Cc: Antoinette Wilcox; Anna Greaves; Awhina Tamarapa
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Date: Thursday, 8 November 2007 12:01:33 PM
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From: [Moana Parata](#)
To: [Lesley Cobb](#)
Subject: Collecting trip re 2784; 2787; 2788
Date: Saturday, 1 December 2007 9:31:43 AM

Thanks Lesley

Moana

From: Lesley Cobb
Sent: Friday, 30 November 2007 12:31 p.m.
To: Moana Parata
Subject: RE: Wed 5 Dec....

Thanks Moana

You've probably already done this, but thought I should mention that Alan will need to be informed so insurance can be put in place for the transit.

lc

From: Moana Parata
Sent: Friday, 30 November 2007 12:04 p.m.
To: Keri Roberts; Lisa Ward
Cc: Lesley Cobb
Subject: RE: Wed 5 Dec....

Ngā mihi Keri,

Ma te wa

From: Keri Roberts
Sent: Friday, 30 November 2007 11:51 a.m.
To: Moana Parata; Lisa Ward
Subject: Wed 5 Dec....

Kia ora korua,

I have been able to secure a HERTZ wagon for you..picking up at the Akl airport and dropping off to the Wellington city depot on Thursday 6 by 5.30pm

#D84748089D8

Accommodation at the Twin Peaks, confirmed with meals charged back.

I'll get the paper work to you.

Ngā mihi
Keri

From: [Awhina Tamarapa](#)
To: [Lesley Cobb](#); [Arapata Hakiwai](#); [Seddon Bennington](#)
Subject: Dunbar Sloane Auction sale Māori taonga
Date: Monday, 12 November 2007 8:09:22 AM

Kia ora koutou

We were successful with all three lots bid for on Sunday. The results are:

Lot 22 whalebone mallet:

\$10,000 hammer price-(I was bid against and had to go one bid over our limit of \$9,500). This was the upper estimate in the auction catalogue. Bidding started at \$1,000.

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Awhina Tamarapa
Curator, taonga Māori
Extn 7234

From: [Awhina Tamarapa](#)
To: [Lesley Cobb](#)
Cc: [Arapata Hakiwai](#); [Huhana Smith](#)
Subject: Dunbar Sloane sale Auckland 11-18 Nov 07
Date: Wednesday, 31 October 2007 5:21:25 PM

Kia ora Lesley

As discussed- at our Mātauranga Māori team meeting yesterday we wish to consider two cloaks in this sale. They are:

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I have arranged for travel with Jacqui McDougall to view the cloaks next Tues 6th November.

If a conservator in Auckland was able to assess their condition that would be great. I am told that Lot 57 is actually in a glass frame but I could see if Dunbar is able to remove it for viewing.

Thanks Lesley

Awhina
[Awhina Tamarapa](#)
[Curator, taonga Māori](#)
Extn 7234

From: [Lesley Cobb](#)
To: [Dion Peita](#); [Melangell Penrhys Jones](#); [Nirmala Balram](#)
Cc: [Tania Walters](#)
Subject: FW: Dunbar Sloane Auction sale Māori taonga
Date: Monday, 12 November 2007 10:39:24 AM

Tēnā koutou

As you can see below, Ahwina was successful with bidding on lots 39 & 57 (accession lot 2787) and lot 22 (accession lot 2788).

Dion, I'll let you know when we have the invoice and when it will be paid, so that you can arrange the collecting trip. Could you check with Tania too. Stephanie is bidding on posters at Dunbar Sloane Auckland today, so if we get those Tania might like you to collect for her as well.

Thanks
lc

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From: [Seddon Bennington](#)
To: [Lesley Cobb](#)
Subject: FW: Justification for upper bidding limits for two cloaks Dunbars/ I'm surprised you're not included?
Seddon
Date: Thursday, 8 November 2007 2:56:28 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: Huhana Smith
Sent: Thursday, 8 November 2007 1:51 p m.
To: Arapata Hakiwai; Awhina Tamarapa; Seddon Bennington; Matiu Baker
Subject: Justification for upper bidding limits for two cloaks Dunbars

Kiaora koutou in order to ensure robust process the justification for estimates on two cloaks coming up for auction are as follows:

Two cloaks were sold recently in 2006 and 2005 respectively.

In 2006- Webbs sold a Kahu Kiwi for \$110,000.00 Te Ati Awa provenance Te Papa bid unsuccessful

In 2005- Dunbar Sloane, Wellington Kahu kiwi \$100,000.00 Te Papa did not enter auction as we have a large kahu kiwi collection in better condition.

We suggest that the estimate for Kahu Kura or Kahu Kākā is upper limit \$100,000.00 due to feather loss and overall condition in need of clean and some conservation work

We suggest that the estimate for kahu huruhuru with an upper limit bid is \$50,000.00 as we paid recently paid \$40,000.00 for a contemporary, new cloak by Erenora Puketapu Hetet. This cloak at auction requires some conservation work, and has feather loss and areas of deterioration.

There is a possible late acquisition coming in over the tā Lot 22...Some late information has just been sourced about this particular taonga and the acquisition is being progressed with Lesley Cobb. Estimate pending...

For the record, Te Papa MM curatorial team are not pursuing any more taonga within this auction for Te Papa's collection.

-----Original Message-----

From: Arapata Hakiwai
Sent: Wednesday, 7 November 2007 1:55 p.m.
To: Awhina Tamarapa
Cc: Huhana Smith
Subject: Re: Upper bidding limits for two cloaks Dunbars

Excellent
Arapata

-----Original Message-----

From: Awhina Tamarapa
To: Arapata Hakiwai
CC: Huhana Smith
Sent: Wed Nov 07 13:42:12 2007
Subject: Upper bidding limits for two cloaks Dunbars

Kia ora Arapata

I've spoken to the curators and Huhana-we are in agreement with these suggestions:

The kahu kākā- upper limit \$100,000 (top estimate \$80,000 in catalogue) The kahu huruhuru- upper limit \$50 (top estimate \$30,000 in catalogue)

What do you think?

Awhina

CONDITION REPORTS

EXAMINATION OF TWO KAHU HURUHURU

Dunbar Sloane Auction Rooms, Mt Eden, Auckland

LOT 39 – KAHU HURUHURU

General

The cloak is mounted in a closed box frame made from varnished wood with Perspex cover, and it was not possible to examine the reverse of either the frame or the garment. The cloak has been secured within the frame using a Velcro strip, the end of which is visible on the top p.l. edge. The assumed stitching of the Velcro/fabric strip has resulted in a flat, well-supported attachment to the dark gray linen backing fabric. There are no neck ties visible from the front.

The cloak appears to be in good condition apart from extensive loss of feathers due to insect attack.

Flax components

The kaupapa appears intact, with those areas revealed by feather loss in very good condition with no apparent staining.

The plyed cordage fringing the neck edge is in good condition, but is turned upwards in the area at the p.right closure, as visible in the catalogue photo. This can be relaxed and re-positioned, if necessary.

Woollen components

There are single lengths of red wool overcast stitching down either side of the cloak, which are revealed in areas of feather loss, but otherwise largely obscured by overlapping feathers.

Feather components

There are large areas of feather loss due to insect attack – these vary from entire feathers missing to vanes completely missing, leaving white rachides visible, to partial grazing of vanes, leaving a ragged, holey appearance. The latter is particularly evident along the bottom edge of the cloak, where the entire line of protruding feathers has been damaged.

A wide band below the neck border has no feathers remaining, and this passes part way down the p.left side. Other large bare patches are visible in the body of the cloak and towards the bottom p.left edge of the garment (see photos).

The white rachides of kaka feathers are very visible throughout, due to loss of vanes.

The area on front, above centre bottom, appears grubby but may result from the gray of the kaka feathers being more visible, following loss of full rusty red effect.

LOT 57 – KAHU HURUHURU

General

The cloak is displayed high on a wall, hung from polypropylene string loops secured around three nails – one at either top corner, one at centre top. The reverse was examined by climbing up a ladder and holding either half outwards, while looking behind in relatively poor light.

Long flax neck ties hang down from either neck closure.

Flax components

The kaupapa is in excellent condition, with no apparent losses. From the front, the area under a major area of feather loss (2nd full green triangle in middle row, from p.f. edge) has a loosened weave, but all elements are present.

There is a large black felt-tip label inscribed on centre back, below the neck – the words in two lines have been thickly crossed out, making it impossible to decipher.

There is a small patch of what appears to red ochre below centre, near p.left side, just below centre.

Feather components

There are major areas of feather loss below the neck border and on several of the decorative triangles, as visible in catalogue photo – these all result from insect attack.

CONCLUSION

Both cloaks have kaupapa in good condition with no major losses or staining. Lot 57 will obviously need mounting, if required for vertical display.

The major damage in both cases is feather loss, partial and complete, as a result of insect attack. This may be ongoing, as suggested by evidence of small feather fragments lying inside the frame for Lot 39, ranging from intact kaka feather to white rachides (although these may already have been detached, and simply become dislodged while frame handled and transported).

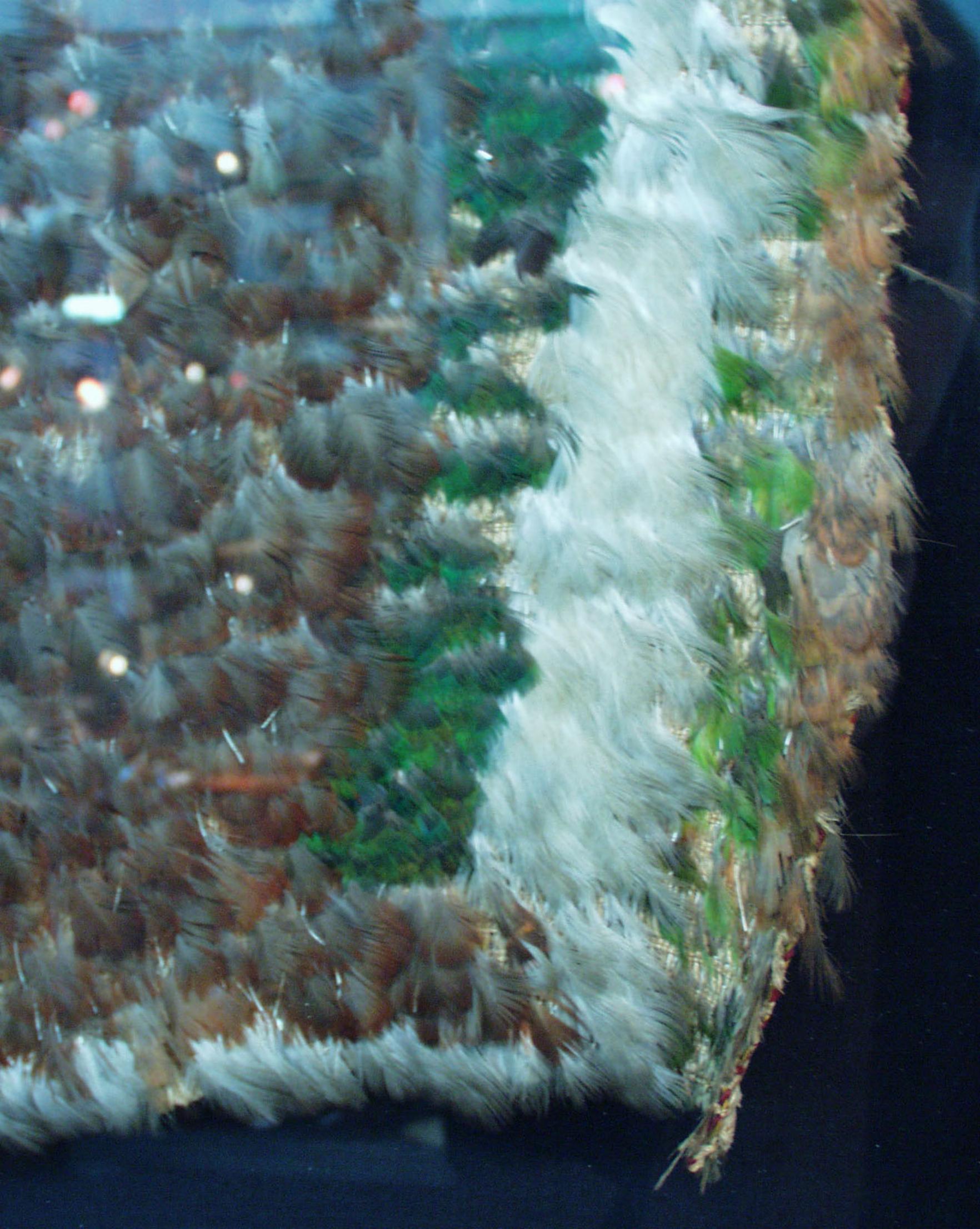
NB: Photography was difficult due to the position of the fluorescent lighting (Lot 39) and display height (Lot 57)

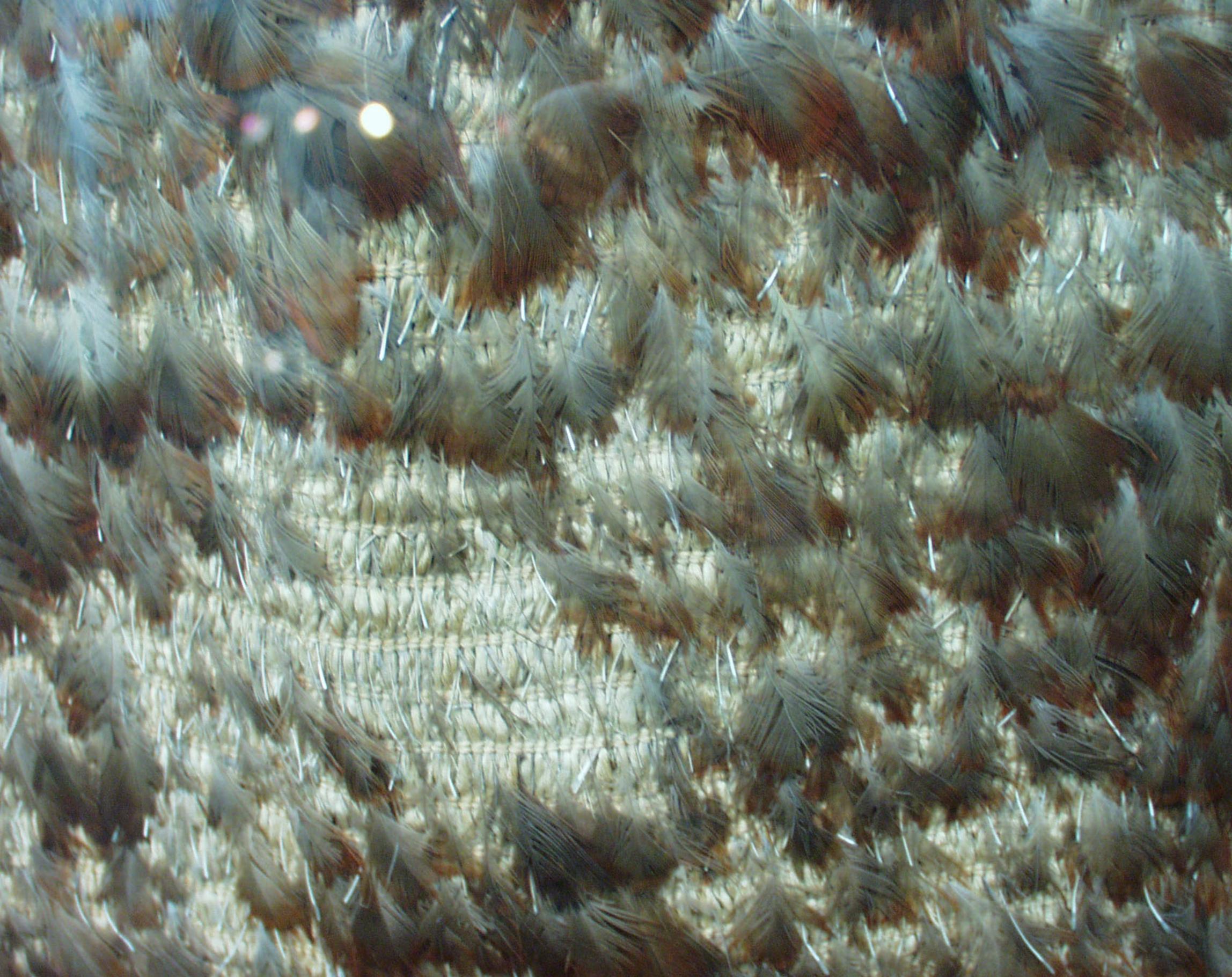
Dates examined: Sunday 2 November, 2007
Monday 3 November, 2007

Conservator: Julia Gresson











lot
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From: [Jette Sandahl](#)
To: [Lesley Cobb](#); [Arapata Hakiwai](#); [Carol Diebel](#); [Carolyn Roberts-Thompson](#); [Claudia Orange](#); [Jonathan Mane-Wheoki](#); [Paul Brewer](#); [Seddon Bennington](#)
Cc: [Antoinette Wilcox](#); [Anna Greaves](#)
Subject: RE: CAT approval required for bidding at auction this Sunday - updated
Date: Friday, 9 November 2007 4:19:23 PM

I am happy to approve these proposals. Jette

From: Lesley Cobb
Sent: Friday, 9 November 2007 1:45 p.m.
To: Arapata Hakiwai; Carol Diebel; Carolyn Roberts-Thompson; Claudia Orange; Jette Sandahl; Jonathan Mane-Wheoki; Paul Brewer; Seddon Bennington
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Cc: [Antoinette Wilcox](#); [Anna Greaves](#)
Subject: RE: CAT approval required for bidding at auction this Sunday - updated
Date: Friday, 9 November 2007 1:58:51 PM

Yes lesley,

I am happy to support this acquisition especially given the additional information on valuations.
Arapata

From: Seddon Bennington
Sent: Friday, 9 November 2007 1:55 p.m.
To: Lesley Cobb; Arapata Hakiwai; Carol Diebel; Carolyn Roberts-Thompson; Claudia Orange; Jette Sandahl; Jonathan Mane-Wheoki; Paul Brewer
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Date: Friday, 9 November 2007 4:48:08 PM

Kia ora Lesley,

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Nä Carolyn

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Date: Wednesday, 7 November 2007 12:15:00 PM

Sure, as discussed on the phone enter your requested bidding limits and justification for those bidding limits in the auction tab of the acc lot record

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To: Lesley Cobb
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Subject: RE: Acquisition proposal 2787 Kahu huruhuru (2) to be auctioned at Dunbar Sloane 11 Nov
Date: Wednesday, 7 November 2007 2:35:20 PM

Lesley

I have looked at Julia's report and photos and made comments on this acquisition proposal as suggested by Nirmal (see below) as Rachael is away this week.

Mela

From: Nirmala Balram
Sent: Wednesday, 7 November 2007 1:51 p.m.
To: Rachael Collinge; Melangell Penrhys Jones
Subject: FW: Acquisition proposal 2787 Kahu huruhuru (2) to be auctioned at Dunbar Sloane 11 Nov

Hi Mela

Rachael's won't be back to respond. Would you like to respond and add your assessment on EMU or shall I. I'm happy to do it if you wish.

Nirmala

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Subject: RE: approvals
Date: Friday, 9 November 2007 9:56:21 AM

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lc

From: Jette Sandahl
Sent: Friday, 9 November 2007 8:33 a.m.
To: Lesley Cobb
Subject: approvals

Morning Lesley.

Do we have to give our approvals to the propositions now? I haven't seen any other answers? Jette

From: [Julia Gresson](#)
To: [Lesley Cobb](#)
Subject: RE: Are you available for a condition assessment?
Date: Thursday, 1 November 2007 8:56:27 AM

Hi Lesley,

Sure am!!

I'll try to get there this weekend, or early next week to avoid the crowds. It would be good to have confirmation that the cloak can be easily removed from the frame (and not by Dunbar Sen!).

Speak to you soon,
Julia

From: Lesley Cobb [mailto:LesleyC@tepapa.govt.nz]
Sent: Thursday, 1 November 2007 8:50 a.m.
To: Julia Gresson
Subject: Are you available for a condition assessment?

Hi Julia

Te Papa is considering bidding on two cloaks at Dunbar Sloane's sale of Sunday, 11th November 2007. as follows:

Lot 39: Kākā feather cloak, muka with side borders of kererū, kākāriki and kākā, Y2006, L 151cm H 100cm, catalogue says: "Made by Rongowhakaata in Northern Hawkes Bay." Est\$55,000-80,000

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Are you available to do a pre-auction assessment for us?
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To: [Lesley Cobb](#)
Subject: RE: Bidding rules for auction
Date: Friday, 9 November 2007 5:29:12 PM

Thank you Lesley
Understood and agreed.
Awhina
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Curator, taonga Māori
Extn 7234

From: Lesley Cobb
Sent: Friday, 9 November 2007 5:28 p.m.
To: Awhina Tamarapa
Cc: Dougal Austin
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For lot 22, if \$9,500 is bid against you, you do get one more bid, if the additional does not exceed \$500 (a bid of more than \$500 will put you over into the next delegation).

Please respond in writing that you understand and agree to this rule

lc

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From: [Paul Brewer](#)
To: [Lesley Cobb](#); [Arapata Hakiwai](#); [Carol Diebel](#); [Carolyn Roberts-Thompson](#); [Claudia Orange](#); [Jette Sandahl](#); [Jonathan Mane-Wheoki](#); [Seddon Bennington](#)
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Very happy to support this.

Paul

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Date: Friday, 9 November 2007 9:45:21 AM

Yes, that's what I'm on about, S

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Date: Friday, 9 November 2007 9:40:31 AM

Kia ora Seddon. I have asked Awhiba to strengthen the justification and provide examples of like acquisitions.
Arapata

-----Original Message-----

From: Seddon Bennington
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These cloaks may merit the bidding limits requested, but the proposal does not articulate that clearly. When the proposal was first submitted, I told Awhina the justification section was too weak and she strengthened it somewhat for the version sent out to CAT, but I think it could still be better argued than it is.

The condition of the cloaks may have been consideration for Dunbar Sloane in setting their estimates; there is quite a bit of feather loss, though the underlying weaving is intact. But it means the cloaks both look a bit threadbare, which might put off some potential buyers if they were wanting purely display pieces.

I am concerned about the amount of money here and would feel more comfortable if the bidding limits were within the catalogue estimates or only slightly above. Even then they are still substantial prices.

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From: [Lesley Cobb](#)
To: [Nirmala Balram](#)
Subject: RE: Condition assessment lot 22
Date: Friday, 9 November 2007 4:08:14 PM

Noted, thanks Nirmala
lc

From: Nirmala Balram
Sent: Friday, 9 November 2007 3:55 p.m.
To: Lesley Cobb; Awhina Tamarapa
Cc: Dougal Austin
Subject: RE: Condition assessment lot 22

Hi Lesley
Thanks. From Julia's report and the improved images I would like to add to my previous comments. Cleaning and consolidation of the taonga required prior to any exhibition. Also the taonga needs to be stored nested in foam to prevent any further damage. Full assessment to be carried out on arrival at TePapa.

Nirmala

From: Lesley Cobb
Sent: Friday, 9 November 2007 3:29 p.m.
To: Nirmala Balram; Awhina Tamarapa
Cc: Dougal Austin
Subject: Condition assessment lot 22

Tēnā kōrua

Julia's condition information and images for lot 22, the whalebone mallet, are now loaded in the Temporary folder:

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From: [Alan Stuart](#)
To: [Lesley Cobb](#)
Cc: ["david.lynch@jltgroup.co.nz"](mailto:david.lynch@jltgroup.co.nz)
Subject: RE: Dunbar Sloane acquisition pick up (Insurance coverage)
Date: Thursday, 6 December 2007 5:34:17 PM

Many thanks Lesley. Much appreciated.
Alan.

From: Lesley Cobb
Sent: Thursday, 6 December 2007 11:21 a.m.
To: Moana Parata; Alan Stuart
Subject: RE: Dunbar Sloane acquisition pick up (Insurance coverage)

Thanks Moana

It was just that Alan asked for individual valuations and you gave hammer prices for those, which are about 14% lower than the individual valuations. But your total consignment valuation was correct.

lc

From: Moana Parata
Sent: Thursday, 6 December 2007 9:23 a.m.
To: Lesley Cobb; Alan Stuart
Subject: RE: Dunbar Sloane acquisition pick up (Insurance coverage)

Kia ora Lesley,

Ngā mihi,

Total purchase price is \$89,000.00
12.5% Buyers Commission \$11,125.00
GST on Buyers Commission \$1,390.63
Invoice Total (rounded) 101,515.60

Is this what your asking?

Moana

From: Lesley Cobb
Sent: Wednesday, 5 December 2007 12:33 p.m.
To: Moana Parata; Alan Stuart
Subject: RE: Dunbar Sloane acquisition pick up (Insurance coverage)

Moana, please recheck your valuations, I think you've used hammer price and so you need to add buyer's premium and GST.

lc

From: Moana Parata
Sent: Wednesday, 5 December 2007 11:48 a.m.
To: Alan Stuart
Cc: Lesley Cobb
Subject: FW: Dunbar Sloane acquisition pick up (Insurance coverage)

Kia ora Alan,

Individual values are below, and transit is Wgtn - Auck return same day

Naku na

Moana

From: Alan Stuart
Sent: Wednesday, 5 December 2007 11:41 a.m.
To: Moana Parata
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Kia ora Moana. Are you able to provide the individual values? Also, is the transit Auckland-Wellington?
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3 posters
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Moana

From: [Moana Parata](#)
To: [Lesley Cobb](#); [Alan Stuart](#)
Subject: RE: Dunbar Sloane acquisition pick up (Insurance coverage)
Date: Thursday, 6 December 2007 9:23:19 AM

Kia ora Lesley,

Ngä mihi,

Total purchase price is \$89,000.00
12.5% Buyers Commission \$11,125.00
GST on Buyers Commission \$1,390.63
Invoice Total (rounded) 101,515.60

Is this what your asking?

Moana

From: Lesley Cobb
Sent: Wednesday, 5 December 2007 12:33 p.m.
To: Moana Parata; Alan Stuart
Subject: RE: Dunbar Sloane acquisition pick up (Insurance coverage)

Moana, please recheck your valuations, I think you've used hammer price and so you need to add buyer's premium and GST.
lc

From: Moana Parata
Sent: Wednesday, 5 December 2007 11:48 a.m.
To: Alan Stuart
Cc: Lesley Cobb
Subject: FW: Dunbar Sloane acquisition pick up (Insurance coverage)

Kia ora Alan,

Individual values are below, and transit is Wgtn - Auck return same day

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From: Alan Stuart
Sent: Wednesday, 5 December 2007 11:41 a.m.
To: Moana Parata
Cc: Lesley Cobb; Lisa Ward; 'david.lynych@jltgroup.co.nz'
Subject: RE: Dunbar Sloane acquisition pick up (Insurance coverage)

Kia ora Moana. Are you able to provide the individual values? Also, is the transit Auckland-Wellington?
Thanks, Alan.

From: Moana Parata
Sent: Wednesday, 5 December 2007 11:38 a.m.
To: Alan Stuart

Cc: Lesley Cobb; Lisa Ward

Subject: Dunbar Sloane acquisition pick up (Insurance coverage)

Kia ora Alan,

Insurance cover: \$101,515.60

Whalebone Mallet (Tä) - \$10,000.00

Käkä Cloak - \$55,000.00

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To: [Awhina Tamarapa](#); [Lesley Cobb](#); [Seddon Bennington](#)
Subject: RE: Dunbar Sloane Auction sale Māori taonga
Date: Monday, 12 November 2007 8:46:04 AM

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[Arapata](#)

From: Awhina Tamarapa
Sent: Monday, 12 November 2007 8:09 a.m.
To: Lesley Cobb; Arapata Hakiwai; Seddon Bennington
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[Curator, taonga Māori](#)
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To: [Arapata Hakiwai](#); [Awhina Tamarapa](#); [Lesley Cobb](#)
Subject: RE: Dunbar Sloane Auction sale Māori taonga/ Kei te pai, excellent, Seddon
Date: Monday, 12 November 2007 8:51:48 AM

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To: [Awhina Tamarapa](#)
Subject: RE: Dunbar Sloane sale Auckland 11-18 Nov 07
Date: Thursday, 1 November 2007 4:45:06 PM

yes, please
lc

From: Awhina Tamarapa
Sent: Thursday, 1 November 2007 4:45 p.m.
To: Lesley Cobb
Subject: RE: Dunbar Sloane sale Auckland 11-18 Nov 07

Thanks Lesley.
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From: Lesley Cobb
Sent: Thursday, 1 November 2007 9:05 a.m.
To: Awhina Tamarapa
Subject: RE: Dunbar Sloane sale Auckland 11-18 Nov 07

Julia is available to do the assessment, she will go on Sunday or early next week. And I've given Jacqui the budget code for your travel.
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From: Awhina Tamarapa
Sent: Wednesday, 31 October 2007 5:21 p.m.
To: Lesley Cobb
Cc: Arapata Hakiwai; Huhana Smith
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From: [Awhina Tamarapa](#)
To: [Lesley Cobb](#)
Subject: RE: Justification for Dunbar Sloane cloaks
Date: Friday, 9 November 2007 1:45:49 PM

[Thank you Lesley for your patience and guidance.](#)
[Awhina](#)

From: Lesley Cobb
Sent: Friday, 9 November 2007 1:39 p.m.
To: Awhina Tamarapa; Arapata Hakiwai
Subject: RE: Justification for Dunbar Sloane cloaks

[I'll send this on the CAT and see how we go. Thanks Awhina.](#)
[lc](#)

From: Awhina Tamarapa
Sent: Friday, 9 November 2007 1:15 p.m.
To: Arapata Hakiwai; Lesley Cobb
Subject: Justification for Dunbar Sloane cloaks

Please let me know if more information is required.

Awhina

From: [Lesley Cobb](#)
To: [Awhina Tamarapa](#); [Arapata Hakiwai](#)
Subject: RE: Justification for Dunbar Sloane cloaks
Date: Friday, 9 November 2007 1:38:49 PM

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From: [Lesley Cobb](#)
To: [Seddon Bennington](#)
Subject: RE: Justification for upper bidding limits for two cloaks Dunbars/ I'm surprised you're not included? Seddon
Date: Thursday, 8 November 2007 2:58:57 PM

Yes, this is the very information that should go in the accession file; thanks for forwarding.
lc

-----Original Message-----

From: Seddon Bennington
Sent: Thursday, 8 November 2007 2:56 p m.
To: Lesley Cobb
Subject: FW: Justification for upper bidding limits for two cloaks Dunbars/ I'm surprised you're not included?
Seddon

-----Original Message-----

From: Huhana Smith
Sent: Thursday, 8 November 2007 1:51 p m.
To: Arapata Hakiwai; Awhina Tamarapa; Seddon Bennington; Matiu Baker
Subject: Justification for upper bidding limits for two cloaks Dunbars

Kiaora koutou in order to ensure robust process the justification for estimates on two cloaks coming up for auction are as follows:

Two cloaks were sold recently in 2006 and 2005 respectively.

In 2006- Webbs sold a Kahu Kiwi for \$110,000.00 Te Ati Awa provenance Te Papa bid unsuccessful

In 2005- Dunbar Sloane, Wellington Kahu kiwi \$100,000.00 Te Papa did not enter auction as we have a large kahu kiwi collection in better condition.

We suggest that the estimate for Kahu Kura or Kahu Kākā is upper limit \$100,000.00 due to feather loss and overall condition in need of clean and some conservation work

We suggest that the estimate for kahu huruhuru with an upper limit bid is \$50,000.00 as we paid recently paid \$40,000.00 for a contemporary, new cloak by Erenora Puketapu Hetet. This cloak at auction requires some conservation work, and has feather loss and areas of deterioration.

There is a possible late acquisition coming in over the tā Lot 22...Some late information has just been sourced about this particular taonga and the acquisition is being progressed with Lesley Cobb. Estimate pending...

For the record, Te Papa MM curatorial team are not pursuing any more taonga within this auction for Te Papa's collection.

-----Original Message-----

From: Arapata Hakiwai
Sent: Wednesday, 7 November 2007 1:55 p.m.
To: Awhina Tamarapa
Cc: Huhana Smith
Subject: Re: Upper bidding limits for two cloaks Dunbars

Excellent
Arapata

-----Original Message-----

From: Awhina Tamarapa

To: Arapata Hakiwai

CC: Huhana Smith

Sent: Wed Nov 07 13:42:12 2007

Subject: Upper bidding limits for two cloaks Dunbars

Kia ora Arapata

I've spoken to the curators and Huhana-we are in agreement with these suggestions:

The kahu kākā- upper limit \$100,000 (top estimate \$80,000 in catalogue) The kahu huruhuru- upper limit \$50 (top estimate \$30,000 in catalogue)

What do you think?

Awhina

From: [Arapata Hakiwai](#)
To: [Seddon Bennington](#); [Lesley Cobb](#)
Cc: [Antoinette Wilcox](#); [Awhina Tamarapa](#); [Dougal Austin](#)
Subject: RE: We don't have a quorum for bidding at Dunbar Sloane on Sunday
Date: Friday, 9 November 2007 6:10:58 PM

Yes. All the best for this.
Arapata

-----Original Message-----

From: Seddon Bennington
Sent: Friday, 9 November 2007 6:11 p.m.
To: Lesley Cobb
Cc: Antoinette Wilcox; Awhina Tamarapa; Arapata Hakiwai; Dougal Austin
Subject: Re: We don't have a quorum for bidding at Dunbar Sloane on Sunday

Approved,
And all the best on Sunday,
Seddon

-----Original Message-----

From: Lesley Cobb
To: Seddon Bennington
CC: Antoinette Wilcox; Awhina Tamarapa; Arapata Hakiwai; Dougal Austin
Sent: Fri Nov 09 17:15:44 2007
Subject: We don't have a quorum for bidding at Dunbar Sloane on Sunday

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Subject: Re: We don't have a quorum for bidding at Dunbar Sloane on Sunday
Date: Friday, 9 November 2007 6:10:31 PM

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To: [Lesley Cobb](#)
Subject: Two cloaks in Dunbar Sloane auction 11 November 2007
Date: Monday, 5 November 2007 6:04:09 PM

Hi Lesley

I've completed the proposals and the IRN number is 8144.

I'm flying out tomorrow morning and will return the same afternoon. I have to find a supporting curator (probably Huhana) and make sure that my team are happy with my bidding limits. I will discuss with them on Wed and if need be alter the proposals accordingly.

Please let me know if I've left something out or filled out the wrong fields...

Thanks Lesley

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