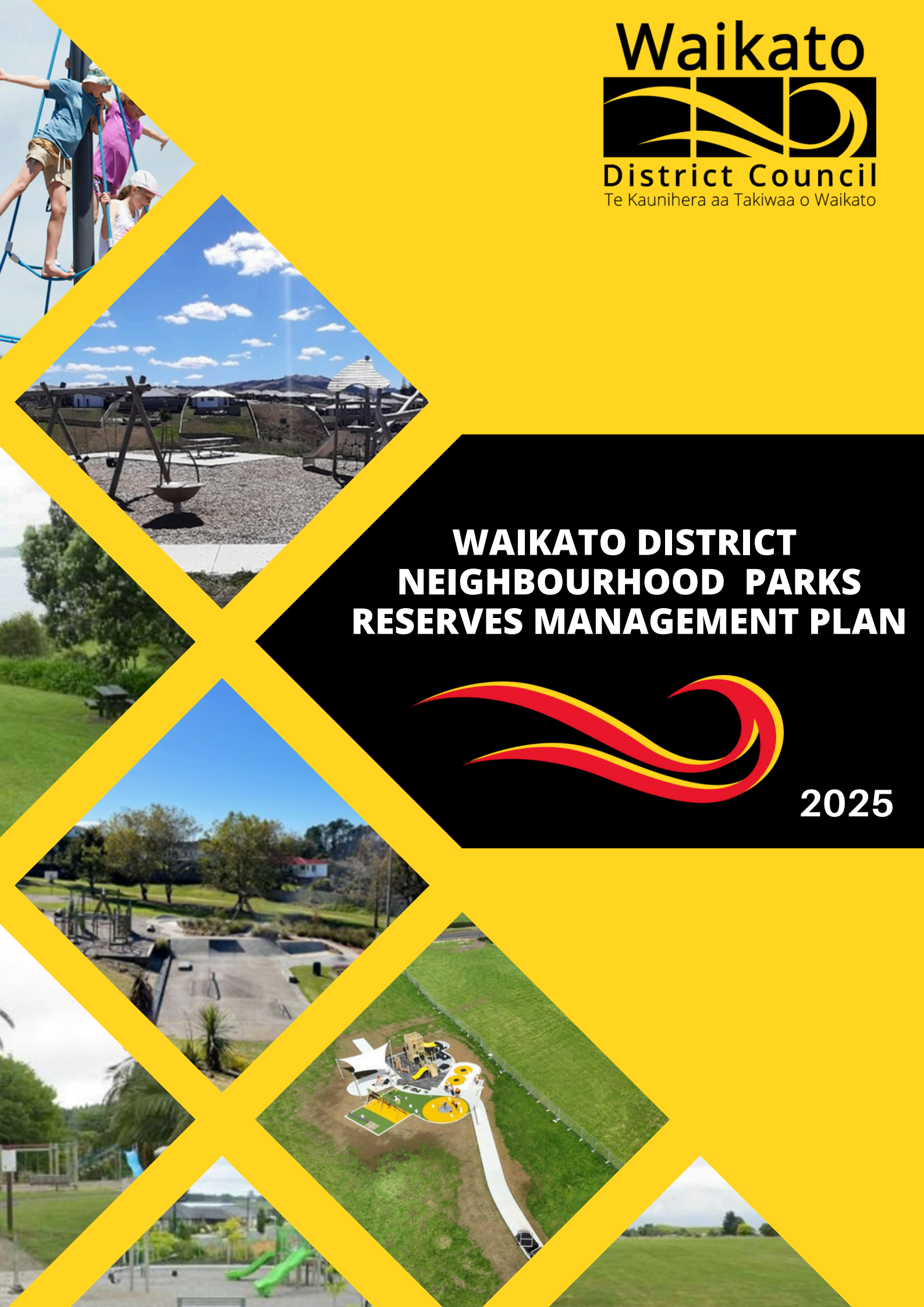


**WAIKATO DISTRICT
NEIGHBOURHOOD PARKS
RESERVES MANAGEMENT PLAN**



2025





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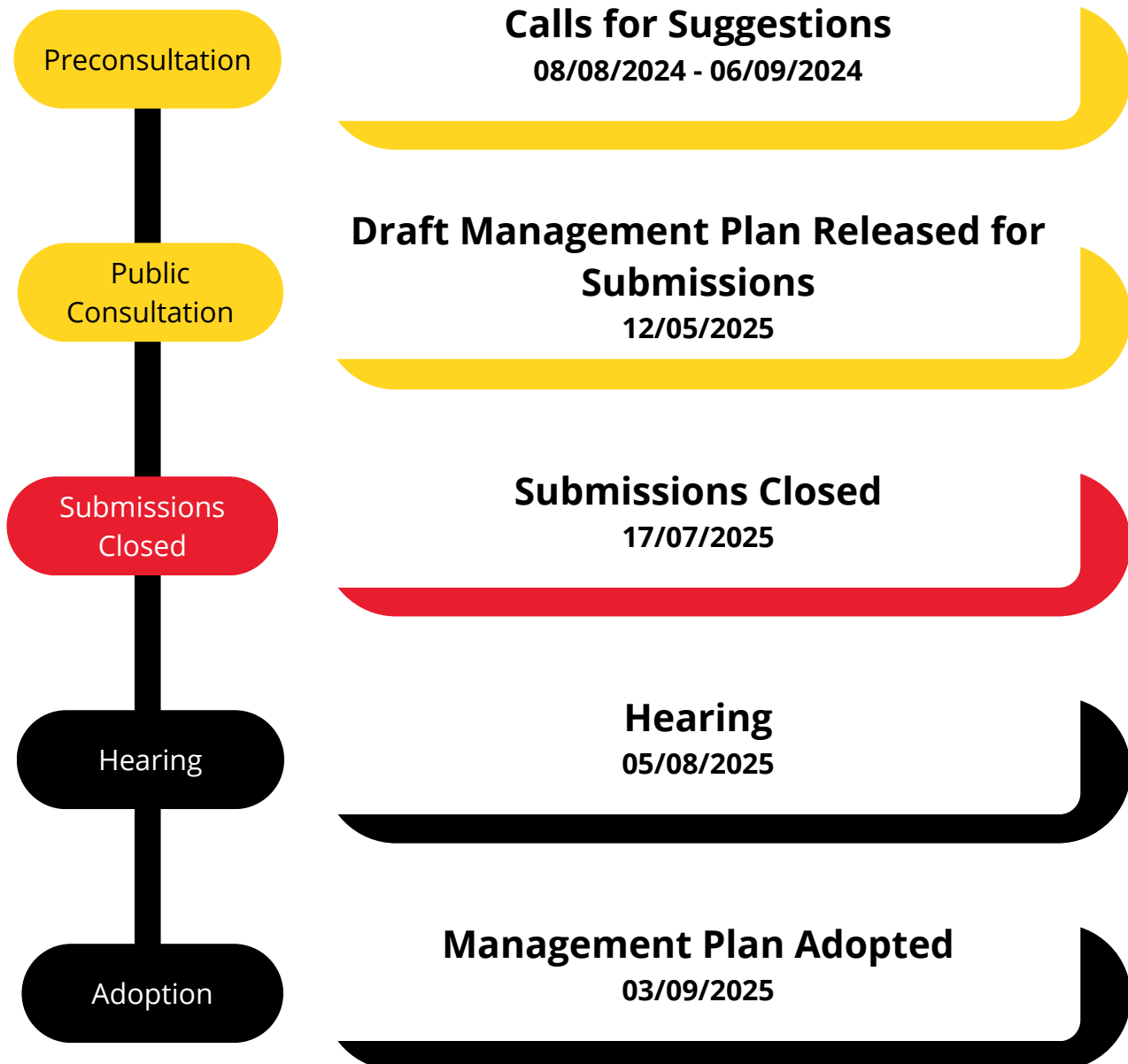
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Introduction

This Reserves Mangement Plan (RMP) has been prepared by Waikato District Council (the Council) under the provisions of the Reserves Act 1977 Section 41.

Adopted on Process Timeline



1.0 Purpose of this Plan



Reserve Management Plans provide direction for the day-to-day management for reserves. Determining community preferences and establishing the best means to provide for them are essential ingredients of good management planning.

A management plan provides the community with certainty about the function and management of each reserve that is managed by Council. It also helps ensure that management decisions are consistent with the principles of the Reserves Act 1977.

A neighbourhood park is designed for use by the local residential community. The Parks Strategy 2014 categorises reserves by their usage. Parks that have been categorised as Neighbourhood Parks are addressed in this RMP. As per the Parks Strategy, Neighbourhood Parks are generally smaller in size, easily accessible and well-maintained.

This plan will provide for consistent approach to the management of reserve in the Waikato District.



1.1 Reserve Management Plans Requirements

The Waikato District (the Council) has a responsibility as a administering body under the Reserves Act 1977, Section 41, to prepare management plans for the reserve and parks that it manages.

The management plans should "provide for and ensure the use, enjoyment, maintenance, protection, and preservation ... and, ... the development, as appropriate, of the reserve for the purpose for which it is classified".

Open Space is recognised as an important component of the urban environment, providing opportunities for recreation and leisure. This management plan provides a framework within which Council can develop a balanced response to current opportunities and address future pressures.

The management plan identifies clear objectives and establishes directions for planning, resource management and maintenance of public open space. It clarifies and establishes policy and direction for both Council staff and the public.

When adopted, this management plan and the General Policies Management Plan 2023 will replace any previously prepared reserve management plan for reserves included in this plan.

This management plan will be kept under continuous review to ensure that the policies are appropriately and relevant for the communities within the Waikato District. It is intended that a comprehensive review will take place every ten years.

1.2 Relationship with General Policies

Reserve Management Plan 2023

This management plan is to be read in conjunction with the General Policies Reserve Management Plan. The general policies apply to all reserves within the Waikato district. Where there is a conflict between the specific policies contained within this plan and the policies contained within the General Policies Reserve Management Plan, the specific policies in this plan will take precedence.

1.3 Relationship with strategies

Council has other strategies that impact neighbourhood parks, including the Parks Strategy, Climate Response and Resilience Strategy and Connectivity Strategy amongst others. Whereby these strategies have identified policies for neighbourhood parks it is intended that these will be implemented. These policies may relate to issues such as maintaining and upgrading assets, climate mitigation and upgrading walkways. To avoid repetition these policies have not been repeated in this document.

1.4 Waikato-Tainui Joint Management Agreement

Council and Waikato-Tainui have entered into a Joint Management Agreement in accordance with the Waikato-Tainui Raupatu Claims (Waikato River) Settlement Act 2010. The agreement acknowledges that Council has rights and responsibilities regarding the management of reserves under Reserves Act 1977.

The agreement also acknowledges that Council has a requirement to engage to determine appropriate management of Crown land under Council control and to consider how management decisions that may impact on future return of the land to Waikato-Tainui.

In accordance with the Waikato Raupatu Claims Settlement Act 1995, Council has informed the Waikato Raupatu River Trust of its intention to prepare a reserve management plan and has discussed the scope of the reserve management plan. The Waikato Raupatu River Trust will provide Council with feedback on how the draft plan and submissions received may affect customary activities on the Waikato River.

Where the land was derived from the Crown, and therefore subject to the Waikato-Tainui Treaty Settlement, this is shown as a "Subject to WTTs". If reservation for a park derived from the crown is revoked, Waikato-Tainui may be offered right of first refusal.

1.5 Structure of this plan

The reserves covered by this management plan are presented on a ward-by-ward basis. Each reserve is described with respect to its classification and legal description and the authority under which the Council manages it.

Council's authority to administer the reserve may either come from:

1. Ownership (in such cases the land will have been "declared" reserve under Section 14 of the Reserves Act or "vested" on subdivision under the Resource Management Act or Local Government Act)
2. A "vesting" from the Crown, or
3. "An appointment to control and manage" from the Crown

Where the land was derived from the Crown, and therefore subject to the Waikato- Tainui Treaty Settlement, this is shown as a "Subject to WTTS".

The current formal occupation and use of the reserve is described and the specific issues and policies that apply to the reserve are outlined. A plan showing the boundaries of the reserve is included and where required a more detailed concept plan is included showing future development.

Council has also decided to also include parks acquired and used under the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA). Parks held under the LGA have no statutory requirement to determine the land's primary purpose. The land is simply held under the LGA and utilized as parkland. However, these parks also have unique attributes that would categorise the site as a neighbourhood park.

1.6 Council and delegations

The Minister of Conservation has delegated a number of procedural and decision-making responsibilities to Council under the Reserves Act 1977. These delegations are made to "Council as a whole" and cannot be delegated to committees of Council or staff. Such decisions that must be made by a meeting of the full Council (Council as a whole) include adoption of reserve management plans, classification of reserves and granting of leases.

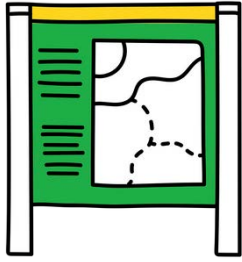
Other decisions, such as approval for events, removal of trees, issuing of leases etc. can be delegated from the Council to the Chief Executive and to staff. As delegations change from time to time, the term Council is used throughout the document. Staff should refer to the Delegations Manual to determine if they have the authority to make decisions in accordance with the policies in this management plan.

Reserve groupings within the RMP are by general ward boundaries. Each ward has also been grouped with its respective Māori Ward, but it is important to note that the two Māori Ward (Tai Raro Takiwā & Tai Runga Takiwā) do not completely align to general ward boundaries.

1.7 Implementation

This management plan provides objectives and policies that determine the appropriate use, protection and development of the reserves administered by the Council. Decisions relating to the funding and priority for works described in this plan will be undertaken within Council's Long Term Plan and Annual Plan. Inclusion of any project within this management plan does not indicate Council funding will be available for such works as works may be funded and delivered by parties other than Council.

The requirements of the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014, to obtain an archaeological authority to modify recorded and unrecorded archaeological sites may be applicable to works undertaken in reserves. The consideration of the potential for the presence of archaeological sites at an early stage enables avoiding modifying any sites through good project planning.



2.0 The Reserves

2.1 Huntly General Ward/ Tai Raro Takiwaa Maaori Ward





2.1.1 Bailey Street Reserve



Background

Bailey Street Reserve contains a children's playground and a concrete pedestrian linkage between Bailey Street and Rosser Street. Both entrances are bollarded to prevent vehicle access.

Reserve Issues

- Unauthorised motorbike access.
- Vandalism and graffiti.
- Wandering dogs on the reserve.
- Lack of shade.

Reserve Management Policy

1.Undertake landscaping to improve visual amenity.

Proposed Development

- Consider the future use of the reserve and methods to enhance safety.

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve
Location	Rosser Street and Bailey Street, Huntly
Authority	Vested in the Crown, Administered by Council
Area	0.1383 ha
Legal Description	Lot 324 DPS 25983
Subject to WTTS	Yes



2.1.2 Blundell Place Park

Reserve Classification	Subject to the Local Government Act 2002
Location	Blundell Place, Huntly
Authority	Unformed Legal Road
Area	Approx. 0.0730 ha
Legal Description	Unformed Legal Road
Subject to WTTS	No



Background

This small neighbourhood park is located on legal road. The playground takes up a large portion of the site and the reserve is not currently landscaped.

Reserve Issues

- Lack of landscaping/opportunity to improve amenity.
- Not classified.
- Transpower's Hamilton - Meremere B (HAM-MER B) 110 kV transmission line traverses the north-eastern corner of the Reserve. No structures are located in the Reserve.
- Very boggy, poor drainage

Reserve Management Policy

1. Permit vehicle access associated with the ongoing operation, maintenance, development and upgrade of the National Grid transmission lines.

Proposed Development

- Investigate future use of the playground and possible alternative facilities.
- Consider additional signage identifying the reserve.
- Formalise and classify the reserve.
- Investigate a connection through to the neighbouring housing development.



2.1.3 Brownlie Crescent Reserve

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve
Location	Brownlie Crescent, Huntly
Authority	Vested
Area	Approx. 0.3860 ha
Legal Description	Lot 287 DPS 24504
Subject to WTTS	No



Background

This flat reserve is located at the end of Brownlie Crescent and is bordered on all sides by the road. It contains a small number of large trees as well as a basketball hoop and small concrete pad.

Reserve Issues

- Proximity to road (safety).
- Rubbish on the reserve.
- Visual amenity of reserve.
- Wandering dogs on the reserve.
- Lack of seating/picnic tables.

Reserve Management Policy

1. Undertake landscaping to improve visual amenity.
2. Allow the site to be utilised for a community garden.

Proposed Development

- Install seating near the basketball hoop.
- Consider further amenity planting.



2.1.4 Caesar Roose/Hall St Reserve

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve
Location	Hall Street, Huntly
Authority	Vested
Area	Approx. 1.2863 ha
Legal Description	Lot 257 DPS 27892 Lot 273 DPS 27894
Subject to WTTS	No



Background

This large reserve serves as a pedestrian linkage network, with entrances from five different streets and numerous concrete paths. There is bollarding at the entrance points and a selection of established trees. The topography is generally flat with a couple of built up areas, and the visibility is generally good.

Reserve Issues

- Dumping of rubbish in the reserve.
- Vehicles accessing the reserve, specifically motorbikes.
- Several neighbouring with private properties are in poor condition.
- Transpower's Hamilton - Meremere B (HAM-MER B) 110 kV transmission line traverses the centre of the Reserve. No structures are located in the Reserve.

Reserve Management Policy

1. Permit vehicle access associated with the ongoing operation, maintenance, development and upgrade of the National Grid transmission lines.

Proposed Development

- Improve bollarding and reserve access.



2.1.5 Fairfield Park

Reserve Classification	Generation of Electricity New Zealand Gazette
Location	Fairfield Avenue, Huntly
Authority	Uncompleted Public Work Transaction - Appointment to Control and Manage
Area	6.0211 ha
Legal Description	Part Allotments 43, 44 Pepepe Parish
Subject to WTTS	Yes



Background

This well utilised site provides open space for the local area and is easily accessible with a large amount of road frontage. The surface is flat to undulating and the site is bordered by several established trees. There are footpath linkages crossing the site.

There is a playground, skate park, basketball hoop and fenced off dog exercise area at the Northern section of the site.

Hamilton - Meremere A (HAM-MER A) 110 kV transmission line traverses the western side of the Reserve. Poles A235, 236, 237 and 238 are located in the reserve.

Reserve Management Policy

1. Permit vehicle access that is associated with the ongoing operation and maintenance of the National Grid transmission lines.



Reserve Issue

- Poor drainage.
- Vehicles accessing the site, particularly motorbikes. Some of the boundaries are bollarded, but other sections are not.
- High voltage overhead powerlines restrict reserve development.
- Lack of general signage.
- Issues relating to the ownership of the reserve, restricting reserve development.
- Anti-social behaviour and vandalism.
- Illegal dumping.

Proposed Development

- Extend bollarding around reserve.
- Consider ways to visually improve the reserve.
- Consider methods to improve crime prevention and restrict vandalism.
- Consider the provision of carparking, public toilets and fencing for the playground.



2.1.6 Gavin Place Reserve

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve
Location	Gavin Place, Huntly
Authority	Vested
Area	0.3886 ha
Legal Description	Lot 60 DPS 24501
Subject to WTTS	No



Background

This is a flat park that provides a good open space for informal sporting activities as well as a linkage between three roads. It includes concrete paths for pedestrians and established trees.

Reserve Issues

- Vehicles accessing the reserve, specifically motorbikes.
- Rubbish on reserve.
- Lack of visual amenity.
- No signage.

Reserve Management Policy

1. Undertake landscaping to improve amenity.

Proposed Development

- Improve bollarding and reserve access.
- Consider planting fruit trees.



2.1.7 Huntly West Domain

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve Except Lot 3 DPS19370 which is subject to the Local Government Act 2002
Location	Semple Street and Fraser Street, Huntly
Authority	Declared
Area	2.1067ha
Legal Description	Lot 40 DPS858, Lot 1 & 8 DPS316, Pt Lot 9 DPS316, Lot 3 DPS19370
Subject to WTTS	Yes, except Lot 3 DPS19370



Background

This is a large neighbourhood park that has four access points and is located adjacent to the railway line. The reserve sits within the Huntly heritage area within the district plan. It contains a playground, picnic table and park seat, established trees and a full-sized basketball court and spectator seating. There is a Maori Wardens building and a bowling club's clubrooms on the reserve. Currently, a martial arts group is utilising the bowling club clubrooms on an informal basis.

In 2023, Council resolved to allow a ground lease to Raahui Pookeka Community Centres Trust (previously known as Friendship House Community Charitable Trust). A new relocatable building was placed the reserve in March 2025 to be the new Huntly West Community Hub.



Reserve Issues

- Ensure that consideration is given to railway safety and pedestrian access to the railway line. This can occur with options such as the use of fencing and/or landscaping buffers, and locating buildings away from the rail boundary, as potential means of managing the risk associated with the rail network adjoining public open space.
- Vehicles accessing the reserve.
- Graffiti.
- Condition of basketball court and car park.
- Security of buildings.
- No signage identifying the reserve as a park.
- Could do with additional native plantings.
- Path condition is poor.

Reserve Management Policy

1. Permit the lease of the community house building footprint to the Raahui Pookeka Community Centre Trust subject to General Policies 4.2.1
2. Support and collaborate with community groups to utilize the reserve for recreational and community purposes.

Proposed Development

- Improve the condition of the full-sized basketball court.
- Upgrade bollarding and reserve access.
- Investigate future use of the balance land of the reserve that is currently underutilized.
- Undertake a renewal programme for existing play facilities and consider alternative locations for the playground for better utilisation.



2.1.8 McDiarmid Crescent Park

Reserve Classification	Subject to the Local Government Act 2002
Location	McDiarmid Crescent, Huntly
Authority	Vested
Area	0.3659ha
Legal Description	Lot 116 DPS 27896 & Lot 117 DPS 27895
Subject to WTTS	No



Background

This reserve has established trees, boundary bollarding and a concrete path providing a linkage between the two access points. There is good visibility across the reserve.

Reserve Issues

- Motorcycles accessing the reserve.
- Graffiti.
- Dumping of rubbish and lawn clippings.
- Several fences are in poor condition adjoining private properties.
- CPTED Issues.
- Lack of signage to identify the reserve.
- Tree debris causing issues to neighbouring properties.

Reserve Management Policy

None identified.

Proposed Developement

- Improve bollarding to reduce vehicle access and signage to deter dumping.
- Consider native plantings.



2.1.9 Meadows Lane Reserve

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve
Location	Rosser Street and Meadows Lane, Huntly
Authority	Vested
Area	1.0514ha
Legal Description	Lot 256 DPS 24502
Subject to WTTs	No



Background

This is a large park with an undulating surface and established trees along the boundary.

Reserve Issues

- Poor drainage.
- Lack of signage.

Reserve Management Policy

1.Undertake landscaping to improve visual amenity.

Proposed Developement

- Install seating.
- Install identifying signage.
- Consider wetland planting in boggy areas.
- Investigate the future of the reserve.



2.1.10 O'leary/Caesar Roose Place Reserve

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve
Location	Caesar Roose Place and O'leary Place, Huntly
Authority	Vested
Area	0.4740ha
Legal Description	Lot 258 DPS26056
Subject to WTTS	No



Background

This reserve has established trees, boundary bollarding and a concrete path providing a linkage between the three access points.

The land parcel adjoining Bond Street is not owned by Council (Vested to the Crown) and therefore excluded from this management plan; however it is also grassed with a concrete path and has been incorporated into the Council owned reserve. Daffodils are also planted within the road reserve adjacent to the reserve.

Reserve Issues

- Lack of signage to identify the reserve as a public asset.
- Vehicles accessing the reserve, specifically motorbikes.
- Land not owned by Council has been incorporated into the reserve.
- Beautification needed.
- CPTED issues.
- Removal of pest plants such as Woolly nightshade.
- Fencing needs painting and fitted with correct timber lengths.
- Large tree stumps need to be removed.
- Paths are fair but cracking. Poor mobility for wheelchair/mobility scooter users.



Reserve Management Policy

No policies are currently identified.

Proposed Development

- Improvements to bollarding and reserve access.
- Consider installation signage to identify the parcel as a reserve.
- Consider signage to deter dumping and having dogs on leads.
- Consider additional native planting and/or fruit trees.



2.1.11 Parry Street Reserve

Reserve Classification	Sanitary Purposes Reserve
Location	Parry Street, Huntly
Authority	Vested
Area	0.289ha
Legal Description	Lot 1 DPS 9787
Subject to WTTS	Yes

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Reserve) Reserve
Location	Parry Street, Huntly
Authority	Vested
Area	0.5462ha
Legal Description	Lot 2 DPS 44246
Subject to WTTS	No



Background

This reserve extends from Parry Street through to the railway line. It has a grassed floodbank, a large undulating open space and established trees at the Southern end of the reserve.

Reserve Management Policy

1. Define reserve boundaries and undertake access realignment.



Reserve Issues

- Ensure that consideration is given to railway safety. This can occur with options such as the use of fencing and/or landscaping buffers, and locating buildings away from the rail boundary, as potential means of managing the risk associated with the rail network adjoining public open space.
- Lack of signage to identify the reserve as a public asset.
- The Eastern boundary of the ground isn't identifiable.
- CPTED issues.
- Lack of seating and plantings.
- Graffiti issues.

Proposed Development

- Protect and enhance existing tree planting on the reserve and seek to extend ecological linkages to neighbouring waterways.
- Install identifying signage.



2.1.12 Rayner Road Park

Reserve Classification	Subject to the Local Government Act 2002
Location	Rayner Road, Huntly
Authority	Vested
Area	Approx. 0.2400ha
Legal Description	Unformed Legal Road
Subject to WTTS	No



Background

This neighbourhood park is located on legal road. It includes a playground and the reserve is not currently landscaped. It is on a slope running downhill from east to west.

Reserve Issues

- Lack of landscaping and seating.
- Safety/proximity to road.
- Poor drainage.
- Consider more seating

Reserve Management Policy

None identified.

Proposed Development

- Consider additional landscaping.
- Install seating.



2.1.13 Riverview Road Park

Reserve Classification	Subject to the Local Government Act 2002
Location	64 Riverview Road, Huntly
Authority	The land was originally freehold land that was transferred to the Huntly Borough Council
Area	0.1609ha
Legal Description	Lot 2 DP 28811
Subject to WTTS	No



Background

This attractive park includes a children's playground and a picnic table. From the site there are scenic views of the Waikato River.

Reserve Issues

- Proximity to road with high traffic heavy vehicle usage.
- Lack of safe parking for reserve users.
- Litter.

Reserve Management Policy

None identified.

Proposed Development

- Undertake planned renewal programme for the playground.



2.1.14 Rosser Street Reserve

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve
Location	Rosser Street and James Henry Crescent Huntly
Authority	Declared
Area	4.0587ha
Legal Description	Lot 372 DPS26575 Lot 373 DPS26579 Lot 374 DPS 26580 Lot 288 DPS 26581
Subject to WTTS	No



Background

This is a very large reserve which is largely undeveloped. There is a concrete footpath providing a pedestrian linkage between Rosser Street and James Henry Crescent.

Reserve Issues

- Very poor drainage.
- Limited road access at Southern end.
- Rubbish dumping.
- Graffiti.
- Utilisation of reserve.
- Lack of visual amenity.
- CPTED issues
- Vehicles accessing the reserve, specifically motorbikes.



Reserve Management Policy

None identified.

Proposed Development

- Install bollarding and improve reserve access.
- Investigate the future use of this reserve.



2.1.15 Russell Road Reserve

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve
Location	Russell Road and Burke Place, Huntly
Authority	Vested
Area	0.3391 ha
Legal Description	Pt Lot 39 DP 23553 Lot 40 DPS 25279 REC RES
Subject to WTTS	Yes



Background

From the Russell Road entrance this is an attractive park that includes a playground, landscaping and established trees. A picnic table and a park bench are provided within the same area. The park runs down a slope towards the road.

Behind the playground the remainder of the reserve is disconnected, behind a row of trees and a fence line. This portion of the reserve is undeveloped with the exception of a concrete footpath that provides a linkage to Burke Place. There are good views overlooking Huntly from the top of the reserve.

Reserve Issues

- Lack of connectivity and integration throughout the reserve. The concrete paths do not connect, and a fence splits the reserve.
- Lack of signage and seating.

Reserve Management Policy

None identified.

Proposed Development

- Create walking access and connectivity between the two reserve entrances.
- Consider additional identifying signage and seating.



2.1.16 Smith Avenue Reserve

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve
Location	Smith Avenue, Webb Street and Armstrong Street, Huntly
Authority	Declared
Area	0.0913ha (Lot 98) 1.3830ha (Part Lot 14)
Legal Description	Part Lot 14 DPS 1010 Lot 98 DPS 858
Subject to WTTS	Yes



Background

This reserve is undeveloped and provides a large area for informal sporting recreation. It has four entrance points.

Reserve Issues

- Vehicles accessing the reserve, specifically motorbikes.
- Graffiti and general vandalism
- Visual amenity of reserve.
- Rubbish dumping.
- Transpower's Hamilton - Meremere A (HAM-MER A) 110 kV transmission line traverses the western side of the reserve. Poles A227 and A228 are also located in the Reserve.
- Lack of signage.
- Lack of usage.

Reserve Management Policy

1. Permit vehicle access associated with the ongoing operation, maintenance, development and upgrade of the National Grid transmission lines.



Proposed Development

- Upgrade bollarding.
- Investigate the future use of the reserve.
- Consider more seating.



2.1.17 Tainui Bridge Road Park

Reserve Classification	Subject to the Local Government Act 2002
Location	Tainui Bridge Road, Huntly
Authority	Originally private land that was acquired by the crown for better utilisation. Transferred to the Huntly Borough Council in 1984.
Area	0.1541ha
Legal Description	Allotment 860 Taupiri Parish
Subject to WTTS	Yes



Background

This undeveloped site is located in a central location and includes one large notable tree (English Oak).

Reserve Issues

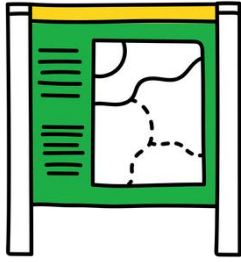
- Lack of signage to identify the site as a public asset.
- Lack of landscaping/opportunity to improve amenity.
- Dominance of advertising signs.
- Safety/proximity to road.

Reserve Management Policy

1. Undertake landscaping and improve amenity value of site.

Proposed Development

- Consider the future use of the land.



2.0 The Reserves

2.2 Newcastle-Ngaruawahia General Ward/Tai Runga Takiwaa Maaori Ward





2.2.1 Bob Byrne Memorial Park, Taupiri

Reserve Classification	Subject to the Local Government Act 2002
Location	Great South Road, Taupiri
Authority	The land is part of Great South Road that is unformed and a buffer between the carriageway and the river.
Area	Approx. 05080ha
Legal Description	Unformed Legal Road
Subject to WTTS	No



Background

This attractive neighbourhood park is located between Great South Road and the Waikato River in Taupiri. It has many established trees, bushes and gardens. A gravel driveway and car park allows vehicle entry into the site, with bollards around its edges. A public toilet is located on the reserve and there is also a basic playground and some picnic tables.

Reserve Issues

- Proximity to main road. Trees and shrubs are acting as a barrier to separate the site from the road.
- Reserve requires formal classification as a Recreation Reserve.
- Lack of signage to deter dumping and state that dogs should remain on-lead.

Reserve Management Policy

None identified



Proposed Development

- Improve visibility of river and locate picnic tables and seating in locations with scenic views.
- Consider additional native plantings.
- Consider installation of additional signage.



2.2.2 Duke Street Reserve, Ngaruawahia

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve
Location	Duke Street, Ngaruawahia
Authority	Declared
Area	2.0234ha
Legal Description	Section 184 Nth Newcastle Subs Blk VII
Subject to WTTS	No



Background

There are buildings near the entrance and much of the land is in paddocks. It is also adjacent to a school.

The site has previously been used for a community garden/maara kai.

Reserve Issues

- Lack of visible road frontage.
- Not currently utilised as a neighbourhood park.

Reserve Management Policy

1. Investigate the future use and purpose of this site as a reserve.

Proposed Development

None identified.



2.2.3 Galileo Street Park, Ngaruawahia

Reserve Classification	Subject to the Local Government Act 2002
Location	Galileo Street and Great South Road, Ngaruawahia
Authority	Appointment to control and manage
Area	0.0151ha
Legal Description	Part Allots 187 190 TN OF Newcastle
Subject to WTTS	Yes



Background

The site consists of a flat mowed grass site and a few trees between the main road and Galileo Street. The reserve parcel only incorporates a small portion of the grassed area, with the majority being unformed legal road. There is a metal fence acting as a safety barrier alongside the main road. There are footpaths across the site providing pedestrian linkages.

Reserve Issues

- Much of the site is located on an unformed legal road.
- Safety issues associated with proximity to busy roads, e.g. unsuitable for informal sporting activity.

Reserve Management Policy

1. Stop the unformed legal road and incorporate it into the reserve or declare the reserve to be road and maintain as a berm.

Proposed Development

- Consider planting fruit trees for the community.



2.2.3 North Street Reserve, Ngaruawahia

Reserve Classification	Reserve for public utility purposes
Location	North Street, Ngaruawahia
Authority	Declared
Area	0.0822 ha
Legal Description	Lot 25 DPS 420
Subject to WTTS	No



Background

This small reserve is a flat grassed site with two entrances via narrow accessways. The wider accessway from North Street has bollards and a chain to prevent vehicle access.

Reserve Issues

- This reserve has very limited road frontage and is not well designed from a Crime Prevention through Environmental Design perspective. The accessway to the Waikato Esplanade is very narrow.
- Lack of signage to identify the reserve as a public asset.
- There is limited recreational potential, besides a walking linkage between two streets.
- Utilisation of reserve.

Reserve Management Policy

None identified.

Proposed Development

- Investigate the future use of this reserve.



2.2.3 Te Mana o Te Rangi Reserve, Ngaruawahia

Reserve Classification	Recreation Purposes (Public Work)
Location	Great South Road, Ngaruawahia
Authority	Vested
Area	5.1986ha
Legal Description	Section 1 SO 305281
Subject to WTTS	No



Background

This large site is located between Great South Road and the railway line within Ngaruawahia. It is a former landfill site and vents were removed from the surface in late 2015. The site is relatively flat with some established trees at the North-West end of the site. A fenced off dog exercise area is also located in the North-West portion. In 2016 Council resolved to name the reserve 'Te Mana o Te Rangi Reserve'.

Reserve Issues

- Ensure that consideration is given to railway safety. This can occur with options such as the use of fencing and/or landscaping buffers, and locating buildings away from the rail boundary, as potential means of managing the risk associated with the rail network adjoining public open space.
- Development potential is impacted due to former use as a landfill site.
- Lack of drainage causing maintenance issues and subsidence in the clay surfacing.
- Problems with unauthorised vehicle access.



Reserve Management Policy

1. Consider urban design principles to further buffer the railway line from the site.
2. Produce a landscape plan for the site to be implemented.
3. Permit Anzac celebrations on the reserve.
4. Comply with the closed landfill aftercare management plan and associated consents.

Proposed Development

- Support Mana Whenua and the Community Board desire undertake a concept plan for the site.
- Consider improved lighting and seating for dog exercise area for early morning/late evening use.



2.2.6 Te Wiata Reserve, Ngaruawahia

Reserve Classification	Lots 45 & 49: Local Purpose (Amenity) Reserve Lot 27, 51 and 52: Local Purpose (Accessway) Reserve
Location	Te Wiata Lane, Ngaruawahia
Authority	Vested
Area	0.4659ha
Legal Description	Lot 45, 49, 51, 52 DP 372585 Lot 27 DPS 45775
Subject to WTTS	No



Background

This neighbourhood park has two open space areas with a creek running through the middle. There is plenty of space for informal recreational activity as well as a playground and picnic table. The creek is lined with trees and shrubs and continues on the Southern side of Te Wiata Lane.

There are also pedestrian accessways on Te Wiata Lane that allow easy access to the reserve for an increased number of residents.

Reserve Issues

- Vehicles accessing the reserve.
- Graffiti on the fence surrounding the reserve.
- CPTED safety issues on Barakat Walkway.

Reserve Management Policy

None identified.

Proposed Development

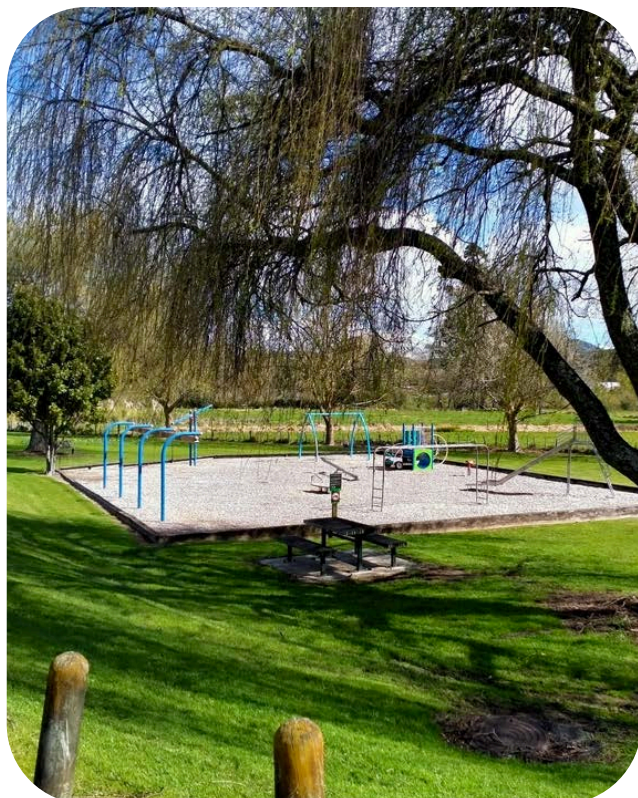
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2.2.7 Waipa Esplanade Reserve, Ngaruawahia

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve
Location	Waipa Esplanade, Ngaruawahia
Authority	Vested
Area	1.3681 ha
Legal Description	Lot 60 DPS 48202
Subject to WTTS	Yes

Reserve Classification	Subject to the Local Government Act 2002
Location	Waipa Esplanade, Ngaruawahia
Authority	Vested
Area	3.2735 ha
Legal Description	Section 663A Town of Newcastle South
Subject to WTTS	Yes





Background

The reserve was part of the larger Ngaruawahia Domain that was formerly administered by the Ngaruawahia Domain Board.

This is a large neighbourhood reserve that contains a playground, flat grassed area for informal sporting activities, one rugby goal post and established trees. The reserve is currently split in half, with an unused fenced off area to the south. This area was previously to a pony club. Investigations are currently underway for the future development of this portion of the reserve.

A playground is located adjacent to Waipa Esplanade, as well as one rugby post and small carparking providing access to the Waipa Esplanade walking track.

Reserve Issues

- Restoration of riparian values.
- Underutilised.
- Unauthorized vehicle access.
- Flooding and drainage issues.
- Antisocial behaviour.
- Erosion issues along the walking track.

Reserve Management Policy

1. Support the restoration of the riparian margin of the Waipa Esplanade.

Proposed Development

- Develop a concept plan for future activities for the site.



2.2.8 Westgate Street Park, Ngaruawahia

Reserve Classification	Subject to the Local Government Act 2002
Location	Westgate Street and Herschel Street, Ngaruawahia
Authority	Vested
Area	0.0468ha
Legal Description	Allotment 694 Newcastle Township
Subject to WTTS	No



Background

This open space extends beyond the land parcel and also incorporates a portion of the legal road. The site is mown and has not been developed, with the exception of a public footpath and a couple of established trees.

Reserve Issues

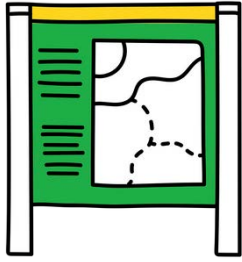
- Lack of signage to identify the site as a public asset.
- Most of the site area is outside of the land parcel (on the legal road).
- Lack of visual amenity.

Reserve Management Policy

1. Consider amending property boundary if a need is identified in the future.
2. Enable community-led planting and maintenance of fruit trees on the reserve.

Proposed Development

- Consider planting fruit trees with appropriate community support.



2.0 The Reserves

2.3 Tamahere-Woodlands

**General Ward / Tai Raro Takiwaa
Maaori Ward**





2.3.1 Good Street Reserve, Matangi

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve
Location	Good Street, Matangi
Authority	Vested
Area	0.1226ha
Legal Description	Lot 25 DPS 50562
Subject to WTTS	No



Background

This neighbourhood park is primarily comprised of a children's playground and a flat grass area suitable for informal sporting activity. In addition, there is a park seat, picnic table and a small selection of trees. Signage has recently been installed. There is also a pump station on the reserve.

Reserve Issues

- Lack of visual amenity.

Reserve Management Policy

None identified.

Proposed Development

- Support community groups to enhance the site.



2.2.7 Hukanui Park & Hall Site, Gordonton

Reserve Classification	Sections 6,7 Block VI Kornakorau Survey District: Local Purpose Reserve (Community Use)
Location	1020 State Highway 1B, Gordonton
Authority	Declared
Area	Section 7: 0.7621 ha Section 6: 0.2077 ha
Legal Description	Section 6,7 Block VI Komakorau Survey District
Subject to WTTS	Section 7: Yes Section 6: No



Reserve Classification	Allotment 275 & 272: Subject to the Local Government Act 2002 Pt NZ Loan: Workmans Cottage Site Lots 7-10: Public Works Land
Location	State Highway 1B and Garfield Street, Gordonton
Authority	Public Works Declared Reserve
Area	Allotment 275: 0.0809 ha Allotment 272: 0.0397 ha Pt NZ Loan: 0.2028 ha Lots 7-10: 0.4047 ha
Legal Description	LOTS 7-10 DP 284, ALLOT 272 275 Komakorau Parish, Pt NZ Loan & Mercantile Agency Company Ltd Land
Subject to WTTS	No



Background

This large site includes grassed areas and a number of buildings, including the Hukanui Hall, a house that is rented and an historic school building currently used as a day care centre. The park also contains a swing set, a war memorial monument and flagpole, public toilets, picnic tables and open space. There is a car park by the edge of the state highway and there are established notable English Oak trees across the whole site.

There is also a walking path through the site which links with a path to the nearby shops.

Works to develop a new destination playground are uncompleted at the time of this plans adoption. As a destination playground, it intends to provide an attraction for the local community, as well as visitors and travellers. Originally planned to be a local playground, the plan was enhanced to a destination playground to reinvigorate the area around the hall. Additionally generous funding has been provided by the Gordonton Hall Committee and WEL Energy Trust. The design of the playground was completed in consultation with local school children and is expected to open in 2025.

Reserve Issues

- Lack of ground lease arrangement.

Reserve Management Policy

1. Formalise ground lease arrangements for buildings.
2. Continue to allow pop-up markets and community events to operate on the reserve.
3. Earthworks for the purpose of the development of infrastructure and remedial works for Hukanui Park is permitted.

Proposed Development

- Complete construction of the new destination playground as planned.
- Consider further staged development as outlined in the master plan for Hukanui Reserve.



2.3.3 Jack Foster Reserve, Matangi

Reserve Classification	Community Purposes
Location	Matangi Road, Matangi
Authority	No Crown Residual Interest. The Land was originally Private Land that was acquired by Waikato District Council in 2007 vide NZ Gazette 2007 p3567 for Community Purposes (Public Work.)
Area	0.6952ha
Legal Description	Section 1 SO 392694
Subject to WTTS	No



Background

There is signage on the site acknowledging Jack Foster, after whom the site is named. It notes that Jack Foster epitomised the commitment the people of Matangi have to each other and the future. It also states that "Jack was born in Yorkshire, England and served in World War II in India and Burma with the Royal Army Veterinary Corps. He said that the war confirmed to him the value of community. Jack was Matangi's veterinarian for 45 years and he was a dedicated community man. He could be found helping at every community event, often with a tobacco pipe in hand".

Jack Foster Park has a flat topography and is mostly a grassed site. The site includes a selection of very established trees and also some more recent plantings. A gravel accessway runs through a portion of the site and the exterior is fenced. It neighbours a local school and a church.



At time of adoption of this plan, Council is currently undertaking design and development work to provide a car park and formed access to the reserve. Carpark plans are now out for tender and construction is expected in the second half of calendar year 2025.

Reserve Issues

- High vehicle usage of the site to access school.
- Enhancement of the balance of the reserve is needed -i.e. the vehicle free space created.

Reserve Management Policy

- 1.The Matangi Community Plan identified a desire to provide youth facilities and these could be considered at this site.
- 2.Earthworks is permitted for the purpose of the development of infrastructure and amenity for Jack Foster Reserve.

Proposed Development

- Install picnic tables.
- Construct and establish a formed carpark and formalized access.
- Consider the reserve as a location for a future public toilet in Matangi.
- Consider a concept plan drafted in collaboration with the community.



2.3.4 Te Awa Reserve, Tamahere

Reserve Classification	Parts Allotment 10 Tamahere Parish and Lot 1 DPS 13314: Recreation Reserve Part Lot 8 DP 9747 and Closed Road adjoining Parts Allotment 10 Tamahere Parish: Esplanade Reserve
Location	Te Awa Road, Tamahere
Authority	Vested
Area	1.3284ha
Legal Description	Parts Allotment 10 Tamahere Parish, Part Lot 8 DP 9747, Lot 1 DPS 13314, Closed Road adjoining Parts Allotment 10 Tamahere Parish
Subject to WTTS	Yes (Pts Allotment 10 and Lot 1)



Background

This is a scenic and peaceful reserve with a large flat grass area, playground and established trees on the upper level. The reserve is well signed, has a gravel car park and bollards to prevent cars accessing the grass. At the back of the reserve a walkway provides access down the riverbank. The walkway extends along the river edge amongst established trees where a variety of birds can be heard.



Reserve Issues

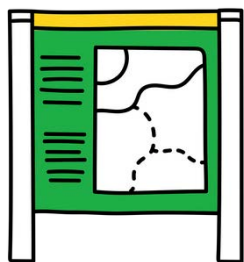
- Unauthorized motorbike access.
- Antisocial behaviour.
- It is not easy to identify that there is a walking track down the riverbank.
- CPTED issues
- Pest problems (rabbits)
- Lack of toilet facilities.
- Accessibility issues along the Waikato River due to erosion and pest plants.

Reserve Management Policy

- 1.The walk along the river should be maintained as a beautiful “wilderness” walk.
- 2.The walkway could be extended.
- 3.Promote the walking track through signage or by extending it closer to the entrance.
- 4.Support the restoration of the riparian margin of the Waikato River.

Proposed Development

- Install chains to prevent access by motorcyclists.
- Install picnic tables and seating.
- Look to expand the walkway through acquiring additional land through future subdivisions and enhance existing walkway (improve surface).
- Consider installation of public toilets.



2.0 The Reserves

2.4 Tuakau-Pokeno General Ward/Tai Raro Takiwaa Maaori Ward





2.4.1 Centennial Park, Tuakau

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve
Location	Bollard Road & Park Ave, Tuakau
Authority	Declared
Area	1.1720ha
Legal Description	Part Lot 1 DP 13796, Lots 9-12 and Part Lot 13 DP 16549 and DP 25648
Subject to WTTs	No



Background

This large neighbourhood park includes a playground, established trees, picnic tables, park benches and a large grass area on a gradual slope. Bollards and chains surround the road entrances, and the reserve is allocated as a dog exercise area. The Kairoa stream passes through the Eastern portion of the reserve. There are a variety of trees and gardens around the stream, as well as a walking path.

A bridge over the Kairoa stream at the Eastern edge of the reserve was officially opened by His Worship the Mayor Allan Sanson in 2014 and sponsored by the Graham family.

There are plaques by the Western entrance that state: "1840 – 1940 Erected by the people of Tuakau and the surrounding district and in honour dedicated to the memory of those pioneer men and women who having endured dangers and great hardship won for us our heritage".

Access is given through the reserve for maintenance of the main network lines.



Reserve Issues

- Ensure that consideration is given to railway safety. This can occur with options such as the use of fencing and/or landscaping buffers, and locating buildings away from the rail boundary, as potential means of managing the risk associated with the rail network adjoining public open space.
- Ensure trees are kept away from the railway line.
- Whilst there is signage by the car park, it is not easily viewable.
- Quality of seating and picnic tables.
- Dumping.
- Consider fencing near waterways.

Reserve Management Policy

1. Consider urban design principles to further buffer the railway line from the reserve.
2. Protect the collection of high-quality harakeke for harvest located on the reserve.

Proposed Development

- Assess whether upgrades to the seating and fencing on the reserve are necessary.
- Consider the installation of dog agility equipment.
- Consider the reserve a location for gym equipment, as well as other reserves within Tuakau.



2.4.2 Central Park, Tuakau

Reserve Classification	Subject to the Local Government Act 2002
Location	George Street, Tuakau
Authority	Freehold
Area	0.2099ha
Legal Description	Lot 10 and 11 DP 9268
Subject to WTTs	No



Background

There is a plaque on a monument on the site that states: "This park was provided by the citizens of Tuakau to commemorate the existence of the Tuakau Borough Council formed from the Tuakau Town Board 1955 amalgamated with the Franklin District 1989".

There is also a Sir Edmund Hillary monument erected by Rotary Club of Tuakau. It notes he attended Tuakau Primary School from 1924 – 1931. The site has seating, paths, gardens and established trees. It is a flat well-maintained site in a central town location. Bollards and chains block vehicle access from the road.

Reserve Issues

None identified.

Reserve Management Policy

- 1.Retain as a passive reserve and do not allow a playground or public toilets to be built.
- 2.Classify the reserve under the Reserve Act 1977.

Proposed Development

- Consider installation of picnic tables.



2.4.3 Harriet Johnston Drive Reserve, Pookeno

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve
Location	Harriet Johnston Drive, Pookeno
Authority	Freehold
Area	0.201ha
Legal Description	Lot 107 DP 529214
Subject to WTTS	No



Background

This reserve was vested to Council via subdivision in 2019. The park has a playground and provides a walking connection between Harriet Johnson Drive and Culverwell Crescent. The park has been landscaped with native trees to provide

Reserve Issues

- No identifying signage.
- Confirmation of the name of the reserve.
- Could benefit from seating/picnic table.
- Consider further landscaping shrub gardens.
- Consider allowing further play infrastructure on the reserve.
- Lack of safe pedestrian crossings to the reserve.

Reserve Management Policy

None identified.

Proposed Development

- Consider installation of seating/picnic tables.



2.4.4 Hitchen Road Reserve, Pokeno

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve
Location	Hitchen Road, Pokeno
Authority	Freehold
Area	0.313ha
Legal Description	Lot 104 DP 513873
Subject to WTTs	No



Background

This reserve was vested to Council in 2017 via subdivision and is located amongst a new development in Pokeno. Located on the corner of Hitchen Road and Flannery Road, the reserve provides a path connection to both roads. Additionally, a stand of notable trees (Norfolk Pines) is located on the reserve.

Reserve Issues

None identified.

Reserve Management Policy

None identified.

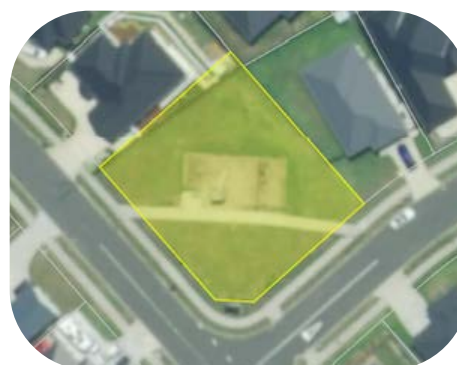
Proposed Development

No specific development is anticipated.



2.4.5 James Elliot Way Reserve, Pokeno

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve
Location	James Elliot Way, Pokeno
Authority	Freehold
Area	0.117ha
Legal Description	Lot 100 DP 548745
Subject to WTTs	No



Background

This reserve was vested to Council in 2021 via subdivision and is located amongst a new development in Pokeno. Located on the corner of James Elliot Way and Frankfield Road, the reserve includes a children's playground, a concrete path connecting the park and small scrubs gardens.

Reserve Issues

None identified.

Reserve Management Policy

None identified.

Proposed Development

No specific development is anticipated.



2.4.6 Kowhai Street Reserve, Tuakau

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve
Location	Kowhai Street, Matipo Drive, and George Street, Tuakau
Authority	Vested
Area	0.6843
Legal Description	Lot 70 DP 78424
Subject to WTTS	No



Background

The South-West end of this site is adjacent to a stream and is currently undeveloped. There is potential to create a track in the future past the established trees through to the North- East portion of the reserve which contains a larger grass area (mowed to a higher standard). The North-East portion is a capped landfill and includes a pump station. The reserve includes a large fenced off dog exercise area.

The site can be accessed from Kowhai Street, Matipo Drive and George St.

Reserve Issues

- Lack of signage to identify the site as a public asset.
- Lack of access through the site.
- Maintenance and enhancement of the watercourse through the site.

Reserve Management Policy

1. Acquire additional land to support the development of a walkway through to George St and Rapana Drive.



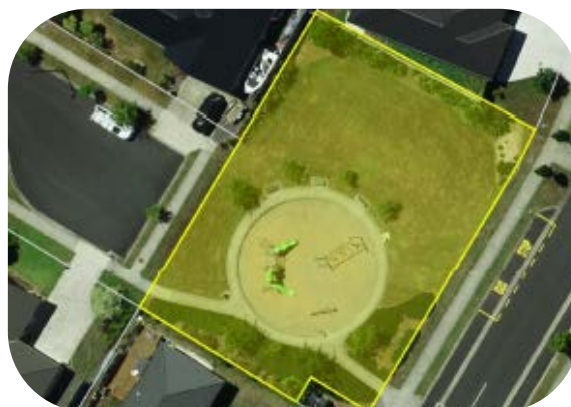
Proposed Development

- Develop a walkway/cycleway linkage through the site.
- Undertake Riparian plantings and ecological enhancement.
- Install signage indicating the reserve is a dog park.
- Install double gates and appropriate fencing for a dog park.



2.4.7 Mark Ball Reserve, Pookeno

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve
Location	Mark Ball Drive, Pookeno
Authority	Vested
Area	0.127ha
Legal Description	Lot 804 Deposited Plan 446854
Subject to WTTS	No



Background

This reserve is accessible from Mark Ball Drive and McNeish Place. The reserve includes a children's playground, concrete paths, park seats and a grassed area running down a slight slope. Trees have been planted, and gardens are located along the North and South boundaries.

Reserve Issues

- Lack of available shade.

Reserve Management Policy

None identified.

Proposed Development

No specific development is anticipated.



2.4.8 Martindale Lane Reserve, Tuakau

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve
Location	9 Martindale Lane, Tuakau
Authority	Vested
Area	0.1495 ha
Legal Description	Lot 45 DP 416113
Subject to WTTS	No



Background

This neighbourhood park includes a children's playground and a grassed area for informal sporting activities. Gardens are located by the playground along with numerous ornamental rocks and park seats. There are also a small number of trees on the reserve.

Reserve Issues

None identified.

Reserve Management Policy

None identified.

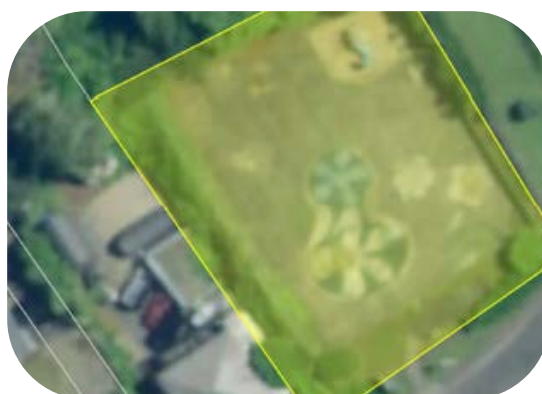
Proposed Development

- Consider installing a rubbish bin.



2.4.9 Mercer Playground, Mercer

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve
Location	Koheroa Road, Mercer
Authority	Declared
Area	0.1553ha
Legal Description	Section 40 Suburbs of Mercer
Subject to WTTS	No



Background

This neighbourhood park has been converted from two former tennis courts. As a result, the surface is mainly concrete. The reserve includes a playground with lighting, one basketball hoop, a picnic table, netting around the former tennis courts and gardens around the border of the reserve. Skate ramps were installed in 2016.

Reserve Issues

- Lack of signage to identify the reserve as a public asset.
- Concrete surface makes it unsuitable for some informal sports.
- Utilisation of reserve.
- Visual Amenity.
- Lack of vehicle parking.

Reserve Management Policy

1. Additional skateboarding facilities should be investigated if there is future demand to utilise the concrete surface.
2. Improve landscaping/gardens.



Proposed Development

- Re-establish one tennis court if there is future demand.
- Enable community groups to revitalize and enhance the reserve.
- Consider additional linemarking/painting on the courts/walls for a half courts, bike track and basketball targets.
- Consider additional reserve signage.



2.4.10 Reynolds Reserve, Tuakau

Reserve Classification	Subject to the Local Government Act 2002
Location	Buckland Road, Tuakau
Authority	Vested
Area	1.78ha
Legal Description	Lot 2 DP 23628
Subject to WTTS	No



Background

This reserve was purchased in 2020 for a future open recreational space. The area comprising 1.78ha consisted of a gentle slope away from Buckland Road going north. The reserve borders Tuakau College and residential housing to the north and east.

The Waikato District Council Parks Strategy 2014 identified a deficit for park land in Tuakau, with a 5ha shortfall for neighbourhood parks. The site was purchased for the purpose of a neighbourhood park.

Scoping and investigation followed, and in 2024 the first stage of works began with the playground completed in October 2024. Mana Whenua gifted the name 'Pipinui' for the playground. The second stage of work includes undertaking earthworks to flatten the mild slope on the reserve, as well as a walkway connecting Buckland Road with Booker Drive.

Reserve Issues

- Formalise carparking.



Reserve Management Policy

1. Earthworks are permitted for the purpose of the development of infrastructure and amenity for this reserve.

Proposed Development

- Final development works to undertake earthworks to flatten the site and completion of the connecting walkway.
- Consider the installation of picnic tables.



2.4.11 Totara Park, Pookeno

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve
Location	Glenkirk Crescent, Pookeno
Authority	Freehold
Area	0.716ha
Legal Description	Lot 3 DP 528385
Subject to WTTs	No



Background

This reserve was vested to Council in 2019 via subdivision and is located amongst a new development in Pookeno. It is accessible via Glenkirk Crescent and Hillpark Drive, with an additional path connecting through to Raithburn Terrace. The reserve includes a children's playground, BBQ's and picnic tables. Additionally, a stand of notable trees (Totara's) is located on the reserve.

Reserve Issues

None identified.

Reserve Management Policy

None identified.

Proposed Development

No specific development is anticipated.



2.4.12 Westmuir Crescent Reserve, Pookeno

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve
Location	Westmuir Crescent, Pookeno
Authority	Declared
Area	0.0861ha
Legal Description	Lot 107 DP 488825
Subject to WTTS	No



Background

This reserve was vested to Council in 2015 via subdivision and is located amongst a new development in Pookeno. Located on Westmuir Crescent, the reserve has a children's playground, seating, refuse bins and scrubs garden.

Reserve Issues

None identified.

Reserve Management Policy

None identified.

Proposed Development

No specific development is anticipated.



2.4.13 Village Place Reserve, Tuakau

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve
Location	Village Place, Tuakau
Authority	Vested
Area	0.607ha
Legal Description	Lot 6 DP 147900
Subject to WTTS	No



Background

This small neighbourhood park is located on a gradual slope. It mainly consists of mown grass and includes a small selection of trees.

Reserve Issues

- Lack of signage to identify the reserve as a public asset.
- Utilisation of reserve.

Reserve Management Policy

1. Undertake landscaping/beautification alongside the community to improve amenity value of reserve.

Proposed Development

- Consider installing identifying signage.



2.4.14 Viv Green Place Reserve, Pookeno

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Amenity) Reserve
Location	Viv Green Place, Pokeno
Authority	Freehold
Area	0.793ha
Legal Description	Lot 4 DP 590484 Lot 7 DP 597285 Lot 16 DP 590484
Subject to WTTS	No



Background

This reserve was vested to Council via subdivision in 2024. The park has a children's playground and provides walking connectivity through to Yashili Drive, Calder Crescent and Peacock Place. There has been native plantings within the gully system to improve biodiversity and improve visual amenity.

In 2023, the developer of the subdivision engaged local mana whenua regarding an appropriate name for the reserve. Feedback was provided that the reserve be named Maitai Park. Staff will engage local mana whenua to confirm that the name remains appropriate for the reserve.

Reserve Issues

- The walkway leading down to the gully from Viv Green Place is very steep and unfenced. This was vested to Council in this condition and requires safety improvement for possible risks.

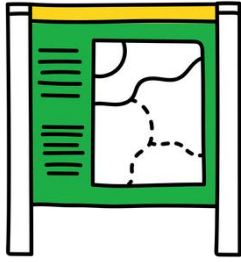
Reserve Management Policy

1. That Council re-engage mana whenua and the Pokeno Community Committee to confirm the name of the reserve as Maitai Park.



Proposed Development

- Assess the safety hazards of the walkway down the gully from the playground – and consider fencing or other ways to mitigate safety risks.



2.0 The Reserves

2.5 Waerenga-Whitikahu General Ward Tai Raro Takiwaa Maaori Ward





2.5.1 Bragato Way Reserve, Te Kauwhata

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve
Location	Bragato Way, Te Kauwhata
Authority	Vested
Area	0.501ha
Legal Description	Lot 204 DP 513408
Subject to WTTS	No



Background

This reserve was earmarked as a reserve within the Te Kauwhata Structure in 2009. Colloquially known as 'hilltop reserve', the reserve provides an excellent lookout point surrounding the area. The reserve was vested to Council in 2018 via subdivision and classified as Recreation Reserve.

The reserve remains undeveloped. Further land is expected to be vested to Council upon further development of the surrounding residential land. This will provide a more usable and accessible reserve.

The Iwihora family presented to the Te Kauwhata Community Committee (TKCC) in 2016 outlining their whanau's history in the Te Kauwhata/Waerenga area. The family asked if their whanau name Iwihora could be used to name the hilltop reserve, with four access pathways named after four sons who fought in WW2.

The presentation to the TKCC followed a series of meetings between representatives of the Iwihora whanau, the then chair of Nga Muka and the developers for the hilltop reserve. The developers agreed with the naming proposal, and the TKCC moved a motion of support to name the reserve Iwihora Reserve.



In addition, that four access pathways be named:

- Hauaru
- Tukapea
- Waitere
- Teriwhero

It has been proposed by staff that the reserve would be formally gazetted as Iwihora Reserve upon vested of further land for the reserve and re-engagement with the family and Nga Muka.

Reserve Issues

- The reserve remains undeveloped. The expected timeline for the surrounding subdivision to begin investigations and work remains unknown.

Reserve Management Policy

1. Adopt the name 'Iwihora Reserve' upon further vesting of balance reserve land.

Proposed Development

- Provide walkways across the reserve, providing access to the hilltop vantage area from the surrounding streets.
- Undertake all enhance landscaping in the development of the reserve.
- Consider installation of play facilities if deemed appropriate.



2.5.2 Lakeside Greenway Reserve, Te Kauwhata

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Greenway) Reserve
Location	Scott Road to Whites Way, Te Kauwhata
Authority	Vested
Area	0.696ha
Legal Description	Lot 4000 DP 546929 Lot 4001 DP 546929 Lot 4002 DP 546929 Lot 4003 DP 551331
Subject to WTTS	No



Background

This reserve was vested to Council in 2020 via subdivision and is located amongst the Lakeside development in Te Kauwhata. A concrete walkway provides access from Whites Way through to Scott Road, across from the village precinct. The walkway also intersects and provides connection to Crake Street, Pourewa Street and Bittern Road.

Reserve Issues

None identified

Reserve Management Policy

1. Investigate and adopt a formal name for the accessway following consultation with mana whenua.

Proposed Development

None identified.



2.5.3 Lakeside Central Reserve, Te Kauwhata

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve
Location	Scott Road, Te Kauwhata
Authority	Vested
Area	0.267ha
Legal Description	Lot 1 DP 591536
Subject to WTTS	No



Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Accessway) Reserve
Location	Whatahuhu Street, Te Kauwhata
Authority	Vested
Area	2.251ha
Legal Description	Lot 3557 Deposited Plan 585646
Subject to WTTS	No

Background

This reserve was vested to Council in 2023 via subdivision and is located amongst the Lakeside development in Te Kauwhata. A series of concrete walkways provides access from Whatahuhu Street and Scott Road, up to the commercial shopping precinct and the children's playground. The reserve provides an elevated viewpoint point of the wider Lakeside subdivision and Lake Waikare.

Maintenance for the Recreation Reserve and Playground remains with the developer at the time of adoption. Maintenance responsibility for the reserve will be transferred to Council on completion of the full development.



Reserve Issues

- Lack of shade at the playground.

Reserve Management Policy

None identified.

Proposed Development

None identified.



2.5.4 Meremere Reserve, Meremere

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve
Location	Te Wheoro Crescent, Meremere
Authority	Vested
Area	1.6050ha
Legal Description	Lot 255 DPS 47627
Subject to WTTS	No



Background

This is a large neighbourhood park with limited road frontage. A skate park and a basketball hoop are located near the centre. The park has several established trees, picnic tables, park seats and a concrete path throughout it. The reserve also includes battlefield view shafts through to the Meremere Pa and Redoubt area. A new playground was installed on the reserve in 2023.



Reserve Issues

- Graffiti and rubbish.
- Lack of road frontage.
- Poor visibility in some areas due to trees and topography.
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) issues.
- Lack of signage.
- Lack of shade for the playground.
- Limited seating on the reserve.
- Lack of public toilets.

Reserve Management Policy

- 1.Undertake a CPTED study to identify opportunities to improve safety, visibility and general appearance of the reserve.
- 2.Maintain the neighbourhood skate park as identified in the Parks Strategy.
- 3.Council to collaborate with the community to enable community-led projects to provide additional facilities.

Proposed Development

- Allow community-led projects to place sculptures or Maori carvings on the reserve.
- Establish fruit trees.
- Improve linkage to public library.
- Consider appropriate planting of areas difficult to maintain.
- Investigate improvements to the pump track surfacing and more accessible play equipment.



2.5.3 Te Kauwhata Railway Reserve & Village Green

Reserve Classification	Lot 6 DPS 76080: General Land Section 1 SO 305346: Recreation Purposes(Public Works Act 1981)
Location	Te Kauwhata Road and Saleyard Road, Te Kauwhata
Authority	Lot 6: Transferred Section 1: Vested
Area	Lot 6: 0.8547 ha, Section 1 SO 305346: 0.5521 ha
Legal Description	Lot 6 DPS 76080, Section 1 SO 305346
Subject to WTTS	No



Reserve Classification	Section 1 SO 381034: Local Purpose (Community Use) Reserve Section 1 SO 306019: Recreation Purposes
Location	14 Te Kauwhata Road, Te Kauwhata
Authority	Public Work
Area	Section 1 SO 381034: 0.0843ha Section 1 SO 306019: 0.0596ha
Legal Description	Section 1 SO 381034
Subject to WTTS	No

Background

These four land parcels are adjacent to the railway line in Te Kauwhata. Lot 6 DPS 76080 includes a soldiers memorial that was established in 2015 and a skate park. Section 1 SO 305346 includes a childrens playground, barbeque, picnic table and gravel carpark.



There are also established trees, gardens and grass areas for informal sporting recreation within the site. The railway is largely separated from the site by plantings. The smaller land parcels on the West of the railway line are grassed site, with a pedestrian linkage from the Northern one to the site on the other side of the railway.

Reserve Issues

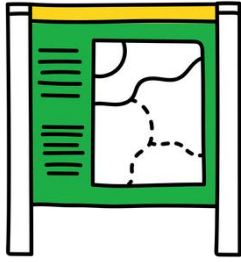
- Ensure that consideration is given to railway safety. This can occur with options such as the use of fencing and/or landscaping buffers, and locating buildings away from the rail boundary, as potential means of managing the risk associated with the rail network adjoining public open space.
- Connectivity between land parcels.

Reserve Management Policy

None identified.

Proposed Development

- Establish adult exercising equipment alongside the children's play area and an assault course aimed towards teenagers.
- Consider urban design principles to further buffer the railway line from the site.
- Look to increase walkway opportunities by acquiring land to the North of the site.
- Improvements and expansion to skate park.



2.0 The Reserves

2.6 Western Districts General Ward Tai Raro Takiwaa Maaori Ward





2.6.1 Maraetai Bay Foreshore Reserve, Port Waikato

Reserve Classification	Foreshore Reserve
Location	Maunsell Road, Port Waikato
Authority	Vested
Area	4.04ha
Legal Description	Lot 13 DPS 1186
Subject to WTTS	No



Background

This large foreshore reserve has plenty of space for informal sporting activities and beach access as well as a children's playground, barbeque, public toilets and changing rooms, picnic tables and park benches (with views across the bay) and a scattering of established trees.

Reserve Issues

- Encroachment by several neighbouring properties.
- Coastal erosion.
- Motorcycles accessing the dunes through the reserve.
- Lack of monitoring for prohibited freedom camping.

Reserve Management Policy

1. Resolve the issue of encroachment by the neighbouring properties.
2. Any works involving digging will require an archaeological assessment to be undertaken and consultation with Heritage New Zealand prior.

Proposed Development

- Construct an access track to the grassed emergency helicopter landing zone.



2.6.2 Pukemiro Domain, Pukemiro

Reserve Classification	Pukemiro Domain
Location	Bernard Street, John Avenue Pukemiro
Authority	Declared
Area	1.4505ha
Legal Description	Lot 56 DP 8585
Subject to WTTS	Yes



Background

This large reserve in Pukemiro is surrounded by undulating topography between Bernard Street and John Avenue. The park is separated into two large fields with a row of established trees acting as a divider. The Northern portion is situated higher than the southern portion of the reserve.

Reserve Issues

- Lack of road frontage.
- Access and security.
- Utilisation of reserve.
- Lack of signage to identify it as a public asset.
- Motorbikes accessing the reserve.

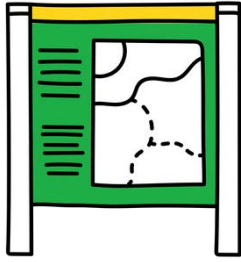
Reserve Management Policy

1. Encourage development of the reserve to increase utilisation.



Proposed Development

- Establish a walking/cycling linkage between the entrances.
- Open the John Avenue entranceway by installing signage, removing vegetation and improving visibility across the reserve.
- Council to collaborate with the community to enable community-led projects to provide additional facilities.



2.0 The Reserves

2.7 Whaingaroa General Ward/Tai Raro Takiwaa Maaori Ward





2.7.1 Bay View Road Reserve

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose Reserve (Plantation)
Location	Bay View Road, Raglan
Authority	Vested
Area	0.105ha
Legal Description	Part Lot 1 Deeds Plan 982
Subject to WTTS	No



Background

This reserve contains a large number of trees and shrubs, a gravel driveway and wooden steps providing access to the waterfront. A drain (partially piped) runs through the reserve. There is also a pump station.

Reserve Issues

- Encroachment by neighbouring property.
- Limited recreational potential.
- Lack of signage to identify the reserve as a public asset.
- Summertime use of the beach is often high, and rubbish is often left behind.

Reserve Management Policy

1. Investigate the potential for the site to serve a pedestrian linkage to the waterfront.
2. Resolve the issue of encroachment by the neighbouring property.
3. Assess ecological value of vegetation and improve visual amenity value.
4. Investigate the possibility to restore the piped drain to a more natural waterway.



Proposed Development

- Improve walking/cycling connection between the road and the waterfront.
- Provide seating and/or picnic tables with waterfront views.
- Council to collaborate with the community to enable community-led restoration.



2.7.2 Oram Park

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve
Location	Nihinihi Avenue & Taipari Avenue, Raglan
Authority	Vested
Area	0.4855ha
Legal Description	Lot 19 DP 34392, Lot 28 DP 31560, Lot 1 DP 32533
Subject to WTTS	No



Background

This is a large neighbourhood park that contains a fenced playground, large open space for informal recreation, established trees and clusters of fruit trees located in 'no spray zones'.

Reserve Issues

- Waterlogging issues causing disease and damage to fruit trees.

Reserve Management Policy

1. Continue to utilise the reserve for growing fruit trees and appropriate maintenance, in collaboration with the Whaingaroa Environment Centre.
2. Permit the investigation of drainage issues and options to provide natural drainage.

Proposed Development

- Additional playground equipment and landscaping as identified in the Waikato District Council Playground Strategy.
- Install bollards and chains to prevent vehicle access.



2.7.3 Puriri Street Park

Reserve Classification	Subject to the Local Government Act
Location	Puriri Street, Raglan
Authority	Unformed Legal Road
Area	Approx. 0.1105ha
Legal Description	Unformed Legal Road
Subject to WTTS	No



Background

This site is located on a unformed legal road. It contains picnic tables, established trees and bollards by the road entrance. Public toilets are located at the edge of the site.

Reserve Issues

- Erosion.

Reserve Management Policy

None identified.

Proposed Development

- Evaluate the future use of the existing play equipment.



2.7.4 Rangitahi Road Park

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve
Location	Rangitahi Road, Raglan
Authority	Vested
Area	0.3741ha
Legal Description	Lot 150 DP 545763
Subject to WTTS	No



Background

This reserve was vested to Council in 2020 via subdivision and is located amongst the Rangitahi development in Raglan. Located opposite Omahina Street, the reserve slopes down to the coastline, with a formed walkway down to the water's edge and through to Te Huinga Lane. The reserve also contains frisbee golf baskets.

Reserve Issues

No issues identified.

Reserve Management Policy

No policies identified.

Proposed Development

No specific development is anticipated.



2.7.5 Rangitahi Recreation Reserve

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve
Location	Tunarau Street, Raglan
Authority	Vested
Area	0.3177ha
Legal Description	Lot 801 DP 588945
Subject to WTTS	No



Background

This reserve and associated assets were vested to Council in 2023 via subdivision and is located amongst the Rangitahi development in Raglan. Located on the corner of Tunarau Street and Ruruhi Street, the reserve contains tennis courts, a basketball half-court, stadium seating along the western retaining wall and a public toilet.

Reserve Issues

No issues identified.

Reserve Management Policy

No policies identified.

Proposed Development

- Install signage identifying the public toilets.



2.7.6 Warihi Park

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve
Location	Cliff Street and Wallis Street, Raglan
Authority	Declared
Area	0.3364
Legal Description	Part Allotment 3 & 4 Town of Raglan
Subject to WTTS	Yes



Background

A sign is located at the Wallis Street entrance that states “Presented by Mr and Mrs W. Fletcher Wallis for a children’s playground 1941”. The initial playground was created by the Raglan Scouting movement. This reserve is separated into two areas by a gate in the middle.

The Wallis Street portion contains a playground, picnic table, seat, bin, established trees and a small number of fruit trees. There is also a grass area suitable for informal sporting activities.

The Cliff Street entrance does not have signage and is not easily identifiable as reserve. It contains several buildings including a hall used as a scout den, a sandpit, swings and established trees. The scout den is rarely used for its original purpose as there has been no scout troop in Raglan for over a decade.

Reserve Issues

- Lack of signage and recreational opportunities on Cliff Street portion of the reserve.
- Maintenance of buildings.
- Lack of off-street carparking on Cliff Street side of the reserve.



Reserve Management Policy

1. Continue to utilise the reserve for growing fruit trees, in collaboration with the Whaingaroa Environment Centre.
2. Formalise lease arrangements for buildings.
3. Council to collaborate with the Whaingaroa Environment Centre to enable community-led projects.

Proposed Development

- Investigate fencing/gating options for the playground.



2.7.7 Whale Bay Reserve

Reserve Classification	Lot 39 and Lot 5: Local Purpose Reserve (Esplanade) Lot 38: Recreation Reserve
Location	Calvert Road, Whale Bay
Authority	Vested
Area	0.9978ha
Legal Description	Lot 39 DPS 7801, Lot 38 DPS 7801, Lot 5 DPS 22469
Subject to WTTS	No



Background

This large neighbourhood park has entrances off Calvert Road and Tohora Close; it is easy to walk through the park along the mowed grass. There is existing signage, concreted walkways and rubbish bins at both entrances, public toilets, two swings, picnic tables, established trees and gardens, grassed areas (the lower lawn has a flat topography and is suitable for informal sports) and ocean views.

Reserve Issues

- Path improvements are required for safe access to public toilets.
- The reserve is muddy and slippery in places during winter and after rainfall.

Reserve Management Policy

1. Investigate opportunities to develop surf information signage in conjunction with the Point Boardriders Club.



Proposed Development

- Remove waterfront vegetation and relocate picnic tables to maximise ocean views.
- Metalled paths or alternative solutions to be investigated to address health and safety issues regarding slippery surfaces.



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