

**Waikato District
Sports Parks
Reserves
Management Plan
2025**



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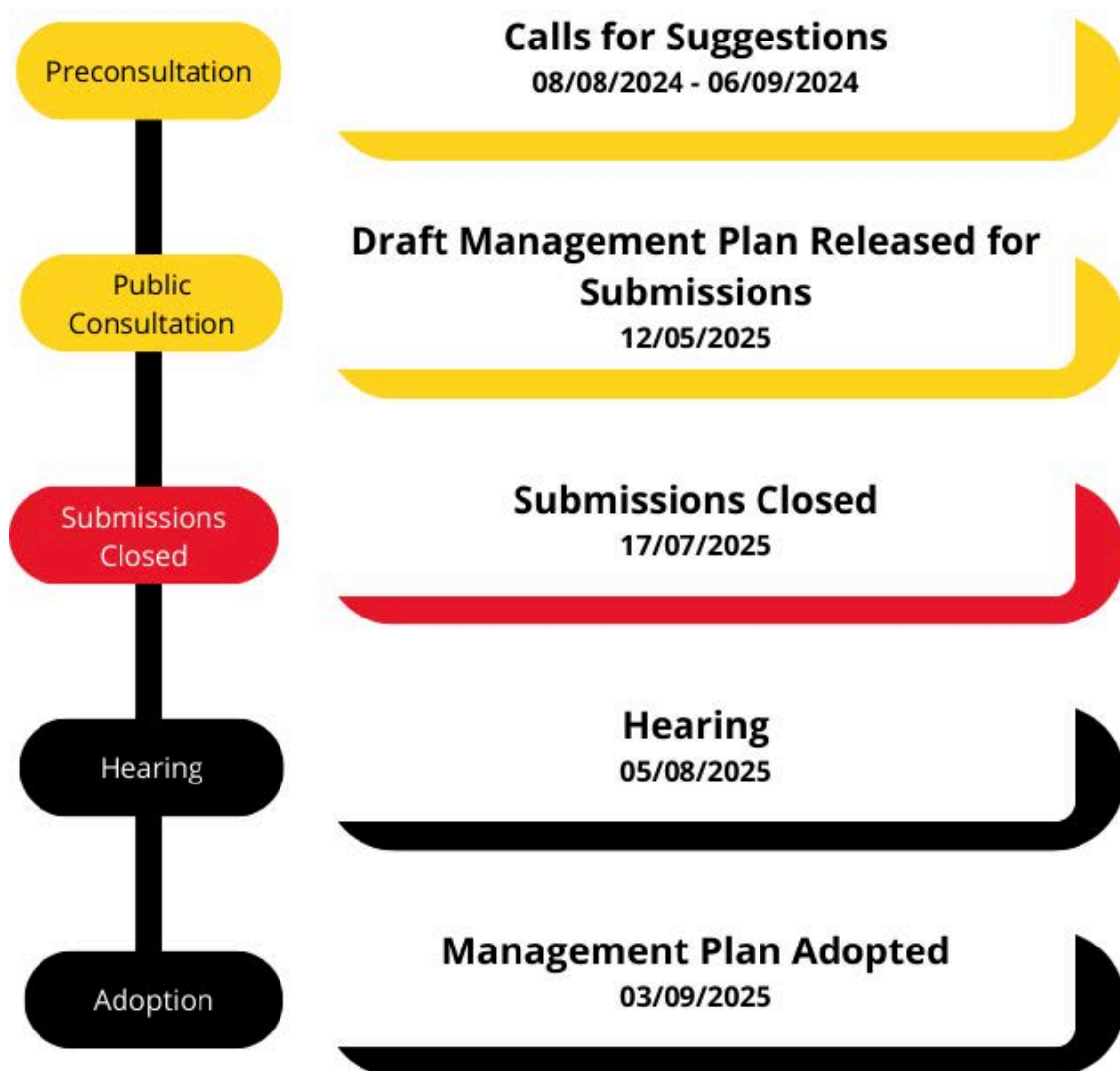
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Introduction

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

Plan process timeline





1.0 Purpose of this plan

Reserve management plans provide direction for the day-to-day management of 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 sports park is designed and used for both organized sport and informal recreation, providing for a range of community activities and facilities. The Parks Strategy 2014 categorizes reserves by their usage. Parks that have been categorized as Sports Parks are addressed in this RMP. As per the Parks Strategy, Sports Parks may feature formally maintained sports turf, hard courts, public toilets, sports training lights, changing facilities and car parking.

This plan will provide for a consistent approach to the management of sports park in the Waikato District.

1.1 Reserve Management Plan Requirements

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

The management plan 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 WTS”.

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.

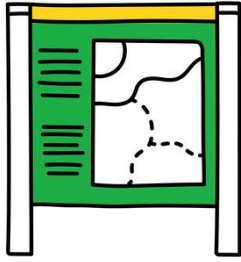
Reserve groupings within the RMP are by general ward boundaries. Each ward has also been grouped with its respective Māori Ward, but it is important to note that the two Māori Ward (Tai Raro Takiwā & Tai Runga Takiwā) do not completely align to general ward boundaries.

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 Awaroa-Maramarua General Ward Tai Raro Takiwaa Maaori Ward





2.1.1 Mangatangi Community Reserve

Reserve Classification	Subject to the Local Government Act 2002
Location	Miranda Road, Mangatangi
Authority	Declared
Area	0.4391ha
Legal Description	Part Lot 11 DP 7211 Section 1 SO 316724
Subject to WTTs	No



Current formal occupation

There are no formal occupation agreements.

Background

The reserve is located adjacent to the Mangatangi School. Part of the school parking/drop off area is on reserve land while one of the three tennis courts are on school land. A portion of unformed legal road adjoins the tennis courts and this is occupied by a play centre. It is intended that this unformed legal road be declared as reserve in the future.

The Council formally declared and classified the land as local purpose (community facilities) reserve in December 2014 prior to the notification of the previous management plan. Gazettal of the classification has not been completed.

Reserve Issues

- Boundary legalisation.



Reserve Management Policy

1. Permit the granting of an occupation agreement to the school over the portion of the reserve used for parking/pickup/drop off.
2. Permit the establishment and operation of lights to enable play to club competition level.
3. Permit the granting of a lease for the tennis courts should a club express interest, subject to General Policy 4.2.1.
4. Action the resolution to gazette and classify the reserve as a Local Purpose (Community Facilities) Reserve.
5. Permit the granting of an occupation agreement to the Mangatangi & District Playcentre for footprint of their current facility.

Proposed Development

No specific development is proposed.



2.1.2 Maramarua Rugby Grounds

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Community Use) Reserve
Location	State Highway 2, Maramarua
Authority	Declared
Area	0.5292ha
Legal Description	Lot 1 DPS 51621
Subject to WTTS	No



Current formal occupation

There are no formal occupation agreements.

Background

The Council reserve consists of mainly carpark, with the rugby fields located on school land and the clubrooms and a portion of the car park located on private land. Council currently maintains the rugby fields on school land. The reserve area was purchased by Waikato County Council in 1987 from the Thomson family.

Reserve Issues

- Security of tenure over car park and clubrooms.
- Security of tenure over use of school land for rugby.
- Condition of parking area and lighting within car park.

Reserve Management Policy

1. Consider the exchange of the reserve for the adjoining private land to the west to provide security of tenure for the rugby club.

Proposed Development

- Make improvements to the car parking area and lighting.



2.1.3 Onewhero Recreation Reserve



Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve	Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Fire Station) Reserve
Location	Hall Road, Onewhero	Location	Hall Road, Onewhero
Authority	Vested	Authority	Vested
Area	9.7343ha	Area	0.1293ha
Legal Description	Part Allotment 89, 183 and Part Allotment 184 Onewhero Parish	Legal Description	Part Allot 89 Onewhero PSH
Subject to WTTS	No	Subject to WTTS	No

Current formal occupation

There are no current formal occupation agreements in place.

Background

The reserve is located at Onewhero and has road frontage to Hall Road, Parsons Road and Onewhero/Tuakau Bridge Road. The reserve is approximately triangular in shape and has a gentle sloping contour to the east. Apart from the developed eastern end and the western tip where the tennis courts are located, the land is generally held in pasture.



The Onewhero Domain was established on 1921 and the Tennis Club was the first user in 1922. Rugby established on the site in 1928 and the clubrooms were built in 1938. They have since been improved and expanded and now also accommodate two squash courts.

The Onewhero Bowling Club established itself in 1945 on the reserve with the buildings and greens constructed by its members. Volunteer members also constructed the rural fire service facilities on Onewhero Tuakau Bridge Road.

Buildings from the original Onewhero School have been previously utilised by groups such as Scouts, Guides and the Onewhero Society of Performing Arts but they are currently vacant other than for their use as storage. There are proposals to relocate the old schoolhouse to the Onewhero Area School but this was not sanctioned by the Ministry of Education. The building will now remain in place with the community expressing interest in repairing and renovating the listed heritage building for community use. The Post Office was purchased by the Domain Board in 1988 to be used as a caretaker's residence. This is now let as a residential tenancy by the Council.

The Onewhero Recreation Reserve Committee is active on the reserve, highlighting community concerns and driving reserve development projects.

The Onewhero Rugby Football Club is located at the eastern end of the reserve with two full size fields, one with extensive lighting and the other with basic training lights. Large clubrooms are located adjacent to the main field.

The Onewhero Society of Performing Arts (OSPA) has constructed a theatre and associated facilities on the reserve as an extension to the Bowling Club premises and both organizations share a common social area. OSPA is seeking an extension to its premises for storage.

Reserve Issues

- Formalisation of existing occupancies.
- Remaining underutilised and undeveloped land.
- Lack of monitoring of freedom camping at the reserve.



Reserve Management Policy

1. Improve physical connections with the Onewhero School to ensure optimal use of the school and reserve facilities.
2. Permit the granting of a lease to the Onewhero Society of Performing Arts subject to General Policies clause 4.2.1 to enable the construction of a storage shed should this be unable to be accommodated within the existing buildings located on the reserve.
3. Permit the granting of a lease over the building footprint of the Onewhero Rugby Football Clubrooms including sufficient space to enable expansion of the existing clubrooms to the Onewhero Rugby Football Club subject to General Policies clause 4.2.1
4. Permit the granting of a lease over the bowling club greens and pavilion to the Onewhero Bowling Club subject to General Policies clause 4.2.1
5. Permit the granting of a lease over the tennis courts and pavilion to the Onewhero Tennis Club subject to General Policies clause 4.2.1
6. Support the community led establishment and operation of lights to enable training and play for the bowling club.
7. Permit the establishment and operation of training lights to enable training and play to club competition level for the tennis courts and rugby fields.
8. Provide public toilets on the reserve to accommodate sports and casual users.
9. Provide improved parking facilities as demand requires and resources permit.
10. Permit the construction of a walking/cycling track around the perimeter of the reserve and linking with the School to enable improved use of the reserve.
11. Permit freedom camping in self-contained vehicles only for a maximum of two nights in a designated area subject to the area not being required for events.^[1]
12. Permit the leasing of the old post office building as a residential tenancy subject to the tenant providing security or other services for the benefit of the reserve.
13. Permit the establishment of a BMX or Pump Track for bicycles subject to sufficient demand and resources.
14. Permit the granting of grazing licences over the reserve to assist with maintenance until such time that the reserve is required for other recreational uses.

Proposed Development

- Investigate re-surfacing the hard-surface courts to enable multi-use activities.
- Formalise leasing arrangements for informal occupations.

^[1] Waikato District Freedom Camping Bylaw 2023



2.1.4 Otaua Hall

Reserve Classification	Subject to the Local Government Act 2002
Location	Maioiro Road, Otaua
Authority	Vested
Area	0.4357
Legal Description	Part Allot 179 PSH OF Waiuku West Lot 4 DP 52986
Subject to WTTS	No



Current formal occupation

There are no formal occupation agreements.

Background

The Otaua Hall was formally opened in 1898. Located on the site are tennis courts. The local hall committee manages the hall as well as the tennis courts.

Reserve Issues

- Formalise occupation/use agreements.

Reserve Management Policy

No policies are proposed currently.

Proposed Development

No development is proposed at this time.



2.1.5 Otaua War Memorial Bowling Green

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve
Location	Maioiro Road, Otaua
Authority	Vested
Area	0.4286ha
Legal Description	Allotment 216 and 367 Parish of Waiuku West
Subject to WTTS	Yes



Current formal occupation

There are no formal occupation agreements.

Background

The Otaua District War Memorial Bowling Green was formally opened in November 1954. The original pavilion was replaced in 1963.

The war memorial forms the entrance to the reserve. A standard grass Bowling Green is provided along with a clubhouse and storage/utility sheds. A gate provides access to the portion of the reserve behind the greens. Bowls are no longer played on the reserve, and the improvements have reverted to Council ownership. The local hall committee now manages the clubrooms as an extension to its activities.

Reserve Issues

- Utilisation of bowling greens and buildings on site.
- Maintenance of the war memorial.



Reserve Management Policy

1. Permit the granting a grazing licence to enable the management of pasture on the reserve until such time that it is required for recreational purposes.
2. Should no alternative recreational use be found for the reserve, investigate further usage of the site, noting the significance of the war memorial.

Proposed Development

No development is proposed currently.



2.1.6 Pukekawa Recreation Reserve

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve
Location	Clark & Denize Road, Pukekawa
Authority	Declared
Area	0.3511ha
Legal Description	Lot 1 DP 30778, Lot 1 DPS 2785, Lot 1 DPS 12521
Subject to WTTS	No

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Community Use) Reserve
Location	Clark & Denize Road, Pukekawa
Authority	Vested
Area	0.4716ha
Legal Description	Lot 6 DPS 50732
Subject to WTTS	No



Current formal occupation

There are no current formal occupation agreements in place.

Background

The reserve is located in Pukekawa and is accessed from Clark and Denize Road. The Pukekawa Community Hall and the Pukekawa Bowling Greens are located on the reserve. An area of grass behind the hall and greens is used for pony riding activity.



A play centre and tennis courts are also located on the reserve. The playcentre currently utilises the reserve two days a week. It was resolved by Council in 2023 that a lease be granted to the playcentre, however this has yet to be finalised.

Reserve Issues

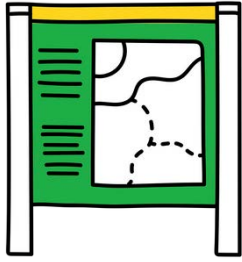
- Informal occupation of the reserve.
- Lack of play facilities for children aged 5+

Reserve Management Policy

1. Permit the granting of grazing licences over the reserve until such time that the land is required for other recreational purposes.
2. Permit the granting of a lease over the bowling greens and pavilion to the Pukekawa Bowling Club subject to General Policy 4.2.1.
3. Permit the granting of a lease over the playcentre building and accompanying reserve area to Te Whanui Tupu Ngatahi o Aotearoa (Pukekawa Playcentre), subject to mana whenua engagement.

Proposed development

- Consider the addition of play equipment for children aged 5+



2.0 The Reserves

2.2 Huntly General Ward/Tai Raro Takiwaa Maaori Ward





2.2.1 Hakanoa Domain

Reserve Classification	Subject to the Local Government Act 2002	Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve
Location	Taihua Road, Huntly	Location	Taihua Road, Huntly
Authority	Declared	Authority	Vested
Area	0.7524ha	Area	9.1439ha
Legal Description	Lot 3 DP 23824 Lot 14 DP 28935	Legal Description	Part Allotments 1 and 50, 540 and 776 Taupiri Parish
Subject to WTTS	No	Subject to WTTS	Yes



Current formal occupation

Occupier	Instrument	Final Expiry
Huntly Bowling Club Inc.	Lease	1/04/2039
Raahui Pookeka Community Centres Trust	Lease	1/02/2032



Background

The Huntly Thistle Football Club and Huntly Bowling Club is located on the reserve. The Thistle Football Club was founded in 1926 and has clubrooms and changing rooms located on the reserve. The football club is active with teams in all age groups.

The Huntly Bowling Club was founded in April 1914. In 1930, the club asked the Domain Board to consider setting aside land at the new domain for the club to move to its current site, where it has been located since.

The Huntly Memorial Hall, Huntly Aquatic Centre and Huntly Gymnasium are located adjacent to Wight Street and a playground, and skate park are located along side this. The southern part of the reserve contains multi-use courts and club buildings occupied by a Huntly Bridge Club. Te Whare Toi o Hakanoa (Creative Huntly) is located on Park Avenue, and contains a donated Kiln. The Huntly Yacht Club has utilised the lake for sailing since the 1960's, however increased water pollution has restricted sailing activities. The associated club building is currently not fully utilised.

The Council formally declared and classified Lot 3 DPS 23824 and Lot 14 DP 28935 as recreation reserve in December 2014 prior to the notification of this management plan. Final gazettal of the classification has not been completed.

Reserve Issues

- Lack of formal occupation agreements.
- Lack of delineation between the reserve and school grounds.
- Damage to the sports grounds and health hazards caused by Canadian Geese.
- Damage caused to the reserve from vehicles and motorbikes.
- Distance between the playground and public toilets.
- Shared pedestrian/vehicle zone on Taihua Road2
- Poor interface between cricket use and field lighting.

Reserve Management Policy

1. Permit the granting of lease over the clubroom building footprints to the clubs currently occupying the reserve subject to General Policy 4.2.1.
2. Permit the establishment and operation of training lights to enable training and play to club competition level.
3. Restrict further built development within the Domain that compromises the open space qualities of the Domain.
4. Action the resolution to gazette and classify Lot 3 DPS 23824 and Lot 14 DP 28935 as Recreation Reserve.



Proposed Development

- Install improved multi-use floodlights for winter and summer sports.
- Investigate alongside the Department of Conservation for further ways to deter Canadian Geese from damaging the sports fields.
- Support regular population control of Canadian Geese.



2.2.2 Huntly West Sports Complex

Reserve Classification	Lot 1 DPS 18335: Subject to the Local Government Act 2002 Lot 4 DPS 89197: Local Purpose (Accessway) Reserve	Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve
Location	Riverview Road, Huntly	Location	Rotowaro Road, Huntly
Authority	Declared	Authority	Vested
Area	Lot 1: 0.1041ha Lot 4: 0.1094ha	Area	7.552ha
Legal Description	Lot 1 DPS 18335 Lot 4 DPS 89197	Legal Description	Part Allotment 9 Pepepe Parish Part Lot 1 DPS 7970 Lot 1 DPS 6452, Lot 57 DPS 5951
Subject to WTTS	No	Subject to WTTS	Yes



Background

The Reserve comprises six different parcels. Lot 1 DPS 6452 and Part Allotment 9 Pepepe Parish was transferred to Council from the Lower Waikato Rugby Union Inc. in 1980 as a Recreation Reserve. These parcels were transferred to Raglan County Council for “free” consideration. Additionally, a further land parcel (Lot 57 DPS 5951) is derived from the Crown, originally acquired for Crown State Housing. This parcel was vested to the Huntly Borough in Trust in 1962.



The reserve is home to the Huntly College Old Boys Rugby Club. The previous lease to the Lower Waikato Rugby Union expired in 2011.

The Council formally declared and classified Lot 1 DPS 18335 as recreation reserve in December 2014 prior to the notification of this management plan. Final gazettal of the classification has not been undertaken.

Softball is played on the southern end of the reserve. Netball is no longer played on the reserve.

Reserve Issues

- Lack of utilisation of the Council owned sports complex, the netball courts, and sports fields by other sporting codes.
- Vandalism and graffiti.
- Lack of signage identifying the park.
- CPTED Issues.
- Could do with native plantings.
- Noxious plantings growing on the embankment.
- Lack of toilets.
- Parking challenges at the Riverview Road entrance.
- Poor netball court surface.

Reserve Management Policy

1. Permit the establishment and operation of training lights to enable training and play to club competition level.
2. Action the resolution to gazette and classify Lot 1 DPS 18335 as Recreation Reserve.
3. Permit the construction of storage sheds for future sporting groups that may utilise the reserve.
4. Permit the sports complex building to be a shared community sports hub.

Proposed Development

- Consider the installation of public toilets.
- Consider an upgrade to the netball court surfacing to allow for multiple uses, with accompanying lighting.



2.2.3 Ohinewai Recreation Reserve

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve
Location	Lilley Lane, Ohinewai
Authority	Appointment to control and manage
Area	3.604ha
Legal Description	Part Lot 2 DP8993 Lot 5 DPS 5356
Subject to WTTS	Yes



Current formal occupation

There are no formal occupation agreements.

Background

This reserve contains the Ohinewai Hall, three synthetic, lit tennis courts and a large mown area of sports turf. A equestrian group utilises the paddock at the rear of the reserve.

Reserve Issues

- Use of balance of reserve.
- Courts are not multi-purpose. This restricts the ability for other sporting codes to utilise the facility.

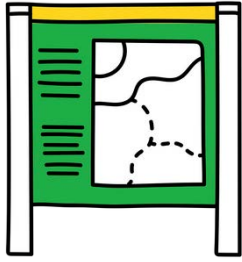


Reserve Management Policy

1. Permit the granting of lease over the tennis courts and clubroom building footprints to the Ohinewai Tennis Club subject to General Policy 4.2.1
2. Permit the issue of grazing licences to maintain the balance of the land until such time that is required for recreation purposes.

Proposed Development

- Consider improvements to the hard-surfaced courts to allow other sporting activities.



2.0 The Reserves

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





2.3.1 Centennial Park, Ngaruawahia

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve
Location	Havelock Road, Ngaruawahia
Authority	Vested
Area	5.6656ha
Legal Description	Part Section 109A Suburbs of Newcastle South
Subject to WTTS	Yes



Current formal occupation

There are no formal occupation agreements.

Background

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

The Ngaruawahia United Football Club was formed in 1968 by local schoolteacher Joe Templeton. The Club is active with both junior and senior teams and plays at Chatham Cup level. There are currently four senior men's teams, one senior ladies' team, an U15 Youth team and eighteen junior teams with a total membership of around 250. Clubrooms are located on the site. The Club also maintains the Templeton Field, which is fully fenced and used for competition play. The lease to the Club expired in 1997.

A large playground is located on the northeast corner of the park. Cricket nets are located on the south-eastern corner of the reserve, with the North Waikato Cricket Club utilising the park in the summer for matches and training.



Reserve Issues

- Lack formal occupation agreements.
- Change facilities to accommodate demand.
- Condition of fields to be able to accommodate demand over winter.
- Vandalism (Toilets, Gardens, Fencing)
- Unauthorised vehicle access.
- Illegal dumping.
- Poor sports field lighting coverage across all fields on the reserve.

Reserve Management Policy

1. Permit the lease of the club building footprints to the Ngaruawahia United Football Club subject to General Policy 4.2.1.
2. Permit the establishment and operation of training lights to enable training and play to club competition level.
3. Support the restoration of the riparian margin of the Waipa River.
4. Enable improvements by local sports park users to accommodate growth and utilisation.

Proposed Development

- Consider extended ablution block facilities for women's teams, referees, and disabled users, with storage for playing equipment.



2.3.2 Kainui Tennis Courts

Reserve Classification	Subject to the Local Government Act 2002
Location	Kainui Road, Taupiri
Authority	Declared
Area	0.1867ha
Legal Description	Lot 1 DPS 34201
Subject to WTTs	No



Current formal occupation

There are no formal occupation agreements.

Background

This is a small reserve, which provides tennis courts for the local community. Two lit artificial courts are provided along with clubrooms. The Kainui Tennis Club is active on the reserve and regularly utilises the courts, as well as maintain the clubrooms.

The Council resolved that the land be classified as recreation reserve in December 2014 prior to the notification of the 2015 Sports Park Reserve Management Plan. Final gazettal of the classification has not been completed.

Reserves Issues

- Formalising existing occupation and use.
- The car park is unformed and access onto Kainui Road is somewhat obscured.
- Could do with a park bench/picnic tables.



Reserve Management Policy

1. Permit the development of improved parking facilities and safer access on to Kainui Road.
2. Permit the lease of the reserve to the Kainui Tennis Club subject to General Policy 4.2.1.
3. Action the resolution to gazette and classify Lot 1 DPS 34201 as Recreation Reserve.

Proposed Development

- A traffic safety review should be undertaken on access to the reserve and recommendations, if any, implemented.
- Consider installation of a park bench/picnic tables and supporting amenity infrastructure.
- Consider improvements to the surfacing of the tennis courts.



2.3.2 Ngaruawahia Bowling Green

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve
Location	Herschel Street, Ngaruawahia
Authority	Declared
Area	0.8739ha
Legal Description	Part Allotment 667 Town of Newcastle
Subject to WTTS	Yes



Current formal occupation

Occupier	Instrument	Final Expiry
Ngaruawahia Bowling Club Incorporated	Lease	37/05/2043

Background

The reserve is located on the corner of Herschel Street and Ellery Street, Ngaruawahia. The lease to the Ngaruawahia Playgroup Inc expired in May 2013. The playgroup currently utilises the reserve two days a week, as well as Plunket.

Reserve Issues

- Utilisation of disused bowling green and balance green space.
- Vehicle vandalism.
- Poor CPTED.



Reserve Management Policy

1. Permit the lease of the bowling green and clubroom to the Ngaruawahia Bowling Club subject to General Policy 4.2.1.
2. Permit the lease of the playgroup building footprint to the Ngaruawahia Playgroup subject to General Policy 4.2.1.
3. Permit the lease of the air quality monitoring facility building footprint to the Waikato Regional Council subject to General Policy 4.2.1.

Proposed Development

- Undertake investigation and rationalisation of the underutilised grass area/disused bowling green.



2.3.4 Paterson Park

Reserve Classification	Public Domain
Location	River Road, Ngaruawahia
Authority	Vested
Area	4.0477ha
Legal Description	Section 173 and 174 Suburbs of Newcastle North
Subject to WTTS	Yes



Current formal occupation

There are no formal occupation agreements.

Background

The reserve was part of the larger Ngaruawahia Domain that was formerly administered by the Ngaruawahia Domain Board. The Council resolved to classify the reserve for recreation purposes in December 2014.

The reserve is located across from Turangawaewae Marae. The reserve is utilised by the Marae for events related to the kiingitanga such as koroneihana, with sports contests held at the reserve bringing together teams from across the motu as well as international teams.

The reserve is home to the Ngaruawahia Rugby Sports Club who own the buildings on the Kent Street side of the reserve, while those on the eastern side are owned by the Turangawaewae Rugby League Sports Cultural Club. Floodlit netball/tennis courts are located on the River Road side of the reserve along with a substantial playground and public toilet on the corner of River Road and Kent Street. The Ngaruawahia Rangers Softball Team utilises the softball diamond between the netball courts and the playground. The reserve adjoins the Ngaruawahia High School playing fields.



The playground was renewed and improved in 2024, with the addition of a basketball half-court.

Reserve Issues

- Large demand for the fields.
- Poor drainage.
- Poor condition of changing rooms.
- Graffiti.
- No changing rooms for women or referees.

Reserve Management Policy

1. Permit the lease of the Turangawaewae Rugby League Sports Cultural Club building footprints to the Turangawaewae Rugby League Sports Cultural Club subject to General Policy 4.2.1.
2. Permit the lease of the Ngaruawahia Rugby Sports Club building footprints to the Ngaruawahia Rugby Sports Club subject to General Policy 4.2.1.
3. Action the resolution to gazette and classify Section 173 and 174 Suburbs of Newcastle North as Recreation Reserve.

Proposed Development

- Consider an upgrade of the netball courts to astroturf.
- Consider upgrading the sporting fields to being sand based.
- Consider additional toilets and/or upgrade to the changing facilities.



2.3.5 Taupiri Domain

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve
Location	Murphy Lane, Taupiri
Authority	Appointment to control and manage
Area	2.32ha
Legal Description	Lot 1 DPS 19948 Lot 1 DPS 24830
Subject to WTTS	Yes

Reserve Classification	Subject to the Local Government Act 2002
Location	Murphy Lane, Taupiri
Authority	Declared
Area	0.6254ha
Legal Description	Lot 3 DPS 24830 Lot 4 DPS 24830 Lot 10DPS 24830 Lot 11DPS 24830 Lot 12DPS 24830 Lot 13DPS 24830
Subject to WTTS	No



Current formal occupation

There are no current formal occupation agreements in place.



Background

The reserve is located off Murphy Lane within the Taupiri Township and adjoins the main trunk railway line and the club owned rugby grounds. The reserve houses the Eastern Waikato Netball Centre with six lit courts located within the reserve alongside club and change facilities.

Two playgrounds and a skate park are also located within the reserve. A full-size rugby field with basic training lights is located to the north of the netball courts. This is used for the annual Taupiri Sevens sporting event.

The Taupiri Rugby Football Club neighbours the Domain. The club owns the land, carpark and clubrooms located to the south of the Domain.

Reserve Issues

- Expansion of netball facilities may at some point compromise the future of existing rugby field.
- Safety of children adjacent to railway line and general security of facilities.
- Graffiti.
- Conflicting user groups and demand for field use.

Reserve Management Policy

1. Permit the granting of a lease to the Eastern Waikato Netball Centre for the netball courts and building footprint on the reserve subject to General Policy 4.2.1.
2. Improve the boundary safety between the railway lines and the reserve.

Proposed Development

- Potential for expansion of netball facilities.
- Complete planned upgrade of playground facilities.
- Development of additional netball courts if and when demand increases.
- Permit the development of additional netball courts to the north of the existing courts a demand and resources permit.
- Fence the boundary of the reserve with the main trunk railway line.
- Permit the development of additional parking areas between 14 and 26 Murphy Lane.
- Permit the establishment and operation of training lights to enable training and play to club competition level.
- Permit future development to support the recreation usage of the reserve.



2.3.6 Future Te Kowhai Sports Park

Reserve Classification	Subject to the Local Government Act 2002
Location	757 Ngaruawahia Road, Te Kowhai
Authority	Declared
Area	23.7ha
Legal Description	Lot 2 DP 570400
Subject to WTTs	No



Current formal occupation

The land is currently leased for grazing

Background

The site for the future Te Kowhai Sports Park was purchased in 2023 to provide sports fields and a dog park for Te Kowhai and the surrounding areas. The park is located 1.6km north of the village centre and provides the opportunity to create a sizeable recreation area. The land is flat, rural-zoned grazing land. The reserve contains easements for two gas pipelines, electricity and a significant drain as part of the local drainage scheme.

The population of the Te Kowhai is between 800-900. It is expected to grow to 2,200 by 2030 and over 5,000 by 2045. The purchase of the site was deemed necessary to provide adequate provision for recreation within Te Kowhai for the future.

Council purchased the property from the Harris family, who had held continuous ownership of the land for approximately 140 years. William Harris who purchased the site shortly after 1880 and was one of the first settlers to farm in Te Kowhai. The land where Te Kowhai Memorial Hall and St Mark's Methodist Church was built on land donated by William Harris to provide local amenities to the community.



Following, the purchase of the site, staff have completed a recreation study for Te Kowhai to understand local preferences for use of the site. Community consultation outlined key activities for use of the site. These included:

- Walking Track
- Bridle Trails/Horse riding track
- Off-lead dog exercise area
- Potential pump track/mountain biking trail
- Planted native forest
- Sports fields for organised sport

Further concept planning for the reserve is required to understand the limitation of the site. This will drive further investigations relating to the impacts of easement, vehicle and pedestrian access and in-dept geotechnical assessment.

It is likely that the reserve will be developed in stages due to its large size (23.7 hectares), and to cater for future demand as it occurs. Land that is identified to be surplus to requirements will be assessed for alternative community purposes or disposed.

Reserve Issues

To be assessed..

Reserve Management Policy

- 1.Undertake the Reserve Naming and Classification process upon the development of the reserve, in according to the General Policies Reserve Management Plan and the Reserves Act 1977.

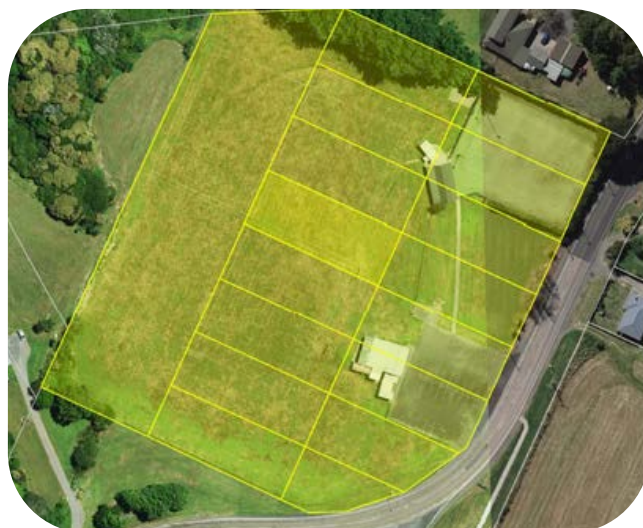
Proposed Development

- Continue further planning and investigation to assess appropriate activities and development for the site for recreational activities.



2.3.7 Whatawhata Recreation Reserve

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve
Location	State Highway 39
Authority	Vested
Area	23.7ha
Legal Description	Lot 2 DP 570400
Subject to WTTs	Yes



Current formal occupation

There are no current formal occupation agreements in place.

Background

The reserve is flat land bounded by a gully leading to the Waipa River to the north. A group of Plane trees on the northern boundary is the only significant vegetation on the reserve. The Whatawhata Domain Board controlled the reserve until 1975 when the Waipa County Council assumed control.

The Whatawhata Country Tennis Club was established in 1959 and constructed the pavilion and three lit tennis courts. These assets are owned by Council. The Tennis Club lease expired in January 2025.

The Rugby Club established training lights on the field in 1977 and obtained a lease to construct clubrooms in 1980. The clubrooms were destroyed in September 2021, following a fire.

Consent was granted in March 2025 to upgrade the floodlights at Whatawhata Tennis Courts.



Reserve Issues

- Lack of significant vegetation on the reserve.
- Horses riding on the reserve.

Reserve Management Policy

1. Permit the lease of the tennis courts and pavilion to the Whatawhata Tennis Club subject to General Policy 4.2.1.
2. Permit the development of new clubrooms by the Whatawhata Rugby Sports Club

Proposed Development

- Installation of upgraded floodlighting for the Tennis Courts.
- Opportunities to improve planting and to link to adjacent Waipa River could be developed.
- Renew and upgrade the tennis court surfacing.
- Install a public toilet for reserve users and passing travellers.



2.3.8 Willow Brook Recreation Reserve

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve
Location	Willow Brook Lane, Te Kowhai
Authority	Vested
Area	2.49ha
Legal Description	Lot 1 DPS 77702
Subject to WTTS	No

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Pedestrian Access) Reserve
Location	Willow Brook Lane, Te Kowhai
Authority	Vested
Area	0.0161
Legal Description	Lot 20 DPS 79015
Subject to WTTS	No



Current formal occupation

There are no current formal occupation agreements in place.



Background

The well-established reserve includes a full-size field and three junior fields (two of which utilise the senior full size field) and a cricket block that was installed by the community committee. A playground, public toilets and a sheltered seating area is located on Willow Brook Drive and a skate park is located opposite the shops on Horotiu Road.

The Te Kowhai Junior Rugby Club utilises the fields but does not have any buildings on site. Football and Cricket is also played on the reserve. The field space is well utilised by sports clubs, however there is limited supporting infrastructure (i.e. storage for equipment, changing rooms). There are ongoing discussions regarding sporting activities being moved to the Te Kowhai Sports Park upon its completion.

An area of native planting has been established on the northern corner of the reserve and more general planting of Kowhai trees are also proposed along with other enhancements to the reserve. A pedestrian access connects the reserve to the Te Kowhai School.

Reserve Issues

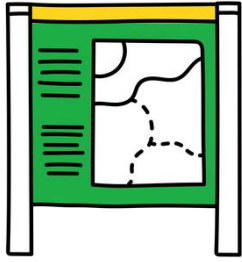
- Skate Park is not user friendly and requires an upgrade or re-design.
- The reserve is at capacity for sporting activities.
- No changing rooms or equipment storage other than the public toilets.

Reserve management policy

No policies have been identified.

Proposed Development

- Consider an upgrade to skating facilities on the reserve.



2.0 The Reserves

2.4 Tamahere-Woodlands General Ward/Tai Runga Takiwaa Maaori Ward





2.4.1 Gordonton Reserve

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Community Use) Reserve
Location	College Drive, Gordonton
Authority	Declared
Area	4.04ha
Legal Description	Part Lot 8 Allotment 148 Komakorau Parish
Subject to WTTS	Yes



Current formal occupation

Occupier	Instrument	Final Expiry
Gordonton Pony Club Inc.	Lease	01/07/2055

Background

The reserve includes three lit tennis courts and the Gordonton Tennis Club rooms. The balance of the reserve is used by the Gordonton Pony Club, which also has a small building on the reserve. Both clubs are active, and the grounds are well presented. The Pony club makes use of the toilets within the Tennis Club building.

Reserve Issues

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



Reserve Management Policies

1. Permit the lease of the building footprint to the Gordonton Tennis Club subject to General Policy 42.1.
2. Permit the lease of the pony club grounds to the Gordonton Pony Club subject to General Policy 4.2.1.
3. Permit the granting of grazing licences for land not currently utilised by the Pony Club until such time that an alternative community use becomes available for the land.

Proposed Development

- Enable development of the reserve to better support the Tennis & Pony Club activities and other community uses as future needs arise.



2.4.2 Matangi Recreation Reserve

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve
Location	Tauwhare Road, Matangi
Authority	Declared
Area	6.09ha
Legal Description	Lot 1 DPS 35917, Lot 1 DPS 11125, Lot 9 DP 588447, Lot 10 DP 588447
Subject to WTTS	No



Current formal occupation

Occupier	Instrument	Final Expiry
Matangi Hillcrest Sports Club Inc.	Lease	18/01/2037

Background

The reserve includes one full size rugby field and a training field. Both fields are lit to some degree. The Matangi-Hillcrest Sports Club building adjoins the main field and there is a small playground to the north of the clubroom. The club has a long history in the community. The Club has a netball team but currently has no facilities for training on site. Access to the reserve is controlled by a gate, which is currently locked other than when the clubrooms are in operation. Two additional parcels were vested through subdivision to the reserve in 2023.

Further development of the reserve is planned with funding set aside to develop multi-purpose/netball courts for the reserve. Other amenities such as carparking, a new playground, additional fields and improved access will be considered within a masterplan for the reserve.



Reserve Issues

- Club building is in a poor condition.
- Poor visual amenity.
- Roadside verge challenging to mow and maintain.
- Unsafe roadside environment for pedestrian/cycling access to and from the surrounding village community.
- Increased sport and recreational opportunities sought by the community.
- Limited vehicle access to reserve.
- Improvement of lighting to sports fields.

Reserve Management Policies

1. Permit the lease of the building footprint to the Matangi-Hillcrest Sports Club subject to General Policy 4.2.1.
2. Ensure public access is always available to the reserve car park without attracting anti-social activity.
3. Maintain a local playground on the reserve to support activity on the site.
4. Permit the development of multi-purpose netball/tennis courts on the reserve.
5. Permit the establishment and operation of training lights to enable training and play to club competition level.
6. Permit earthworks for the purpose of the development of the reserve

Proposed Development

- Consider location of the playground and increase equipment and seating.
- Provide additional public parking accessible 24/7 while retaining methods (e.g. retention of security gate) to deter antisocial behaviour.
- Provide a public toilet and changing facilities.
- Upgrade training lights.
- A walking loop around the perimeter.
- Consider a permanent dog exercise area.
- Undertake planned multi-use/netball courts development for the reserve.
- Support community initiatives for visual improvements to the reserve.
- Develop a masterplan with the community for long-term use, greater utilisation and access to the reserve, and undertake works as agreed.



2.4.3 Tamahere Recreation Reserve

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve (Lot 1 DPS 10480, Part Lot 1 DPS 86849 Lot 2 DP 493406 Section 4 SO 496298) Local Purpose (Sewage Treatment) Reserve (Lot 1 DP 493406 Section 3 SO 496298)
Location	Devine Road Tamahere
Authority	Declared
Area	6.626ha
Legal Description	Lot 1 DPS 10480, Part Lot 1 DPS 86849 Lot 2 DP 493406 Section 4 SO 496298 Lot 1 DP 493406 Section 3 SO 496298
Subject to WTTS	No

Reserve Classification	Subject to the Local Government Act 2002
Location	Devine Road Tamahere
Authority	Vested
Area	0.5700 ha
Legal Description	Pt Lot 1 DPS 84204 Part Lot 1 DP 328400 Part Lot 2 DP 328400 Section 1 SO 358555 Section 2 SO 358555
Subject to WTTS	No





Background

Opened in 2019, Tamahere Recreation Reserve is a newly developed reserve which provides a recreation area for Tamahere. The reserve sits alongside a commercial/retail precinct, Tamahere Model Country School and the Tamahere Community Centre.

The northern section of the reserve contains the community centre, and an unfenced, off-leash dog area next to the community centre. To the west, the Tamahere Piazza provides a civic square area for community events. A walking circuit is located around the circumference of the reserve, connecting the community centre to the commercial precinct, playground and the school.

The playground, skate bowl and public toilets are located to the southwest of the fields, bordering Wiremu Tamihana Drive, as well as the Te Awa River Ride and additional sports fields.

Active user groups that currently use the reserve include:

- Waikato Lacrosse
- Waikato Womens Cricket

Reserve Issues

- Lack of shade for the playground.
- Dog off-leash area is a relatively small, unfenced area, often used for casual parking by other park users.
- Dogs frequently off-lead and/or within restricted zones as stated in the Dog Control Bylaw.
- Issues relating to dog waste on the sports fields.
- Lack of signage indicating no dogs in or around the playground.
- Field utilisation and seasonal demand for sporting activities.
- Barriers to local events usage for the Tamahere Piazza.

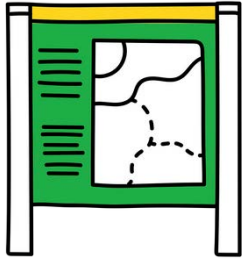


Reserve Management Policies

1. Declare the land and classify the outstanding parcels as recreation reserve.
2. Work with the adjoining school to ensure the best possible use of school and council land for recreation purposes for students and the wider community.
3. Permit the establishment and operation of training lights to enable training and play to club competition level.
4. Wherever possible, protect and enhance the existing mature trees on the land in accordance with Council's tree policy.
5. Permit and allow community groups to fundraise and install shade sails over the playground.
6. Collaborate with reserve sporting groups for potential facilities for storage.
7. Council to collaborate with the community to enable community-led projects to provide additional facilities.

Proposed Development

- Install signage notifying acceptable dog behaviour as per the Dog Control Bylaw 2022.
- Improve shade over play areas.
- Investigate the community's interest to attain better utilisation of the Tamahere Piazza for local events.



2.0 The Reserves

2.5 Tuakau-Pokeno General Ward Tai Raro Takiwaa Maaori Ward





2.5.1 Dr John Lighbody Reserve

Reserve Classification	Municipal and Reserve Purposes
Location	Escotts Road, Tuakau
Authority	Vested
Area	0.473ha
Legal Description	Lot 2 DP 106591
Subject to WTTS	No

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve
Location	Escotts Road, Tuakau
Authority	Vested
Area	10.49ha
Legal Description	Lot 1 DP 164972, Part Allotment 14 Tuakau Parish, Lot 1 DP 106591
Subject to WTTS	No



Current formal occupation

Occupier	Instrument	Final Expiry
Tuakau Combined Sports Club Society	Lease	31/01/2026



Background

The reserve is named after Dr John Lightbody, a medical practitioner in Tuakau from 1951 – 1984. The Tuakau Borough Council named and gazetted the reserve as Dr John Lightbody Reserve in 1985. The reserve is well established and divided in two by Escotts Road.

The northern section of the reserve contains the Council swimming pool as well as the recently redeveloped playground and courts. Public toilets are located adjacent to the playground and at the clubrooms on Escotts Road. The Tuakau Youth Centre has been established in the old tennis club rooms adjacent to the recently redeveloped hard surface courts. The centre has been located on the reserve for the past 8 years. The centre has outgrown the existing facilities and is seeking to replace the current building with a larger, more fit for purpose facility at the existing location.

Football is played on the northern section of the reserve. Rugby is played on the southern section of the reserve, while cricket is played over both areas in the summer along with athletics.

The Tuakau Combined Sports Society is made up of representatives of all major user groups including:

- Tuakau Youth Centre
- Tuakau Soccer Club
- Tuakau Rugby Club
- Tuakau Broncos Rugby League and Sports Club
- Tuakau Athletics
- Tuakau Terrabulls (Golden Oldies Sports)

Reserve Issues

- Security of buildings and facilities and formalising occupation agreements.
- Unauthorised vehicle damage.
- Damage by rodents and rabbits to the fields.



Reserve Management Policies

1. Permit expansion of the existing skate park facilities as demand and resources permit.
2. Permit the development of outdoor gym equipment/fitness trail around the perimeter of the reserve as resources permit.
3. Permit the lease of existing buildings on the reserve to groups currently using the reserve for recreation purposes.
4. Permit the granting of a new lease of the footprint of the sports complex building to the Tuakau Sports Complex Trust subject to general policy 4.2.1.
5. Permit the granting of a new lease to the Tuakau Youth Centre Charitable Trust for the installation of a new facility located adjacent to the hard surface courts.

Proposed Development

- Encourage increased tree planting to improve the amenity of the reserve including linkages to surrounding areas of ecological value.
- Undertake planned installation of BBQs for the reserve and flying fox for the playground.
- Consider installation of additional drinking fountains.
- Consider toddler fenced area in the playground area, with age-appropriate equipment.
- Consider a path alongside the courts.
- Consider a pump track or BMX track on the reserve.
- Upgrades to the aquatic centre.
- Tuakau Youth Centre building expansion.

2.5.2 Pokeno Domain



Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve
Location	Avon Road, Pokeno
Authority	Vested
Area	5.92ha
Legal Description	Allotment 336, Suburban Section 1 Mangatawhiri Parish
Subject to WTTS	Yes



Current formal occupation

There are no current formal occupation agreements in place.

Background

This is a large and attractive reserve on the eastern side of Pokeno. The reserve was the site of the Pokeno Valley School from late 1860 and became reserve in 1962. The Pokeno Tennis Club has a pavilion and is continuing to make improvements to the courts and club building. A pleasant and flat picnic area is located to the north of the tennis club including some significant Oaks, Totara, Rimu, Redwood and Kauri trees planted in the 1920's. Approximately 0.6ha is utilised for a fully-fenced off-leash dog park, with the balance of the site in pasture.

In 2025, Council resolved that a lease be granted to Te Hau Kainga for the purpose of an urban marae on Pokeno Domain. To allow a lease to be granted, Council additionally resolved to reclassify approximately 1.06ha of the Pokeno Domain from Recreation Reserve to Local Purpose (Community Centre) Reserve. Te Hau Kainga is in the process of undertaking a feasibility study and obtaining funding for the marae construction. The future site of the marae will require the relocation of the current off-leash dog exercise area. The community will be consulted on the location within the reserve of the dog exercise area upon the finalisation of feasibility studies and funding certainty from Te Hau Kainga.



Reserve Issues

- Utilisation of reserve.
- Lack of formal occupation agreements.
- Vandalism.
- Parking and access.
- Conflicting reserve users.

Reserve Management Policies

1. Permit the granting of a lease for the pavilion and tennis courts to the Pokeno Tennis Club subject to General Policy 4.2.1.
2. Permit the leasing of underutilised portions of the reserve for grazing (subject to public access) until such time that demand exists for greater recreational use of the reserve.
3. Protect and enhance existing tree planting on the reserve and seek to extend ecological linkages to neighbouring waterways.
4. Give effect to the 2025 Council resolution to grant a lease to Te Hau Kainga for the purposes of an urban marae.
5. Earthworks for the purpose of the development of urban marae and amenity for the Pokeno Domain is permitted.

Proposed Development

- Increase picnicking facilities on the flat land adjacent to the tennis courts.
- Improve awareness of the reserve via improved sign posting.
- Re-locate the fenced dog exercise area to accommodate the proposed urban Marae.
- Protect and enhance ecological values on the reserve.



2.5.3 Pookeno Sports Park

Reserve Classification	Subject to the Local Government Act 2002
Location	Munro Road, Pookeno
Authority	Vested
Area	12.77ha
Legal Description	Lot 1 DP 189825
Subject to WTTS	Yes



Current formal occupation

There are no current formal occupation agreements in place.

Background

This is a large reserve on the western side of Pokeno. The land, purchased by the former Franklin District Council, has been developed by Waikato District Council following amalgamation.

The reserve contains wetlands to the northeast of the reserve, with a stream running along its southern boundary. Earthworks had been undertaken to improve the site for future sports use, providing flat green space for recreation. In 2024, the carpark was completed, and the reserve is open for public use.

At the time of writing this document, a further masterplan was being developed from the recommendations following the 2021 feasibility study.



Scoping for the reserve outlined the minimal requirements for development.

- Public toilets
- Public seating
- Lighting
- Footpaths for access to facilities
- A priority facility
- Landscaping
- Skatepark
- BBQ facilities
- Destination Playground
- Trail Walks

The Pokeno Razorback Softball Team has expressed interest in utilising the site as a future home ground.

Reserve Issues

- Flooding and water ingress impact the winter usability of the reserve for organised sports games.
- Current lack of suitable walking access to the reserve.
- The reserve is not formally named or classified.

Reserve Management Policies

1. Protect and enhance existing tree planting on the reserve and seek to extend ecological linkages to neighbouring waterways.
2. Earthworks for the purpose of the development of the Pokeno Sports Park Masterplan is permitted.
3. Seek to under the formal process to name and classify the reserve.

Proposed Development

- Improve awareness of the reserve via improved sign posting.
- Protect and enhance ecological values on the reserve.
- Undertake the recommendations of the feasibility study and the completed Master Plan.



2.5.4 Tuakau Domain

Reserve Classification	Municipal and Reserve Purposes
Location	Escotts Road, Tuakau
Authority	Vested
Area	0.473ha
Legal Description	Lot 2 DP 106591
Subject to WTTS	No



Current formal occupation

Occupier	Instrument	Final Expiry
The Scout Association of New Zealand	Lease	6/05/2029
Tuakau Pony Club Inc.	Lease	30/06/2030
Franklin Western Riding Club	Lease	6/07/2026



Background

The reserve was originally set aside for recreation and defence purposes in 1877 and was administered by a Domain Board until 1983 when administration was transferred to the Franklin District Council. The Council prepared a reserve management plan, which was adopted in 1985.

The use of the reserve for equestrian purposes goes back to the early 1970's when the pony club erected a pavilion. The original hall served the local community and is now occupied by the Tuakau District Seas Scouts.

The Pony Club leases the western end of reserve, apart from the small arena, which is leased by the Western Riding Federation. The gully area is used for cross country events. There is potential to merge these two leases in the future.

Softball is played over summer on the upper league field. There are existing training lights installed on the reserve, but require re-activation.

The Tuakau Model Aircraft Club operates from the reserve below the central car park area two days per week at present.

Reserve Issues

- Formalisation of existing parking areas and improved access for vehicles.
- Improve lighting around buildings and facilities and River Road end of reserve.
- Continued grazing of the reserve.
- Vandalism of changing rooms and public toilets.
- Formalising existing occupation and use.
- Utilisation of the Sports Fields.

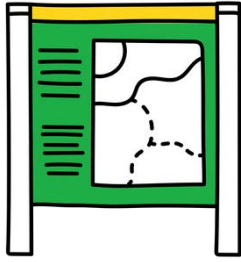


Reserve Management Policies

- Permit the redevelopment of the existing rugby league building as a shared use facility incorporating public toilets for the rugby league club, model aircraft club and other users utilising the eastern end of the reserve.
- Permit the development and lease of a storage shed for the Sea Scouts subject to the building being removed if and when a new shared use facility is constructed.
- Permit the development of a new shared used building and associated car parking at the River Road end of the reserve to accommodate the riding clubs, scouts and other potential reserve users.
- Permit the development and expansion of equestrian facilities on the reserve as resources permit.
- Permit the formation of walkways, cycle trails and bridle trails within the reserve to improve access and utilisation of the reserve.
- Enhance the watercourse within the reserve with riparian planting to improve ecological values.
- Permit the use of the reserve for the operation of model aircraft and UAV between the hours of 8AM to 8PM each day.
- Permit the lease of the hall building to the The Scout Association of New Zealand subject to General Policy 4.2.1.
- Permit the lease of the equestrian riding areas to the Tuakau Pony Club Inc. subject to General Policy 4.2.1.

Proposed Development

- There is potential to improve the utilisation of the building currently occupied by the rugby league club.
- Consider upgrading sports ground buildings/facilities to improve utilisation
- Consider the installation of softball infrastructure to better enable existing softball activities.
- Investigate the reactivation of field lighting.
- Equestrian facilities have potential for improvement and expansion.
- When the existing buildings at the River Road end of the reserve have reached the end of their life, the development of a new (shared use) facility should be considered for use by equestrian groups and scouts.
- Maintenance and enhancement of the watercourse through the reserve.



2.0 The Reserves

2.6 Waerenga Whitikahu General Ward





2.6.1 Meremere Sports Grounds

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve
Location	Meremere Lane, Meremere
Authority	Vested
Area	2.33ha
Legal Description	Lot 249 DPS 47630
Subject to WTTS	No
Maaori Ward	Tai Raro Takiwaa



Current formal occupation

There are no current formal occupation agreements in place.

Background

The reserve is in the northern part of Meremere adjacent to the Meremere Primary School. The reserve is accessed by a long driveway, which leads to a full sized rugby field with training lights. The lights are no longer operational.

Formal sports are no longer played on the reserve however occasional use is made of the field for training purposes.

Reserve Management Policy

No specific policy is required.



Reserve Issues

- Utilisation of the reserve.
- CPTED issues.
- Lack of lighting.
- Access to the reserve whilst maintaining security.
- Lack of appropriate parking.
- Lack of seating.

Proposed Development

- Consider improvements to reserve facilities, such as access, seating, toilets etc. subject to recreational demand.



2.6.2 Meremere Tennis Courts

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve
Location	Te Puea Avenue, Meremere
Authority	Vested
Area	0.237ha
Legal Description	Lot 240 DPS 49675
Subject to WTTS	No
Maaori Ward	Tai Raro Takiwaa



Current formal occupation

There are no current formal occupation agreements in place.

Background

The reserve is in the northern part of the Meremere Township and consists of asphalt tennis/netball courts and a pavilion.

Reserve Issues

- Utilisation and poor condition of courts and pavilion.
- Conflicting user groups.

Reserve Management Policies

No specific policy is required.

Proposed Development

- Resurface and improve lighting at for multipurpose courts subject to demand.
- Explore the future use of the facilities/buildings to ensure safety and risk mitigation.



2.6.3 Orini Hall

Reserve Classification	Subject to the Local Government Act 2002
Location	1331 Orini Road, Orini
Authority	Declared
Area	0.212ha
Legal Description	Part Allot 126 Parish of Taupiri CT SA 201/268
Subject to WTTS	No
Maaori Ward	Tai Runga Takiwaa



Current formal occupation

There are no current formal occupation agreements in place.

Background

The reserve contains the Orini Community Hall and two disused tennis courts to the rear of the hall. These are in poor condition.

Reserve Issues

- Poor condition of courts.
- Encroachment of neighbouring property to south onto reserve.

Reserve Management Policies

No specific policy is required.

Proposed Development

- Investigate the future use of the tennis courts.



2.6.4 Orini Reserve

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve
Location	1372 Orini Road, Orini
Authority	Declared
Area	2.76ha
Legal Description	Lot 4 DPS 91615
Subject to WTTS	No
Maaori Ward	Tai Runga Takiwaa



Current formal occupation

There are no current formal occupation agreements in place.

Background

The council purchased the land in 2001 for the purposes of a reserve. Mayor Peter Harris opened the reserve in December 2003.

This is a large flat reserve with a skate park, playground, formed car park, half size cricket practice net, community building, toilet and storage shed. The cricket club relocated the buildings onto the site.

The reserve is located across the road from the Orini Combined School which is also able to utilise the reserve. The Orini Amateur Athletic Club operates from the reserve and caters for children from pre-school to age 14. Twilight cricket is also played on the reserve.

Perimeter tree planting was established as part of the Orini Combined School centenary celebrations in 2008.



Reserve Issues

- Lack of formal occupancy agreements for buildings.
- Remote location of skate park within the reserve.
- Dominance of sponsorship/advertising signs.

Reserve Management Policies

1. Maintain visibility of skate park from Orini Road by ensuring views are not obscured by planting.
2. Permit the lease of the building footprints to clubs that currently operate from the reserve subject to General Policy 4.2.1.

Proposed Development

- No specific development is proposed.



2.6.5 Te Hoe Community Centre & Tennis Courts

Reserve Classification	Subject to the Local Government Act 2002
Location	1726 Tahuna Road, Te Hoe
Authority	Declared
Area	0.205ha
Legal Description	Part Allot 328 Taupiri PSH
Subject to WTTS	No
Maaori Ward	Tai Raro Takiwaa



Current formal occupation

There are no current formal occupation agreements in place.

Background

The reserve is comprised of the Te Hoe Community Centre and two adjacent tennis courts. A flagpole is located at the front of the reserve to commemorate the Te Hoe School Golden Jubilee 1913-1963. Council resolved to classify the land as local purpose (community facility) reserve in December 2014. Final gazettal of the classification has not been completed.

Reserve Issues

- Poor condition of tennis courts.

Reserve Management Policies

- No specific policies are required.



Proposed Development

- No specific development is proposed.
- If sufficient demand exists for tennis, the courts could be upgraded to meet this demand.
- Undertake and complete the reserve classification gazettal process as per resolution passed in December 2014.



2.6.6 Te Kauwhata Domain

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve
Location	Mahi Road, Te Kauwhata
Authority	Vested
Area	14.04ha
Legal Description	Lot 1 DPS 10188, Sec 4, 49, 56 & 76 Town of Te Kauwhata, Lot 1 DPS 25267, Allot 653 Whangamarino Parish, Lot 5 & 6 DPS 22345
Subject to WTTS	Yes
Maaori Ward	Tai Raro Takiwaa



Current formal occupation

There are no current formal occupation agreements in place.

Background

The reserve is in the Te Kauwhata township with road boundaries to Scott Road and Mahi Street. In 1927 following an approach from the Te Kauwhata Tennis and Football Clubs and the Waikare Tennis and Football Clubs, the Minister of Lands approved a change in status of Section 49 to recreation ground.

By 1930 the Tennis Club and the ladies Croquet Club had established facilities on the land. In 1951 the main rugby ground and low-lying rugby field were added, the fields being constructed as a War Memorial instead of the more usual halls or monuments. In 1953 the area between the main rugby fields and the Presbyterian Church was added.



The reserve has been progressively developed and expanded over the years. The reserve is currently utilised by Te Kauwhata Rugby Football Club, Te Kauwhata Squash Club and the Te Kauwhata Scouts Group. Council owns the Hall utilised by the Scouts Group, however the buildings utilised by the Rugby and Squash Clubs remain in the clubs ownership.

A dog exercise area and a community garden has been formed adjacent to Mahi Road. The annual A&P show occurs on the reserve every December.

Stage 1 of a walkway and fitness trail has been completed through the domain, running from the carpark down to Mahi Road and Scott Road. Stage 2 and 3 will complete a walkway around the domain, however this will be funding dependent. Plans are in place for the dog park to be revamped to include a dog agility course and a fenced-off area for more timid small dogs to play and exercise. A shaded picnic area with table as part of the revamp. Phase 1 and 2 (Agility Course & Picnic Area) has been.

Reserve Issues

- Condition of fitness trail.
- Use of reserve for freedom camping.
- General utilisation of the reserve.
- Poor building condition of the Scouts Hall.

Reserve Management Policy

1. Permit the use of the lower fields adjacent to Mahi Road as a dog exercise area.
2. Permit the granting of a lease of the building footprint of the rugby clubrooms to the Te Kauwhata Rugby Football Club.
3. Permit the granting of a lease of the building footprint of the squash courts and clubrooms to the Te Kauwhata Squash Club and any extension to the facility.
4. Permit freedom camping for a maximum of two nights in a designated area in the upper car park subject to the area not being required for events.
5. Permit the granting of grazing licences to assist the maintenance of the reserve until such time that the land is required for other recreational purposes.
6. Earthworks for the purpose of the development of the Te Kauwhata Domain is permitted.



Proposed Development

- Loop walkway/fitness trail to be completed around the domain, with accompanying native planting
- Complete phase 3 and 4 of the revamped dog exercise area projects.
- Te Kauwhata Squash Club is seeking to increase the size of facilities footprint.
- Undertake a masterplan for the reserve, noting:
 - The current draft concept plan developed in 2021
 - Utilisation of all reserve areas
 - Carpark expansion for multiple activities
 - Development of the unused lower field.
 - Additional drainage for the bottom southern fields.
 - Consider installing changing rooms by the existing public toilets.
 - Consider the installation of a playground.
 - Consider a natural play area and no-mow areas to create a meadow.



2.6.7 Whitikahu Hall

Reserve Classification	Subject to the Local Government Act 2002
Location	735 Whitikahu Road
Authority	Freehold
Area	0.309ha
Legal Description	Part Lot 1 DP 24406 Part Lot 1 DP 35444
Subject to WTTS	No
Maaori Ward	Tai Runga Takiwaa



Current formal occupation

There are no current formal occupation agreements in place.

Background

This land is comprised of the Whitikahu Hall and three adjacent tennis courts. The tennis courts are lit. A car park has been developed adjacent to the hall.

Reserve Issues

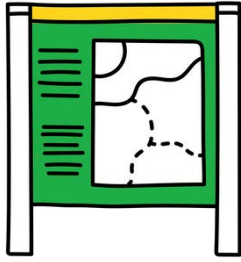
- Poor condition of the courts lighting.

Reserve Management Policies

1. Support upgrades to supporting infrastructure to encourage recreation and physical activity.

Proposed Development

- Complete planned upgrade of floodlighting.



2.0 The Reserves

2.7 Western District General Ward





2.7.1 Albie Philips Memorial Park, Port Waikato

Reserve Classification	Subject to the Local Government Act 2002
Location	Cordyline Road, Port Waikato
Authority	Vested
Area	6.3254ha
Legal Description	Part Lot 1 DPS 3625 Lot 9 DPS 23881
Subject to WTTS	No
Maaori Ward	Tai Raro Takiwaa

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Accessway) Reserve
Location	Cordyline Road, Port Waikato
Authority	Vested
Area	0.0139ha
Legal Description	Lot 42 DPS 26669
Subject to WTTS	No
Maaori Ward	Tai Raro Takiwaa



Current formal occupation

There are no current formal occupation agreements in place.



Background

The reserve is in Port Waikato with the main access off Maunsell Road. There is also a narrow accessway from Cordyline Road to the reserve and adjoining DOC managed conservation areas.

The reserve is named after the Late Mr Albert Lewis Phillips who gifted the land to the Council. The Council accepted the gift in 1990 on the following conditions:

1. That an area of land is always available for children to exercise their horses or ponies.
2. That the land is for public purposes only and is not to be used for residential, commercial or industrial activities.
3. That if it is necessary for the land to be subdivided for public purposes the proceeds of sale be expended on improvements to the remaining land.

The reserve has poor drainage and existing drains that bisect the site carry stormwater drainage from the surrounding township.

Reserve Issues

- Drainage.
- Restrictions on use of the land arising from gifting of the asset.
- Control of weeds.

Reserve Management Policy

1. Permit the use of the reserve for equestrian activity including the granting of leases for establishing pony club or other equestrian uses.
2. Permit the issuing of grazing licences over the reserve to maintain the land until such time that the land is required for recreation use. Such licences shall be subject to permitting access for children's horse and pony riding.
3. Permit the development of the reserve for other active sporting uses subject to permitting access for children's horse and pony riding.
4. Support the restoration of ecological values on adjoining conservation land.

Proposed Development

No development is proposed currently.



2.7.2 Glen Murray Memorial Hall

Reserve Classification	Subject to the Local Government Act 2002
Location	2400 Highway 22, Glen Murray
Authority	Freehold
Area	2.7696ha
Legal Description	Lot 1 DP 3130 Lot 2 DP 3130
Subject to WTTs	No
Māori Ward	Tai Raro Takiwā



Current formal occupation

There are no current formal occupation agreements in place.

Background

The reserve is located on Highway 22, Glen Murray. The land was purchased by Raglan County Council in 1953 and held for a sports ground. The Community Hall was opened in the 1950's as a memorial for those in the area who fought in World War 2. The wider site includes two artificial surfaced courts, a playground and sports grounds that are used by an equestrian group.

Reserve Issues

No specific issues identified.

Reserve Management Policies

No specific policy required.

Proposed Development

No specific development proposed.



2.7.3 Naike Reserve

Reserve Classification	Subject to the Local Government Act 2002
Location	3642 Highway 22, Glen Murray
Authority	Freehold
Area	0.7657ha
Legal Description	Part Allot 26 Whangape PSH
Subject to WTTS	No
Maaori Ward	Tai Raro Takiwaa



Current formal occupation

There are no current formal occupation agreements in place.

Background

The reserve is located between Woodleigh Road and Highway 22, Glen Murray. The reserve is comprised of the former primary school which was purchased by the Franklin District Council and leased back to the Naike Community. The property comprises former classrooms, a hall, a swimming pool and playing field.

The reserve adjoins the Naike Hall site and courts which are owned by Council as general land (not reserve).

Reserve Issues

- Utilisation of the reserve.

Reserve Management Policy

No specific policy required.

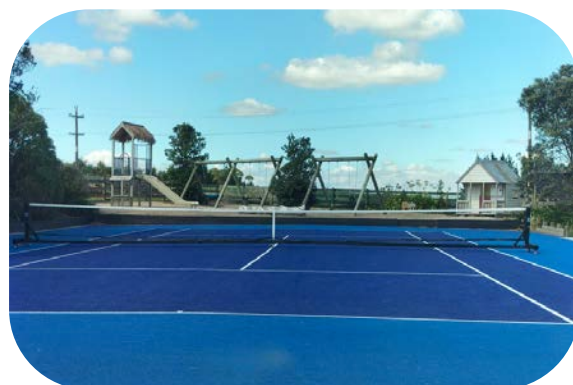
Proposed Development

No development is proposed currently.



2.7.4 Opuatia Reserve

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Community Centre) Reserve
Location	3642 Highway 22, Glen Murray
Authority	Freehold
Area	0.7657ha
Legal Description	Part Allot 26 Whangape PSH
Subject to WTTs	No
Maaori Ward	Tai Raro Takiwaa



Current formal occupation

There are no current formal occupation agreements in place.

Background

The reserve comprises the old Opuatia School grounds. The school was opened in 1917 and closed in 1973. The building is now used as a community centre.

The tennis courts adjacent to the community centre have recently been resurfaced and improved. The remainder of the grounds are grazed.

Reserve Issues

- Utilisation of reserve.

Reserve Management Policy

1. Permit the granting of grazing licences over the reserve to assist with maintenance until such time that the reserve is required for other recreational uses.
2. Council to collaborate with the community to enable community-led projects to provide additional facilities.

Proposed Development

No specific development is proposed currently.



2.7.5 Philips Reserve, Port Waikato

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve
Location	Cordyline Road, Port Waikato
Authority	Declared
Area	0.6744
Legal Description	Lot 43 DPS 26669
Subject to WTTS	No
Maaori Ward	Tai Raro Takiwaa



Current formal occupation

There are no current formal occupation agreements in place.

Background

The reserve is in Port Waikato and the pedestrian access is off Cordyline Road. The reserve contains a well-developed neighbourhood playground, a tennis court, and public toilets.

Council has signed a letter of support with the Port Waikato Residents and Ratepayers (PWRRA) Association for the placement of a removable pump track on the reserve. Discussions are still ongoing to determine the best location for the pump track, considering pathways and tracks surrounding the reserve. Funding for the pump track is community driven, with the Rural-Port Waikato Community Board endorsing the proposal.

The next steps for the project will be for the PWRRA to acquire funding, concept planning for the reserve and council lead consultation with the community.



Reserve Issues

- Tennis Courts require resurfacing.
- Unauthorised vehicle access.

Reserve Management Policy

1. Permit the use of the Tennis Pavilion for the Port Waikato Community Library.
2. Permit the placement of a removable pump track on the reserve via a community-led project.
3. Permit the development of multi-use courts on the reserve.

Proposed Development

- Community-led project to establish a removable pump track, alongside further concept planning for the reserve.



2.7.6 Te Akau Recreation Reserve

Reserve Classification	Subject to the Local Government Act 2002
Location	Te Akau Road, Te Akau
Authority	Declared
Area	26.965
Legal Description	Lot 1 DPS 15315, Lot 1 DPS 22296, Lot 1 DPS 24052
Subject to WTTS	No
Maaori Ward	Tai Runga Takiwaa



Current formal occupation

There are no current formal occupation agreements in place.

Background

This is a large and well-established community facility, which serves the wider rural area surrounding Te Akau. The reserve is located on Te Akau Road. The reserve is comprised of a large sports field, which is used predominately for Rugby and Polo. Training lights have been installed along one side of the field. The Te Akau Community Sports Building adjoins the fields.

Artificial tennis courts and bowling greens are located to the west of the Community Sports Centre and a small pavilion adjoins the tennis court. A small playground is also located between the pavilion and the Sports Centre.

A nine-hole golf course has been established over the remainder of the reserve. Sheep graze the fairways.

Council formally declared and classified the land as Recreation Reserve in December 2014 prior to the notification of this management plan. Gazettal of the classification has not been undertaken.



Reserve Issues

- Development of improved playground facilities.

Reserve Management Policy

1. Permit the granting of a lease to the Te Akau Golf Club for the golf course area subject to General Policy 4.2.1
2. Permit the granting of a lease to the Te Akau Rugby Football Club for the building footprint of the clubrooms subject to General Policy 4.2.1
3. Permit the development and operation of training lights to club training level on the reserve.
4. Permit the development of a local playground to support activity on the site.
5. Permit the granting of grazing licences over the reserve to assist with reserve maintenance until such time that the land is required for recreational purposes.
6. Support riparian planting along the watercourse, and wider restoration of ecological values on the reserve.
7. Action the resolution to gazette and classify the reserve as Recreation Reserve

Proposed Developement

No specific development at this time.



2.7.7 Te Kohanga Reserve

Reserve Classification	Subject to the Local Government Act 2002
Location	Cnr Tuakau-Port Waikato Road and Kohanga Road
Authority	Vested
Area	1.990ha
Legal Description	Allotment 70A Parish of Onewhero (DP 20191)
Subject to WTTS	No
Maaori Ward	Tai Raro Takiwaa



Current formal occupation

There are no current formal occupation agreements in place.

Background

This reserve is located opposite the Te Kohanga Primary School. The reserve is accessed from Tuakau Bridge – Port Waikato Road. The Te Kohanga Sports Club transferred the land and improvements to the Franklin District Council.

The reserve includes a full-size rugby field and clubrooms for the Te Kohanga Rugby Club. The Te Kohanga Hall is also located on the reserve and behind this is a large area of pasture.

The Council resolved to classify the land as recreation reserve in December 2014 following consultation. Council is yet to gazette the adopted classification for the reserve.



Reserve Issues

- Utilisation of the reserve.
- Condition of sports field lighting.
- Maintenance of existing facilities.
- Illegal dumping.
- Lack of public toilets for reserve users and passing motorists.
- Lack of appropriate parking.

Reserve Management Policy

1. Permit the granting of a lease to the Te Kohanga Rugby Football Club Inc for the building footprint of the clubrooms subject to General Policy 4.2.1.
2. Permit the granting of a grazing licence over the reserve (other than the clay-based rugby field) to assist with maintenance until such time that the land is required for recreational purposes.
3. Action the resolution to gazette and classify the reserve as Recreation Reserve.

Proposed Development

- Investigate whether there is demand and consider installing public toilets.
- Consider installation of CCTV cameras or alternative methods to deter illegal dumping.
- Consider improvements to parking safety and signage.



2.7.8 Waikaretu Valley Hall

Reserve Classification	Subject to the Local Government Act 2002
Location	1447A Waikaretu Valley Road, Waikaretu Valley
Authority	Declared
Area	0.1815ha
Legal Description	Section 6 Block X Awaroa SD
Subject to WTTS	No
Maaori Ward	Tai Raro Takiwaa



Current formal occupation

There are no current formal occupation agreements in place.

Background

The reserve is located on the Waikaretu Valley Road and consists of a hall and lit tennis courts. The tennis courts are no longer used and are in poor condition.

Reserve Issues

- Utilisation and condition of courts.

Reserve Management Policies

1. Maintain the reserve to ensure safety of users and improve amenity value.

Proposed Development

- Remove derelict fencing and lights.



2.7.9 Waikorea Valley Rd Recreation Reserve

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve
Location	Waikorea Valley Road, Waikorea Valley
Authority	Vested
Area	1.2477ha
Legal Description	Section 17 Block XIV Awaroa Survey District
Subject to WTTS	Yes
Maaori Ward	Tai Raro Takiwaa



Current formal occupation

There are no current formal occupation agreements in place.

Background

This reserve is located on the Waikorea Valley Road and is not currently actively used for recreation purposes. The land was set apart as a recreation reserve in 1975. The remains of tennis courts are evident, otherwise the land is being used for grazing.

Given the remote location and proximity of other well-developed recreation facilities in the ward such as at Te Akau and Onewhero there is little likelihood of the reserve being required in the future for recreation and as such the future of the site should be investigated.



Reserve Issues

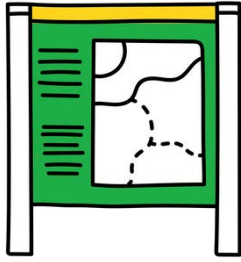
- Not currently providing any recreational services.

Reserve Management Policy

1. Investigate the future suitability of the site as a reserve.

Proposed Development

No development is proposed currently.



2.0 The Reserves

2.8 Whaingaroa General Ward/Tai Runga Takiwaa Maaori Ward





2.8.1 Raglan Recreation Reserve

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve
Location	Cross Street, Raglan
Authority	Vested: Section 1 SO 358608 Appointment to Control & Manage: Lots 1, 1A, 2 and 3 of Section 10 Deeds Plan C38. Allotment 272 Whaingaroa Parish Declared: Section 1 SO 360861
Area	4.743ha
Legal Description	Section 1 SO 358608, Lots 1, 1A, 2 and 3 of Section 10 Deeds Plan C38. Allotment 272 Whaingaroa Parish, Section 1 SO 360861
Subject to WTTs	No



Current formal occupation

There are no current formal occupation agreements in place.

Background

The reserve is located in Raglan and the vehicular access is off Cross Street. There is legal (but unformed) access to Lily Street and Primrose Street.

The reserve has well-established lit rugby fields and netball/tennis courts located on the site. Whaingaroa Touch also utilises the reserve.

The courts are utilised by the Raglan Netball Club, which was established in 2008. Established to provide local children a place to compete, the club has grown to facilitate 8 junior teams and 2 adult teams playing in the Hamilton competition. The club also operates a twilight competition for both male and female competitors, however limited courts space has limited the competition to 12 teams.

The reserve includes several parcels that are currently undeveloped, including areas of steep topography.



Reserve Issues

- Difficulty of developing remainder of reserve for sporting purposes given drainage and topography.
- Drainage on the courts and flooding during high tides and heavy rain.
- Coastal inundation, with increasing flooding events and high tides during rain events and large tides.
- Condition and effectiveness of rugby training lights.
- Lack of pedestrian connectivity.
- Courts surface and line markings are slippery and are a hazard.
- Limited capacity for growth for netball.

Reserve Management Policy

1. Permit granting of a lease for the footprint of the club buildings to the Raglan Rugby Sports Club.
2. Permit the development of walking and cycling connections to Lily Street and Primrose Street to improve access to and across the reserve.
3. Enhancement and maintenance of ecological values on the reserve and the adjoining Aro Aro Bay wetland.

Proposed Development

- Form pedestrian/cycle connections to adjacent streets.
- Ensure development and maintenance works on the reserve consider impacts on surrounding waterways and areas such as the Aro Aro Bay wetland.
- Consider methods to improve drainage on the reserve, while maintaining the ecological values of the Aro Aro Bay wetland.



2.8.1 Waitetuna Recreation Reserve

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve
Location	Waitetuna Valley Road, Waitetuna
Authority	Vested
Area	1.5577ha
Legal Description	Lot 5 DPS 305118
Subject to WTTS	No



Current formal occupation

There are no current formal occupation agreements in place.

Background

The reserve is in Waitetuna. It has frontages to Waitetuna Valley Road and Old Mountain Road. The land was vested on subdivision. The land is currently grazed.

Waitetuna School has entered discussions with the Council to utilise the reserve to install a pump track. Final agreements had not been agreed upon at the time this document was adopted.

Reserve Issues

- Utilisation of the land for recreation purposes.

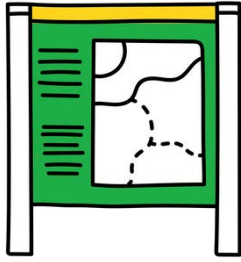


Reserve Management Policy

1. Permit the granting of grazing licences until such time that the land is required for a recreation purpose.
2. Continue discussions with Waitetuna School on future collaborations for the reserve and allow agreed activities and licenses.

Proposed Development

- Community led project for the establishment of a pump track and pedestrian access on the reserve.



2.0 The Reserves

2.9 Golf Courses





2.9 Golf Courses

There are currently four reserves that are leased to Golf Courses.

- Horsham Downs Golf Course
- Hukanui Golf Course
- Ngaruawahia Golf Course
- Waiterimu Golf Course

All Golf Course are well established, with strong membership and visitor numbers. The clubs continue to make continued improvements to the courses and retain maintenance responsibilities for their sites.

2.9.1 Horsham Downs Golf Course

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve
Location	River Road, Horsham Downs
Authority	Vested: Allots 342, Part Allotment 35, Part Allotment 343, Allotment 417 and 505 Kirikirioa Parish, Lot 1 DP30962, Part Lot 1 DP25895 Declared: Allotment 541 Kirikirioa Parish, Lot 1 DPS 76271, Section 1 SO53593, Section 2 SO 61161
Area	12.05ha
Legal Description	Allots 342, Part Allotment 35, Part Allotment 343, Allotment 417 and 505 Kirikirioa Parish, Lot 1 DP30962, Part Lot 1 DP25895, Allotment 541 Kirikirioa Parish, Lot 1 DPS 76271, Section 1 SO53593, Section 2 SO 61161
Subject to WTTS	Yes: Allots 342, Part Allotment 35, Part Allotment 343, Allotment 417 and 505 Kirikirioa Parish, Lot 1 DP30962, Part Lot 1 DP25895 No: Allotment 541 Kirikirioa Parish, Lot 1 DPS 76271, Section 1 SO53593, Section 2 SO 61161

Current formal occupation

Occupier	Instrument	Final Expiry
The Horsham Downs Golf Club Inc.	Lease	31/03/2045



Reserve Management Policy

1. Permit the granting of a new lease to the Horsham Downs Golf Club Inc. subject to General Policies 4.2.1.

2.9.2 Hukanui Golf Course

Reserve Classification	Subject to the Local Government Act 2002
Location	1550 Gordonton Road, Gordonton
Authority	Vested
Area	25.91ha
Legal Description	Part Lot 5 DP 1291
Subject to WTTS	No
Maaori Ward	Tai Runga Takiwaa

Current formal occupation

Occupier	Instrument	Final Expiry
The Hukanui Golf Club Inc.	Lease	31/08/2056

Reserve Management Policy

1. Permit the granting of a lease to The Hukanui Golf Club Inc. subject to General Policies 4.2.1.



2.9.3 Ngaruawahia Golf Course

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve
Location	5925 Great South Road, Ngaruawahia
Authority	Vested
Area	47.34ha
Legal Description	Allot 205 Horotiu PSH Part allotment 123A Horotiu Parish
Subject to WTTS	Yes
Maaori Ward	Tai Runga Takiwaa

Current formal occupation

Occupier	Instrument	Final Expiry
Ngaruawahia Golf Club	Lease	Perpetual right of renewal - current term expires in 2036

Reserve Management Policy

1. Permit the granting of a lease to the Ngaruawahia Golf Club subject to General Policies 4.2.1
2. Permit any associated subleases within the Ngaruawahia Golf Club footprint.
3. Enable roading development for safer access to the Ngaruawahia Golf Club and enable surrounding growth.



2.9.4 Waiterimu Golf Course

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve
Location	Storey Road, Waiterimu
Authority	Declared
Area	47.29ha
Legal Description	Allotment 747 and 772 Taupiri Parish
Subject to WTTS	No
Maaori Ward	Tai Raro Takiwaa

Current formal occupation

Occupier	Instrument	Final Expiry
Waiterimu Golf Club Incorporated	Lease	31/08/2094

Reserve Management Policy

1. Permit the renewal of the lease of the golf course to Waiterimu Golf Club Incorporated subject to General Policy 4.2.1.



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