Waikato District Sports Park Reserve Management Plan

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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.

This plan will provide for consistent approach to the management of reserves 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.

These management plans should:"... provide for and ensure the use, enjoyment, maintenance, protection, and preservation ... and, ... the development, as appropriate, of the reserve for the purpose for which it is classified"[1].

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 managers 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 Polices Management Plan will replace any previously prepared reserve management plan for reserves included in this plan including:

1. Onewhero Recreation Reserve Management Plan 1991
2. Pokeno Domain Management Plan 1995
3. Te Kauwhata Recreation Reserve Management and Development Plan 1981
4. Whatawhata Recreation Reserve Management Plan 1983
5. Albie Phillips Memorial Park Management Plan 1995
6. Huntly Domain and Lake Hakanoa Reserve Management (Huntly Domain Section only) 2012

[1] Reserves Act 1977, 41 (3).

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

1.2 Relationship with general policies

This management plan is to be read in conjunction with the Draft General Policies Reserve Management Plan, which is also being released for public comment. The general policies will apply to all reserves within the Waikato District. Where there is a conflict between the specific polices contained within this plan and the general policies contained within the General Policies Reserve Management Plan, the specific policies in this plan will take precedence.

1.3 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 with regard to management of reserves under Reserves Act 1977.

The agreement also acknowledges that Council has a requirement to consult 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.

The Council is the administrator of many reserves where the underlying ownership resides with the Crown. In accordance with the Waikato Raupatu Claims Settlement Act 1995, Waikato-Tainui will be offered first right of refusal where Crown land is to be disposed of. Where reserves are subject to first right of refusal provisions, this is identified in the property summary for each reserve.

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".

1.4 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:

7. 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)

8. A "vesting" from the Crown, or

9. "An appointment to control and manage" from the Crown

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

The current formal occupation and use of the reserve is described and the specific issues and polices 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.

A number of properties are not reserve or are not yet classified in accordance with the Reserves Act 1977. The treatment of these properties is described in Section 3.

1.5 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 or reserves and granting of leases.

Other decisions, such as approval for events, removal of trees, issuing of permits etc. can be delegated from the Council to the Chief Executive and to the parks and facilities 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.

1.6 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 Plana 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.

1.7 Waikato Regional Sports Facility Plan

The Waikato Regional Sports Facility Plan (2014) examines the current and future sport and recreational facility needs in the Waikato region. When considering implementation of this management plan consideration should be given to the principles contained within the Waikato Regional Sports Facility Plan specifically with regards to cooperation with other agencies and territorial authorities as part of Council's decision-making process.

2.0 The reserves

2.1 Awaroa ki Tuakau Ward

2.1.1 Dr John Lightbody Reserve

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve	Area	10.4963 hectares
Location	Escotts Road, Tuakau	Legal description	Lot 1 DP 164972 and Part Allotment 14 Tuakau Parish
Authority	Vested	Subject to WTTS	No

Current formal occupation

Occupier	Instrument	Final Expiry
Tuakau Sports Complex Trust	Lease	31/12/2016

Background
The reserve is named after Dr John Lightbody, a medical practitioner in Tuakau from 1951 – 1984. The reserve is well established and divided in two by Escotts Road.

The northern section of the reserve contains the Council swimming pool and a recently redeveloped playground. Disused netball courts have been retained for casual play and a basic skate plaza has been formed in this area. Public toilets are located adjacent to the playground and at the clubrooms on Escotts Road. A youth centre has been established in the building adjacent to the disused netball courts. 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. Active user groups include:

- Tuakau Junior Soccer Club
- Tuakau Senior Soccer Club
- Tuakau Junior Rugby Club
- Tuakau Senior Rugby Club
- Tuakau Junior Cricket Club
- Tuakau Senior Cricket Club
- Tuakau Rugby League Club
- Tuakau Amateur Athletics Club

Reserve issues

- Utilisation of the disused netball courts.
- Improved lighting of the sports fields.
- Security of building and facilities.
- Formalising occupation agreements.

Specific reserve management policy

1. Permit development/reinstatement of the netball courts for ball sports such as netball and tennis as demand and resources permit.
2. Permit expansion of the existing skate park facilities as demand and resources permit.
3. Permit the development of outdoor gym equipment/fitness trail around the perimeter of the reserve as resources permit.
4. Permit the lease of existing buildings on the reserve to groups using the reserve for recreation purposes.
5. Permit the establishment and operation of training lights to enable training and play to club competition level.
6. 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 7.2.1.
7. Permit the granting of leases over the footprints of the other existing buildings to clubs and organisations that operate from the reserve subject to General Policy 7.2.1.

Proposed development

- Develop an overall concept plan in conjunction with users to ensure the optimal utilisation and development of sporting facilities on the reserve.
- Improve lighting of sports fields to enable increased night time training.
- Improve lighting of car parks associated with facilities used as night.
- Encourage increased tree planting to improve the amenity of the reserve including linkages to surrounding areas of ecological value.

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Dr John Lightbody Reserve

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2.1.2 Otaua War Memorial Bowling Green

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve	Area	0.4489 hectares
Location	Maioro Road, Otaua	Legal description	Allotment 216 and 367 Parish of Waiuku West
Authority	Vested	Subject to WTTS	Yes

Current formal occupation
There are no current formal occupation agreements in place.

Background
The Otaua District War Memorial Bowling Green was formally opened in November 1954. The original pavilion was replaced in 1963.[2]

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
- Formalising occupation/use agreements.

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, consider return of the property to the Crown for disposal, conditional on provision being made for retention or relocation of the war memorial.

Proposed development
No development is proposed at this time.

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Otaua War Memorial Bowling Green

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2.1.3 Pokeno Domain

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve	Area	5.9261 hectares
Location	Avon Road, Pokeno	Legal description	Allotment 336, Suburban Section 1 Mangatawhiri Parish
Subject to WTTS	To be confirmed	Authority	Vested

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 late1860 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. The balance of the site is in pasture.

Reserve issues
- Utilisation of reserve.
- Condition of courts and court lighting.
- Lack of formal occupation agreements.

Reserve management policy
1. Permit the granting of a lease for the pavilion and tennis courts to the Pokeno Tennis Club subject to General Policy 7.2.1.
2. Permit the development and enhancement of the tennis courts including improved lighting.
3. 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.
4. Protect and enhance existing tree planting on the reserve and seek to extend ecological linkages to neighbouring waterways.

Proposed development
- Improvement of the tennis court facilities including improved lighting.
- Increase picnicking facilities on the flat land adjacent to the tennis courts.
- Improve awareness of the reserve via improved sign posting.
- Protect and enhance ecological values on the reserve.

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Pokeno Domain

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2.1.4 Tuakau Domain

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve	Area	15.1731 hectares
Location	Alexandra Redoubt Road, Tuakau	Legal description	Allotment 45 Suburbs of Tuakau
Subject to WTTS	Yes	Authority	Appointment to Control and Manage

Current formal occupation

Occupier	Instrument	Final Expiry
Tuakau/Harrisville Pony Club Inc.	Lease	30/06/2030
The New Zealand Western Riding Federation Inc.	Lease	31/08/2017

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 its pavilion. The original hall served the local community and is now occupied by the Tuakau District Seas Scouts. The lease for the scouts has recently expired.

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 used for cross country events. There is potential to merge these two leases in the future.

The Tuakau Rugby League and Sports Club utilises the eastern end of the reserve, which is set out in two rugby league fields. Softball is played over summer on the upper league field. Improved training lights have recently been installed by the Council on the lower rugby field.

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

Reserve issues

- Need for improved toilet facilities.
- Formalisation of existing parking areas and improved access for horse floats.
- Improve lighting around buildings and facilities and River Road end of reserve.
- Managing potential competing requirements for available space as demand increases.
- Maintenance and enhancement of the watercourse through the reserve.
- Continued grazing of the reserve.
- Formalising existing occupation and use.

Reserve management policy

1. 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 utlising the eastern end of the reserve.
2. Permit the development and lease of a storage shed for the Sea Scouts subject to the building being removed if an when a new shared use facility is constructed.
3. 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.
4. Permit the development and expansion of equestrian facilities on the reserve as resources permit.
5. Permit the formation of walkways, cycle trails and bridle trails within the reserve to improve access and utilisation of the reserve.
6. Enhance the watercourse within the reserve with riparian planting to improve ecological values.
7. Permit the use of the reserve for the operation of model aircraft and UAV between the hours of 8AM to 8PM each day.
8. Prohibit the flying of model aircraft from the reserve when scheduled equestrian events are occurring subject to the Tuakau Model Aircraft Club being given one months notice of such equestrian events by the event organiser.
9. Permit the lease of the hall building to the Tuakau District Sea Scout Group 26814 subject to General Policy 7.2.1.
10. Permit the lease of the equestrian riding areas to the Tuakau/Harrisville Pony Club Inc. subject to General Policy 7.2.1.

Proposed development

- There is potential to improve the utilisation of the building currently occupied by the rugby league club.
- 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.
- See Tuakau Domain Concept Plan.

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Tuakau Domain

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2.2 Eureka Ward

2.2.1 Matangi Recreation Reserve

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve	Area	3.1420 hectares
Location	Tauwhare Road, Matangi	Legal description	Lot 1 DPS 35917 and Lot 1 DPS 11125
Subject to WTTS	No	Authority	Declared

Current formal occupation
There are no current formal occupation agreements in place.

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 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. The club celebrated its centenary in 2014.

Reserve issues
- Formalising lease to Matangi-Hillcrest Sports Club Inc which expired in 2007.
- Limited vehicle access to reserve.
- Improvement of lighting to sports fields.

Reserve management policy
1. Permit the lease of the building footprint to the Matangi-Hillcrest Sports Club subject to General Policy 7.2.1.
2. Ensure public access is available to the reserve car park at all times.
3. Maintain a local playground on the reserve to support activity on the site.
4. Permit the development of netball/tennis courts on the reserve.
5. Permit the establishment and operation of training lights to enable training and play to club competition level.

Proposed development
- Consider relocation of the playground to a more visible location and increase equipment and seating.
- Upgrade training lights.
- Consider development of netball/tennis courts subject to demand.

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Matangi Recreation Reserve
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2.3 Hukanui-Waerenga Ward

2.3.1 Gordonton Reserve

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Community Use) Reserve	Area	4.0448 hectares
Location	College Drive, Gordonton	Legal description	Part Lot 8 Allotment 148 Komakorau Parish
Subject to WTTS	No	Authority	Declared

Current formal occupation
There are no current formal occupation agreements in place.

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
- Formalising existing occupation and use.
- Lack of signs to identify the reserve as a public asset.
- Lack of formal occupation agreements.
- Upgrading of courts and public access.

Reserve management policy
1. Permit the lease of the building footprint to the Gordonton Tennis Club subject to General Policy 7.2.1.
2. Permit the lease of the pony club grounds to the Gordonton Pony Club subject to General Policy 7.2.1.
3. Permit the granting of grazing licences for land not currently utilised by the Pony Club until such time that at alternative community use becomes available for the land.

Proposed development
- Resurfacing of courts

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Gordonton Reserve

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2.3.2 Kainui Tennis Courts

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve	Area	0.1867 hectares
Location	Kainui Road, Taupiri	Legal description	Lot 1 DPS 34201
Subject to WTTS	No	Authority	Declared

Current formal occupation
There are no current formal occupation agreements in place.

Background
This is a small reserve, which provides tennis courts for the local community. Two lit artificial courts are provided along with clubrooms. The Council formally declared and classified the land as recreation reserve in December 2014 prior to the notification of this management plan.

Reserve issues
- Formalising existing occupation and use.
- The car park is unformed and access onto Kainui Road is somewhat obscured.

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 7.2.1.

Proposed development
- No development is proposed at this time.
- A traffic safety review should be undertaken on access to the reserve and recommendations, if any, implemented.

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2.3.3 Orini Reserve

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve	Area	2.7640 hectares
Location	1372 Orini Road, Orini	Legal description	Lot 4 DPS 91615
Subject to WTTS	No	Authority	Declared

Current formal occupation
There are no current formal occupation agreements in place.

Background
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.
- Dominance of sponsorship/advertising signs.

Reserve management policy
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 operate from the reserve subject to General Policy 7.2.1.

Proposed development
No specific development is proposed.

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Orini Reserve

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2.3.4 Puketaha Hall

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Community Purpose) Reserve	Area	0.4149 hectares
Location	Puketaha Road, Puketaha	Legal description	Lot 4 and 5 DP 339943
Subject to WTTS	No	Authority	Vested

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Community Purpose) Reserve	Area	0.2023 hectares
Location	Puketaha Road, Puketaha	Legal description	Lot 1 DP 34823
Subject to WTTS	No	Authority	Declared

Current formal occupation
There is understood to be a formal occupation agreement in place with the Ministry of Education for use of the reserve.

Background
The Puketaha Hall is located on freehold land owned by the Council. The Council formally declared and classified the land the hall is located on as local purpose (community facility) reserve in December 2014 prior to the notification of this management plan.

The grass area behind hall and the triangle of land to the east is local purpose (community purpose) reserve. The hall only occupies a small portion of the site with the balance of the land being used by the adjacent primary school.

Reserve issues
- None identified

Reserve management policy
1. Permit the lease of the land behind the Hall to the Ministry of Education subject to General Policy 7.2.1.

Proposed development
- No development is proposed at this time.

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Puketaha Hall

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2.3.5 Te Hoe Community Centre and Tennis Courts

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Community Facility)	Area	0.2055 hectares
Location	1726 Tahuna Road, Te Hoe	Legal description	Part Allot 328 Taupiri PSH
Subject to WTTS	No	Authority	Declared

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. The Council formally declared and classified the land as local purpose (community facility) reserve in December 2014 prior to the notification of this management plan.

Reserve issues
- Poor condition of tennis courts.

Reserve management policy
No specific polices are required.

Proposed development
- No specific development is proposed.
- If sufficient demand exists for tennis, the courts could be upgraded to meet this demand.

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Te Hoe Community Centre

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2.3.6 Waiterimu Golf Course

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve	Area	47.2991 hectares
Location	Storey Road, Waiterimu	Legal description	Allotment 747 and 772 Taupiri Parish
Subject to WTTS	No	Authority	Declared

Current formal occupation

Occupier	Instrument	Final Expiry
Waiterimu Golf Club	Lease	1/9/2061

Background
This is a nine-hole course maintained and operated by the Waiterimu Golf Club.

Reserve issues
- Potential for reinstatement of ephemeral wetlands and other waterway features.
- Existing transmission lines.

Reserve management policy
1. Permit the renewal of the lease of the golf course to the Waiterimu Golf Club subject to General Policy 7.2.1.
2. Support the enhancement and restoration of ecological values on the reserve.
3. Provide for access for operation, maintenance, development and upgrade of the National Grid Transmission lines.

Proposed development
No development is proposed at this time.

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Waiterimu Golf Course

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2.4 Huntly Ward

2.4.1 Huntly West Sports Complex

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve	Area	6.4395 hectares
Location	Rotowaro Road, Huntly	Legal description	Part Lot 1 DPS 7970, Lot 1 DPS 6452, Part Allotment 9 Pepepe Parish
Subject to WTTS	No	Authority	Declared

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve	Area	1.0797 hectares
Location	Rotowaro Road, Huntly	Legal description	Lot 57 DPS 5951
Subject to WTTS	Yes	Authority	Vested

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve	Area	0.1094 hectares
Location	Rotowaro Road, Huntly	Legal description	Lot 1 DPS 18335
Subject to WTTS	No	Authority	Declared

Current formal occupation
There are no current formal occupation agreements in place.

Background
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 Club maintains the club building and grandstand.

The Council formally declared and classified Lot 1 DPS 18335 as recreation reserve in December 2014 prior to the notification of this management plan.

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

Reserve issues

- Lack of formal occupation agreements.
- Utilisation of netball courts.
- Lighting of Field 1 to club competition level.
- Vandalism and graffiti.
- Existing transmission lines.

Reserve management policy

1. Permit the granting of a lease over the building footprints of the clubroom and grandstand to the Huntly College Old Boys Rugby Club subject to General Policy 7.2.1.
2. Permit the establishment and operation of training lights to enable training and play to club competition level.
3. Provide for access for operation, maintenance, development and upgrade of the National Grid Transmission lines.

Proposed development

- Consider providing lights to the Number 1 field to club completion level.

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Huntly West Sports Complex

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2.4.2 Huntly Domain

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve	Area	0.3731 hectares
Location	Taihua Road, Huntly	Legal description	Lot 3 DP 23824
Subject to WTTS	No	Authority	Declared

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve	Area	0.3541 hectares
Location	Taihua Road, Huntly	Legal description	Lot 14 DP 28935
Subject to WTTS	No	Authority	Declared

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve	Area	9.1439 hectares
Location	Taihua Road, Huntly	Legal description	Part Allotments 1 and 50, 540 and 776 Taupiri Parish
Subject to WTTS	Yes	Authority	Vested

Current formal occupation
There are no current formal occupation agreements in place.

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

The Huntly Swimming Pool and community hall is located adjacent to Wight Street and a playground and skate park are located along side this. The southern part of the reserve contains netball/tennis courts and club buildings occupied by a bridge club and yacht club.

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.

Reserve issues
- Lack of formal occupation agreements.

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 7.2.1.
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.

Proposed development

No development is proposed at this time

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Huntly Domain

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2.4.3 Ohinewai Recreation Reserve

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve	Area	3.0604 hectares
Location	Lilley Lane, Ohinewai	Legal description	Part Lot 2 DP8993, Lot 5 DPS 5356
Subject to WTTS	Yes	Authority	Appointment to control and manage

Current formal occupation
There are no current formal occupation agreements in place.

Background
This reserve contains the Ohinewai Hall, three synthetic, lit tennis courts and a large mown area of sports turf.

Reserve issues
- Use of balance of reserve

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 7.2.1
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
No further development is proposed at this time.

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2.5 Newcastle Ward

2.5.1 Whatawhata Recreation Reserve

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve	Area	2.1624 hectares
Location	State Highway 39	Legal description	Section 24 Suburbs of Whatawhata and Section 71 to 78, 84 to 88 and Part Sections 81 to 83 Town of Whatawhata
Subject to WTTS	Yes	Authority	Vested

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 Tennis Club was established in 1904 and constructed the pavilion and three lit tennis courts.

The Rugby Club established training lights on the field in 1977 and obtained a lease to construct clubrooms in 1980. The current building is understood to have been constructed in the mid 1980's. A reserve management plan was adopted in 1983.

Consideration is being given to the location of a potential new community facility in Whatawhata and the Whatawhata recreation reserve is being considered as a potential location.

Reserve issues
- Leases to the Whatawhata Rugby Sports Club and the Whatawhata Tennis Club expired in November 2013 and May 2014 respectively.
- Utilisation of fields and condition of tennis courts.
- Lack of significant vegetation on the reserve.

Reserve management policy

1. Permit the lease of the rugby clubroom building footprint to the Whatawhata Rugby Sports Club subject to General Policy 7.2.1.
2. Permit the lease of the tennis courts and pavilion to the Whatawhata Tennis Club subject to General Policy 7.2.1.
3. Permit the use of the reserve for a community facility that facilitiates the community and recreation use of the reserve.

Proposed development

- No immediate development plans.
- Opportunities to improve planting and to link to adjacent Waipa River could be developed.
- Potential as location for potential community facility.

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2.5.2 Willow Brook Recreation Reserve

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve	Area	2.4290 hectares
Location	Willow Brook Lane, Te Kowhai	Legal description	Lot 1 DPS 77702
Subject to WTTS	No	Authority	Vested

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

Current formal occupation
There are no current formal occupation agreements in place.

Background
The well-established reserve includes a full size fields 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 in located on Willow Brook Drive and a skate park is located opposite the shops on State Highway 39, where public toilets are located.

The Te Kowhai Junior Rugby Club utilises the fields but does not have any buildings on site. Football is also played on the reserve.

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.

The reserve is know locally as the Te Kowhai Village Green and it would be desirable to change the name of the reserve in accordance with General Policy 9.8.

Reserve issues
No significant issues.

Reserve management policy
1. Permit the construction of toilet/change rooms on the reserve subject to General Policy 5.1.

Proposed development
There is a desire for toilet/change rooms to be constructed on the reserve to support formal sports on the reserve and negate the need for users to cross the road to the Council funded toilets at the Te Kowhai shop.

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Willowbrook Recreation Reserve

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2.6 Ngaruawahia Ward

2.6.1 Ngaruawahia Bowling Greens

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

Current formal occupation

Occupier	Instrument	Final Expiry
Ngaruawahia Bowling Club Incorporated	Lease	1/06/2021
Waikato Regional Council	Licence	4/03/2017

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.

Reserve issues
- Utilisation of disused green.

Reserve management policy
1. Permit the lease of the bowling green and clubroom to the Ngaruawahia Bowling Club subject to General Policy 7.2.1.
2. Permit the lease of the playgroup building footprint to the Ngaruawahia Playgroup subject to General Policy 7.2.1.
3. Permit the lease of the air quality monitoring facility building footprint to the Waikato Regional Council subject to General Policy 7.2.1.

Proposed development
No specific development is proposed at this time.

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Ngaruawahia Bowling Green

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2.6.2 Centennial Park

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve	Area	5.6656 hectares
Location	Ellery Street, Ngaruawahia	Legal description	Part Section 109A Suburbs of Newcastle South
Subject to WTTS	Yes	Authority	Vested

Current formal occupation
There are no current formal occupation agreements in place.

Background
The reserve was part of the larger Ngaruawahia Domain that was formerly administered by the Ngaruawahia Domain Board. The Council classified the reserve for recreation purposes in December 2014 prior to the notification of this management plan. Prior to this it is understood that the Council administered the land under an appointment to control and manage.

The Ngaruawahia United Football Club was formed in 1968. The Club is active with both junior and senior teams and plays at Chatham Cup level. Clubrooms are located on the site. The Club also maintains the Templeton Field, which is full 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.

Reserve issues
- Lack formal occupation agreements.
- Lack of toilet and change facilities to accommodate demand.
- Condition of fields to be able to accommodate demand over winter.

Reserve management policy
1. Permit the lease of the club building footprints and the Templeton field to the Ngaruawahia United Football Club subject to General Policy 7.2.1.
2. Permit the construction of toilets/change rooms/toilet facilities on the reserve.
3. Permit the development of all-weather fields as demand and resources permit.
4. Permit the establishment and operation of training lights to enable training and play to club competition level.
5. Support the restoration of the riparian margin of the Waipa River.

Proposed development
- Upgrade of the Templeton field from a soil based pitch to a sand/soil composition.
- An ablution block in the south east corner of the fields - to contain toilet, changing and storage facilities.
- Extension of the current ablution block to provide additional changing rooms, referees changing facilities and storage.

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2.6.3 Paterson Park

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve	Area	4.0477 hectares
Location	River Road, Ngaruawahia	Legal description	Section 173 and 174 Suburbs of Newcastle North
Subject to WTTS	Yes	Authority	Vested

Current formal occupation
There are no current formal occupation agreements in place.

Background
The reserve was part of the larger Ngaruawahia Domain that was formerly administered by the Ngaruawahia Domain Board. The Council classified the reserve for recreation purposes in December 2014 prior to the notification of this management plan. Prior to this it is understood that the Council administered the land under an appointment to control and manage.

The reserve is home to the Ngaruawahia Rugby Sports Club whom 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 Ngaruawhaia Rangers Softball Team occasionally uses the softball diamond between the netball courts and the playground. The reserve adjoins the Ngaruawahia High School playing fields.

Reserve issues
- Effectiveness of training lights and effects on neighbours.

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 7.2.1.
2. Permit the lease of the Ngaruawahia Rugby Sports Club building footprints to the Ngaruawahia Rugby Sports Club subject to General Policy 7.2.1.
3. Permit the establishment and operation of training lights to enable training and play to club competition level.

Proposed development
No specific development is proposed at this time.

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2.6.4 Waipa Esplanade Reserve

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve	Area	3.2735 hectares
Location	Waipa Esplanade, Ngaruawahia	Legal description	Section 663A Town of Newcastle South
Subject to WTTS	Yes	Authority	Vested

Current formal occupation

Occupier	Instrument	Final Expiry
Ngaruawahia Pony Club Incorporated	Lease	1/01/2016

Background
The reserve was part of the larger Ngaruawahia Domain that was formerly administered by the Ngaruawahia Domain Board. The Council classified the reserve for recreation purposes in December 2014 prior to the notification of this management plan. Prior to this it is understood that the Council administered the land under an appointment to control and manage.

The reserve is comprised of pasture utlised by the Ngaruawahia Pony Club. A playground is located adjacent to Waipa Esplanade.

Reserve issues
- Restoration of riparian values.

Reserve management policy
1. Permit the granting of a lease to the Ngaruawahia Pony Club for the occupation and use of the reserve for pony club and equestrian uses subject to General Policy 7.2.1.
2. Support the restoration of the riparian margin of the Waipa River.

Proposed development
No development is proposed at this time.

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Newport Street
Beaufort Place
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2.6.5 Horsham Downs Golf Course

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve	Area	10.2481 hectares
Location	River Road, Ngaruawahia	Legal description	Allots 342, Part Allotment 35, Part Allotment 343, Allotment 417 and 505 Kirikirioa Parish, Lot 1 DP30962, Part Lot 1 DP25895
Subject to WTTS	Yes	Authority	Vested

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve	Area	1.8071 hectares
Location	River Road, Ngaruawahia	Legal description	Allotment 541 Kirikiriroa Parish, Lot 1 DPS 76271, Section 1 SO53593, Section 2 SO 61161
Subject to WTTS	No	Authority	Declared

Current formal occupation

Occupier	Instrument	Final Expiry
The Horsham Downs Golf Club Inc.	Lease	2025

Background
The Horsham Downs Golf course was established in May 1944. It is located on River Road near Hamilton City.

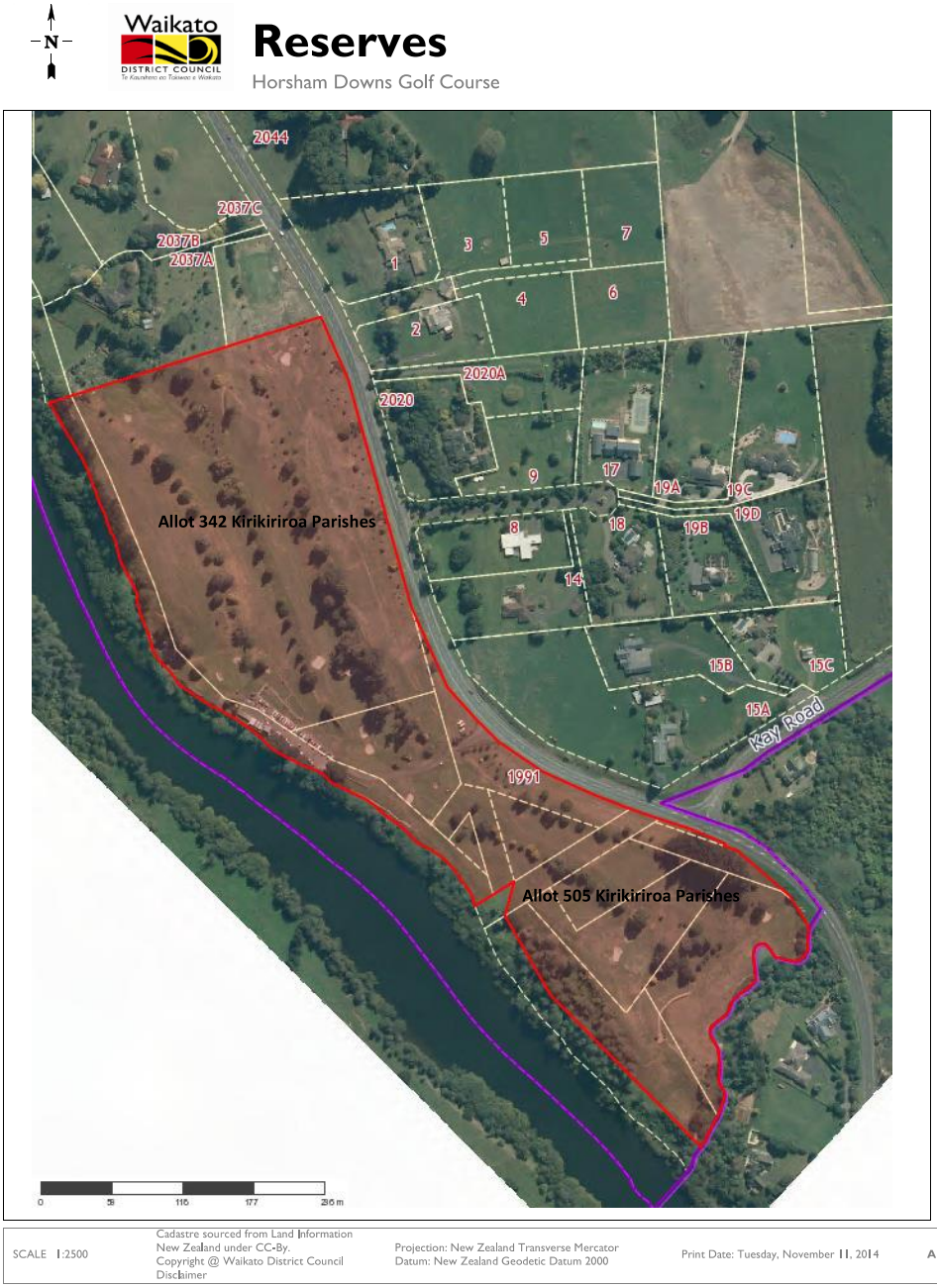
The Club was formed by a small group of golfing enthusiasts on Aubrey Boyd's farm, Henderson Road, Horsham Downs. The original club membership consisted of farmers and their wives from the local farming community, and it was not until the mid-1960's that "townies" from Hamilton City became members. Originally the course consisted of six holes, all in one paddock. After just a few years, it soon became apparent that a larger site would be necessary to cater for future growth and development. The opportunity arose in 1949 to acquire the present site on the Rototuna Domain.

The club has a current membership of 340 individuals and some 5000 visitors play at the course on average per year. The club is making continual improvements to the course to ensure the membership remains strong and to also ensure our club is the club of choice for casual green fee players to visit.

Reserve issues
None identified.

Reserve management policy
1. Support enhancement and restoration of ecological values and protection of waterways on the golf course.
2. Permit the granting of a new lease to the Horsham Downs Golf Club subject to General Polices 7.2.1.

Proposed development
No specific development is proposed at this time.



2.6.6 Ngaruawahia Golf Course

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve	Area	47.3421 hectares
Location	5925 Great South Road, Ngaruawahia	Legal description	Part allotment 123A and Allotment 205 Horitiu Parish
Subject to WTTS	Yes	Authority	Vested

Current formal occupation

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

Background

The Ngaruawahia Golf course is located on Great South Road, south of Ngaruawahia. It is a well-developed 18-hole course that offers a challenging length, well-defined rough and mature trees. The course was established on the present site in 1964 as a 9-hole course within the Ngaruawahia Race Course. It was developed into the present 18-hole course in 1971 and has enjoyed one of the largest membership bases in the Waikato ever since.

The Clubhouse was built in 2003 and is utlised as an events venue by the local community.

Reserve issues

None identified.

Reserve management policy

1. Support enhancement and restoration of ecological values and protection of waterways on the golf course.
2. Ensure public access for walking and cycling is maintained along the Waikato River.
3. Permit the granting of a lease to the Ngaruawahia Golf Club subject to General Polices 7.2.1.

Proposed development

No specific development is proposed at this time.

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2.7 Onewhero-Te Akau Ward

2.7.1 Albie Phillips Memorial Park

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve	Area	6.2337 hectares
Location	Cordyline Road, Port Waikato	Legal description	Part Lot 1 DPS 3625
Current State	Sports Park	Authority	Vested
Future Use	Sports Park	Subject to WTTS	No

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (accessway)	Area	0.0309 hectares
Location	Cordyline Road, Port Waikato	Legal description	Lot 43 DPS 26669
Current State	Sports Park	Authority	Vested
Future Use	Sports Park	Subject to WTTS	No

Current formal occupation
There are no current formal occupation agreements in place.

Background
The reserve is located 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:

a. That an area of land is always available for children to exercise their horses or ponies.
b. That the land is for public purposes only and is not to be used for residential, commercial or industrial activities.
c. 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 land.
- 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 at this time.

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Albie Phillips Memorial Park

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2.7.2 Onewhero Domain

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve	Area	10.0047 hectares
Location	Hall Road, Onewhero	Legal description	Part Allotment 89, 183 and Part Allotment 184 Onewhero Parish
Subject to WTTS	Lot 184 only	Authority	Vested

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Fire Station) Reserve	Area	0.1293 hectares
Location	Hall Road, Onewhero	Legal description	Part 183 Onewhero Parish
Subject to WTTS	No	Authority	Vested

Current formal occupation

Occupier	Instrument	Final Expiry
Residential Tennant	Lease	Subject to residential tenancies Act

Background

The reserve is located at Onewhero and has road frontage to Onewhero 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 on the reserve with the buildings and greens constructed by its members. Volunteer members also constructed the rural fire service facilities.

Buildings from the original Onewhero School have been previously utlised 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

this building to the Onewhero Area School, which has yet to be sanctioned by the Ministry of Education.

The Post Office was purchased by the Domain Board in 1988 to be used as a caretakers residence. This is now let as a residential tenancy by the Council.

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 basis training lights. Large clubrooms are located adjacent to the main field. The club has expressed a desire for a third rugby field. The need for this will be determined considering growth and a needs assessment.

The Onewhero Family Riding Group occupy the area between the tennis club and the rugby club. All leases, other than the residential tennacy, have expired or have not been otherwise formalised.

The Onewhero Society of Performing Arts 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

- Physical connection of the reserve to the school
- Lack of shelter and condition of existing vegetation
- Capacity of existing rugby fields
- Formalisation of existing occupancies
- Lack of public toilets
- Insufficient water for field irrigation
- Freedom camping
- Lack of other recreational opportunities such as walking, cycling and BMX
- Lack of playground facilities.

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 7.2.1 to enable the construction of a storage shed should this be unable to be accommodated within the existing buildings suitable for this purpose 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 7.2.1
4. Permit the granting of a lease over the bowling club greens and pavilion to the Onewhero Bowling Club subject to General Policies clause 7.2.1
5. Permit the granting of a lease over the tennis courts and pavilion subject to General Policies clause 7.2.1

6. Permit the granting of a lease over the Pony Club area to the Onewhero Family Riding Club subject to General Policies clause 7.2.1
7. Permit the establishment and operation of training lights to enable training and play to club competition level for the bowling greens, 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 three nights in a designated area subject to the area not being required for events.
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 establishment of a playground within the reserve.
15. 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

- Development of public toilets.
- Implementation of attached concept plan.
- Upgrade of water reticulation system to safeguard/future proof water supply to all clubs within the reserve.

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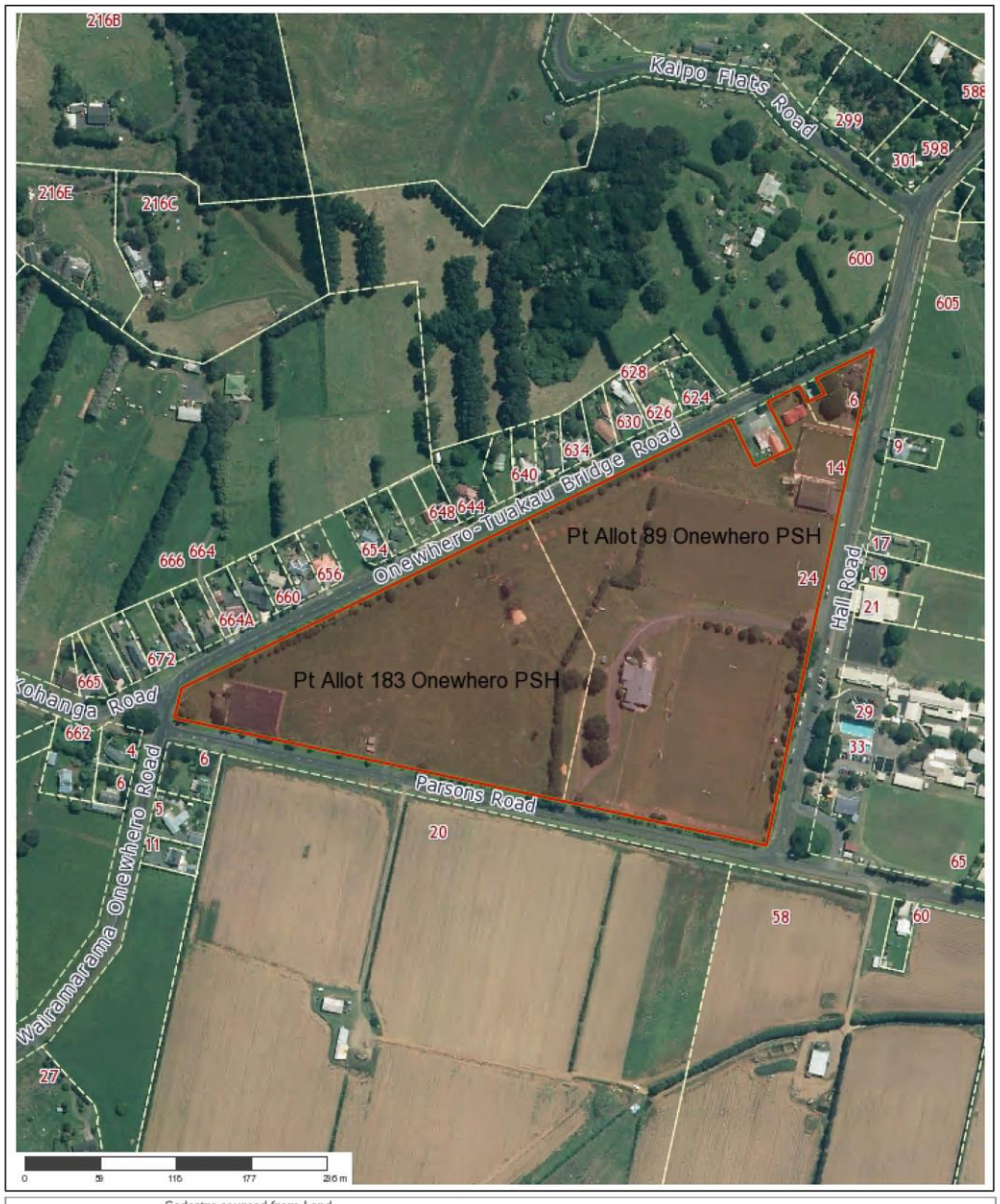

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2.7.3 Opuatia Reserve

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Community Centre)	Area	1.3245 hectares
Location	Otuiti Road, Opuatia	Legal description	Section 22 Block X111 Maramarua Survey District
Subject to WTTS	Yes	Authority	Vested

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.

There are disused tennis courts adjacent to the community centre. 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.

Proposed development
No specific development is proposed at this time.

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2.7.4 Phillips Reserve

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve	Area	6.3223 hectares
Location	Maunsell Road, Port Waikato	Legal description	Lot 43 DPS 26669
Subject to WTTS	No	Authority	Declared

Current formal occupation
There are no current formal occupation agreements in place.

Background
The reserve is located in Port Waikato and the pedestrian access is off Cordyline Road. The reserve contains a well-developed neighbourhood playground, a tennis court and pavilion (which accommodates the Port Waikato Community Library) and public toilets.

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.

Reserve issues
No specific issues have been identified.

Reserve management policy
1. Permit the use of the Tennis Pavilion for the Port Waikato Community Library.
2. Permit the granting of a lease over the tennis court and pavilion should a club be established that wishes to improve and maintain the existing tennis courts.

Proposed development
No specific development is anticipated.

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Philips Reserve

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2.7.5 Pukekawa Recreation Reserve

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

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

Current formal occupation

Occupier	Instrument	Final Expiry
Pukekawa Bowling Club	Lease	31/1/2031

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.

Reserve issues

- None identified

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 7.2.1.

Proposed development

No development is proposed at this time.

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2.7.6 Te Akau Recreation Reserve

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve	Area	29.2038 hectares
Location	Te Akau Road, Te Akau	Legal description	Lot 1 DPS 15315, Lot 1 DPS 22296, Lot 1 DPS 24052
Subject to WTTS	No	Authority	Declared

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 local community committee financed this building. 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.

The Council formally declared and classified the land as recreation reserve in December 2014 prior to the notification of this management plan.

Reserve issues

10. 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 7.2.1
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 7.2.1
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 the restoration of ecological values on the reserve.

Proposed development

11. Develop an improved local playground

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2.7.7 Waikorea Valley Road Recreation Reserve

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve	Area	1.2477 hectares
Location	Waikorea Valley Road, Waikorea Valley	Legal description	Section 17 Block X1V Awaroa Survey District
Subject to WTTS	Yes	Authority	Vested

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 used for recreation purposes. The land was set apart as a recreation reserve in 1975. The remains of tennis courts are evident, other wise the land is being used by the adjacent farm.

Given the remote location and proximity of other significant 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 disposal should be considered. As the Crown provided the land, it will return to the Crown for disposal under the Land Act 1948. The Waikato Tainui Raupatu Claim Settlement provisions will apply.

Reserve issues
- No longer used for recreation purposes.

Reserve management policy
1. Revoke reserve status and return property to Crown for disposal under the Land Act 1948.

Proposed development
None.

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Waikorea Valley Tennis Courts

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2.8 Raglan Ward

2.8.1 Raglan Recreation Centre

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve	Area	0.6015 hectares
Location	Cross Street, Raglan	Legal description	Section 1 SO 358608
Current State	Sports Park	Authority	Vested
Future Use	Sports Park	Subject to WTTS	No

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve	Area	3.4330 hectares
Location	Cross Street, Raglan	Legal description	Lots 1, 1A, 2 and 3 of Section 10 Deeds Plan C38. Allotment 272 Whaingaroa Parish
Current State	Sports Park	Authority	Appointment to Control and Manage
Future Use	Sports Park	Subject to WTTS	Yes

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve	Area	0.7087 hectares
Location	Cross Street, Raglan	Legal description	Section 1 SO 360861
Current State	Sports Park	Authority	Declared
Future Use	Sports Park	Subject to WTTS	Yes

Current formal occupation
There are no current formal occupation agreements in place.

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

The reserve has well-established rugby fields and netball/tennis courts located on the site. The Raglan Rugby Club has clubrooms established on the reserve.

Reserve issues
- Difficulty of developing remainder of reserve for sporting purposes given drainage and typography.
- General access to reserve car park outside of "club hours".
- Condition and effectiveness of rugby training lights.
- Lack of pedestrian connectivity.
- Enhancement and maintenance of ecological values on the reserve and the adjoining Aro Aro Bay wetland.

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 Primose Street to improve access to and across the reserve.
3. Permit the establishment and operation of training lights to enable training and play to club competition level.
4. Ensure development and maintenance works on the reserve consider impacts on surrounding waterways and areas such as the Aro Aro Bay wetland.

Proposed development

- Form pedestrian/cycle connections to adjacent streets.
- Improve rugby training lights

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Raglan Recreation Centre

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2.8.2 Waitetuna Recreation Reserve

Reserve Classification	Waitetuna Valley Road, Waitetuna Valley	Area	2.1624 hectares
Location	State Highway 39	Legal description	Lot 5 DPS 305118
Current State	Sports Park	Authority	Vested
Future Use	Sports Park	Subject to WTTS	No

Current formal occupation
There are no current formal occupation agreements in place.

Background
The reserve is located in Waitetuna. It has frontages to Waitetuna Valley Road and Old Mountain Road. The land was vested on subdivision. The land is currently grazed no a month by month basis.

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.

Proposed development
None proposed at this time.

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Waitetuna Recreation Reserve

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2.9 Whangamarino Ward

2.9.1 Mangatangi Community Reserve

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Community Facilities) Reserve	Area	0.3716 hectares
Location	Miranda Road, Mangatangi	Legal description	Part Lot 11 DP 7211, Section 1 SO 316724
Subject to WTTS	No	Authority	Declared

Current formal occupation

Occupier	Instrument	Final Expiry
Mangatangi Tennis Club Inc.	Lease	20/07/2023

Background
The reserve is located adjacent to the Mangatangi School. Part of the school parking/drop of 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 a local purpose (play centre) 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 this management plan.

Reserve issues
- Boundary legalisation.

Reserve management policy
1. Permit the granting of an easement 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 new lease to the Mangatangi Tennis Club subject to General Policy 7.2.1.

Proposed development
No specific development is proposed.

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Mangatangi Community Reserve

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2.9.2 Maramarua Rugby Grounds

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve	Area	0.5292 hectares
Location	Miranda Road, Mangatangi	Legal description	Lot 1 DPS 51621
Subject to WTTS	To be confirmed	Authority	To be confirmed

Current formal occupation
There are no current formal occupation agreements in place.

Background
The Council reserve is relatively small portion of the overall site used for rugby. The rugby fields are located on school land and the clubrooms and a portion of the car park are located on what is understood to be private land.

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 car parking area and lighting.

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Maramarua Rugby Grounds

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2.9.3 Meremere Sports Ground

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve	Area	9.4641 hectares
Location	Meremere Lane, Meremere	Legal description	Lot 249 DPS 47630
Subject to WTTS	No	Authority	Vested

Current formal occupation
There are no current formal occupation agreements in place.

Background
The reserve is located 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 issues

- Utilisation of the reserve.
- Poor pedestrian access.
- Derelict toilets and lights.
- Existing transmission lines.

Reserve management policy

1. Provide for access for operation, maintenance, development and upgrade of the National Grid Transmission lines.

Proposed development

- Remove derelict lighting system.
- Remove derelict public toilet.
- Provide pedestrian access gate.

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Meremere Sports Ground

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2.9.4 Meremere Tennis Courts

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve	Area	0.2374 hectares
Location	Te Puea Avenue, Meremere	Legal description	Lot 240 DPS 49675
Subject to WTTS	No	Authority	Vested

Current formal occupation
There are no current formal occupation agreements in place.

Background
The reserve is locate in the northern part of the Meremere Township and consists of asphalt tennis/netball courts and a pavilion. The pavilion is currently utilised by the community committee.

Reserve issues

- Utilisation and condition of courts and pavilion.

Reserve management policy
No specific policy is required.

Proposed development

- Resurface and improve lighting at courts subject to demand.

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Meremere Tennis Courts

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2.9.5 Te Kauwhata Domain

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve	Area	14.0460 hectares
Location	Mahi Road, Te Kauwhata	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	Authority	Vested

Current formal occupation

Occupier	Instrument	Final Expiry
Te Kauwhata Squash Club	Lease	31/8/2016

Background

The reserve is located 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[3].

The reserve has been progressively developed and expanded over the years. The reserve is currently utilised by rugby, squash and scouts and a dog exercise area has been formed on the lower field adjacent to Mahi Road.

Reserve issues

- Condition of fitness trail.
- Use of reserve for freedom camping.
- General utilisation of the reserve.

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 scout den to the Te Kauwhata Scout Group.
4. Permit the granting of a lease of the building footprint of the squash courts and clubrooms to the Te Kauwhata Squash Club.

[3] Te Kauwhata Recreation Reserve Management and Development Plan, Wakato County Council, 1981

5. Permit freedom camping in self-contained vehicles only for a maximum of three 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.

Proposed development

No development opportunities have been identified at this time.

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Te Kauwhata Domain

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3.0 Land other than reserve

The following properties are managed for sporting purposes by the Council but have either not been declared reserve or have not been classified under the Reserves Act 1977.

The Reserves Act 1977 requires that an administering authority (the Council) classify all reserves prior to public notification of a reserve management plan.

As such the following properties do not form part of this reserve management plan. The Council has instead elected to include them outside of the reserve management plan for completeness. It is the Council's intention that it will apply the policies outlined below in its decision-making under the Local Government Act 2003 when considering the management and development of these properties.

It is the Council's intention that it will declare the following properties reserve and classify them in the future. They will then be included within the General Policies and Sports Park Reserve Management Plan in subsequent reviews of those management plans.

3.1 Hukanui-Waerenga Ward

3.1.1 Orini Hall

Reserve Classification	Not Reserve	Area	To be confirmed
Location	1331 Orini Road, Orini	Legal description	Part allot 126 Parish of Taupiri CT SA 201/268
Current State	Sports Park	Authority	Freehold
Future Use	Sports Park	Subject to WTTS	No

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 policy
No specific policy.

Proposed development
No specific development proposed.

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Orini Hall

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3.1.2 Whitikahu Hall

Reserve Classification	Not Reserve	Area	2.7623 hectares
Location	735 Whitikahu Rd	Legal description	Pt Lot 1 DP35444
Subject to WTTS	No	Authority	Freehold

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
- Condition of courts and lighting.

Reserve management policy
No specific policies are required.

Proposed development
- No specific development is proposed at this time.
- The courts and lighting system could be improved should demand exist for local tennis.

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Whitikahu Hall

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3.2 Tamahere Ward

3.2.1 Tamahere Recreation Reserve

Reserve Classification	Not Reserve	Area	6.3019 hectares
Location	Devine Road, Tamahere	Legal description	Lot 1 DPS 10480, Part Lot 1 DPS 86849
Current State	Freehold Land	Authority	Freehold
Future Use	Sports Park	Subject to WTTS	No

Reserve Classification	Not Reserve	Area	0.5700 hectares
Location	Devine Road, Tamahere	Legal description	Pt Lot 1 DPS 84204
Current State	Freehold Land	Authority	Freehold
Future Use	Sports Park	Subject to WTTS	No

Current formal occupation
There are no current formal occupation agreements in place.

Background
Council acquired the land for the proposed Tamahere Recreation Reserve with the intention of providing sporting and community focus for Tamahere. The reserve will sit alongside a portion of land (acquired by Council) that has been zoned for commercial retail.

The land includes the Tamahere Community Centre and buildings used a community native plant nursery. Existing residential buildings are being removed in order for the land to be developed for recreation purposes.

The Tamahere Community Committee has assisted Council with the development of a concept plan for the development of the property. The timeframe for development will be determined by the priorities set in the Councils Long Term Plan.

Reserve issues

- Future of plant nursery.
- Relationship and synergies with adjoining school.
- Relationship and synergies with proposed commercial development.
- Drainage and site development issues.
- Demand for recreational uses.

Reserve management policy

1. Declare the land and classify the land as recreation reserve.
2. Permit the development of the reserve in accordance with the attached concept plan.

3. Permit the granting of a short-term lease to the Tamahere Community Nursery until such time that the current site of the nursery is required for recreation purposes.
4. Permit the granting of a new lease to the Tamahere Gully Care at a new location within the reserve.
5. 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.
6. Permit the granting of a lease over the building footprint of the proposed sports pavilion to a club or clubs that operate from the reserve.
7. Permit the establishment and operation of training lights to enable training and play to club competition level.
8. Wherever possible, protect and enhance the existing mature trees on the land in accordance with Council's tree policy.

Proposed development

- Implementation of attached concept plan.

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Tamahere Sports Complex

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3.3 Onewhero-Te Akau Ward

3.3.1 Naike Reserve

Reserve Classification	Not reserve	Area	0.7656 hectares
Location	3642 State Highway 22, Glen Murray	Legal description	Part Allot 26 Whangape PSH
Subject to WTTS	No	Authority	Freehold land

Current formal occupation
There are no current formal occupation agreements in place.

Background
The reserve is located between Woodleigh Road and State 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 owed by Council as general land (not reserve).

Reserve issues
1. Utilisation of reserve

Reserve management policy
No specific policy required.

Proposed development
No specific development proposed.

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Waikaretu Recreation Reserve

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3.3.2 Waikaretu Valley Hall

Reserve Classification	Not reserve	Area	0.2023 hectares
Location	1458 Waikaretu Valley Road, Waikaretu Valley	Legal description	Section 6 Block X Awaroa SD
Subject to WTTS	No	Authority	Freehold land

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 policy
1. Remove lighting and derelict fences from reserve.

Proposed development
- Removal derelict fencing and lights.

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Waikaretu Valley Hall

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3.3.3 Te Kohanga Sports Park

Reserve Classification	Not reserve	Area	0.7656 hectares
Location	Cnr Tuakau – Port Waikato Rd and Kohanga Road	Legal description	Allotment 70A Parish of Onewhero (DP 20191)
Subject to WTTS	No	Authority	Freehold

Current formal occupation

Occupier	Instrument	Final Expiry
Te Kohanga Rugby Football Club Inc	Lease	28/2/2019

Background

This land is located in Te Kohanga, opposite the Te Kohanga Primary School. The land is accessed from Tuakau Bridge – Port Waikato Road. The Te Kohanga Sports Club transferred the land and improvements to the Franklin District Council in 1992.

The reserve includes a full size rugby field and clubrooms for the Te Kohanga Rugby Club which were constructed in 1976. The Te Kohanga Hall is also located on the reserve and behind this is a large area of pasture.

Reserve issues

- Utilisation of the reserve.
- Condition of sports field lighting
- Maintenance of existing facilities.

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 7.2.1.
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. Remove existing training lights and poles that have reached the end of their life.

Proposed development

No specific development is proposed

3.4 Ngaruawahia Ward

3.4.1 Taupiri Domain

Reserve Classification	Not reserve	Area	0.6580 hectares
Location	Murphy Lane, Taupiri	Legal description	Lot 3 and 4, 10, 11, 12 and 13 DPS 24830
Subject to WTTS	To be confirmed	Authority	To be confirmed

Current formal occupation
There are no current formal occupation agreements in place.

Background
The reserve is located of Murphy Lane within the Taupiri Township and adjoins the main truck 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.

Reserve issues
- Development of additional netball courts if and when demand increases.
- 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.

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 7.2.1.
2. Permit the development of additional netball courts to the north of the existing courts a demand and resources permit.
3. Fence the boundary of the reserve with the main truck railway line.
4. Permit the development of additional parking areas between 14 and 26 Murphy Lane.
5. Permit the establishment and operation of training lights to enable training and play to club competition level.

Proposed development
Potential for expansion of netball facilities with commensurate need for additional parking.

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Taupiri Domain

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