



Mercury Bay Reserves: Management Plan

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Purpose of this plan

The Reserves Act 1977 requires that Thames-Coromandel District Council (the Council), as an administering body, prepare this management plan (Section 41).

Reserves Act management plans are an important reserve management tool. These management plans are developed in consultation with reserve users, community, and key stakeholder groups, with consideration to current management of a reserve.

A management plan will provide for continuity between legislative requirements, council plans and policies, and the day-to-day operation of a reserve.

This Mercury Bay Reserves Management Plan applies to all reserves in the Mercury Bay area administered by Thames-Coromandel District Council that are covered by the Reserves Act 1977.

This management plan replaces any previously prepared Mercury Bay reserve management plan.

This management plan will be kept under continuous review to ensure that the policies are appropriate and relevant for each reserve.

Mercury Bay Reserves

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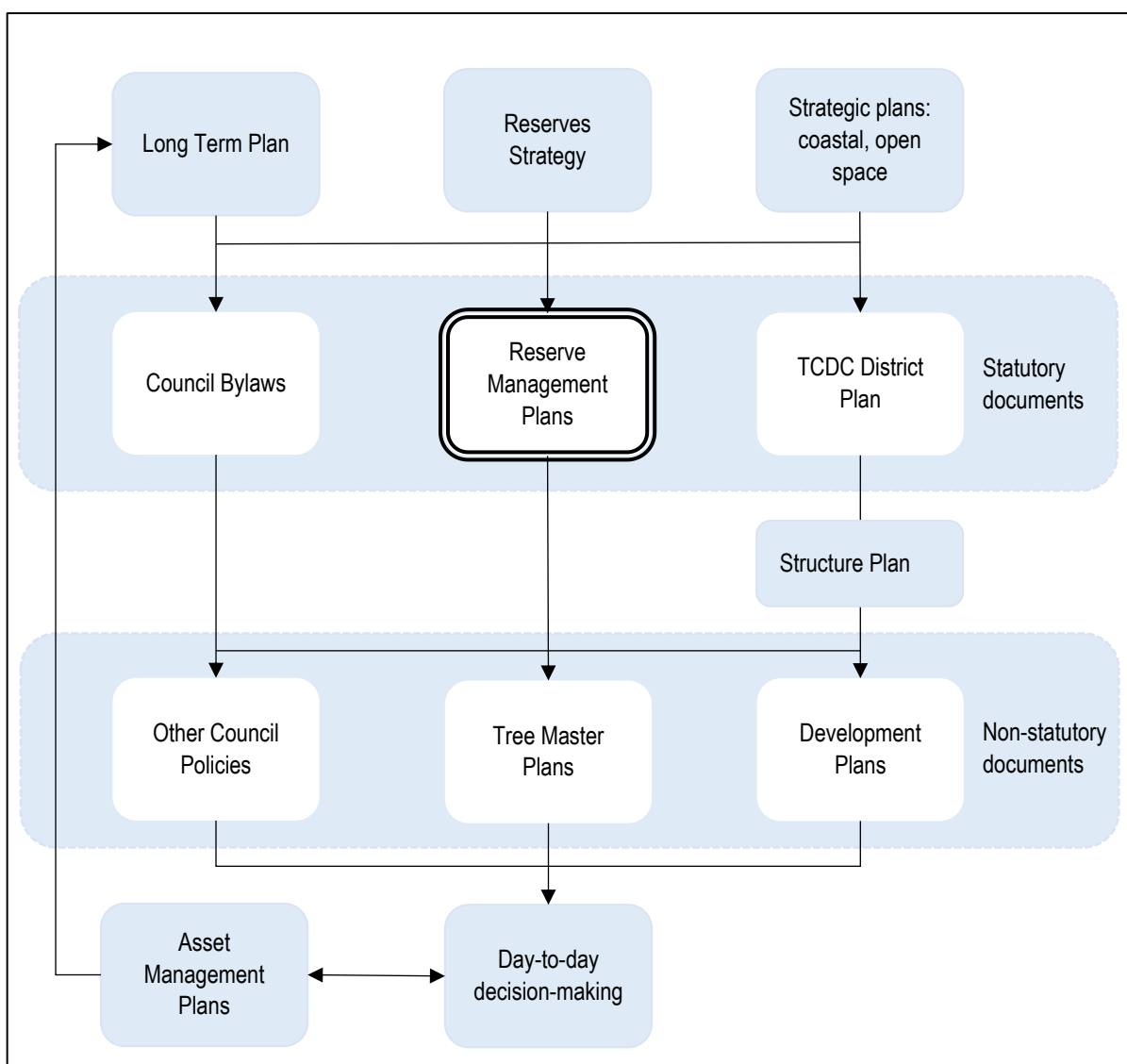
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Relationship with Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan

This management plan is to be read in conjunction with the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan. The General Policies Reserve Management Plan contains policies that apply to all reserves that are owned and/or administered by Thames-Coromandel District Council. This allows for a consistent approach to the management of reserves.

The policies in this plan are site specific. Where there is a conflict between the specific policies 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.

This plan is informed by Council's current plans and policies, including the Reserves Strategy, Long Term Plan, District Plan, and Council bylaws.



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 and the issuing of permits can be delegated from Council to the Chief Executive and to council staff. As delegations change from time to time, the term Council is used throughout the document. Staff should refer to the Council’s delegations register to determine if they have the authority to make decisions in accordance with the policies in this management plan.

This Reserves Management Plan is a “living document” that may need to be updated from time-to-time in response to changing circumstances or increased knowledge. Council is required to undertake a public consultation process when undertaking a comprehensive review of this plan. Any change that does not require a comprehensive review may be made by the Council, and consultation with affected parties and specific stakeholders including tangata whenua will be undertaken as appropriate.

Individual Management Plans, for reserves that are within the Mercury Bay area, may be prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Reserves Act 1977 and on adoption by the Council will be incorporated into this Reserves: Management Plan.

Implementation

This management plan provides objectives and policies that determine the appropriate use, protection, and development of reserves by the Council. Decisions relating to the funding and priority for works described in this plan are undertaken through the Council’s Long Term Plan and Annual Plan process. Inclusion of any project within this management plan does not indicate Council funding will be available for such works. Works may also 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 on 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.

This plan describes where detailed, any areas that are to be developed. The plan does not commit the Council or the Community Board to undertaking any particular works. Instead, it will enable the Council and the Community Board to determine what works should be undertaken should funding become available.

Overview of the Mercury Bay Reserve Plan Area

Ngāti Hei are the mana tangata of the ancient tribes of Hauraki. They have never left their rohe and they have unbroken occupation. The mana tangata remains with Ngāti Hei.

Ngāti Hei are associated with other iwi through intermarriage and whakapapa.

Mercury Bay North

From Whangapoua to Ōpito, the northern area of the Mercury Bay ward has a range of stunning coastal settlements back dropped by the Coromandel Ranges and the prominent ridgeline that forms the northern peninsula of Mercury Bay.

The first settlers to New Zealand came from somewhere in the Cook Islands / Society Islands Group where they lived on high volcanic islands. The Kūaotunu peninsula contains some of the earliest archaeological sites in the North Island. These living sites and middens – especially those on the sand dunes at Ōpito Bay and Whaorei Bay (Sarah's Gully) – are carbon dated at 600 to 700 years old and are of great significance to iwi. They also contain important scientific information about the first settlers.

The first settlers to Ōpito Bay recognised the quality of the basaltic rock that forms Tahanga Mountain, located to the south of Ōpito. The basalt boulders on the mountain were rapidly flaked into the rough form of an adze at the working floors and then the roughouts were taken to be finished elsewhere, often at settlements where the adze makers lived. While a great number of roughouts were trimmed, ground and polished at Ōpito itself, many were taken further afield for final finishing and areas of flaked and chipped Tahanga basalt rocks are found at many sites around Mercury Bay.

The presence of fine quality rock was the incentive for the early settlers to remain and establish a home base at Ōpito. The fine fishing, large quantities of edible shellfish, fur and elephant seals and wide range of birds (including several species of moa) provided almost as great a draw as the rock source. It is probable that these were not permanent settlements occupied throughout the year but, rather, a base to which people returned after expeditions further afield. The presence of storage pits at some sites (in which kumara, taro and yam could have been stored) suggests that gardens and houses were close by.

By around 1500AD evidence from sites some distance from Tahanga Mountain indicates that Tahanga adzes were being replaced by more easily worked local stone such as greywacke which was ground rather than flaked. Locally the Tahanga adze production retained importance until the arrival of Europeans when iron and steel tools were quickly assimilated into the Māori toolbox. The building of fortified pa also began in the 1500s with two splendid examples found at Ōpito. The pa on Ōpito Point is an Historic Reserve managed by the Department of Conservation.

Whangapoua Reserves

The Mangakāhia family, who have ties to Ngāti Whanaunga, Ngāti Huarere, Ngāti Hei and many of the other Coromandel Peninsula iwi, have resided at Whangapoua for over six generations.

The Adams family subdivided the southern end of Whangapoua, while William Mangakāhia subdivided the northern end in 1962. All the coastal reserves were vested in Council at the time of the initial subdivisions, creating important access links for residents and visitors. Subsequent subdivision has seen additional reserves developed for community and visitor use.

With a resident population of around 100¹ people, Whangapoua is predominantly a beach holiday destination. Many reserve names reflect the families and people who have lived in this area.

Matarangi Reserves

Matarangi is one of the newer settlements on the Coromandel Peninsula. Developed on a spit where the Pacific Ocean has created a four-kilometre-long sandy beach and with Whangapoua harbour to the south, Matarangi provides many opportunities for marine based activities. The area was originally farmed by the Simpson family until 1975 when developers purchased the property. The pines which provide a tree feature to the area were planted in the late 1970s. The first subdivision occurred at the eastern end of the beach with Kenwood Drive. A second stage followed in the 1980s with successive developers providing a range of reserves and walkway linkages for residents and visitors to access the main beach reserves.

Matarangi is another popular beach holiday destination; with many people visiting during the peak holiday period.

Rings Beach and Kūaotunu Reserves

Located 16 kilometres north of Whitianga, Kūaotunu provided access to plentiful sea resources for the various hapū who resided here. European interests in the area originally were in kauri and other timber in the surrounding hills. The gold rush at Kūaotunu began in 1889 and lasted about 10 years, although gold was still mined into the 1900s.

The reserves at Kūaotunu include undeveloped portions of the beachfront and two domain areas that have been used for a variety of sports activity. Unformed road in this area also provides valuable open space.

Rings Beach was named after Mr. Frank Ring who in the early days owned a sheep farm and was the son of Charles Ring who discovered gold at Coromandel in 1852. The open space at Rings Beach and Kūaotunu West is either esplanade reserve or unformed road.

Ōtama and Ōpito Reserves

The deed of grant for the Ōpito area is dated 1860 but it is likely that the land was sold to private individuals around 1900. The two earliest farmhouses at Ōpito Bay were built sometime between 1900 and 1915 and since that time there have always been two separate farms on the peninsula. The two farmhouses remained the only dwellings in the bay until the mid-1950s when small subdivisions by adjoining property owners took place. Most of the houses now in this area are used as holiday homes. The Council reserves in this area are predominantly located along the beachfront, providing a buffer between the sea and houses. Two reserves, Ratoka (Ōpito Bluff) and Mahinapua reserves provide spectacular views of Ōpito and along the beach.

The Department of Conservation manage several reserves in this area, including the pa at the eastern end of Ōpito and a marginal strip around the coast to the south towards Matapuaua Bay. The Department also manages most of the beach foreshore north of Waitaha Stream.

There are currently no Council reserves in Ōtama.

¹ New Zealand Census, 2013

Whitianga Central and Wharekaho

Kupe named the area Te Whitianga-a-Kupe in the 950s. Ngāti Hei arrived 400 years later and intermarried with descendants of Kupe. Some direct descendants are still living in the Whitianga and Wharekaho area.

Whitianga lies in Mercury Bay where Captain James Cook had his first significant interchange with Māori in 1769. He also observed the transit of Mercury and claimed the country formally on behalf of George III of England.

Whitianga is the major eastern Coromandel resort with a population of around 4,300² that increases tenfold during the summer period. Whitianga town and the settlement of Wharekaho are built on old sea-beds that have been reclaimed over the years and are surrounded by hills where farming or forestry are undertaken. Similar in character, both areas adjoin white sandy beaches, except the northern end of Wharekaho which has black sand.

Gold and kauri timber were the two main resources of the area in the early days. Zane Grey put the Mercury Bay area on the map in the early 1930s for its excellence as a game fishing area and since that time it has become extremely popular for boating, fishing, and other recreational pastimes.

Whitianga Central Reserves

North of the main township area is Buffalo Beach, named after HMS Buffalo, a British convict ship from Sydney that was carrying kauri spars and was wrecked offshore in 1840. The reserve areas adjoining this beach receive intensive visitor use during the summer period. Taputapuataea Stream, that dissects Buffalo Beach, is of significant cultural importance to iwi and is a boundary between the more modified and highly used eastern end and the natural central area of the beach.

The Centennial Heights area has a range of esplanade and recreation reserves. Most of these reserves have been vested in Council as reserve contributions when the surrounding land has been subdivided; with many being located in gullies and on hillsides with little or no recreation potential. However, they do provide scrub covered green space areas within the urban setting.

Esplanade access is also provided around most of the foreshore from the township area to the harbour and Whangamaroro River which runs past Robinson Road, the entrance of Whitianga Waterways canal development, Hei Esplanade and Trelease's Point.

Wharekaho Reserves

Wharekaho Point, located on the southern headland of Wharekaho, was visited by Captain Cook in 1769 and is of national significance. This land remains in Māori ownership.

Most of the reserves in this area, which tend to be along the beach front have been inundated by the sea. However, there are also reserves that provide access from Wharekaho Road to the beach, particularly the reserve at Winiata Place.

Reserves south and west of Whitianga

The reserves in the 309 Road area generally provide public access and open space adjacent to the Mahakirau River. There are also a number of esplanade reserves on Mill Creek and the Whangamaroro River.

² New Zealand Census, 2013

Mercury Bay South

In the early days, gold and Kauri were the two main resources of this area.

The settlement of Ferry Landing lies opposite the small harbour entrance to Whitianga. Eastwards from here are the areas known as Front Beach (Maramaratōtara Bay), Flaxmill Bay, Shakespeare Cliff (named by Captain James Cook) and Cooks Beach; all of which have become popular locations during the summer period.

Further east is Hāhei, another popular holiday spot. Hāhei provides access to the renowned Cathedral Cove area, which is managed by the Department of Conservation.

To the south of Hāhei is Hot Water Beach. Hot Water Beach, with its thermal pools in the exposed sand on the beach, is another renowned tourist destination.

Overall, the Mercury Bay South area is very popular for fishing, boating, and other marine activities. During holiday periods, especially over summer, all reserves receive high use, especially beaches and boat launching facilities.

Cooks Beach Reserves

Along the length of Cooks Beach are reserves that provide esplanade access, recreational opportunities and an attractive environment for both residents and visitors to enjoy. At the eastern end of Cooks Beach, Pūrangi Reserve provides boat launching facilities, safe swimming, and open space for passive recreation.

With the Cooks Beach area continuing to expand through residential subdivision, the vesting of future reserves will provide for increased recreational space, pedestrian linkages, and esplanade access.

Ferry Landing Reserves

Many of the reserves in this area are around coastal margins and provide access to and along the beach. The historic Ferry Landing cemetery is also located in this area.

Part of a large hill, which would have once been covered in Kauri but is now in regenerating scrub, is known as the Manukarere Reserve. This area provides a walking track linkage to Black Bay and Whitianga Rock, with panoramic views of the Whitianga area, estuary, and Mercury Bay.

Hāhei Reserves

Hāhei Village Green is the main community reserve in Hāhei, while Kotare Reserve is predominantly used as a sports field area. Most of the other reserves at Hāhei are located along the beach front and stream estuaries. There are also reserves that provide access to the beach. Ko Tahuri-ki-te-Rangi (the Wigmore Stream reserve) is the only area where boats can be launched by either four-wheel drive or tractor.

Hot Water Beach Reserves

The main reserve at Hot Water Beach (most of which is owned by the Crown) is known as Te Puia or Hot Water Beach Domain. On the seaward side visitors can dig in the sand to find hot water at low tide. Other reserves provide esplanade access along Taiwawe Stream and extend along the foreshore.

Reserves south of Cooks Beach

There are a number of relatively small reserves in the Coroglen and Whenuakite areas. These currently receive little public use, are generally unidentified by signage and remain largely unmanaged.

Reserve Management and Use

All reserves are classified and normally held under the Reserves Act 1977. The use and management of each reserve area may differ, in particular between local purpose reserves and recreation reserves. The Reserves Act classification (refer to Appendix A) does not often reflect how a reserve is used by the public and is limited in identifying levels of service and lawful uses for each type of reserve area.

Reserve management and use of a reserve is dependent on:

- (i) the physical setting and size of a reserve;
- (ii) social use of a reserve;
- (iii) infrastructure provided; and
- (iv) what if any possible development of that reserve area may entail.

Council is adopting a framework that allows the reserves to be categorised according to their size, type of use and management focus. This framework has been developed by the Recreation Aotearoa in consultation with the New Zealand parks sector and local councils. It provides councils with a New Zealand relevant industry guideline that can be used consistently across a range of parks, reserves and open space networks. The reserve categories are set out in Table 1 below. These categories provide the first level of defining the reserve's primary purpose and character. Allocating reserves to the most appropriate category helps to identify how the reserve may be developed, what assets are provided and the standard of maintenance most relevant to its primary purpose and character.

Categorising reserves also allows Council to undertake a more strategic management approach that provides opportunities based on the natural values and recreation use of that reserve.

An index at the end of the document lists the reserves by locations and their page numbers.

Table 1 Reserve categories, development, and management focus.

Category	Description/Primary Purpose
Sports and Recreation	Reserves (often quite large areas) set aside and developed for organised sport and/or recreation activities, recreation facilities and buildings, often multiple use.
Civic	Reserves often provided within or adjacent to central business districts, and developed to provide a space for social gatherings, meeting places, relaxation and enjoyment.
Cultural Heritage	Reserves that protect the built cultural and historical environment, and/or provide for heritage conservation, education, commemoration, mourning and remembrance.
Neighbourhood	Reserves developed and used for informal recreation and sporting activities, play and family-based activities, and social and community activities.
Outdoor Adventure	Reserves developed and used for recreation and sporting activities and associated built facilities that require a large scale, forested, rural or peri-urban environment.
Nature	Reserves that offer the experience and/or protection of the natural environment, containing native bush, coastal margins, forestry, farm parks, wetlands, riparian areas and water bodies.
Recreation and Ecological Linkages	Reserves that are often linear in nature that provide pedestrian and cycle linkages, wildlife corridors and access to water margins. May provide for environmental protection, and access to waterways.

Structure of this plan

The reserves covered by this management plan are presented according to their reserve category. For each reserve its legal description, current formal occupation and use of the reserve is described and the specific issues and policies that apply to the reserve are outlined.

Appendix B identifies reserves held by Council but not currently maintained due to a variety of reasons including but not limited to; poor accessibility, no public usage and/or very low recreation value. These reserves still have special conservation values as many of them are located on esplanade margins and provide for important ecological linkages.

Appendix C of this plan details other open space areas that are not reserves yet are managed as part of the general reserve's maintenance contract. These areas are either part of a road or stream reserve that is maintained as an open space area and may include mowing of grass and limited provision of picnic facilities. Most of these locations are along the coastal margins of the peninsula.

Reserve Name – what the reserve is known as



Aerial map of reserve identifying parcel boundaries of the reserve.

Other pictures may include views of the reserve or particular features.

Reserve Category	<i>NZRA Category</i>
Reserve Classification	<i>Reserve Act 1977 classification e.g. Recreation</i>
Location	<i>Actual / approximate street address</i>
Area	<i>Size of reserve in hectares</i>
Legal Description	<i>Land title description Lists any NZ Gazette notices in reference to this reserve</i>

Leases and Licences
<i>Details any particular leases for this reserve area and the relevant expiry date.</i>

Background

- Identifies any known background to the formation of the reserve and historical associations.

Reserve Issues

- Details any particular issues known in relation to the reserve.

Management Actions

- a. Identifies operational actions that relate to the particular reserve.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.
- b. Notes site specific policies that relate to the particular reserve.

Mercury Bay Reserve Location Maps

The following maps provide an overview of the location of all reserves across the Mercury Bay area. Refer to the table of contents or the indexes for the page number of each reserve. The maps show reserves located in each of the following areas:

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- Map 8: Whitianga North and Wharekaho
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- Map 10: Whitianga South
- Map 11: Cooks Beach and Ferry Landing
- Map 12: Hāhei
- Map 13: Kaimarama
- Map 14: Coroglen
- Map 15: Whenuakite
- Map 16: Hot Water Beach

Overview: Summary map



Map 1: Whangapoua



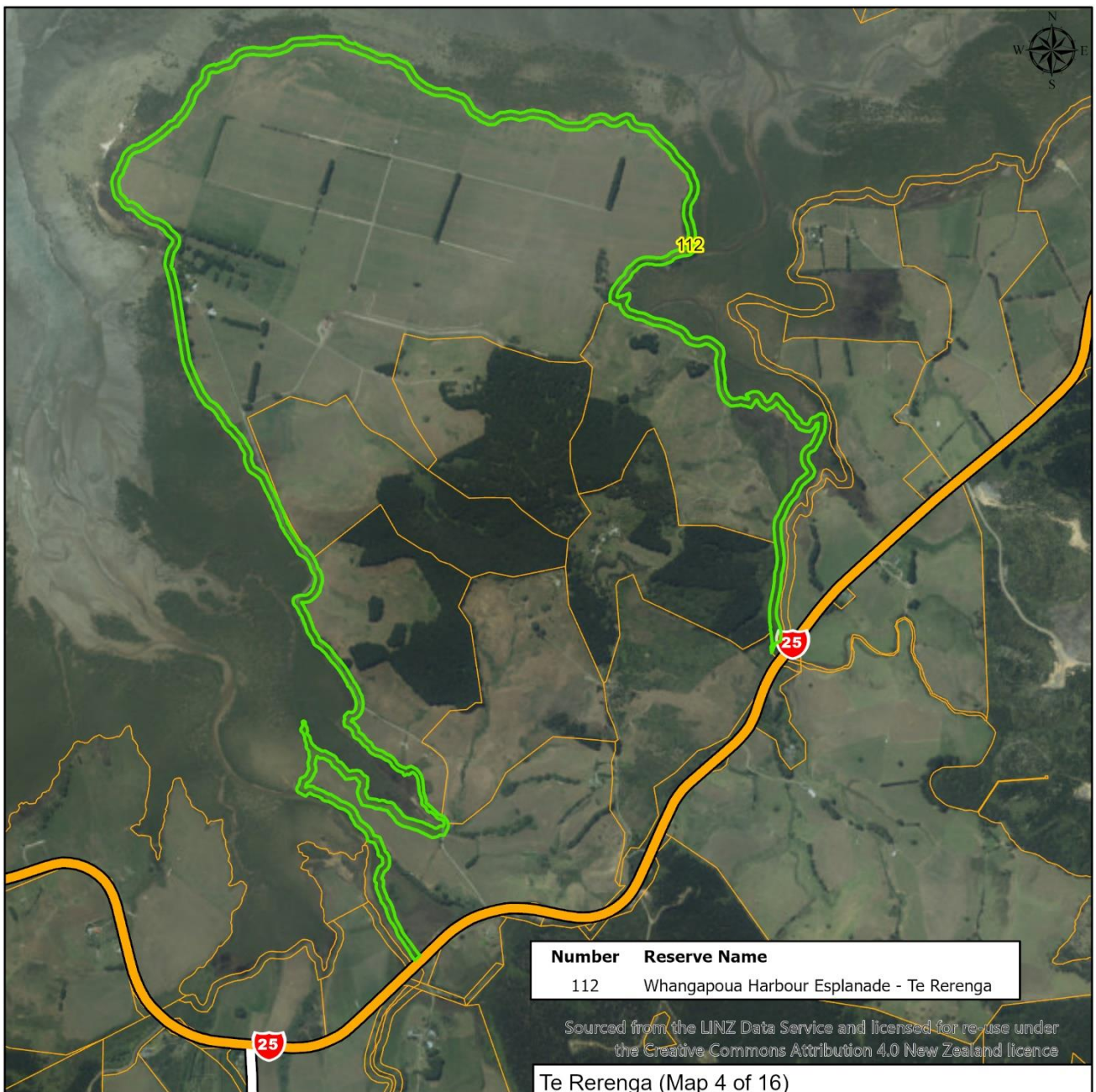
Map 2: Matarangi West



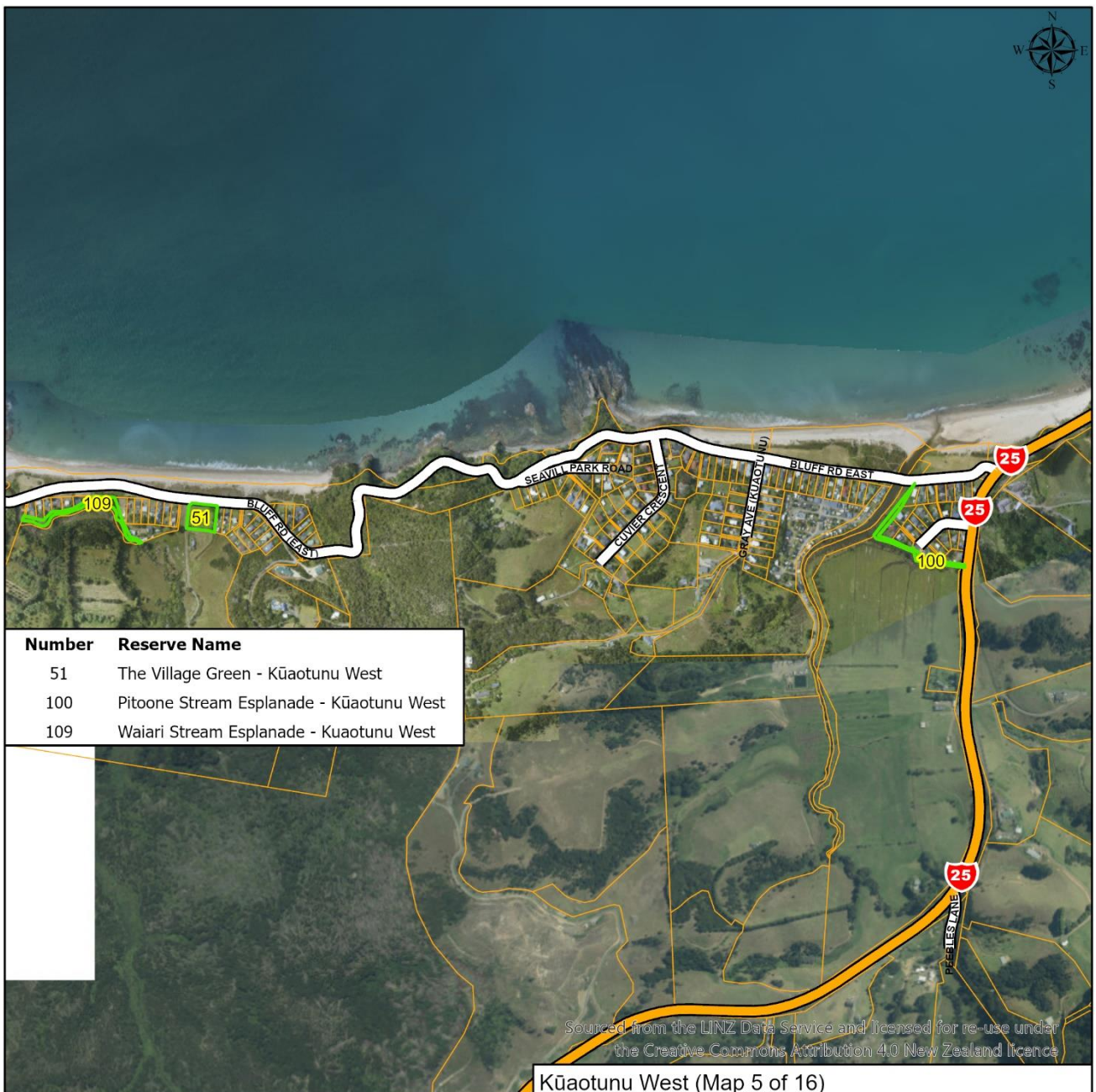
Map 3: Matarangi East



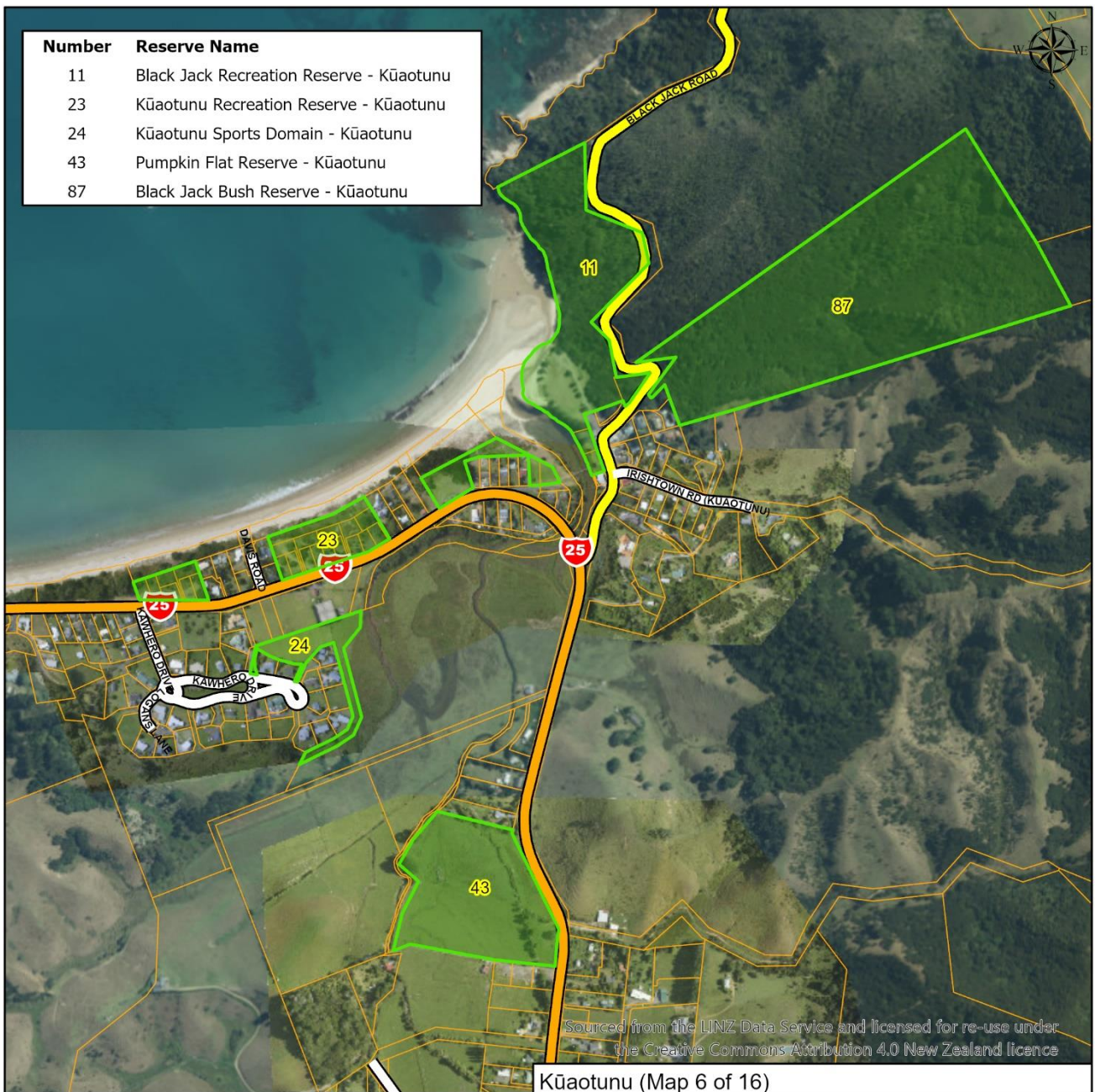
Map 4: Te Rerenga



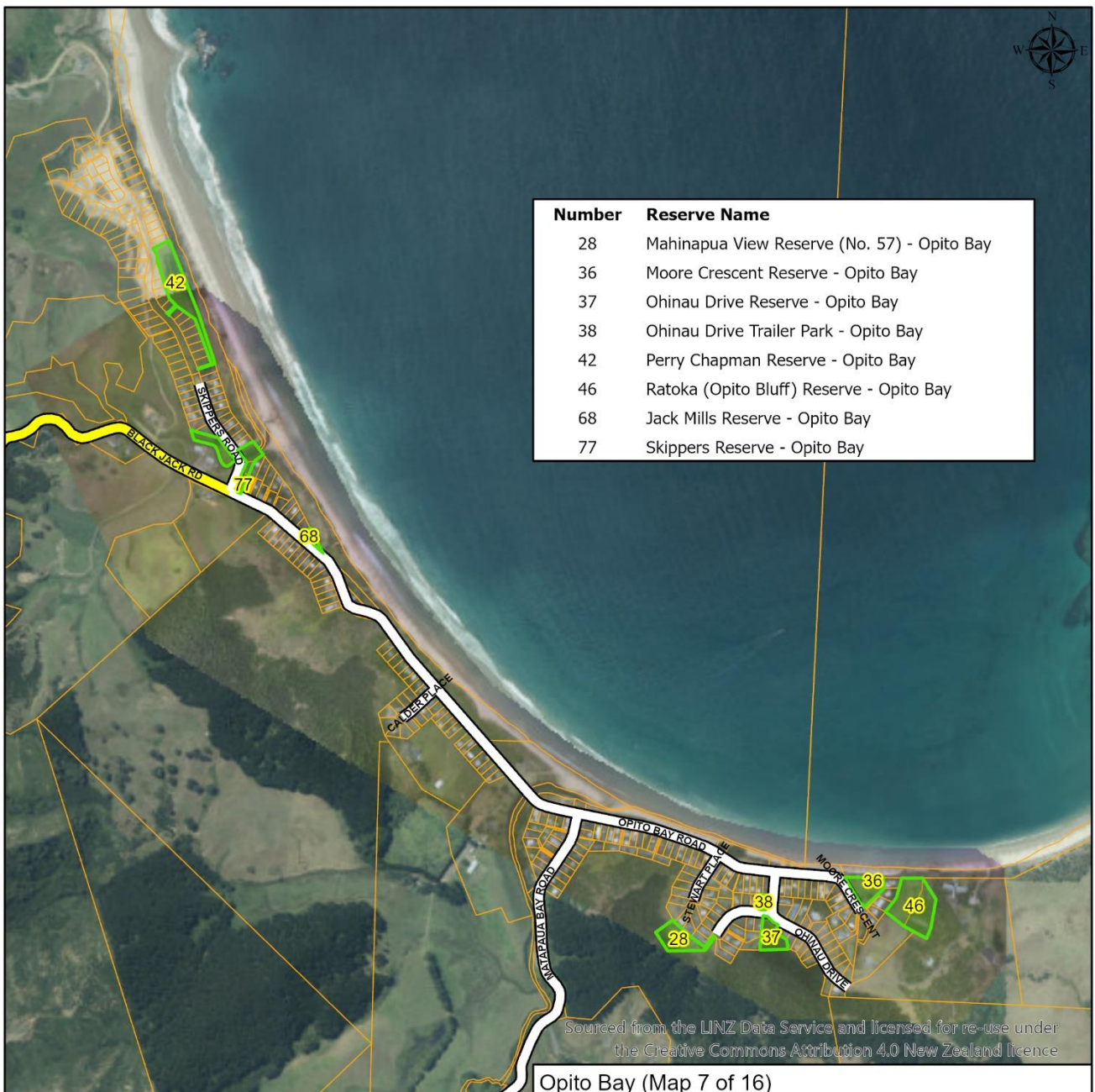
Map 5: Kūaotunu West



Map 6: Kūaotunu



Map 7: Ōpito Bay



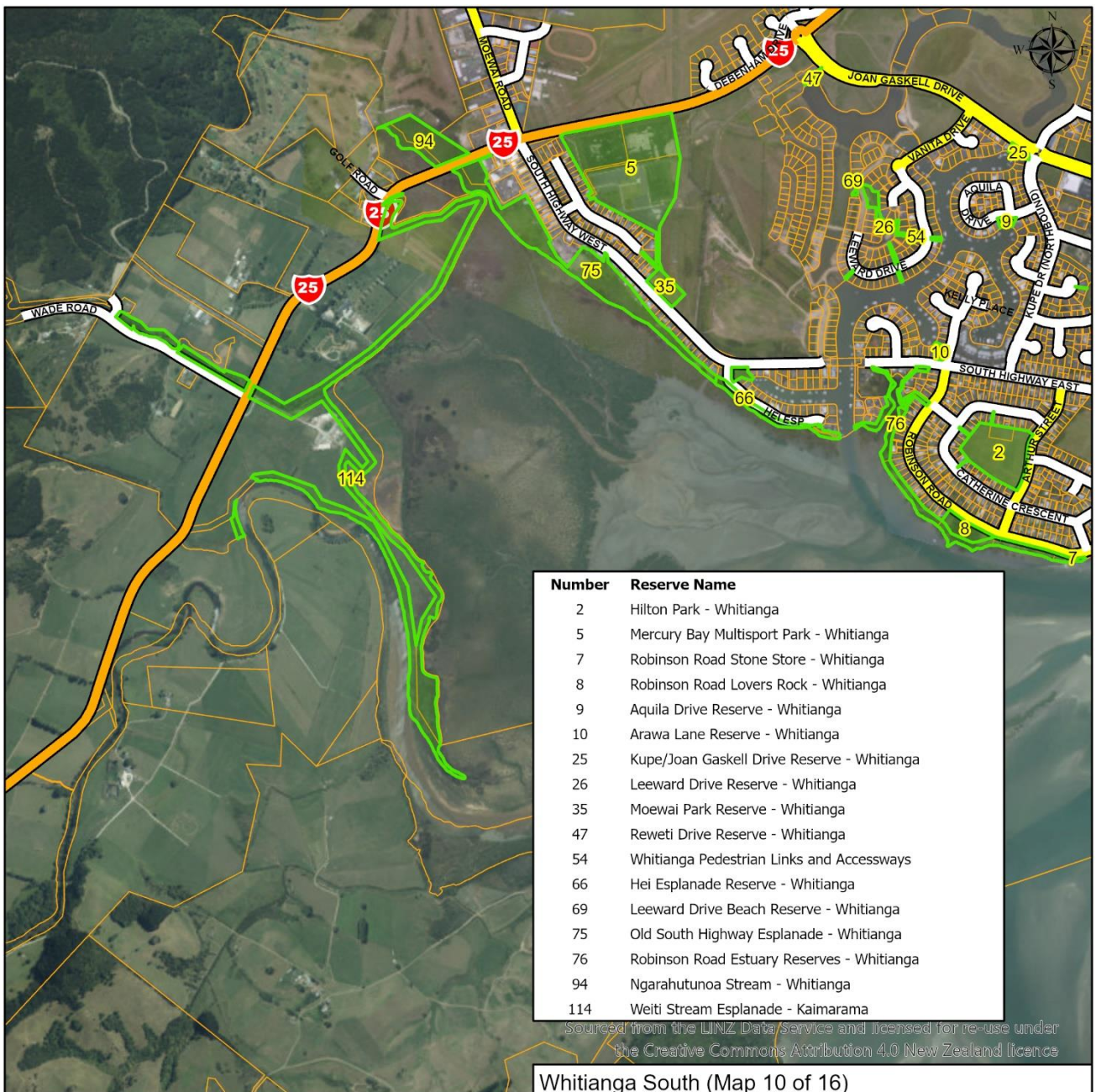
Map 8: Whitianga North and Wharekaho



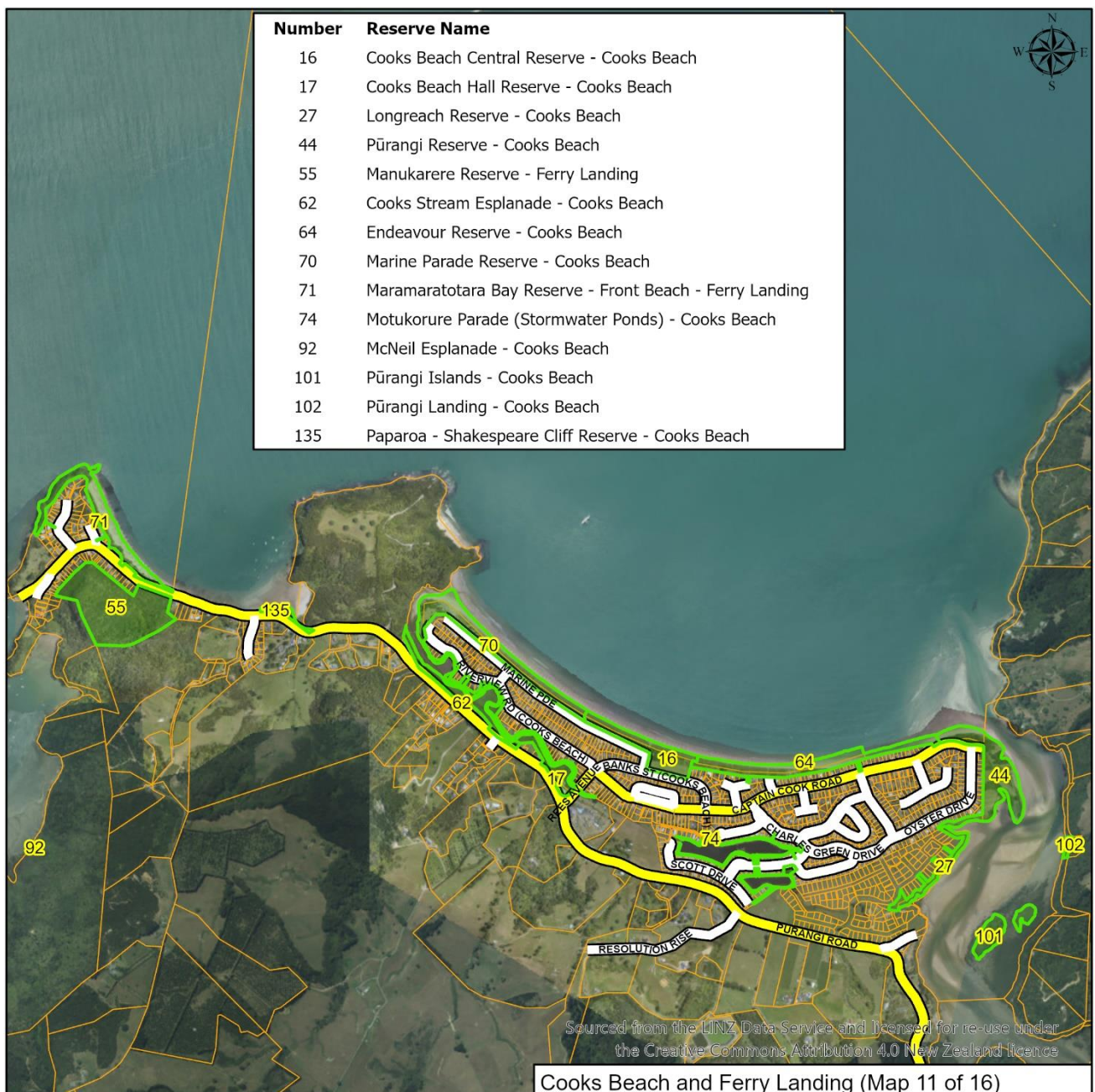
Map 9: Whitianga CBD



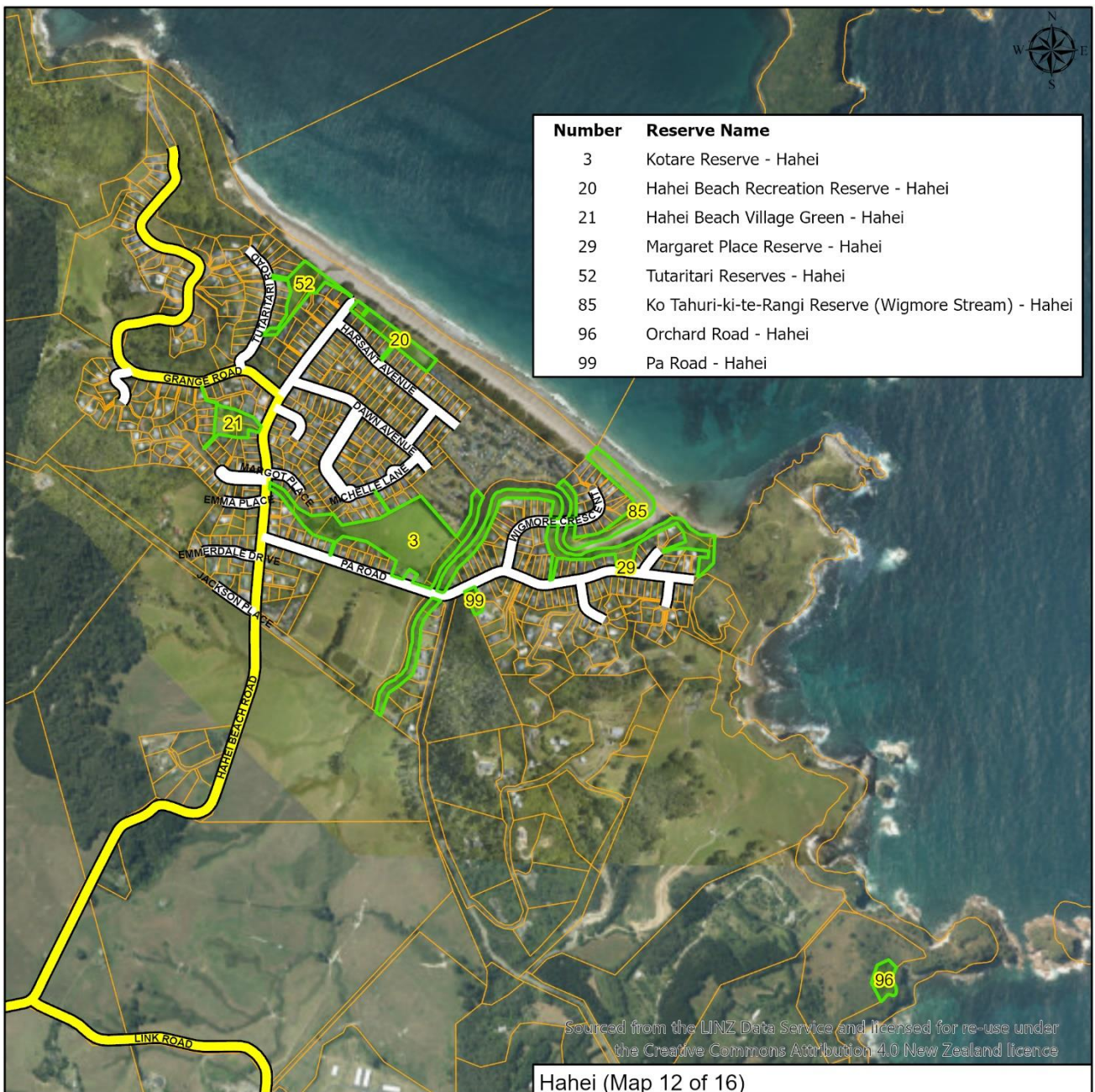
Map 10: Whitianga South



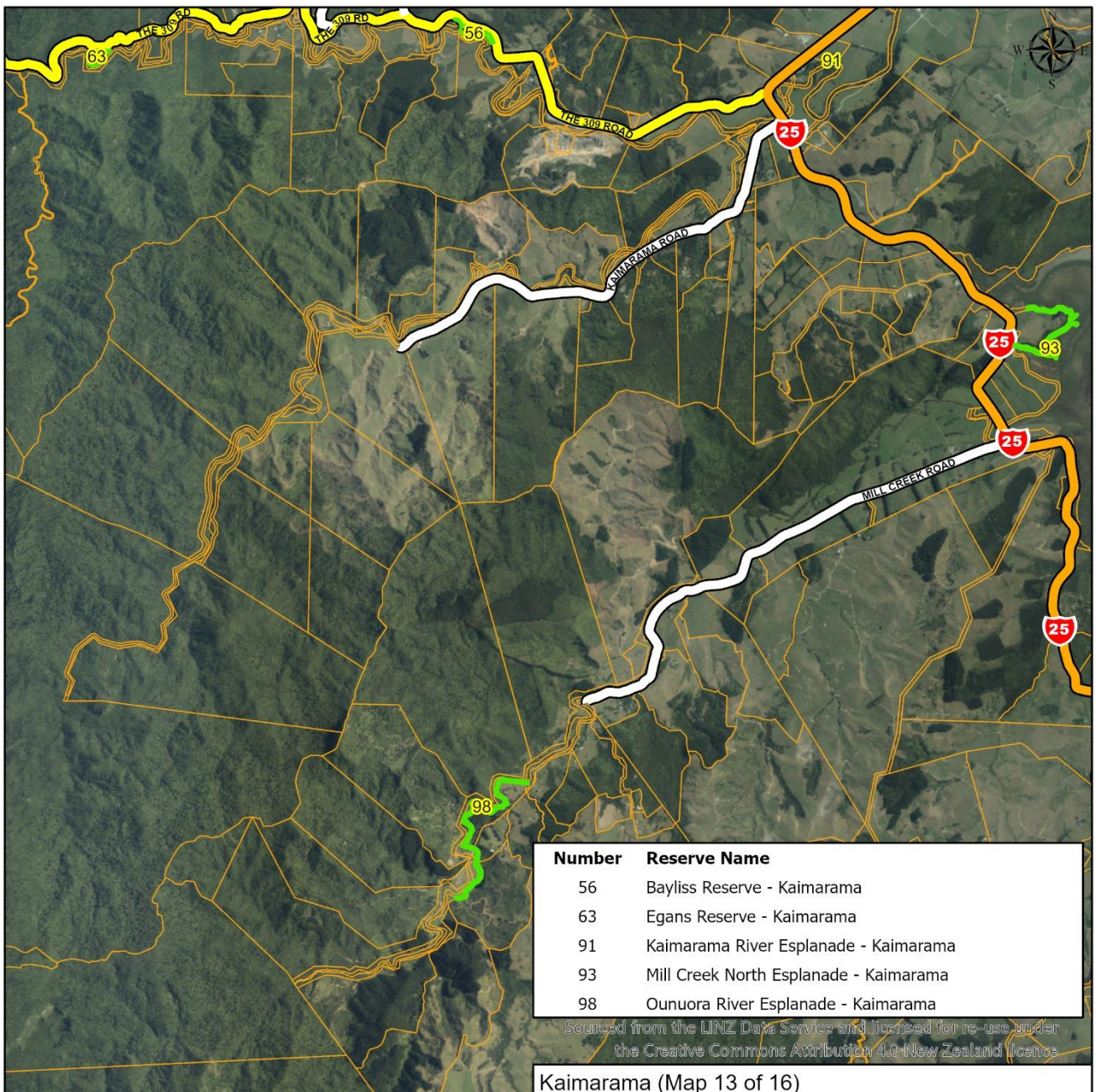
Map 11: Cooks Beach and Ferry Landing



Map 12: Hāheī



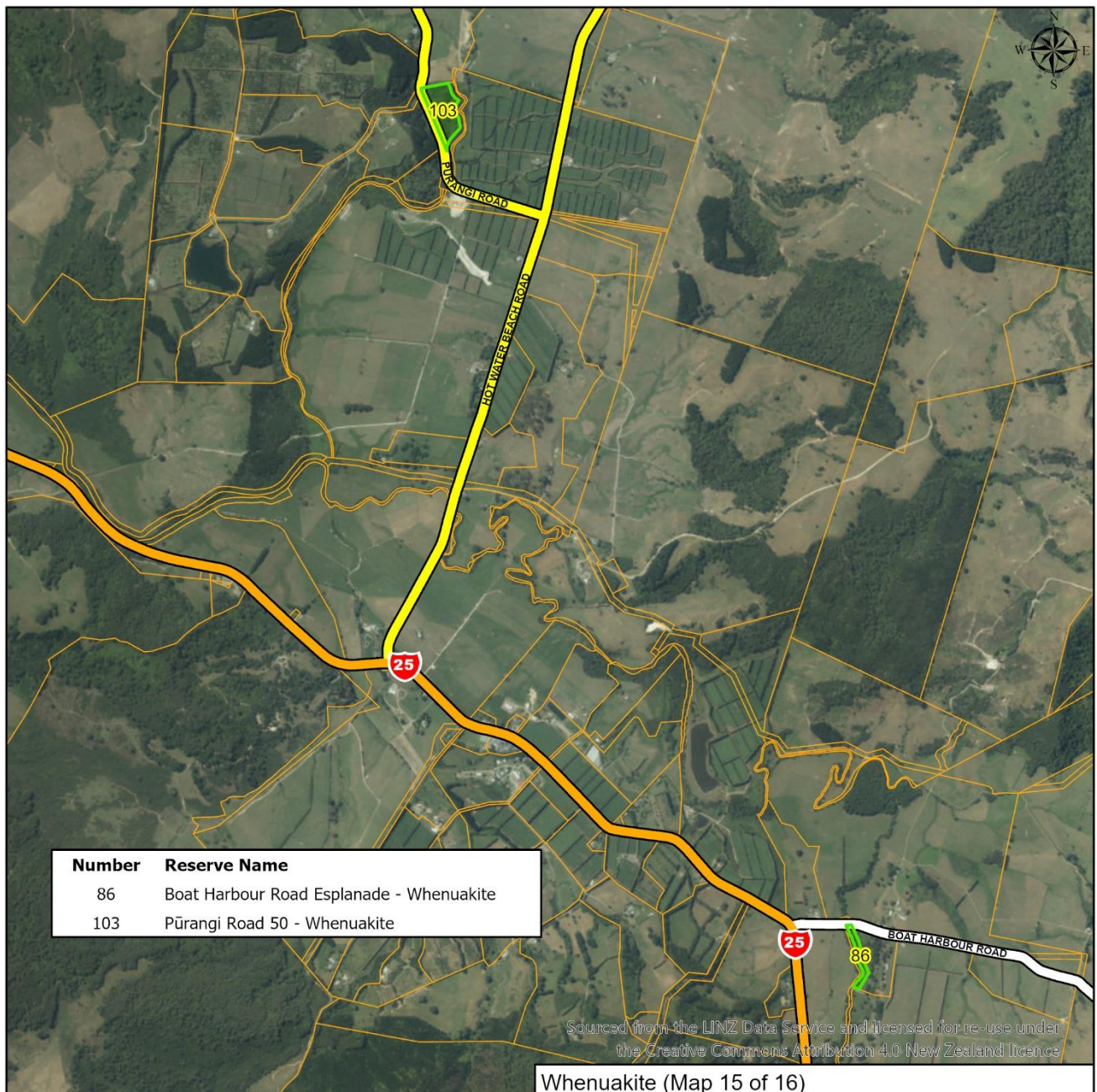
Map 13: Kaimarama



Map 14: Coroglen



Map 15: Whenuakite



Map 16: Hot Water Beach



Reserves subject to treaty settlement

Under the deed of settlement between Ngāti Hei and the Crown the parcels of reserve land in table two, which were included as individual reserve management plans in the 2007/2008 Mercury Bay Reserve Management Plans³ will be transferred to Ngāti Hei.

Council is not undertaking a review of the reserve management plans for these parcels of reserve land or inviting public submissions under the Reserves Act at this time, as separate reserve management plans will be prepared through a process established jointly by Ngāti Hei and Council post-settlement. These separate management plans will be prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Reserves Act 1977, including a public consultation process.

The individual 2007/2008 reserve management plans for these parcels of land will remain in effect until a separate management plan has been prepared. Council will continue to manage this land in accordance with these management plans until such time as new reserve management plans have been prepared.

Table 2 Individual Reserve Management Plans subject to Treaty Settlement

The individual Reserve Management Plan remains in effect for the following parcels of reserve land:	
Te Puia – Hot Water Beach	Legal Description: Lot 1 DP 23432 Part Lot 2 DP 23432 Part Lot 3 DP 23432 Lot 6 DP 23432 Part Section 36 Block III Whitianga Survey District Lot 3 DP 23432
Paparoa – Shakespeare Cliff Reserve	Legal Description: Lot 1 DPS 14247 Lot 1 DP 15405

Note: The table does not show all parcels of reserve land that will be transferred to Ngāti Hei under the deed of settlement between Ngāti Hei and the Crown. Only those parcels of reserve land included in an individual 2007/2008 Reserve Management Plan are referenced in the table.

³ The Mercury Bay Reserve Management Plans are made up of three documents:

- Whitianga and Wharekaho - individual reserve management plans (adopted June 2007)
- Mercury Bay South - individual reserve management plans (adopted June 2007)
- Mercury Bay North - individual reserve management plans (adopted September 2008)

Sports and Recreation

Reserves (often quite large areas) set aside and developed for organised sport and recreation activities. Sports and recreation reserves typically contain recreation facilities and buildings, often developed to be suitable for multiple-use.

Typical Characteristics:

- sport facilities, may include grass fields, hard courts, artificial surfaces;
- buildings, such as toilets, changing rooms, clubrooms, community centres, community activities;
- recreation facilities, such as playgrounds, skate parks, half courts, picnic areas and bike tracks;
- seating;
- landscaping;
- usually large size;
- leased sites could be small (e.g., the size of a single club).

Maintenance and Development Levels

These spaces are likely to have formally maintained sports turf for a mixture of winter and/or summer sport. The sports turf areas are maintained to an appropriate standard for the sports code use. It may accommodate hard court and built recreation facilities. The determining factor is the provision of bookable sports play facilities, which are the primary purpose of the park.

Normally maintained at a high standard to cater for high demand.

Cook Drive No. 92 (Bowling Club) - Whitianga



Background

- This reserve is leased to the Mercury Bay Bowling Club.
- The land has been developed as a bowling green which has included the installation of artificial grass and is primarily used for organised/competition bowling events.
- The Mercury Bay Bowling Club is responsible for all maintenance of the building and grounds.
- The clubroom is owned by the Mercury Bay Bowling Club.
- A parking area and the main access to this reserve is provided off Cook Drive.
- The Bowling Club provides campervan parking in the parking area.
- Access for reserve maintenance purposes is provided off Springbok Avenue (Lot 51 DPS 64987).

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Reserve Category	Sports and Recreation
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	92 Cook Drive, Whitianga
Area	0.3601 ha
Legal Description	Lot 2 DPS 21322 Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(i) of the Reserves Act 1977
Location	8 Springbok Avenue, Whitianga
Area	0.681 ha
Legal Description	Lot 51 DPS 64897 (0.0222ha) Lot 1 DPS 43982 (0.6588ha) NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Leases and Licences	
Mercury Bay Bowling Club Incorporated	Expires June 2031

Lyon Park - Whitianga



Lyon Park - Whitianga

Reserve Category	Sports and Recreation
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	86A Albert Street, Whitianga
Area	0.1467 ha
Legal Description	Pt Wharetangata No.6 Blk, NZ Gazette 2020 In 4925
Location	86D Albert Street, Whitianga
Area	1.6780 ha
Legal Description	Pt Wharetangata No.6 Blk, NZ Gazette 2012 p1878

Background

- Lyon Park comprises two parcels of land, both gifted to the community for sport and recreation.
- The larger parcel of land (1.6780 ha) was gifted to the Coromandel County Council on 2 March 1940 by Thomas Harwood Lyon in memory of his deceased daughter Isobel (Belle) and to also acknowledge the New Zealand centennial. The land was to be held by Council as a recreation reserve and to be called "Mercury Bay Centennial and Lyon Park". Originally the land was swampland, with local people beginning work in 1947 to get it to a sports ground standard. The field was ready for the first game of rugby in 1949.
- The smaller parcel of land (0.1467 ha) was originally purchased by the Whitianga Tennis Club from T. H. Lyon in 1926. In 1960 the Whitianga Tennis Club gifted their land to the Coromandel County Council to be included in Lyon Park on the proviso that "The Tennis Club Continue to have free use of this land providing the Tennis Club at their cost maintain and keep the facility in good condition".
- Lyon Park currently accommodates the Mercury Bay Rugby and Sports Club (rugby/squash/gym) and the tennis club, with both groups having facilities on the reserve.
- Mercury Bay Rugby and Sports Club lease and have exclusive use of the area where their clubrooms are located (not the fields).
- The Mercury Bay Tennis Club manage and maintain the tennis court facility which includes the courts, nets, lights and a volleyball area.
- The Whitianga Volunteer Coastguard base and another building (that has been used as a gymnasium) are also located on Lyon Park.
- The Whitianga Volunteer Coastguard lease and have exclusive use of the area where their buildings are located (not the surrounding grounds).

Leases and Licences	
Mercury Bay Rugby and Sports Club Incorporated	Expires 2024 (If right of renewal is exercised in 2029)
Whitianga Volunteer Coastguard Incorporated	Expires 2032

Reserve Issues

- No lease has been issued under the Reserves Act for the tennis court facility.
- There is concern over Lyons Park being used as an overflow parking area for marine activities particularly given the ongoing growth of the Whitianga Marina and the limited parking options available to its users.

Management Actions

- a. Ensure that a lease is put in place for the tennis court facility.
- b. Consider putting more restrictive measures in place to prevent unauthorised parking on the reserve particularly when it becomes a health and safety issue.
- c. Where appropriate, encourage codes to use the Mercury Bay Multisport Park to help alleviate any booking conflicts that may occur during the busy winter sports season.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.
- b. Any use of this reserve for parking must directly relate to an activity or event that is being held on the reserve.

Mercury Bay Multisport Park - Whitianga



Mercury Bay Multisport Park - Whitianga

Reserve Category	Sports and Recreation
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	25 Moewai Park Road, Whitianga
Area	10.11 ha
Legal Description	Lot 1 DP 440527 Lot 2 DP 440527 Lot 3 DP 440527 NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Background

- The land was acquired by Thames-Coromandel District Council for the purpose of a developing a multisport park for organised/competition sport and recreation in Mercury Bay.
- A number of codes use the multisport facilities. These include rugby, netball, rugby league, football, pickleball and athletics.
- The facilities are being run by Council until a sports hub/sportsville management system can be ratified.

Reserve Issues

- Landscaping works and supporting infrastructure (i.e., flood lighting, changing rooms etc.) have not been fully completed which in turn means the true capacity of the multisport park is not being realised.

Management Actions

- Investigate options and opportunities (including funding) to help complete certain aspects of the multisport park's infrastructure that will help facilitate better utilisation of the entire park.
- Investigate and consider a collective-impact management model for the multisport park.

Reserve Management Policy

- The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.
- That the park and/or buildings are not leased exclusively to any one club or code.

Civic

These reserves are comprised of areas of different sizes immediately adjacent to or within central business areas, and developed to provide a space for social gatherings, meeting places, relaxation, and enjoyment.

These reserves are multiple-use spaces with an emphasis on providing for the needs of the wider community. They generally provide for a range of informal recreation activities for all age groups and may be located near or adjacent to other community facilities (e.g., a library, suburban or town centre, Plunket, childcare space).

Typical Characteristics:

- easy pedestrian access;
- play equipment and seating;
- flat or gently undulating grass areas; and
- can have adequate space for running and informal ball games.

They may also include lighting and heritage features such as memorials, hard paving, trees, gardens, public art, public toilets and car parking.

Maintenance and Development Levels

A good range and number of quality assets provided and maintained at a high standard.

Taylor's Mistake - Whitianga



Reserve Category	Civic
Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Community Use)
Location	42 Albert Street, Whitianga
Area	0.9042 ha
Legal Description	Lot 1 DP 411865 NZ Gazette 2011 p1289

Background

- This reserve is of cultural significance to Ngāti Hei.
- The land was originally part of a larger block of land (Te Whakau) and was purchased by the Mercury Bay Sawmill Company for sawmilling activities in the late 1800's.
- The Carina Creek, which runs along the southern boundary of the reserve, was named after Thomas Carina who built a hotel at the harbour entrance in 1870.
- Circa 1954, an English bachelor by the name of W (Bill) F Taylor purchased the land.
- Local research indicates that Bill Taylor bought the land for a campground but after he started building the facilities was ordered to remove them by the Council because a campground was not permitted in the central part of town. Mr Taylor responded by refusing to pay any further rates and after his drowning in the Waitemata Harbour, the land was forfeited to Council in lieu of the unpaid rates.
- There is a recorded archaeological site towards the eastern boundary of the reserve (NZAA - T11/313 midden/oven) and the Huke Huke Urupā (NZAA - T11/2821) is also within close proximity. Given this the reserve may contain subsurface archaeological remains.
- This reserve provides an integral pedestrian linkage between The Esplanade and Albert Street.
- Improvements to the reserve (as part of the Whitianga Town Centre Upgrade) have included the installation of a new hoggin path, 'natural play' equipment, a permanent shelter canopy with seating fronting Albert Street and an upgrade/relocation of the skatepark.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.
- b. Allow for commercial/non-commercial events where appropriate, subject to permission from the Council.

Cultural Heritage

These reserves offer protection of built, cultural and historical environments to provide for commemoration, understanding, appreciation, and remembrance. They often contain multiple values, for example, amenity and ecological value in addition to cultural heritage.

Maintenance and Development Levels

Dependent upon the location and cultural significance, there may be a limited number of quality assets provided and maintained to a high standard.

Buffalo Beach Reserve (north of Taputapuatea Stream) - Whitianga



Background

- These parcels of land are located between Tarapatiki and Taputapuatea Streams and include the Taputapuatea Spit.
- The name Taputapuatea was given to this area by the Polynesian navigator, Kupe and signifies a deeper cultural context that is of great importance to Ngāti Hei.
- There is a recorded archaeological site (NZAA - T11/91 Midden/oven - Māori) within the vicinity of the Taputapuatea Stream and beachfront and the land could contain sub-surface remains of the activities that previously occurred in this area.
- Parts of this reserve are also included within the spatial extent of a wāhi tapu area (Item 9587) recorded on the Heritage New Zealand List/Rārangi Korero and scheduled as a Site of Significance to Māori in Appendix 1.2 of the Thames-Coromandel District Plan.
- On the 21st of July 2019 Thames Coromandel District Council entered an agreement with Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga in respect of the development of a Strategy and Management Plan (within 2 years of the date of the agreement) for the Taputapuatea Wāhi Tapu Area. The Strategy and Management Plan is supplementary to this Reserve Management Plan..
- In the early 1990's resource consent was granted to develop the town marina. Dredging's from this activity were placed on the spit to mimic dune crests. Associated with this consent, community meetings were held regarding the establishment of a coastal forest on the spit. A small tree planting trial was established (at the northern end) by the community in 1995. These trees have been vandalised at various times to provide views for subsequent housing in behind the reserve.
- In 2015 the Taputapuatea Spit Restoration Project began with Mercury Bay Forest & Bird, Ngāti Hei, TCDC, WRC and DOC. Significant community involvement and contributions have supported the project.
- Clubrooms built and occupied by the Mercury Bay Boating Club are located on Lot 2 DPS 15745.
- Parts of a privately-owned seawall, which has been constructed along the foreshore to the north of the Buffalo Beach Road accessway, are located on Council reserve.

Reserve Category		Cultural Heritage
Reserve Classification	Recreation	
Location	91 Buffalo Beach Road SH25, Whitianga (Opposite No. 18 Buffalo Beach Road)	
Area	9.6358 ha	
Legal Description	Lot 2 DPS 4704 (1.1382ha) Lot 1 DPS 4704 (4.7930ha) Lot 35 DPS 3542 (1.3658ha) Lot 9 DPS 7101 (0.2378ha) NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926 Lot 2 DPS 15745 (2.1010ha) NZ Gazette 2020 In 4925	

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Esplanade)
Area	0.6399 ha
Legal Description	Lot 12 DPS 6340 (DPS 15745) NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Leases and Licences	
Mercury Bay Boating Club Inc.	June 2027

Reserve Issues

- The beachfront area is prone to severe coastal erosion from offshore winds and frequent storm events.
- The privately-owned seawall restricts access along the beachfront at high tide and exacerbates end-of-wall erosion.
- Trees that have been planted for shade, habitat and well-being have been vandalised and destroyed to create unobstructed sea views for neighbouring private property owners.

Management Actions

- a. Continue to develop partnerships with Ngāti Hei, residents, and local community groups to support the management of dune areas through 'Coastcare' programmes.
- b. Develop a Strategy and Management Plan for the Taputapuatea Wāhi Tapu Area as agreed with Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga on the 21st of July 2019.
- c. Investigate coastal erosion issues and where appropriate identify options for intervention to manage erosion in a sustainable way through the Shoreline Management Plan.
- d. Using a collaborative approach, consult with neighbouring property owners and other stakeholders on any future placement of shade trees to avoid further vandalism and destruction.
- e. Continue to work with the Buffalo Beach Homeowners Association to resolve the issues associated with a privately-owned coastal defence structure on public land.
- f. Continue to support restoration of the Taputapuatea Spit.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.
- b. Ensure that any future development and management of this reserve gives due consideration to the supplementary Strategy and Management Plan for the Taputapuatea Wāhi Tapu Area.

Buffalo Beach Reserve (south of Taputapuatea Stream) - Whitianga



Reserve Category	Cultural Heritage
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	91 Buffalo Beach Road SH25, Whitianga (Opposite No. 18 Buffalo Beach Road)
Area	6.9669 ha
Legal Description	Lot 3 DPS 4704 (6.5559ha) NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926 Lot 6 DPS 4704 (0.4110ha) NZ Gazette 2020 In 4925

Background

- Comprising the central portion of Buffalo Beach, this area is Whitianga's main destination reserve. It provides a parking area, public toilet facility, static fitness equipment, a BBQ area and is a popular location for passive recreation.
- Parts of this reserve are included within the spatial extent of a wāhi tapu area (Item 9587) recorded on the Heritage New Zealand List/Rārangi Korero and scheduled as a Site of Significance to Māori in Appendix 1.2 of the Thames-Coromandel District Plan.
- The wāhi tapu area is associated with the place name given to wider area by the Polynesian navigator, Kupe, and signifies a deeper cultural context which is of great importance to Ngāti Hei.
- On the 21st of July 2019 Thames- Coromandel District Council entered an agreement with Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga in respect of the development of a Strategy and Management Plan (within 2 years of the date of the agreement) for the Taputapuatea Wāhi Tapu Area. The Strategy and Management Plan is supplementary to this Reserve Management Plan.
- There is a cairn located on this reserve to mark the site where the HMS Buffalo was wrecked in 1840.
- There is only one powered site available for commercial operators on this reserve.
- Continual development of a hoggin path along the full length of the beach provides a link to the reserves north of Taputapuatea Stream.
- In the past, trees on the beachfront part of the reserve have been destroyed and vandalised to provide unobstructed sea views for neighbouring property owners.

Reserve Issues

- There is conflict between open space and parking areas on the reserve.
- The beachfront area is prone to coastal erosion from offshore winds and frequent storm events.
- There is a lack of shade trees on this reserve.

Management Actions

- Investigate the feasibility and/or demand for any future development of the reserve which could potentially include preparation of a landscape plan to define the future layout of the reserve more clearly.
- Develop a Strategy and Management Plan for the Taputapuatea Wāhi Tapu Area as agreed with Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga on the 21st of July 2019.
- Continue to develop partnerships with Ngāti Hei, residents, and local community groups to support the management of dune areas through 'Coastcare' programmes.
- Investigate coastal erosion issues and where appropriate identify options for intervention to manage erosion in a sustainable way through the Shoreline Management Plan.

- e. Using a collaborative approach, consult with neighbouring property owners and other stakeholders on any future placement of shade trees to avoid further vandalism and destruction.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.
- b. Ensure that any future development and management of this reserve gives due consideration to the supplementary Strategy and Management Plan for the Taputapuatea Wāhi Tapu Area.
- c. Allow for commercial activity licences to operate from specific areas on the reserve as defined by Council, subject to Council approval.

Longreach Reserve – Cooks Beach



Longreach Reserve - Cooks Beach

Background

- This reserve was vested to the Thames-Coromandel District Council when the surrounding land was subdivided in 2016 as part of the Longreach development.
- It comprises five parcels of land. Lot 310 DP 493903 provides a greenspace area with a playground and Lot 300 DP 493903 provides esplanade access through to Pūrangi reserve. Lots 311-313 DP 493903 provide access off Admiral Drive through to the edge of the estuary.
- There are recorded archaeological sites (NZAA - T11/594 Midden/oven - Indigenous pre-1769, Māori and NZAA T11/2789 Modified garden/midden) on this reserve and the land could contain sub-surface remains of the activities that previously occurred in this area.
- A Conservation Covenant was entered (between Longreach Developments Ltd and Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga) as a requirement of the subdivision consent, to protect and manage the archaeological sites during the development. Upon completion of the subdivision, a Heritage Management Plan was required to ensure that the historic and archaeological features continue to be managed and protected to the extent compatible with the primary purpose of this reserve. The Heritage Management Plan is supplementary to this reserve management plan.

Reserve Issues

- Pest plants and animals are an issue at this reserve.

Reserve Management Policy

- The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.
- Ensure that any future development and management of this reserve gives due consideration to the supplementary Heritage Management Plan.

Reserve Category	Cultural Heritage
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	30 Longreach Drive Cooks Beach
Area	0.2372 ha
Legal Description	Lot 310 DP 493903 NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Esplanade)
Location	32 Longreach Drive, Cooks Beach
Area	1.1355 ha
Legal Description	Lot 300 DP 493903 NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Accessway)
Location	12 Admiral Drive, Cooks Beach
Area	0.0824 ha
Legal Description	Lot 311 DP 493903
Location	22 Admiral Drive, Cooks Beach
Area	0.0646 ha
Legal Description	Lot 312 DP 493903
Location	28A Admiral Drive, Cooks Beach
Area	0.0358 ha
Legal Description	Lot 313 DP 493903 NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Robinson Road Estuary - Whitianga



Robinson Road Estuary Reserves - Whitianga

Background

- This reserve area comprises seven parcels of land which provide esplanade access around the Whitianga harbour adjacent to Robinson Road and through to South Highway East.
- The area, known as part of the Tauwira Block, is steeped in history including being the site of a former Māori battle. Circa 1820 Ngāpuhi travelled from the north and raided this area. Approximately 400 people were slain, on the land and in the water, as they attempted to swim to Te Ana (the Pā on the other side of the harbour). Those people of Ngāti Hei who were slain were buried along the foreshore. The foreshore area is considered Tapu and while it is not recorded as such, it would constitute as an archaeological site under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014. .
- The White and Robinson families farmed the broader area until the early 1960's when the surrounding land was subdivided for residential purposes.
- In 2019 two extra boat ramp lanes and a new pontoon were added to the boat ramp facility located on Lot 5 DPS 14526. During construction, an archaeological investigation revealed the remains of several features associated with the White homestead including two structures (including the Pig and Whistle), a stone laid floor and several small rubbish deposits.
- This area is habitat for a range of coastal birds including kotuku, spoonbill, red-bill gulls, black-bill gulls. There is a predominance of exotic weedy tree species on the reserve.
- This reserve area as a whole provides a popular natural environment for a range of passive recreational activities including picnicking, walking dogs, exercising etc.

Reserve Issues

- Green waste dumping occurs on the reserve.
- Vehicles and trailers parking on the reserve due to increased use of the boat ramp.
- Severe coastal erosion along the banks adjacent to the water's edge, which is believed to be caused by an increase in boats using the harbour.

Reserve Category	Cultural Heritage
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	2B Robinson Road, Whitianga
Area	0.4798 ha
Legal Description	Lot 20 DPS 13422 (0.4022ha) Lot 44 DPS 12182 (0.0776ha) Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(i) of the Reserves Act 1977

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Esplanade)
Location	2B Robinson Road, Whitianga
Area	2.5435 ha
Legal Description	Lot 5 DPS 14526 (0.1543ha) Lot 69 DPS 16632 (0.5438ha) Lot 68 DPS 16631 (0.4932ha) Lot 67 DPS 16630 (0.6374ha) Lot 45 DPS 12182 (0.2200ha) Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(iv) of the Reserves Act 1977 Lot 2 DPS 6785 (0.1467ha) Lot 52 DP 308623 (0.3481ha) NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

- Encroachment from neighbouring property owners, particularly towards the western end of the esplanade access.
- There are unauthorised coastal protection structures located on the reserve.
- There is no clear pedestrian linkage or access to Lot 2 DPS 6785 and Lot 52 DP 308623 which are located off the end of South Highway East and towards to the western boundary of this reserve.

Management Actions

- a. Using a collaborative approach work with Ngāti Hei to ensure the area is managed and maintained in an appropriate manner.
- b. Investigate options and opportunities to improve interpretational signage relative to the natural, cultural, and historical significance of the area.
- c. Investigate options and opportunities for improving access to the western end of the reserve.
- d. Investigate coastal erosion issues and where appropriate identify options for intervention to manage erosion in a sustainable way through the Shoreline Management Plan.
- e. Investigate methods to reduce vehicle dominance on the reserve particularly in the area adjacent to the boat ramp.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Robinson Road Lovers Rock - Whitianga



Robinson Road Lovers Rock - Whitianga

Reserve Category	Cultural Heritage
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	2B Robinson Road, Whitianga
Area	0.8096 ha
Legal Description	Lot 65 DPS 16631 Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(i) of the Reserves Act 1977.

Background

- This reserve is in the area adjacent to the Robinson Road Estuary and was named Lovers Rock because it was a favoured spot for couples to carve their initials.
- The area is known by Māori as Wharetangata. and also, as Toumuia in reference to the 1819 massacre by Hongi Hika (Ngāpuhi) who travelled from the north. Approximately 400 people were slain in the massacre, on the land and in the water, as they attempted to swim to Te Ana (the Pā on the other side of the harbour). Those people of Ngāti Hei who were slain were buried along the adjacent foreshore. .
- The small tree covered outcrop on the reserve is known by Māori as Motuku. It marks the scene of the 1820 massacre and is considered tapu.
- Two silage silos/pits hewn from freestanding rock in 1930 are also located on the reserve.
- There are three separately recorded archaeological sites on the reserve; NZAA - T11/321 which relates to a dairy cool store/cave cut into the east side of the outcrop; NZAA – T11/105 which relates to a Pā site; and NZAA – T11/713 which relates to the two rock silos. Given this the reserve may contain subsurface archaeological remains.
- The rock silos are recorded as a Category 2 Historic Place (4649) on the Heritage New Zealand List/Rārangi Korero, archaeological site NAAA – T11/713 and Heritage Item 213 in Appendix 1 Section 1.3. of the Thames-Coromandel District Plan.

Management Actions

- a. Continue to work with Tangata Whenua to protect and promote the cultural and historical significance of this site.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Robinson Road Stone Store - Whitianga



Reserve Category	Cultural Heritage
Reserve Classification	Historic
Location	2A Robinson Road, Whitianga
Area	0.0035 ha
Legal Description	Lot 4 DPS 14526 Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(ii) of the Reserves Act 1977.

Background

- This reserve contains visible remains of the former stone store which was built c.1860.
- The extant stone store is a Category 2 Historic Place (Item 4684) on the Heritage New Zealand List/Rārangi Korero and is included as part of a much larger recorded archaeological site (NZAA - T11/714 commercial, stone store building, wharf and jetty). The extant store is also listed as Heritage Item 212 in Appendix 1 Section 1.3 of the Thames-Coromandel District Plan,
- The store was a brick barrel-vaulted building with stone blocks (locally sourced from Te Ana) at either end. It was built into the bank with the doorway overlooking the Whitianga Harbour.
- It is believed the building was originally constructed for Mr George White by two runaway sailors in return for their keep. At one time the building was known as the 'Pig and Whistle' and is said to have been a sly grog shop. Title for the land and store was passed to local butcher Donald Henderson McPherson in 1882, Dugald Bryce and Catherine Watts in 1934 and then William and Catherine Robinson in 1940. The White/Robinson families continued to farm the wider area until the land was subdivided for residential development in the 1960's.
- Mr White, who was said to have been the first European settler to farm the area, also built his homestead nearby and established a trading post at Trelease Point during the 1860's – 1870s. Abe Trelease, another early settler, is said to have built a jetty to the west of the stone store. Its remnants are still visible in the inter-tidal area.
- Updates to the New Zealand Archaeological Association site record in 2019 identify the store as a tangible connection to a larger site, the former White/Trelease complex that incorporates the area around Trelease Point. The area as a whole is considered to have high archaeological and heritage value as one of the earliest European settlements in Whitianga, associated with trade and enterprise.
- A 'heritage trail' sign attached to the stone store, tells the history of the area.

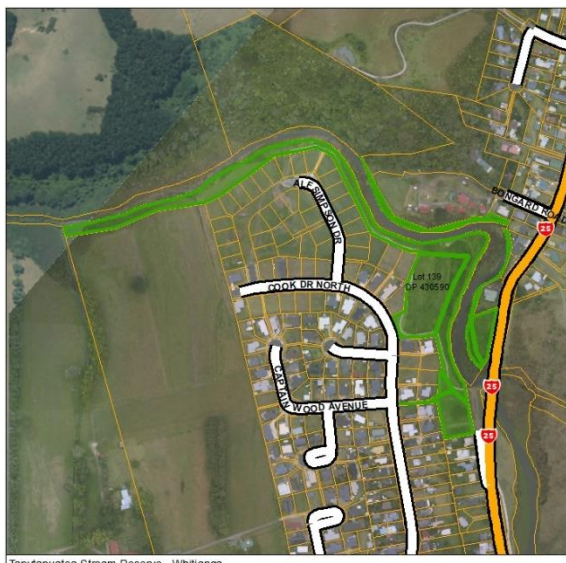
Management Actions

- a. Continue to protect and promote the cultural and historical significance of the site.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Taputapuatea Stream Reserve - Whitianga



Taputapuatea Stream Reserve - Whitianga

Background

- These parcels of land border both sides of the Taputapuatea Stream. The name Taputapuatea was given to this area by the Polynesian navigator, Kupe and signifies a deeper cultural context that is of great importance to Ngāti Hei.
- Part of this area is known as Aroarotea, and the adjoining area known as Arowhero (red tongue).
- There is a recorded archaeological site (NZAA - T11/914 Midden/Oven- Indigenous pre-1769) on this reserve (Lot 139 DP 430590). This site is part of a remaining archaeologically sensitive area and is more than likely to contain sub-surface remains of the activities that previously occurred in this area.
- Parts of this reserve are also included within the spatial extent of a wāhi tapu area (Item 9587) recorded on the Heritage New Zealand List/Rārangi Korero and scheduled as a Site of Significance to Māori in Appendix 1.2 of the Thames-Coromandel District Plan.
- On the 21st of July 2019 Thames-Coromandel District Council entered an agreement with Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga in respect of the development of a Strategy and Management Plan (within 2 years of the date of the agreement) for the Taputapuatea Wāhi Tapu Area. The Strategy and Management Plan is supplementary to this Reserve Management Plan.
- The Taputapuatea stream provides habitat for a range of wetland birds, freshwater fish and invertebrate species.

Reserve Category	Cultural Heritage
Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Esplanade)
Location	92 Buffalo Beach Road, Whitianga
Area	2.4706 ha
Legal Description	Lot 10 DPS 6340 (0.1113ha) Lot 11 DPS 6340 (0.1993ha) NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	4 Bongard Road, Whitianga
Area	0.1800 ha
Legal Description	Lot 3 DPS 24558 Automatically classified as a Recreation Reserve pursuant to s16(11)(b)(i) of the Reserves Act 1977
Location	297 Cook Drive, Whitianga
Area	0.8240 ha
Legal Description	Lot 139 DP 430590
Location	277 Cook Drive, Whitianga
Area	0.3675 ha
Legal Description	Lot 140 DP 430590 (0.0529ha) Lot 6 DP 373913 (0.3146ha) NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926
Location	91 Buffalo Beach Road, Whitianga
Area	2.1600 ha
Legal Description	Lot 3 DPS 26491 Automatically classified as a Recreation Reserve pursuant to s16(11)(b)(i) of the Reserves Act 1977

- This reserve includes a vegetation transition from estuarine wetland to freshwater wetland.
- A pathway from Buffalo Beach Road through to Alf Simpson Drive has been formed to provide esplanade access along the southern side of the stream, however contiguous access to the northern side of the stream is impeded by sections of privately-owned land title.

Management Actions

- a. Develop a Strategy and Management Plan for the Taputapuatea Wāhi Tapu Area as agreed with Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga on the 21st of July 2019.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.
- b. Ensure that any future development and management of this reserve gives due consideration to the supplementary Strategy and Management Plan for the Taputapuatea Wāhi Tapu Area.

Neighbourhood

Neighbourhood reserves are generally smaller in size, often located on a pedestrian or commuting route and typically bordered on several sides by houses.

They provide for local neighbourhood informal recreation and generally contain limited built infrastructure (e.g. mostly flat or open grass area with some trees). However, they may also include picnic facilities (e.g. barbeques, tables and shelters), toilets, buildings used for local community and recreation functions and can provide for a specific function (such as a children's play area or a dog exercise area).

Maintenance and Development Levels

A local reserve located in a neighbourhood, designed to be used by local residents, often within walking distance of their home. Generally, few basic quality assets provided, and maintained to a basic standard.

Aquila Drive Reserve - Whitianga



Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	9 Aquila Drive, Whitianga
Area	0.1110 ha
Legal Description	Lot 270 DP 346885 NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Background

- This reserve was vested to Thames-Coromandel District Council when the surrounding land was subdivided in 2005 as part of the Whitianga Waterways development.
- The reserve provides an open greenspace area and beachfront access to the canal.

Reserve Issues

- The reserve lacks signage.

Management Actions

- a. Provide signage to identify the reserve.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Arawa Lane Reserve - Whitianga



Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	95 South Highway East, Whitianga
Area	0.2000 ha
Legal Description	Lot 129 DP 334695 NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Background

- This reserve was vested to Thames-Coromandel District Council when the surrounding land was subdivided in 2004 as part of the Whitianga Waterways development.
- The reserve provides an open greenspace area and beachfront access to the canal.
- A wastewater pump station is located towards the eastern boundary of the reserve.

Reserve Issues

- The reserve lacks signage.

Management Actions

- a. Provide signage to identify the reserve.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Black Jack Recreation Reserve - Kūaotunu



Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	21 Black Jack Road, Kūaotunu
Area	6.376 ha
Legal Description	Section 108 and Sections 111-113 Block II Ōtama Survey District NZ Gazette 1979 p2226

Background

- This area was the main ship loading and unloading spot in Kūaotunu during gold mining and kauri milling times. It was also used as community sportsground until the Kūaotunu Domain was formally established.
- In 1911 the Kūaotunu Domain Board was appointed to have control of the Kūaotunu Domain (NZ Gazette 1911 p3012). At that time the Kūaotunu Domain only included Section 6, Block II, Ōtama Survey District – otherwise known as Pumpkin Flat Reserve.
- On 23 October 1969 the Crown formally reserved Sections 108 and 113, Block II, Ōtama Survey District for recreation purposes and declared the land to be a public domain and form part of the Kūaotunu Domain (NZ Gazette 1969 p2168).
- On 26 July 1979 the Assistant Commissioner of the Crown declared that pursuant to the Reserves Act 1977, Section 108 and Sections 111-113 Block II, Ōtama Survey District be classified as a reserve for recreation purposes (NZ Gazette 1979 p2226).
- In 1989 the Council was appointed as the Kūaotunu Domain Board under the Local Government (Waikato Region) Re-organisation Order (NZ Gazette 1989 p2477). Section 40 of the Reserves Act 1977 provides for the functions of Council as the administering body in terms of its appointment and the means at its disposal, so to ensure the use, enjoyment, development, maintenance, protection, and preservation, as the case may require, of the reserve for the purpose for which it is classified. At that point in time the Kūaotunu Domain included Sections 6 (Pumpkin Flat Reserve), 8, and 111-113, Block II, Ōtama.
- This reserve is of cultural significance to Ngāti Hei.
- The reserve contains two recorded archaeological sites and is likely to contain sub-surface archaeological remains. NZAA - T10/1143 identifies a number of historic 19th century buildings recorded in 2018 as formerly present along the foreshore in association with the historic settlement located on the western side of the river mouth. NZAA – T10/1142 identifies a midden eroding out of the river bank near the pōhutukawa located towards the entrance to the reserve. There is informal boat launching access for small/light craft towards the headland which is known as the Torea boat ramp. Four-wheel drive vehicles, quads and tractors also use this to access the beach.
- There is a Council owned public toilet facility on the reserve.
- Access to the Black Jack walking track from near the toilet facility, leads up to a headland viewing point.
- A memorial plaque commemorates the 2000th tree planted as part of the Kauri 2000 project.
- Parts of the reserve are susceptible to waterlogging. Removable bollards are placed in key locations over the winter months to prevent vehicles damaging waterlogged areas.
- Department of Conservation concessions have been issued on this reserve. These include a concession for the sale of ice-cream and a concession for paddleboard hire.
- The land has been identified as suitable for other recreational facilities.

- New Zealand dotterel and other coastal birds roost and nest above the high tide mark around the river mouth.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.
- b. Allow for commercial and non-commercial events where appropriate, subject to permission from the Council.

Carina Way Reserve - Whitianga



Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	13 Carina Way, Whitianga
Area	0.1688 ha
Legal Description	Lot 17 DP 352059 NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Background

- This reserve was vested to Thames-Coromandel District Council when the surrounding land was subdivided in 2005.
- It provides an open greenspace area that is suitable for informal sport and passive recreational activities.

Reserve Issues

- The reserve lacks signage and shade areas.

Management Actions

- a. Provide signage to identify the reserve.
- b. Investigate options and opportunities for planting shade trees to improve the amenity of the reserve.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Centennial Heights Lookout - Whitianga



Centennial Heights Lookout - Whitianga

Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	18 Rimu Street, Whitianga
Area	0.2309 ha
Legal Description	Lot 200 DPS 19102 Automatically classified as Recreation Reserve in accordance with s16(11)(b)(i) Reserves Act 1977.

Background

- This reserve was vested to the Coromandel County Council when the surrounding land was subdivided in 1975.
- The reserve provides a parking area and expansive views of the Whitianga township, the Coromandel Ranges including Maupaupaki, and the wider Mercury Bay area including Shakespeare Cliff and Cooks Beach through to Maungatawhiri.

Reserve Issues

- Vegetation impeding scenic views, particularly of the Whitianga township.
- Lack of signage and wayfinding information.

Management Actions

- Provide signage to identify the reserve and investigate options and opportunities for installing wayfinding information that identifies key landmarks in the area.
- Maintain views from the lookout area by keeping vegetation trimmed.
- Encourage a partnership approach with local volunteers and community groups to assist with the ongoing restoration and maintenance of this reserve.

Reserve Management Policy

- The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Christensen Reserve - Whangapoua



Background

- Lot 31 DPS 10803 was acquired by Council in 1979. The land contained an open drain and was primarily used for stormwater discharge.
- Lots 58 and 61 DPS 342980 were vested to Council when the surrounding land was subdivided in 2005.
- The reserve is named after Bill and Alice Christensen who built the shop at Whangapoua in 1967 and lived adjacent to the reserve for many years.
- A memorial seat has been placed on the reserve.
- The reserve provides a large open space area and includes two tennis courts which were built and are currently maintained by members of the local community.
- The local fire brigade practice on a part of this reserve.
- The large tree plantings are a feature of the reserve and greatly increase the beautification of the area.

Reserve Issues

- An open drain used to run through the middle reserve. While this has since been piped, use of the reserve is compromised by its reliance to perform as an overland flow path for stormwater.
- Management arrangements for local community groups administering facilities on Council land lack consistency across the district.

Management Actions

- Using a collaborative approach, investigate funding options and/or other management arrangements to reflect Council's desire for a consistent model that encapsulates all community administered facilities on Council land.

Reserve Management Policy

- The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.
- Allow for commercial and non-commercial events where appropriate, subject to permission from the Council.

Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	118 McMahon Avenue, Whangapoua
Area	0.4500 ha
Legal Description	Lot 31 DPS 10803 NZ Gazette 2020 In 4925
Location	127 Adams Road Whangapoua
Area	0.3598 ha
Legal Description	Lot 58 DP 342980
Area	0.0096 ha
Legal Description	Lot 61 DP 342980 NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Cooks Beach Central Reserve - Cooks Beach



Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	2A Riverview Road, Cook Beach (Marine Parade/Banks Street Cooks Beach)
Area	2.372 ha
Legal Description	Lot 237 DPS 900 NZ Gazette 1979 p570

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Esplanade)
Location	2A Riverview Road Cooks Beach
Area	1.3152 ha
Legal Description	Lot 238 DPS 900 NZ Gazette 1981 p3733

Background

- This reserve was vested to Council when the surrounding land was subdivided in 1951. It includes the area known as Central Reserve (Lot 237 DPS 900) and part of the foreshore area (Lot 238 DPS 900) along Marine Parade.
- The reserve has high usage, particularly during the summer period, and caters for a wide range of events and activities, including local community events, market days and both formal and informal sporting activities.
- The local fire brigade practice on part of the reserve and have installed a water storage tank.
- Remnant pine trees along the coastal edge of the reserve provide shade during the summer period.
- There is a public toilet facility on the reserve and a dump station is located adjacent to the toilet facility for campervan use.
- A successful 'Coastcare' programme is functioning west of the boat launching facility.

Reserve Issues

- Lack of irrigation and poor turf make it difficult to maintain the sports field area to an acceptable standard.
- The dunes are prone to coastal erosion and are degraded by plant pests, pedestrian use, mowing and vehicles.
- A vehicle track through the dunes provides for access to launch small boats. In some cases, vehicles and trailers are parking in the dune areas which is having a negative impact on the dune system.
- Vehicles accessing the sports field area are damaging the turf.
- The reserve does not have an official name.

Management Actions

- Continue to develop partnerships with residents and local community groups to support the management of dune areas through 'Coastcare' programmes.
- Investigate coastal erosion issues and where appropriate identify options for intervention to manage erosion in a sustainable way through the Shoreline Management Plan.
- Consider installing removable bollards in key locations prevent turf damage from vehicles.
- Consider developing a maintenance programme for the stand of pine trees, that enables the management of the pine trees through best arboriculture practice and plans for their replacement with native species and suitable exotics that provide for increased shade.
- Investigate the feasibility and/or demand for developing a programme for ongoing sports turf renovation for the sports field area.

- f. Limit/restrict use of the beach accessway to emergency services, small craft (single axle trailer) and licenced water-based commercial operators.
- g. Seek opportunities to educate reserve users about the role of foredunes and the methods that can be used to protect them.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.
- b. Allow for non-commercial and small-scale commercial events (for example, fairs and market days) where appropriate, subject to permission from the Council.

Cooks Beach Hall Reserve – Cooks Beach



Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Community Use)
Location	882 Pūrangī Road Cooks Beach
Area	0.4152 ha
Legal Description	Lot 4 DPS 28710 NZ Gazette In 4926

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Esplanade)
Location	882 Pūrangī Road (890 Pūrangī Road) Cooks Beach
Area	1.18 ha
Legal Description	Lot 5 DPS 28710 NZ Gazette In 4926

Background

- This reserve includes two parcels of land that are primarily used for informal recreation and sporting activities.
- The community hall and three tennis courts are for the most part located in Lot 4 DPS 28710 while Lot 5 DPS 28710 provides esplanade access along Cooks Stream.
- The Cooks Beach Hall (which was built in the 1970's) is the largest hall in Mercury Bay south.
- The hall is a Council facility which is currently administered by a local hall committee who have a funding arrangement with the Council.
- The hall committee also manages the adjacent tennis courts which were built by the community and are maintained using money raised from fundraising events.
- There are several stormwater and wastewater utilities on the reserve including a pump station.
- Rare and endangered wetland birds live on this reserve.

Reserve Issues

- The adjoining Cooks Stream floods across part of the reserve during peak rainfall periods.
- Management arrangements for local committees administering Council owned halls lack consistency across the district.
- Encroachment has occurred from adjoining properties, especially on the western section of the reserve on the southern bank of the stream.

Management Actions

- a. Using a collaborative approach, investigate funding options and/or other management arrangements to reflect Council's desire for a consistent model that encapsulates all community administered Council halls and facilities.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Cook Drive Reserve - Whitianga



Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Community Use)
Location	2 Cook Drive, Whitianga
Area	0.6561 ha
Legal Description	Lot 1 DPS 2150 NZ Gazette 2008 p3038
Location	21 A Heritage Close
Area	0.0101ha
Legal Description	Lot 21 DP 333568 NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Background

- This reserve formed part of the old entrance way to the Whitianga town centre.
- A fruit orchard was located in the middle section of the reserve before it was developed as a local purpose reserve for community use.
- At present St Johns Ambulance occupy the north-eastern part of the reserve, and the Whitianga Community Trust occupy the southern part.
- A community orchard has been established in the area towards the southern boundary of the reserve.
- The north western corner of the reserve links up with the Cholmondeley drainage reserve.

Leases and Licences	
St John Auckland Regional Trust	Expires January 2039
Whitianga Community Services Trust	Expires March 2029

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Cook Drive No. 245 - Whitianga



Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	245 Cook Drive, Whitianga
Area	1.1008 ha
Legal Description	Lot 55 DP 23222 NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Background

- This low-lying area was set aside as a recreation reserve when the surrounding land was subdivided 1930.
- There is an open drain along the eastern boundary.

Reserve Issues

- The reserve has very low use and currently serves more as an accessway to neighbouring private property.
- The reserve is prone to flooding during heavy rainfall periods.

Management Actions

- a. Consider the public value and benefit of this reserve with a view to possible revocation of the reserve classification to enable future disposal.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Hāhei Beach Recreation Reserve - Hāhei



Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	1 and 5 Hāhei Beach Road, Hāhei
Area	0.8504 ha
Legal Description	<p>Lot 8 DPS 5203 (0.0607ha) NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926</p> <p>Lot 45 DPS 12280 (0.5590ha) Lot 43 DPS 7740 (0.2307ha)</p> <p>Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(i) of the Reserves Act 1977.</p>

Background

- This reserve and the adjoining Crown marginal strip, which is administered by Department of Conservation, experience very high visitor numbers over summer and other peak periods.
- The beachfront parking area has been formed across both Council reserve land and the adjoining Crown marginal strip.
- A Council owned public toilet facility, picnic tables, bench seating, beach access and access for launching small/light craft are located on the adjoining Crown marginal strip.
- The reserve contains a recorded archaeological site (NZAA - T11/242 Māori pre 1769 Midden/Oven) and is likely to contain sub-surface archaeological remains. There are also a number of other Māori pre 1769 recorded archaeological sites within the immediate vicinity of the reserve and Crown marginal strip.
- To help alleviate some of the parking congestion Council has set aside 'temporary parking only' sites for commercial operators authorised to use this reserve.

Reserve Issues

- Council and the Department of Conservation have had a long-standing issue with the conflict between recreational activities and traffic/parking congestion across their respective land holdings.
- At present there is insufficient parking at the reserve to meet peak demand. This is exacerbated by tour bus operators parking their coaches in the area and visitors parking all day to participate in activities offered by licenced commercial operators or alternatively to walk the beach around to Cathedral Cove.
- Encroachment has occurred from adjoining properties towards the eastern boundary of the reserve. This includes private structures and landscaping.
- The beach access is in poor condition and is only suitable for small or light craft.
- Current infrastructure at the reserve is not sufficient to meet peak demand.
- There is limited shade for reserve users.

Management Actions

- Investigate options and opportunities to encourage visitors to use the Hāhei Visitors Car Park – which is off Hāhei Beach Road and only a short walk from the beach.
- Using a collaborative approach, investigate formalising a mutual arrangement which takes into account the Council assets on the adjoining land administered by Department of Conservation.

Reserve Management Policy

- The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Hāhei Beach Village Green - Hāhei



Background

- This reserve surrounds the community hall/library and provides access to and from surrounding streets.
- The hall is a Council facility currently administered by a local hall committee who have a funding arrangement with the Council. Hall bookings for events often include use of the reserve.
- The reserve is well used by a wide range of people for events (including market days and private ceremonies) and other informal recreation and sporting activities.
- The reserve includes two tennis courts (located on Lot 1 DPS 40262), a public toilet facility (2019), playground structures and an area for volleyball.

Reserve Issues

- This area is identified as an overland flow path for stormwater from the adjoining properties which causes the ground on the reserve to become waterlogged at times.
- The current parking area is not fit for purpose and incompatible with the current use and demand.
- There is limited shade for reserve users.
- Management arrangements for local committees administering Council owned halls lack consistency across the district.

Management Actions

- Using a collaborative approach, investigate funding options and/or other management arrangements to reflect Council's desire for a consistent model that encapsulates all community administered Council halls and facilities.
- Investigate the feasibility and/or demand for any future development of the reserve.:

Reserve Management Policy

- The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.
- Allow for non-commercial and commercial events where appropriate, subject to permission from the Council.

Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	50 Hāhei Beach Rd, Hāhei
Area	0.533 ha
Legal Description	Lot 28 DPS 47207 (0.2994ha) Lot 1 DPS 40262 (0.2336ha) NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Pedestrian Link and Open Space)
Location	50 Hāhei Beach Rd, Hāhei
Area	0.0107 ha
Legal Description	Lot 8 DPS 64010 NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Community Use)
Location	52 Hāhei Beach Rd, Hāhei
Area	0.1310 ha
Legal Description	Lot 2 DPS 25640 NZ Gazette 2020 In 4925

Hilton Park – Whitianga



Background

- The land was originally part of the Robinson family farm. Lot 41 DPS 10927 was vested to the Coromandel County Council as a recreation reserve when the surrounding land was subdivided in the 1960's in lieu of development contributions. Council purchased the remaining parcel of land (Lot 1 DPS 11810) off the Robinson family and named the reserve Hilton Park after Mr Hilton Robinson.
- The reserve was later developed as a sports field and predominantly used by a local rugby league club.
- At times the Mercury Bay Area School also use the reserve as an overflow sports field.
- A public toilet/changing facility is located on the reserve.
- Over the years fill and drainage works have attempted to resolve drainage issues without success.
- The Whitianga Volunteer Fire Brigade use an area on the reserve for training exercises and competitions.
- The primary purpose of the reserve provides for informal recreation and sporting activities.

Reserve Issues

- The reserve is not ideal for use as a sports field due to the high-water table, poor drainage, soil structure and overland flow path for stormwater.
- The reserve lacks aesthetic appeal, for example trees and/or landscape design.
- Unauthorised use of vehicles (particularly motorcycles) within the reserve has caused turf damage.

Management Actions

- Consider options to prevent unauthorised use of vehicles on the reserve.
- Accepting the physical limitations associated with this reserve, consider retiring it from sports field use and managing it as a neighbourhood reserve.
- Investigate options for making the reserve more aesthetically appealing which may include planting and/or landscaping.

Reserve Management Policy

- The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	15A Catherine Crescent, Whitianga
Area	0.3415 ha
Legal Description	Lot 41 DPS 10927 Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(i) of the Reserves Act 1977
Location	27A Catherine Crescent, Whitianga
Area	3.0713 ha
Legal Description	Lot 1 DPS 11810 Automatically classified in accordance with s16(2) of the Reserves Act 1977

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Accessway)
Location	27A Catherine Crescent, Whitianga
Area	0.0134 ha
Legal Description	Lot 35 DPS 21274 Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(iv) of the Reserves Act 1977

Kahuriwhenua Reserve - Wharekaho (Simpsons) Beach



Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	64 Wharekaho Road SH25, Wharekaho
Area	0.2197 ha
Legal Description	Lot 19 DPS 1958 NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Background

- The Kahuriwhenua Reserve is adjacent to the area known as 'Simpsons Beach' and was vested to the Coromandel County Council when the surrounding land was subdivided in 1953.
- A piped stream runs under the reserve through to an outlet on Simpsons Beach. The stream previously marked the boundary between Kaokaotunoa and Kūaotunu.
- The reserve provides a greenspace area with a playground, public toilet facility, and beach access. It is popular for picnicking and other forms of passive recreation during the summer months.

Reserve Issues

- The playground is close to the busy Wharekaho Road.

Management Actions

- a. Investigate options to address health and safety issues regarding the location of the playground.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Kotare Reserve - Hāhei



Kotare Reserve - Hāhei

Background

- This area was previously a golf course before being subdivided for residential development in the 1980s.
- The reserve land was purchased by Council to develop as an area for active sport and recreation, but it is mostly used for informal recreation and sporting activities.
- A public toilet and changing room facility is located on the reserve and are open when the reserve is in use for sporting activities.
- The reserve is a well-used dog walking area.
- In 2017 a portion of the reserve's parking area fronting Pa Road was surveyed off (Section 1 SO 513972) and classified as Local Purpose (Emergency Services and Community Buildings) Reserve.
- In 2018 the Kotare Reserve Memorial Garden Trust signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Council to develop a memorial garden in a designated area towards the eastern boundary of the reserve. The garden is a place where members of the public can lay plaques in memory of those who have significantly contributed to the Hāhei community. A focal point in the garden is the symbolic 'Tree of Life' which is a sculptural rock wall made from schist and crafted by a local stonemason. The garden also includes a rockery and seating for people who may wish to contemplate and reflect.
- In 2020 the 'Hāhei Tourist Walkway' was completed. The walkway, which comprises a mix of hoggin path and boardwalks, takes pedestrians from the Hāhei Entrance Carpark across Pa Road, through the Kotare Reserve and along Hāhei Beach Road to the village and beachfront.

Reserve Issues

- This area has been identified as an overland flow path for stormwater from the land on the western side of Hāhei Beach Road.
- A range of utility services (sewerage pump stations, water pumps and tanks) occupy the Pa Road frontage/entrance to the reserve, which causes pressure on areas for parking.

Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	51 Hāhei Beach Road, Hāhei
Area	0.3000 ha
Legal Description	Lot 31 DPS 41419 NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926
Location	43 Pa Road, Hāhei
Area	3.2545 ha
Legal Description	Sec 2 SO 513972 NZ Gazette 2011 p1004
Location	44 Pa Road, Hāhei
Area	0.1461 ha
Legal Description	Lot 1 DPS 40263 (0.1325ha) Lot 25 DPS 76209 (0.0136ha) NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Esplanade)
Location	44 Pa Road, Hāhei
Area	0.5549 ha
Legal Description	Lot 2 DPS 40263 (0.0280ha) Lot 4 DPS 64657 (0.2627ha) Lot 5 DPS 64657 (0.2642ha) NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

- Over the winter months and during peak rainfall periods the grounds can become very wet and soggy. This in turn can deter people from visiting the reserve, particularly given there is no formed pathway from the Pa Road carpark through to the toilet facility or memorial garden.
- There is limited wayfinding signage linking the reserve with the Village Entry Carpark and the beach.

Management Actions

- a. Using a collaborative approach, work with Waikato Regional Council to maintain the stream banks with suitable low-growing native plants.
- b. Undertake pest plant management on the esplanade reserve adjacent to the campground so it can be mown.
- c. Investigate the feasibility and/or demand for any future development of the reserve, which may include improvements for access, better utilisation of the reserve, and providing for a range of active and passive recreational activities.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Kūaotunu Recreation Reserve - Kūaotunu



Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	155 SH25 Kūaotunu- Wharekaho Road, Kūaotunu
Area	2.7099 ha
Legal Description	Sections 82 – 104 Block II Ōtama Survey District Sections 114 & 115 Block II Ōtama Survey District NZ Gazette 2020 In 4928

Background

- The land was set apart as a reserve for recreation pursuant to Land Act 1948 and vested in the Chairman, Councillors and Inhabitants of the County of Coromandel in trust for that purpose pursuant to the Reserves and Domains Act 1953 (GZ 1972/1983).
- This land is adjacent to a strip of Unformed Legal Road (ULR) which runs along the foreshore. While the ULR area is not part of this reserve, there are several recorded archaeological sites within this area. These include four midden sites to the east of Davis Road (NZAA – T110/646 - T110/649) and of particular note, NZAA – T10/778 which is located to the west of Kawhero Street (adjacent to Section 115 Blk II Ōtama SD) and identified as a wāhi tapu area designated as a Māori Reserve.
- NZ dotterel and other coastal birds roost and nest above the high tide around the river mouth.

Reserve Issues

- The reserve extent is not obvious to visitors.

Management Actions

- Where required, install boundary markers to define private property and public reserve.

Reserve Management Policy

- The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Kūaotunu Sports Domain - Kūaotunu



Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	19A Kawhero Drive, Kūaotunu
Area	1.0383 ha
Legal Description	Lot 45 DPS 88074 NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Background

- This parcel of land is part of the area known as the Kūaotunu Sports Domain and provides greenspace that can be accessed from Kawhero Drive.
- A community garden has been established on the reserve.
- The reserve provides for informal recreation and junior sporting activities.
- The remaining parts of the area known as Kūaotunu Sports Domain, fronting State Highway, are Crown owned and not subject to the Reserves Act 1977. The sports field area covers both reserve and non-reserve land.
- Council currently maintains this reserve and the adjacent Crown owned land.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Kupe/Joan Gaskell Drive Reserve - Whitianga



Kupe/Joan Gaskell Drive Reserve - Whitianga

Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	80 Joan Gaskell Drive, Whitianga
Area	0.2037 ha
Legal Description	Lot 266 DPS 371522 NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Background

- This reserve was vested to the Thames-Coromandel District Council when the surrounding land was subdivided in 2007 as part of the Whitianga Waterways development.
- The reserve provides a greenspace area with seating and beachfront access to the canal.
- The reserve also contains a historic beacon which was removed from Whakapenui Point in 2006. The beacon was restored on the reserve by the local Lions Club in 2016.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Leeward Drive Reserve - Whitianga



Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	66 Leeward Drive, Whitianga
Area	0.3677 ha
Legal Description	Lot 19 DP 503741 NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Background

- This reserve was vested to the Thames-Coromandel District Council when the surrounding land was subdivided in 2017 as part of the Whitianga Waterways development.
- The reserve provides greenspace and pedestrian linkage through to Topping Place.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Mahinapua View Reserve (No. 57) – Ōpito Bay



Mahinapua View Reserve (No. 57) - Ōpito Bay

Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	22 Thompson Place, Ōpito Bay
Area	0.5312 ha
Legal Description	Lot 57 DPS 66557 NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Background

- This reserve (also known as No.57) was vested to Thames-Coromandel District Council when the surrounding land was subdivided in 1994.
- From the highest part of this reserve, there are extensive views of Ōpito Bay, the Mahinapua Rocks, and the Mercury Islands.
- The community looks after this reserve on a voluntary basis.

Reserve Issues

- There is no signage at the reserve, so public profile and use is low.
- The access track from Thompson Place is steep and difficult to access with a vehicle for maintenance purposes.
- The reserve has a high level of pest plant infestation.

Management Actions

- a. Provide signage to identify the reserve.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Margaret Place Reserve - Hāhei



Background

- This reserve is located on the southern side of Wigmore (Ko Tahuri-ki-te-Rangi) Stream and is within an area of cultural significance to Ngāti Hei.
- The lower part of this reserve provides access to the stream and eastern end of Hāhei Beach. There are two entry points for this part of the reserve - 77 Pa Road (Lot 68 DPS 7762) and 93 Pa Road (Lot 23 DPS 7762).
- There is a small public toilet facility located at the main Pa Road entry point (Lot 23 DPS 7762).
- Vehicle access to this reserve is only suitable via 93 Pa Road.
- The higher part of the reserve is a grassed open space area that is accessed via a short but steep climb off the end of Margaret Place. This area offers scenic views of Hāhei Beach and the wider Mercury Bay area. Access from this part of the reserve back to the beachfront is not possible due to steep cliffs, and the high tide level.
- There are recorded archaeological sites on this reserve and the land could contain sub-surface remains of the activities that previously occurred in this area. NZAA - T11/89 (Pā ditch/defensive - Indigenous pre-1769) is located on Lot 24 DPS 7762. NZAA – T11/135 (working/flaking floor) is located on the south bank of the stream within Lot 23 DPS 7762. T11/138 (Midden/oven) is located on the south bank of the stream within Pt Lot 67 DPS 7762 and adjacent to 81 and 83 Pa Road Hāhei.
- The reserve adjoins the DOC administered Te Pare Historic Reserve which encompasses the remains of two prominent Ngāti Hei Pā sites – Hereheretaura Pā which was perched on the tip of the headland and Hāhei Pā which was located on a ridge above the track leading to Hereheretaura Pā.

Reserve Issues

- Encroachment, including private gardens, from neighbouring properties onto the reserve. Car and boat trailer parking occurs which impacts the recreational use of the reserve.

Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	45 Pa Road, Hāhei
Area	0.4353 ha
Legal Description	Lot 24 DPS 7762 (0.2190ha) Lot 68 DPS 7762 (0.0620ha) Lot 23 DPS 13802 (0.1543ha) Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(i) of the Reserves Act 1977
Location	93 Pa Road, Hāhei
Area	0.1770 ha
Legal Description	Lot 23 DPS 7762 Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(i) of the Reserves Act 1977
Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Esplanade)
Location	45 Pa Road, Hāhei
Area	0.8525 ha
Legal Description	Lot 24 DPS 13802 (0.0104ha) Part Lot 67 DPS 7762 (0.8421ha) Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(iv) of the Reserves Act 1977.

Management Actions

- a. Encourage use of 93 Pa Road (Wigmore Stream Reserve) as the main entry point to this reserve.
- b. Maintain the area as a natural environment with minimal features.
- c. Where required, install boundary markers to define private property and public reserve.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Matai Place Tennis Court - Matarangi



Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	105 Matai Place, Matarangi
Area	0.1888 ha
Legal Description	Lot 524 DPS 39800 NZ Gazette 2016 In 1545

Background

- This land was purchased by the Thames-Coromandel District Council in 2015 and in 2016 it was declared by resolution to be a recreation reserve subject to the Reserves Act 1977.
- It includes two tennis courts, and its primary purpose provides for informal recreation and sporting activities.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Matarangi Drive Tennis Court (No. 1) - Matarangi



Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	100 Matarangi Drive, Matarangi
Area	0.6770 ha
Legal Description	Lot 516 DPS 36994 NZ Gazette 2016 In 1545

Background

- This land was purchased by the Thames-Coromandel District Council in 2015 and in 2016 it was declared by resolution to be a recreation reserve subject to the Reserves Act 1977.
- Its primary purpose provides for informal recreation and sporting activities.
- It includes greenspace, two tennis courts, and playground equipment.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Matarangi Drive Tennis Court (No. 2) - Matarangi



Matarangi Drive Tennis Court (No. 2) - Matarangi

Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	624 Matarangi Drive, Matarangi
Area	0.2866 ha
Legal Description	Lot 12 DPS 79697 NZ Gazette 2016 In 1545

Background

- This land was purchased by the Thames-Coromandel District Council in 2015 and in 2016 it was declared by resolution to be a recreation reserve subject to the Reserves Act 1977.
- Its primary purpose provides for informal recreation and sporting activities.
- It includes two tennis courts and is located adjacent to the Matarangi Drive/ Mercury View/Sands Crescent walkway.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Matarangi Entrance Reserve - Matarangi



Matarangi Entrance Reserve - Matarangi

Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	100 Matarangi Drive, Matarangi
Area	2.0265 ha
Legal Description	Lot 504 DPS 31648 (1.2928ha) Lot 501 DPS 31646 (0.7337) NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Background

- This land was vested to the Thames-Coromandel District Council when the surrounding land was subdivided in 1983.
- The reserve is located at the entranceway to the Matarangi settlement and is a popular location for walking, picnicking and other types of passive recreation.
- It includes a large greenspace area with mature trees and pedestrian linkages through to Pinewood Court, Kenwood Drive, Goldfields Drive and Bluff Road.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Matarangi Pedestrian Links and Accessways



Matarangi Pedestrian Links and Accessways

Reserve Category - Neighbourhood			
Location	Reserve Classification NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926	Legal Description	Area (ha)
110 Kelly Jade Ave	Local Purpose (Utility – Drainage and Wastewater Facilities)	Lot 2 DP 331131	0.1978
	Local Purpose (Pedestrian Link and Open Space)	Lot 3 DP 331131	0.2349
111 Karo Drive	Local Purpose (Accessway)	Lot 23 DP 344647	0.0364
113 Mahoe Place	Local Purpose (Accessway)	Lot 24 DP 344647	0.0335

Reserve Category - Neighbourhood			
Location	Reserve Classification NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926	Legal Description	Area (ha)
113 The Tee	Local Purpose (Pedestrian Link)	Lot 6 DPS 86324	0.0076
141 Ngaio Drive	Local Purpose (Accessway)	Lot 25 DP 344647	0.0262
Fernhill Rise, Waimaire Ave, Marram Place	Local Purpose (Pedestrian Link and Open Space)	Lot 514 DPS 36994	0.4768
Harbour Drive	Local Purpose (Utility – Drainage and Wastewater Facilities)	Lot 6 DP 331131	0.4908
Kenwood Drive	Automatically classified as Recreation	Lot 116 DPS 12134	0.3761
Kowhai Ave, Corokia Place, Cordyline Cres,	Recreation	Lot 4 DPS 72650	0.1698
Kowhai Ave, Karaka Place, Waimaire Ave, Matarangi Drive	Recreation	Lot 502 DPS 42600	0.6324
Kowhai Ave, Kauri Cres, Castlevue Rd, Matarangi Drive	Local Purpose (Pedestrian Link and Open Space)	Lot 10 DPS 76379	0.5222
Kowhai Ave, Manukau Place	Local Purpose (Pedestrian Link and Open Space)	Lot 560 DPS 78713	0.0612
Kowhai Ave, Titoki Place, Manuka Place, Matarangi Drive	Local Purpose (Pedestrian Link and Open Space)	Lot 6 DPS 51299	0.5822
		Lot 2 DPS 72649	0.1195
		Lot 3 DPS 76380	0.0805
		Lot 4 DPS 76380	0.0389
Matai Place	Recreation	Lot 523 DPS 39800	0.2562
Mercury View	Recreation	Lot 4 DPS 55061	0.0464
Mercury View, Matarangi Drive,	Local Purpose (Pedestrian Link)	Lot 3 DPS 55061	0.0574
Miro Place	Local Purpose (Accessway)	Lot 520 DPS 39801	0.0358
Miro Place, Waimaire Ave, Matai Place	Recreation	Lot 522 DPS 39800	0.3252
Puka Cres, Kowhai Ave	Recreation	Lot 3 DPS 72649	0.3101
		Lot 2 DPS 76378	0.0940
Puka Cres, Kowhai Ave, Totara Place	Local Purpose (Pedestrian Link and Open Space)	Lot 12 DPS 76378	0.3882
		Lot 4 DPS 79698	0.0236
Puriri Place, Fernhill Rise, Kenwood Drive	Local Purpose (Pedestrian Link and Open Space)	Lot 515 DPS 36994	0.0298
		Lot 519 DPS 39801	0.3314
		Lot 500 DPS 42599	0.545

Reserve Category - Neighbourhood			
Location	Reserve Classification NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926	Legal Description	Area (ha)
		Lot 519 DPS 39800	0.0629
		Lot 520 DPS 39800	0.3891
		Lot 521 DPS 39800	0.0578
Puriri Place, Matarangi Drive	Local Purpose (Pedestrian Link and Open Space)	Lot 501 DPS 42600	0.0530
Sandy Cres, Mercury View, Matarangi Drive	Recreation	Lot 11 DPS 79697	0.2364
Waimaire Ave, Winslow Place	Recreation	Lot 512 DPS 36994	0.6867
Waimaire Ave, Winslow Place, Kenwood Drive	Local Purpose (Pedestrian Link and Open Space)	Lot 506 DPS 34221	0.1532 ha

Background

- These parcels of land provide pedestrian linkages and open greenspace areas throughout the Matarangi Settlement.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Moewai Park Reserve - Whitianga



Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	42 Moewai Park Road, Whitianga
Area	0.7881 ha
Legal Description	Lot 42 DPS 12154 Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(i) of the Reserves Act 1977.

Background

- This reserve was vested to the Council when the surrounding land was subdivided in 1967.
- The playground equipment was installed 2005.

Reserve Issues

- This reserve lacks signage and is not well used.

Management Actions

- a. Provide signage to identify the reserve.
- b. Investigate the potential use of this reserve for other activities.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Moore Crescent Reserve - Ōpito Bay



Reserve Category

Reserve Classification

Location

Area

Legal Description

Neighbourhood

Recreation

1 Moore Crescent, Ōpito Bay

0.4396 ha

Lot 42 DPS 15966

Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(i) of the Reserves Act 1977.

Background

- This reserve was vested to the Council in 1977 for recreation purposes subject to the Reserves and Domains Act 1953.
- The reserve is at the end of the road and is used as a parking area for day-trippers and people accessing the beach and walking to the Pa and Crayfish Bay.
- The reserve contains a public toilet facility, and it is a popular spot for informal sport activities and other forms of passive recreation during the summer months.
- Council has worked with neighbouring residents to provide some enhancement planting around the fringes of the reserve.
- An area of the reserve is used as a helicopter landing pad for emergency services. The Department of Conservation (DOC) also use the landing pad as a drop off point for supplies that are flown to some of the outlying islands.
- There is a large, partly underground concrete water storage tank for firefighting purposes located on the reserve.

Reserve Issues

- An underground storm water system runs through this reserve, piping water out to the edge of the beach. The presence of the utility infrastructure limits any potential development of this reserve.
- At times, the reserve becomes waterlogged.

Management Actions

- a. Support the management of dune areas through the 'Coastcare' programme in partnerships with residents and/or local community.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.
- b. Allow for non-commercial events where appropriate, subject to permission from the Council.
- c. Prohibit permanent commercial activities operating within the reserve.

Ohinau Drive Reserve – Ōpito Bay



Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	10 Ohinau Drive, Ōpito Bay
Area	0.3731 ha
Legal Description	Lot 56 DPS 66559 NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Background

- This reserve was vested to Thames-Coromandel District Council when the surrounding land was subdivided in 1994.
- The reserve includes a small gully with a stream running through it.
- Local volunteers have mown the reserve, cleared the reserve of pest plants, and planted a range of fruit and exotic trees.
- Kokopu have been seen in the stream.

Management Actions

- a. Encourage a partnership approach with local volunteers and community groups to assist with the ongoing restoration and maintenance of this reserve.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Ohinau Drive Trailer Park – Ōpito Bay



Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	6 Ohinau Drive, Ōpito Bay
Area	0.0844 ha
Legal Description	Lot 15 DPS 66559 NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Background

- Situated on the corner of Ohinau Drive and Thompson Place, this reserve was vested to Thames-Coromandel District Council when the surrounding land was subdivided in 1994.
- This reserve is intended to provide a temporary vehicle and trailer parking area for people launching boats at Ōpito Bay.

Reserve Issues

- The reserve has poor signage.
- The undulating nature of the land and poor drainage towards the northern boundary restricts parts of the reserve for vehicle and trailer parking in winter.
- The reserve has very little aesthetic appeal.

Management Actions

- a. Provide signage to identify the reserve and investigate options and opportunities for installing wayfinding information that links in with the nearby boat launching area.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Ōhuka Tennis Courts - Whitianga



Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	64 Tarapatiki Drive, Whitianga
Area	0.3357 ha
Legal Description	Lot 1 DPS 92152 NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Background

- This reserve was vested to Thames-Coromandel District Council when the surrounding land was subdivided in 2001.
- Its primary purpose provides for informal recreation and sporting activities.
- The two tennis courts on the reserve were installed by the developers in lieu of development contributions.
- User-pay coin operated night lighting has also been installed on this reserve.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Omara Reserve - Matarangi



Background

- This reserve area comprises four parcels of land on the harbourside of Matarangi.
- Lot 43 DPS 72837 provides an open space area and includes a public toilet, parking, and access to the adjacent boat ramp.
- To the east Lots 26 and Lot 37 DP 344647 provide another area of open space which can be accessed from Ti Kouka Crescent and links up with the walkway along the harbourside esplanade (formerly referred to as the Matarangi Spit Reserve).
- Lot 42 DPS 72837, formerly referred to as Matarangi Upper Harbour Reserve, provides esplanade access from the boat ramp towards the head of the estuary near Matarangi Road. This area is particular is home to several wetland bird species including fernbird, banded rail, and Australasian bittern.
- There are several recorded archaeological sites in or near the boundary of the reserve (NZAA - T10/1053 - Midden - Indigenous pre-1769, NZAA - T10/1054 Midden - Contact 1769-1840, Indigenous pre-1769, NZAA - T10/1052 - Midden - Indigenous pre-1769, NZAA - T10/1048 - Midden - Indigenous pre-1769, NZAA - T10/1051 - Midden - Indigenous pre-1769). Although the area has been modified, given the high concentration of recorded archaeological sites in or near the reserve there may also be unrecorded subsurface remains.

Reserve Issues

- During peak periods there is not enough land available for vehicle and trailer parking to meet demand.
- Some of the pine trees on this reserve are of an age and/or condition where they may become hazardous.
- Foreshore erosion along the harbour edge.
Development landward may result in increased disturbance to the coastal edge vegetation and wildlife.

Management Actions

- Investigate tree succession options for the pine trees, bearing in mind shade requirements and providing for a better parking layout.
- Investigate coastal erosion issues and where appropriate identify options for intervention to manage erosion in a sustainable way through the Shoreline Management Plan.

Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	100 Kenwood Drive (Upper harbour), Matarangi
Area	0.6322 ha
Legal Description	Lot 43 DPS 72837
Location	144A Harbour Drive, Matarangi
Area	0.7717 ha
Legal Description	Lot 37 DP 344647
Location	122 Ti Kouka Crescent, Matarangi
Area	0.0221 ha
Legal Description	Lot 26 DP 344647 NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Esplanade)
Location	100 Kenwood Drive (Upper harbour), Matarangi
Area	4.3040 ha
Legal Description	Lot 42 DPS 72837 NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.
- b. Allow for non-commercial events and small-scale commercial events where appropriate, subject to permission from the Council.

Perry Chapman Reserve - Ōpito Bay



Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	62 Skippers Road, Ōpito Bay
Area	1.0443 ha
Legal Description	Lot 95 DP 539776 NZ Gazette 2021 In 288

Background

- This reserve was vested to Thames-Coromandel District Council when the surrounding land was subdivided by Ōpito Developments Ltd in 2020.
- The reserve is named after the son of Skipper and Joyce Chapman who were pioneering farmers at Ōpito. Perry was born in 1956 and lived in Ōpito until he was killed in a tragic tractor accident on the Black Jack Road in 1970.
- A playground, donated by the developer, has been installed on the reserve.
- A fence delineates the sand dune environment from the main grassed recreational area of the reserve.

Reserve Issues

- The reserve lacks signage.

Management Actions

- a. Provide signage to identify the reserve and surrounding facilities such as nearby toilets.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Pumpkin Flat Reserve - Kūaotunu



Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	270 SH25 – Wharekaho-Kūaotunu, Kūaotunu
Area	4.8309 ha
Legal Description	Section 6 Block II Ōtama Survey District NZ Gazette 1979 p2226

Background

- This land is within the vicinity of the former Kūaotunu School and is likely to contain 19th Century archaeological remains. There is also a recorded archaeological site (NZAA - T10/880 - Pit/Terrace) near the boundary with 248 Kūaotunu Wharekaho Road.
- In 1904, the land was reserved by the Crown as a reserve for recreation purposes (NZ Gazette 1904 p 2119) and then acquired under the provisions of the Public Domains Act 1881 (NZ Gazette 1904 p 2346) as part of the Kūaotunu Domain. A community tennis court (which is no longer there) was subsequently established on the site and in 1979 the Crown declared the land to be classified as a reserve for recreation purposes under the Reserves Act 1977.
- While the land remains in Crown ownership, Thames-Coromandel District Council was appointed as the Kūaotunu Domain Board as part of the Local Government (Waikato Region) Reorganisation Order 1989, by NZ Gazette 1989 p2477 and as the administering body has rights to control and manage the reserve.
- The land is currently subject to a grazing lease.
- The name of this reserve does not reflect its true proximity. It is closer to Midas Road than Pumpkin Flat Road.

Reserve Issues

- This land is swampy and prone to flooding during peak rainfall periods.
- The income from the grazing lease is not returned to the Council.

Management Actions

- a. Formalise the grazing arrangement in favour of the Council.
- b. Support in principle any Waikato Regional Council stream restoration initiatives.
- c. Explore opportunities to work with community volunteers to restore floodplain vegetation.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Pūrangi Reserve – Cooks Beach



Background

- This land is situated at the eastern end of Cooks Beach and provides access to the Pūrangi River and estuary.
- The Pūrangi area of Cooks Beach was among the very earliest places of Māori occupation dating as far back as the 14th or 15th centuries and is of great significance to Ngāti Hei.
- There is a recorded archaeological site (NZAA - T11/508 - Midden and stone working area - Indigenous pre-1769) on this reserve and the land may still contain sub-surface remains from the activities that previously occurred in this area.
- There is also a Cairn on the reserve which marks the area where Captain James Cook and astronomer Charles Green are said to have observed the transit of the planet Mercury in November 1769.
- The beachfront area of this reserve and neighbouring Endeavour Reserve, have been severely affected by coastal erosion which resulted in the loss of a toilet facility during a storm in 1978. The public toilet facility and playground are now located on the less exposed estuary side of the reserve which also provides access to the Purangi boat ramp.
- In 2019 Cook’s Cairn was moved approximately 50m to the east of its original location (opposite 196-198 Captain Cook Drive) after it was washed out during a storm in 2018. Restoration of the sand-dunes in this area has been initiated by Council.
- This reserve is extremely popular during the summer months and provides for a wide range of activities including swimming, picnicking, kayaking, boating, freedom camping and other forms of passive recreation.
- There is only one powered site available for commercial operators on this reserve.

Reserve Issues

- Coastal erosion has impacted the beachfront area and continues to threaten parts of the reserve.
- A large portion of the reserve is used for vehicle and boat trailer parking which limits the availability of open space for other users.
- The access road to the boat ramp is narrow in places and gets congested over the summer months.
- The pine trees in the reserve provide ample shade but as they continue to age, have the potential to become hazardous.

Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	2A Riverview Road, Cooks Beach (eastern end of Cooks Beach adjacent to the Oyster Drive and Captain Cook Road intersection)
Area	4.3423 ha
Legal Description	Lot 1 DPS 2788 (4.0974ha) NZ Gazette 1980 p634 Lot 94 DPS 22459 (0.2449ha) Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(i) of the Reserves Act 1977.

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Esplanade)
Area	1.415 ha
Legal Description	Lot 93 DPS 22459 (0.9700ha) Lot 101 DPS 22461 (0.4450ha) Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(iv) of the Reserves Act 1977.

Management Actions

- a. Investigate options and opportunities for improving the vehicle and trailer parking layout.
- b. Continue to develop partnerships with residents and local community groups to support the management of dune areas through 'Coastcare' programmes.
- c. Investigate coastal erosion issues and where appropriate identify options for intervention to manage erosion in a sustainable way through the Shoreline Management Plan.
- d. Consider developing a plan for the reserve which defines appropriate areas where licence and permit holders can undertake their permitted or licenced activities (for example appropriate locations for customer parking, or the location of the activity itself).

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.
- b. Allow for commercial and non-commercial events where appropriate, subject to permission from the Council.

Rabbit Way Reserve - Whitianga



Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	12 Rabbit Way (49 Centennial Drive), Whitianga
Area	0.5855 ha
Legal Description	Lot 70 DPS 70281 NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Background

- This reserve was vested to the Coromandel County Council when the surrounding land was subdivided in 1995.
- The reserve includes a sloped mown area off the end of the Rabbit Way cul-de-sac which provides views of the Whitianga township, and the wider Mercury Bay area. The remainder of the reserve is reasonable steep and covered in bush.
- There is limited access to the reserve.

Reserve Issues

- The reserve lacks signage.
- The reserve has a moderate to high level of pest animal infestation.

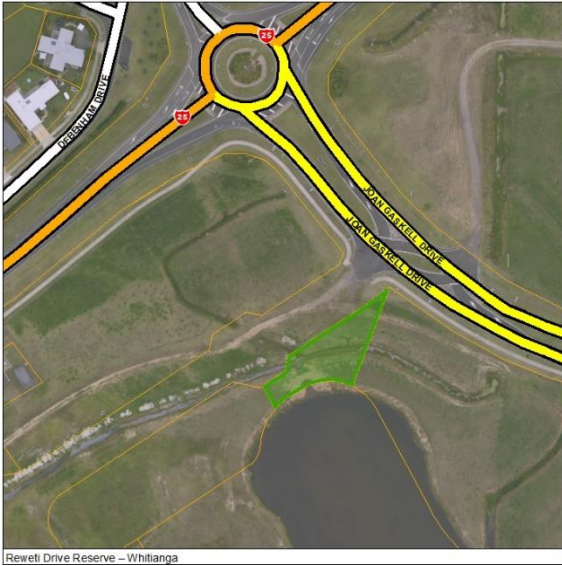
Management Actions

- a. Provide signage to identify the reserve.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Reweti Drive Reserve - Whitianga



Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	1 Reweti Drive, Whitianga
Area	0.1211 ha
Legal Description	Lot 6 DP 533633 NZ Gazette 2021 In 288

Background

- This reserve was vested to Thames-Coromandel District Council when the surrounding land was subdivided in 2019 as part of the Whitianga Waterways development.
- A playground, donated by the developer, was installed on the reserve shortly after it was vested.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

School Road Reserve - Whitianga



Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	23 School Road, Whitianga
Area	0.5903 ha
Legal Description	Lot 14 DPS 12065 Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(i) of the Reserves Act 1977.

Leases and Licences	
Whitianga Art Group Inc.	Expires December 2030 if right of renewal is exercised

Background

- This land was part of the former Whitianga Primary School. It was vested to the Coromandel County Council when the surrounding area was subdivided in 1967.
- A local art group lease a building located on the reserve near the School Road entry point.

Reserve Issues

- There is no formed vehicle access on to the reserve.
- The reserve has very little aesthetic appeal and is underutilised.

Management Actions

- a. Using a collaborative approach, work with the lease holder to enable a wider range of events and activities to occur on the reserve.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Te Aowhaitini Reserve - Whangapoua



Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Pedestrian Link and Open Space)
Location	148 Opera Place, Whangapoua
Area	0.0963 ha
Legal Description	Lot 43 DP 309642 NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Background

- This reserve was vested to Thames-Coromandel District Council when the surrounding land was subdivided in 2003.
- Located at the end of Opera Place, the reserve is named after Mabel Te Aowhaitini Mangakāhia who was the first District Nurse in this area. Te Aowhaitini is thought to have been the first Māori to gain a post graduate diploma in public health nursing in 1939. She was also the daughter of Hāmiora and Meri Te Tai Mangakāhia and had links with the Browne family in this area.
- This reserve is also referred to as the fruit tree reserve.
- The lower part of the reserve can be waterlogged from time to time.

Reserve Issues

- Use of the reserve is limited due to its size, location and lack of available parking.
- The reserve extent is not obvious to visitors.

Management Actions

- a. Where required, install boundary markers to define private property and public reserve.
- b. Investigate options and opportunities for further fruit tree planting.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

The Village Green - Matarangi



Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	279 Kenwood Drive, Matarangi
Area	3.1176 ha
Legal Description	Lot 509 DPS 34222 (3.1005ha) Lot 5 DPS 72650 (0.0171ha) NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Esplanade)
Area	0.254 ha
Legal Description	Lot 510 DPS 34222 NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Background

- The Village Green comprises three parcels of land which cover the main beach area between Kenwood Drive and the Central Dune Reserves.
- Pine trees were removed in 2012 to provide more open space and improve the general layout of the area.
- The reserve includes two formed beach access points, a public toilet facility, a basketball hoop and a playground.
- It is popular for a wide range of sports, events and activities over the summer period.
- Bollards have been installed to prevent vehicles accessing the beach from this reserve.
- There is underground stormwater and wastewater infrastructure running through this reserve.

Management Actions

- Consider developing a plan for the reserve which defines appropriate areas where permit holders can undertake their activities (for example appropriate locations for customer parking, or the location of the event itself).
- Continue to develop partnerships with residents and local community groups to support the management of dune areas through 'Coastcare' programmes.

Reserve Management Policy

- The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.
- Allow for non-commercial events and/or small-scale commercial events where appropriate, subject to permission from the Council.

The Village Green - Kūaotunu West



Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	185 Bluff Road, Kūaotunu West
Area	0.3128 ha
Legal Description	Lot 31 DPS 7707 Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(i) of the Reserves Act 1977.

Background

- This reserve was vested to the Coromandel County Council when the surrounding area was subdivided in the 1960s.
- The land is low-lying and in the late 90's earth bunds were formed around the perimeter of the reserve to protect it from flooding.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.
- b. Allow for commercial and non-commercial events where appropriate, subject to permission from the Council.

Tutaritari Reserve - Hāhei



Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	14 Tutaritari Road, Hāhei
Area	0.8994 ha
Legal Description	Lot 21 DPS 8498 (0.2357ha) Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(i) of the Reserves Act 1977 Part Lot 30 DPS 6407 (0.6637ha) NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Background

- This reserve is located on land at the bottom of a small valley that was purchased by Robert Wigmore in the 1870's.
- It comprises two parcels of land, Lot 30 DPS 6407 which was vested to the Coromandel County Council when the surrounding land was subdivided in 1960 and Lot 21 DPS 8498 which was vested to the Council in 1963.
- The reserve includes a stream, a number of large Pōhutukawa trees and the remains of a rock wall that was built by the Wigmore family.

Reserve Issues

- Parts of the reserve, particularly the walkway through to Tutaritari Road, become waterlogged and boggy during peak rainfall periods.
- The entry points to the reserve lack signage.

Encroachment has occurred from adjoining properties. Management Actions

- Provide signage to identify the entry points to the reserve and investigate options and opportunities for installing wayfinding information that provides direction to the nearby Tutaritari - Grange Road walkway.
- Where required, install boundary markers to define private property and public reserve.

Reserve Management Policy

- The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

White Street Reserve - Whitianga



White Street Reserve - Whitianga

Background

- This reserve includes two parcels of land. Lot 4 DP 332371 is leased to a local Playcentre who have constructed and own the building on part of this reserve while Lot 5 DP 332371 provides a greenspace area adjacent to the White and Albert Street intersection.

Reserve Issues

- The greenspace area is underutilised.
- An open stormwater drain runs along the length of the northern boundary of the reserve.

Management Actions

- Investigate the potential use of this reserve for other activities.

Reserve Management Policy

- The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	137C Albert Street, Whitianga
Area	0.1216
Legal Description	Lot 5 DP 332371 NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Community Use)
Location	1F White Street, Whitianga
Area	0.1333 ha
Legal Description	Lot 4 DP 332371 NZ Gazette In 4926

Leases and Licences	
Thames Valley Coromandel Playcentre Association	July 2027

Whitianga Pedestrian Links and Accessways – Whitianga



Reserve Category - Neighbourhood			
Location	Reserve Classification	Legal Description	Area (ha)
	NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926		
7 Racecourse Road	Local Purpose (Accessway)	Lot 20 DP 322567	0.0097
13 Clipper Place	Local Purpose (Pedestrian Link)	Lot 132 DP 361268	0.009
13 Topping Place	Local Purpose (Pedestrian Link and Open Space)	Lot 13 DP 486439	0.0899
		Lot 15 DP 486439	0.0694
		Lot 12 DP 486439	0.0397
15 Wharekaho Road SH25		Lot 120 DP 534931	0.281

Reserve Category - Neighbourhood			
Location	Reserve Classification NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926	Legal Description	Area (ha)
	Local Purpose (Pedestrian Link and Open Space)	Lot 117 DP 534931	3.2738
15A Captain Wood Avenue	Local Purpose (Pedestrian Link and Open Space)	Lot 1 DP 373913	0.0097
16A Ringwood Place	Local Purpose (Pedestrian Link and Open Space)	Lot 23 DP 344294	0.0081
17A Endeavour Close	Local Purpose (Pedestrian Link and Open Space)	Lot 94 DPS 47893	0.0105
17A Endeavour Close (8A Endeavour Close)	Local Purpose (Pedestrian Link and Open Space)	Lot 93 DPS 47893	0.0309
<i>17A Endeavour Close (Whitby Avenue - ID 4521314)</i>	<i>Local Purpose (Pedestrian Link)</i>	<i>Lot 92 DPS 47893</i>	<i>0.0115</i>
25A Pipi Dune	Local Purpose (Pedestrian Link)	Lot 48 DPS 89909	0.0084
28 Wells Place	Local Purpose (Pedestrian Link)	Lot 60 DP 330152	0.009
29A Captain Wood Avenue	Local Purpose (Pedestrian Link and Open Space)	Lot 2 DP 373913	0.0096
31A Park Lane	Local Purpose (Pedestrian Link)	Lot 60 DP 350176	0.0075
37 Whitby Avenue (27A Endeavour Place)	Local Purpose (Utility - Drainage, Pedestrian Link and Open Space)	Lot 13 DPS 66365	0.0778
41 Carina Way	Local Purpose (Pedestrian Link and Open Space)	Lot 54 DP 352059	0.0047
Meadow Drive (31A Park Lane)	Local Purpose (Pedestrian Link)	Lot 58 DP 350176	0.0059
59 Leeward Drive	Local Purpose (Canal Access)	Lot 17 DP 494057	0.0262

Background

- These parcels of land provide pedestrian linkages and areas of open greenspace throughout the Whitianga township.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Nature

These reserves provide for experience and/or protection of the natural environment. Types of use and values include conservation, ecological restoration and/or enhancement, access to the natural environment, walking, cycling, open space, ecosystem management, information, education, interpretation, low-impact recreation and landscape protection.

Typical characteristics of nature reserves include remnant and regenerating indigenous vegetation, stream and the associated catchment, and coastal areas. Nature reserves may be large areas of open space sometimes inaccessible but generally include informal recreation opportunities and low-key infrastructure throughout. For example, they may contain track networks and associated information and wayfinding, picnic areas and possibly seats.

Maintenance and Development Levels

Generally, a low level of development is envisaged for Nature reserves with the objective being to provide a “natural” outdoor experience. Development will generally be limited to low impact activities such as walking and mountain bike tracks. Higher use sites may have ancillary visitor facilities such as car parking, signage and toilets.

Manukarere Reserve – Ferry Landing



Manukarere Reserve - Ferry Landing

Reserve Category	Nature
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	1085 Pūrangī Road, Ferry Landing
Area	10.2917 ha
Legal Description	Lot 31 DP 33915 NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Background

- This reserve covers the low hill to the south of the Ferry Landing settlement and bounds Department of Conservation land.
- Manukarere means either a “bird in flight” or the “bird that brings good news”.
- There is a recorded archaeological site (NZAA - T11/100, Midden) within this reserve.
- Local volunteers have formed and maintain a track through the reserve which provides a very popular alternative walking route to the Ferry Landing wharf. A viewing platform has also been installed, which looks out over the surrounding bay.
- Pest animal control in this reserve is also undertaken by local volunteers in conjunction with the Department of Conservation.

Reserve Issues

- Wilding pines and other pest plants are taking over parts of the reserve.
- Vehicles parked at the track entry point block pedestrian access.

Management Actions

- Undertake pest plant management to control wilding pines and other pest plants and support local volunteers and the Department of Conservation with pest animal control initiatives.
- Investigate options to prevent vehicles from blocking pedestrian access to the reserve.
- Maintain views from the viewing platform area by keeping vegetation trimmed.

Reserve Management Policy

- The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Onepoto Reserve - Wharekaho



Reserve Category	Nature
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	90 Wharekaho Road SH25, Wharekaho
Area	0.2763 ha
Legal Description	Lot 1 DPS 6369 (0.0811ha) Lot 3 DPS 6369 (0.0106ha) Lot 13 DPS 7102 (0.0923ha) Lot 14 DPS 7102 (0.0923ha) NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Background

- This reserve comprises four parcels of land which are separated by Wharekaho Road.
- Lots 1 and 3 DPS 6369 are on the seaward side of Wharekaho Road and were vested to the Coromandel County Council when the surrounding land was subdivided in 1960 while Lots 13 and 14 DPS 7102 are on the landward side of the road and were acquired by the Council via a land exchange in 1966.
- The parcels of land on the seaward side of the road are culturally significant to Ngāti Hei and provide an entry point to the beachfront, including a small footbridge over an open drain. There are also some historically significant pōhutukawa trees on this land.
- The parcels of land on the opposite side are well vegetated and apart from a small mown area next to the roadside, remain in their natural state.

Reserve Issues

- a. The reserve extent on the landward side of the road is not obvious to visitors and lacks signage.

Management Actions

- a. Where required, install boundary markers to define private property and public reserve.
- b. Provide signage to identify the reserve.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Recreation and Ecological Linkages

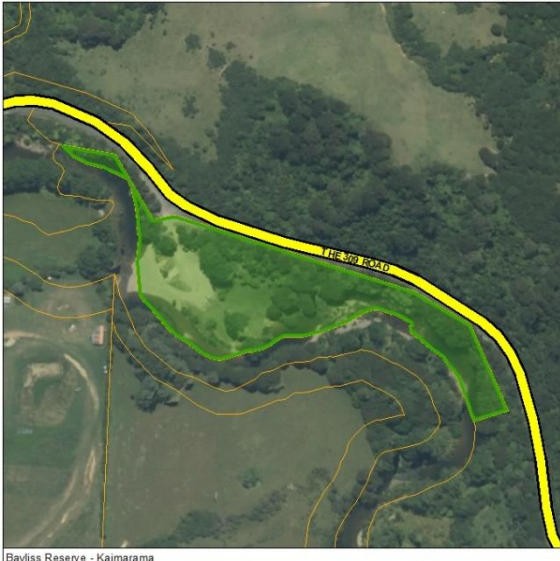
Recreation and ecological linkages are areas of open space that are generally linear in nature and associated with waterways. They may cover a range of functions which can include environmental protection and enhancement, access to waterways and linkages and corridors from one neighbourhood reserve to another. Recreation and ecological linkages can also make an important contribution to local amenity values, particularly in areas where development may be topographically constrained.

Maintenance and Development Levels

Generally, a low level of development is envisaged for these reserves with the main objective being to provide a natural setting. Where appropriate, development will generally be limited to low impact activities such as walking or cycling tracks for recreation linkages or natural vegetation plantings for ecological settings.

High use sites may have ancillary visitor facilities such as car parking, picnic facilities and signage that could incur regular monthly maintenance. Low use sites might only have pest plant and pest animal control undertaken on an 'as-or-if-required' basis.

Bayliss Reserve – Kaimarama



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkages
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	1920 The 309 Road, Kaimarama
Area	1.09 ha
Legal Description	Part Allotment 1 Parish of Mahakirau NZ Gazette 2020 In 4925

Background

- This land, which is adjacent to the Mahakirau River and was previously known as 'The 309 Swimming Hole Reserve', was gifted to the Council by Clifford and Maureen Bayliss on behalf of the Bayliss family in 1981 for the purpose of a public recreation ground.
- At the request of the family, the reserve was formally named 'Bayliss Reserve' in 2020.
- It includes a public toilet facility and is popular with the local community for picnicking, swimming, and other forms of passive recreation.
- There is a ROW easement over the reserve and ford that provides access for properties across the river.
- Barriers have been installed at key locations to prevent vehicle damage and vandalism on the reserve.

Reserve Issues

- The reserve is relatively remote.
- The reserve extent is not obvious to visitors.

Management Actions

- a. Where required, install boundary markers to define the extent of the reserve.
- b. Investigate options and opportunities that could allow for more effective passive surveillance of the reserve.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Bluff Road Reserve - Matarangi



Bluff Road Reserve - Matarangi

Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkages
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	100 Kenwood Drive, Matarangi (Omara Place/Bluff Road)
Area	0.6121 ha
Legal Description	Lot 38 DPS 68032 (0.0219ha) Lot 39 DPS 68032 (0.0097ha) Lot 40 DPS 68032 (0.0120ha) Lot 41 DPS 68032 (0.5685ha) NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Background

- This reserve is located east of the Matarangi Beach East Reserve and comprises five parcels of land.
- There is an open channel stormwater system towards the eastern boundary, which runs through the reserve and out the beachfront.
- Vehicle access is provided from an entry point off Bluff Road.
- The Bluff Road entry point also includes a small parking area and beach access for launching small boats.
- Pedestrians can access this reserve from off the end of the Omara Place cul-de-sac or from three other entry points (Lots 38-40 DPS 68032) which direct them from Kenwood Drive, Pacific Parade and Omara Place to adjoining beach access points along the length of the reserve.
- Members of the public have expressed a long-standing desire to have a formed and unobstructed walking track over the back-dune area of this reserve and the adjacent Matarangi Beach East Reserve through to the Village Green.

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Esplanade)
Area	0.6395 ha
Legal Description	Lot 42 DPS 68032 NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Reserve Issues

- Informal beach access and quad bikes being ridden across the dunes is having a negative impact on the dune system.
- Erosion from the stormwater culvert affects the vehicle access to the beach, especially after heavy rain.

Management Actions

- Continue to develop partnerships with residents and local community groups to support the management of dune areas through 'Coastcare' programmes.
- Investigate coastal erosion issues and where appropriate identify options for intervention to manage erosion in a sustainable way through the Shoreline Management Plan
- Where required, install boundary markers to define private property and public reserve.
- Where possible maintain the beachfront area in a natural state.

Reserve Management Policy

- The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Buffalo Beach Reserve (Stormont Lane) - Whitianga



Buffalo Beach (Stormont Lane) - Whitianga

Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkages
Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Esplanade)
Location	183A Buffalo Beach Road/ Stormont Lane Whitianga
Area	0.6209 ha
Legal Description	Lot 21 DPS 4691 (0.6171ha) Lot 22 DPS 4691 (0.0038ha) NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Background

- This reserve was vested to the Council when the surrounding land was subdivided in 1957.
- It provides esplanade access from the northern end of Brophy's Beach.
- Kāinga (Māori dwellings) were once located in this area.

Reserve Issues

- Part of the adjacent ROW access that serves neighbouring landowners has been formed outside of private title and is located on public reserve.
- Encroachment from private landowner's restricts access around the headland.
- The reserve lacks signage to guide users to the public esplanade access.

Management Actions

- a. Investigate measures to resolve the issue of private ROW access over public land.
- b. Provide signage to identify the reserve.
- c. Where required, install boundary markers to define private property and public reserve.
- d. Remove any private property encroachments that restrict public use of the esplanade access.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Central (Dune) Reserve – Matarangi



Central (Dune) Reserve - Matarangi

Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkages
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	100 Kenwood Drive, Matarangi (West of the Village Green Reserve and East of the Pines Reserve Matarangi)
Area	14.5399 ha
Legal Description	Lot 2 DPS 42598 (6.6019ha) Lot 2 DPS 55063 (5.4052ha) Lot 1 DPS 55062 (2.5328ha) NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Background

- These parcels of land cover the main beach area between the Village Green and the Matarangi Golf Club.
- There is a carpark located at the end of Ocean Close that provides good beach access for day visitors. The area also provides launching access for small boats.

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Esplanade)
Area	3.1495 ha
Legal Description	Lot 3 DPS 42598 (1.5500ha) Lot 1 DPS 55063 (1.2175ha) Lot 2 DPS 55062 (0.3820ha) NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Reserve Issues

- Informal beach access and quad bikes being ridden across the dunes is having a negative impact on dune system.
- There is little in the way of shade provision for beach visitors.
- In the past, trees on the beachfront part of the reserve have been destroyed and vandalised to provide unobstructed sea views for neighbouring property owners.

Management Actions

- Investigate providing formed and signposted beach accessways along the reserve.
- Continue to develop partnerships with residents and local community groups to support the management of dune areas through 'Beach Care' programmes.
- Investigate coastal erosion issues and where appropriate identify options for intervention to manage erosion in a sustainable way through the Shoreline Management Plan.
- Using a collaborative approach, consult with neighbouring property owners and other stakeholders on any future placement of shade trees to avoid further vandalism and destruction.

Reserve Management Policy

- The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Coroglen Reserve (old sale yards) – Coroglen



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkages
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	1909 SH 25 Tairua-Whitianga, Coroglen
Area	1.3578 ha
Legal Description	Part Whakapoi 2 Block (1.3376ha) NZ Gazette 2020 In 4925 Lot 15 DPS 34670 (0.0202ha) NZ Gazette 2020 in 4926

Background

- This land is located adjacent to the Waiwawa River and was the former site for the Coroglen sale yards.
- In 2013 the Mercury Bay Community board initiated a project to tidy up and improve the Coroglen Village which had been informally acknowledged as the “gateway to Whitianga”. To support this project, Council purchased the decommissioned sale yards in 2014 for the purpose of creating a recreation reserve.
- This reserve provides an off-road parking area, picnic tables and a public toilet facility which occupies one of the two buildings that previously serviced the sale yards. The remaining building is locked and not available for public use.
- There is a recorded archaeological site (NZAA - T11/855 Burial/Cemetery, Non-Māori, 1900) to the south-east of the toilet facility which is denoted by a white picket fence. This contains the single burial plot of Ellen Grant who died in 1908.
- A commemorative sign placed at the reserve states that Ellen and her husband Billy Grant ‘...owned two boarding houses and a store in the rambling settlement of Gumtown (now Coroglen) and lived very close to this site. Despite having a problem with her foot that meant she was rarely seen walking; Ellen was remembered as a happy woman and the couple were well liked.’
- The area is a popular destination for swimming, kayaking, picnicking and other forms of passive recreation during the summer months.
- The area has been identified as a potential future site for other events and activities.

Reserve Issues

- A solid waste compactor is located on part of the reserve. This activity is contrary to the primary purpose of the reserve.
- The reserve area is separated by SH25 -Tairua-Whitianga.
- There is a lack of wayfinding information to guide reserve users from the reserve to the river.
- The land is zoned Rural in the District Plan which restricts the type of activities that can occur on the reserve as of right.

Management Actions

- Consider options for relocating the solid waste compactor away from the reserve.
- Investigate options and opportunities for installing wayfinding information that identifies areas that can be used to access the river.
- Initiate a ‘Plan Change’ process to correct the zoning of the land from Rural to Recreation Passive.

Reserve Management Policy

- The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Cooks Stream Esplanade – Cooks Beach



Background

- These parcels of land provide esplanade access along both sides of the Cook Stream and offer an important ecological setting which changes from freshwater into a salt marsh environment as the stream gets closer to the sea.
- A footbridge across the stream provides a pedestrian link between Pūurangi Road and Riverview Road.
- Parts of the area running parallel to Pūurangi Road provide safer pedestrian access along the road.
- Rare and endangered wetland birds live on this reserve.

Reserve Issues

- This area is prone to flooding during peak rainfall periods.
- The reserve has a high level of pest plant infestation.

Management Actions

- a. Develop partnerships with residents and local community groups to support pest plant management and native tree planting initiatives.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkages
Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Esplanade)
Location	882 Pūurangi Road and 12 Riverview Road, Cooks Beach
Area	3.964 ha
Legal Description	Lot 239 DPS 899 (0.3667ha) Lot 240 DPS 899 (1.0497ha) Lot 241 DPS 900 (0.0556ha) NZ Gazette 1981 p 3733 Lot 5 DPS 28711 (1.2070ha) Lot 5 DPS 28709 (1.2850ha) NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Pedestrian Link and Open Space)
Location	12 Riverview Road, Cooks Beach
Area	0.1146 ha
Legal Description	Lot 47 DPS 899 NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Egans Reserve - Kaimarama



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkages
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	1524 The 309 Road, Kaimarama
Area	1.2772 ha
Legal Description	Section 24 Block XV Coromandel Survey District NZ Gazette 2020 In 4928

Background

- This land was set apart as a reserve for recreation purposes pursuant to Land Act 1948 and vested in the Coromandel County Council, in trust, for that purpose pursuant to the Reserves and Domains Act 1953 by NZ Gazette 1970 p1036 (GN S486975).
- It includes a public toilet facility and is popular with the local community for picnicking, swimming and other forms of passive recreation.
- Barriers have been installed at key locations to prevent vehicle damage and vandalism on the reserve.

Reserve Issues

- The reserve is relatively remote.
- The reserve extent is not obvious to visitors.

Management Actions

- a. Where required, install boundary markers to define the extent of the reserve.
- b. Investigate options and opportunities that could allow for more effective passive surveillance of the reserve.
- c. Develop partnerships with residents and local community groups to support plant and animal pest control.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Endeavour Reserve – Cooks Beach



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkages
Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Esplanade)
Location	2A Riverview Road, Cooks Beach
Area	2.5166 ha
Legal Description	Lot 226 DPS 8284 (1.6061ha) Lot 43 DPS 15943 (0.9105ha) Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(iv) of the Reserves Act 1977

Background

- These parcels of land extend towards the eastern end of Cooks Beach and are located between Central Reserve and Pūrangi Reserve.
- The Pūrangi area of Cooks Beach was among the very earliest places of Māori occupation dating as far back as the 14th or 15th centuries and is of great significance to Ngāti Hei.
- This area was affected by a severe storm in July 1978 which caused acute erosion to the eastern end of the beach and resulted in damage to some of the adjacent private property. As part of the immediate response large quantities of rock was placed on the beach in front of these properties to protect them from further damage. Over time the property owners have built their own protection structures, parts of which are located on Council reserve.
- A wastewater pump station is located near the south-eastern boundary of the reserve (opposite 196 Captain Cook Road).
- The reserve area includes access from the end of the Endeavour Place cul-de-sac and Iiti Lane which has a small area for off-street parking.
- Access to the reserve can also be achieved from off the end of Transit Street. Transit Street has very limited parking and is used by both pedestrians and vehicles accessing the beach for boat launching purposes. It was initially intended that the Transit Street beach access be closed off to vehicles once the Pūrangi boat ramp upgrade was completed. However, closure of this access for boat launching purposes has been met with considerable public resistance given use of the Pūrangi boat ramp is restricted to high tide only. A separate pedestrian access was installed in December 2020 which helped alleviate safety issues,
- A successful 'Coastcare' programme is functioning in this area, immediately west of the seawall.

Reserve Classification	Recreation
Area	1.6327 ha
Legal Description	Lot 227 DPS 8284 Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(i) of the Reserves Act 1977

Reserve Issues

- The beachfront area is prone to severe coastal erosion from offshore winds and frequent storm events.
- The rock seawall has created severe end effects.
- Informal beach access and vehicles being driven across the dunes for boat launching purposes is having a negative impact on the dune system.
- The formal beach access points for pedestrians are not well marked.
- The Transit Street beach access gets extremely busy during the summer months.

Management Actions

- a. Investigate coastal erosion issues and where appropriate identify options for intervention to manage erosion in a sustainable way through the Shoreline Management Plan.
- b. Continue to develop partnerships with residents and local community groups to support the management of dune areas through 'Coastcare' programmes.
- c. Consider installing pedestrian beach access markers at both beach and road ends.
- d. Continue to investigate options and opportunities to resolve the issues associated with the Transit Street access.
- e. Continue to work with residents to resolve the issues associated with a privately-owned coastal defence structure on public land.
- f. Where possible maintain the beachfront area in a natural state.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Hāmiora Esplanade - Whangapoua



Hāmiora Esplanade - Whangapoua

Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkages
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	145 Mangakāhia Drive, Whangapoua
Area	1.7418 ha
Legal Description	Lot 2 DPS 28791 Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(i) of the Reserves Act 1977

Background

- This reserve was vested to Thames-Coromandel District Council when the surrounding land was subdivided in 1979 and offers approximately 750 metres of esplanade access along the Pungapunga Stream.
- It is named after Hāmiora Mangakāhia of Ngāti Whanaunga descent. Hāmiora Mangakāhia was a prominent Māori chief who was elected premier of the Kotahitanga parliament in 1892. Hāmiora was also the husband of Meri Te Tai, a well-known suffragist of Te Rarawa descent who was likewise active in Māori politics and welfare.
- The reserve provides an important ecological setting for native flora and fauna. Pāteke (brown teal) have been observed in the area.
- The volunteer reserve group and some adjoining property owners have donated considerable time and resource towards enhancing and restoring the natural environment at the stream edge to the west of Waipapa Place, focusing on restoring a floodplain forest, and to creating a pleasant walkway and footbridges over Pungapunga Stream, with seated rest areas along the way.
- The walkway currently terminates at a point where a washout has occurred near the western boundary of the reserve. The local volunteer group involved with the restoration and enhancement works have expressed a strong desire to continue developing the walkway with a view to eventually being able to link it through to Te Punga Road.

Reserve Issues

- The adjoining Pungapunga Stream floods across part of the reserve during peak rainfall periods.
- Roaming dogs and dogs being walked through the area off lead pose a threat to resident native fauna, particularly pāteke.
- There is currently no access to the newly created esplanade reserve upstream due to river erosion.

Management Actions

- a. Investigate options and opportunities to link the walkway through to Te Punga Road.
- b. Continue to support the local volunteer group with maintenance of the walkway and ongoing restoration and enhancement works along the stream edge.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Hei Esplanade - Whitianga



Background

- This area provides access from Hei Esplanade to Whitianga Harbour via the adjoining canal and Whangamaroro River.
- The reserve was vested to Thames-Coromandel District Council when the surrounding land was subdivided in 2002 as part of the Whitianga Waterways development.
- Lot 53 DP 308623 provides an open greenspace area on the corner of South Highway West and Hei Esplanade with canal frontage.
- A public toilet facility is located on Lot 58 DP 308623 adjacent to the Te Ana access facility. The Te Ana access facility is located on fee simple land (Lot 56 DP 308623) and is used as a storage shed for the residents of property on the opposite side of the river.
- Lot 57 DP 308623 provides boat launching access to the canal for kayaks and other small/light craft. The general public have a right to pass over the adjoining canal for the purpose of launching kayaks and other small/light craft.
- Lot 51 DP 308623 provides esplanade access along the bank of the Whangamaroro River.

Reserve Issues

- In an urban context, the reserve is relatively remote.
- The reserve extent is not obvious to visitors.
- There is a lack of signage on the reserve.

Management Actions

- Where required, install boundary markers to define the extent of the reserve.
- Investigate options and opportunities that could allow for more effective passive or active surveillance of the reserve.

Reserve Management Policy

- The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkages
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	171 South Highway West, Whitianga (2 Hei Esplanade, Whitianga)
Area	0.2517 ha
Legal Description	Lot 53 DP 308623
Location	40 Hei Esplanade, Whitianga
Area	0.8849 ha
Legal Description	Lot 51 DP 308623 (0.8197ha) Lot 58 DP 308623 (0.0652ha) NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Canal Access)
Location	44 Hei Esplanade, Whitianga
Area	0.0597 ha
Legal Description	Lot 57 DP 308623 NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Hot Water Beach Reserve – Hot Water Beach



Hot Water Beach Reserve - Hot Water Beach

Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkages
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	51A Pye Place, Hot Water Beach
Area	0.2175 ha
Legal Description	Lot 26 DPS 14190
Location	35 Pye Place, Hot Water Beach
Area	0.6450ha
Legal Description	Lot 27 DPS 14190 Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(i) of the Reserves Act 1977

Background

- Hot Water Beach is a site of national significance and is popular for day visitors and tourists.
- This reserve was vested to the Coromandel County Council when the surrounding land was subdivided in 1970.
- It is located towards the eastern end of Hot Water Beach and includes a portion of the carpark area which contains a recorded archaeological site (NZAA - T11/115 Midden). It also includes a greenspace area adjacent to the carpark with picnic facilities.
- There are several formed pedestrian beach access points along the length of this reserve.
- Some of the facilities associated with the Hot Water Beach Surf Lifesaving Club (which is located adjacent to Lot 27 DPS 14190) are also located on this reserve including an outdoor area next to the clubrooms and an access ramp for surf club rescue vehicles.
- Access to the reserve is provided off Pye Place through the main carpark area on Lot 27 DPS 14190 and on Lot 26 DPS 14190, through a walkway between 51 and 53 Pye Place which also links up with the cliff walkway.

Reserve Issues

- During busy times, issues have arisen between general use of the reserve and surf lifesaving activities.

Management Actions

- Investigate options and opportunities for installing signage to educate reserve users on the role of the foredunes and the methods that can be used to protect them.
- Using a collaborative approach work with the neighbouring surf lifesaving club to ensure that day visitor use of the reserve is not restricted.
- Investigate improvements to the walking access route onto the beach for day visitors.

Reserve Management Policy

- The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Jack Mills Reserve – Ōpito Bay



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkages
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	881 Black Jack Road, Ōpito Bay
Area	0.0751 ha
Legal Description	Lot 7 DPS 6028 NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Background

- This reserve was vested to the Coromandel County Council when the surrounding land was subdivided by Skipper and Joyce Chapman in 1959.
- The reserve was named after Jack Mills who built his bach directly opposite the reserve. Jack came from Auckland and although not a permanent resident, spent many hours in Ōpito pig hunting, training dogs for trials and helping with mustering on the two farming properties in Ōpito Bay.
- This reserve was also known as the ‘Telephone Box Reserve’ because in the past a public phone box was located here.
- Council currently maintains this reserve and the adjacent Crown marginal strip.
- There are two boat launching access points which are predominantly used by surrounding property owners as an alternative to the main boat launching access points at Ōpito Bay.
- There is an underground firefighting water storage tank on the reserve.

Reserve Issues

- This reserve is used in conjunction with the adjacent Crown marginal strip. Council maintains both areas.

Management Actions

- a. Using a collaborative approach, investigate formalising a funding arrangement which takes into account Council maintaining the adjoining marginal strip that is administered by Department of Conservation.
- b. Consider the public value and benefit of this reserve with a view to possible revocation of the reserve classification to enable future disposal.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Ko Tahuri-ki-te-Rangi Reserve (Wigmore Stream) – Hāhei



Ko Tahuri-ki-te-Rangi Reserve (Wigmore Stream) - Hāhei

Background

- These parcels of land provide access to the eastern end of Hāhei Beach and the banks of the Ko Tahuri-ki-te-Rangi (Wigmore) Stream.
- Vehicles and vehicles towing trailer boats access the eastern end of the beach from the stream reserve.
- The stream reserve is well-used over the summer months for exercising, picnicking and other forms of passive recreation.
- There are recorded archaeological sites (NZAA - T11/324 – Oven, NZAA T11/135 – Flaking floor working area and NZAA - T11/138 – Midden) in this area and the land could contain sub-surface remains of the activities that previously occurred in this area.

Reserve Issues

- Driving and parking vehicles over and across the dunes has adversely affected the dune system at the beachfront edge of this reserve.
- Vehicles towing boat trailers along the stream edge during peak periods can cause conflict with other reserve users.
- Encroachment, including private gardens, from neighbouring properties adjacent to the reserve.
- There is very little parking available on the seaward side of the Wigmore Crescent bridge for people wishing to access the eastern end of Hāhei beach.
- The walkway entry point off Pa Rd gets muddy and waterlogged during peak rainfall periods and lacks clear directional signage.

Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkages
Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Esplanade)
Location	32 Wigmore Crescent, Hāhei
Area	2.8493 ha
Legal Description	Lot 14 DPS 15008 (0.2023ha) Lot 15 DPS 15008 (1.0041ha) Part Lot 67 DPS 7762 (0.9686ha, parcel ID 4310521) Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(iv) of the Reserves Act 1977
	Lot 3 DPS 60434 (0.5917ha) Lot 12 DPS 29828 (0.0826ha) NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	32 Wigmore Crescent, Hāhei
Area	0.4502 ha
Legal Description	Lot 16 DPS 15008 (0.4249ha) Lot 17 DPS 15008 (0.0253ha) Automatically classified as a Recreation Reserve in accordance with s16(11)(b)(i) Reserves Act 1977

Management Actions

- a. Work with the Hāhei Reserves Group to establish a safe walkway onto the beach from the vehicle entry point on the seaward side of the Wigmore Crescent Bridge.
- b. Develop partnerships with residents and local community groups to support the management of dune areas through 'Coastcare' programmes.
- c. Using a collaborative approach, work with Waikato Regional Council to maintain the stream banks including riparian planting.
- d. Where required, install boundary markers to define private property and public reserve.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Leeward Drive (beach) Reserve – Whitianga



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkages
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	87 Leeward Drive, Whitianga
Area	0.0712 ha
Legal Description	Lot 4 DP 516514 NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Background

- This reserve was vested to the Thames-Coromandel District Council when the surrounding land was subdivided in 2018 as part of the Whitianga Waterways development.
- The reserve provides waterfront access to the canal.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Maramaratōtara Bay Reserve - Front Beach - Ferry Landing



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkages
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	1100 Pūurangi Road, Ferry Landing
Area	4.6984 ha
Legal Description	Pt Lot 16 DPS 6867 (4.6440ha) Lot 2 DPS 10908 (0.0316ha) Lot 1 DPS 11309 (0.0258ha) NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Background

- The New Zealand Geographic Board name for this area is Maramaratōtara Bay however it is more commonly known as Front Beach.
- The reserve comprises three parcels of land which form a contiguous link from the Ferry Landing Historic Cemetery, around Whakapenui Point to Maramaratōtara Bay. Physical access from the Cemetery around the point to the bay is not actually achievable due to the nature of the terrain.
- A rough track off the western end of the bay provides pedestrian access to Whakapenui Point.
- Formed pedestrian access is provided off Bay View Place (Lot 1 DPS 11309). There is another small entry point off Pūurangi Road (Lot 2 DPS 10908) however this area is also encumbered by a wastewater pump station and has bollards installed to prevent vehicle access.
- There is a navigational beacon on Whakapenui Point that is operated and maintained by Maritime New Zealand.
- There is a recorded pa site on the headland (NZAA - T11/70 – Headland Pa - Indigenous pre-1769) and the area may contain subsurface remains. There are also several recorded archaeological midden sites (NZAA - T11/97, T11/1012, T11/96 and T11/71– Midden) either within or near the boundary of the reserve.

Reserve Issues

- Encroachment has occurred from adjoining properties particularly towards the eastern boundary of the reserve. This includes private structures and landscaping.
- Trees on some parts of the reserve have been destroyed and vandalised to provide unobstructed sea views for neighbouring property owners.
- Stormwater disposal from adjoining private properties onto or across the reserve is a cause of erosion in some areas, particularly along the cliff edge.
- Pest plants are an issue at this reserve.

Management Actions

- a. Where required, install boundary markers to define private property and public reserve.
- b. Using a collaborative approach, consult with neighbouring property owners on any future placement of shade trees to avoid further vandalism and destruction.
- c. Consider installing dual name signage for this reserve.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Marine Parade Reserve - Cooks Beach



Marine Parade Reserve - Cooks Beach

Background

- This reserve was vested to the Coromandel County Council when the surrounding land was subdivided in 1951.
- The reserve adjoins the Cooks Beach Central Reserve and runs along the length of the western end of Cooks Beach.
- The beachfront area is prone to coastal erosion from offshore winds and frequent storm events.
- A successful 'Coastcare' programme is functioning in this area.
- This reserve is home to threatened wetland and shore bird species under active community-based protection programmes.
- The large open grassed area adjacent to the Cook Stream has a public toilet facility, picnic tables and some basic playground equipment. There is also a footbridge that crosses Cook Stream and then links up with the walkway that runs back up to Pūrangi Road.
- Part of the beachfront area (opposite 3 - 6 Marine Parade) is used as an informal beach access for launching small boats.

Reserve Issues

- The reserve does not have an official name.
- Informal beach access and vehicles driving across the dunes is having a negative impact on the dune system.
- Trees on the beachfront part of the reserve have been destroyed and vandalised to provide unobstructed sea views for neighbouring property owners.

Management Actions

- Continue to develop partnerships with residents and local community groups to support the management of dune areas through 'Coastcare' programmes.
- Investigate coastal erosion issues and where appropriate identify options for intervention to manage erosion in a sustainable way through the Shoreline Management Plan.
- Using a collaborative approach, consult with neighbouring property owners on any future placement of shade trees to avoid further vandalism and destruction.

Reserve Management Policy

- The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkages
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	2A Riverview Road, Cooks Beach
Area	2.7291 ha
Legal Description	Lot 237 DPS 899 NZ Gazette 1960 p889

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Esplanade)
Area	2.8682 ha
Legal Description	Lot 238 DPS 899 NZ Gazette 1960 p 889

Matarangi Beach East Reserve - Matarangi



Background

- These two parcels of land cover the beachfront area between the Bluff Road Reserve and the Village Green.
- The reserve includes three beach access walkways. These are located adjacent to numbers 198A, 238A, and 320 Kenwood Drive.
- Members of the public have expressed a long-standing desire to have a formed and unobstructed walking track over the back-dune area of this reserve that enables a contiguous link between the Bluff Road Reserve and the Village Green.

Reserve Issues

- Encroachment has occurred from adjoining properties. This includes the establishment of private structures and landscaping.
- Trees on the beachfront part of the reserve have been destroyed and vandalised to provide unobstructed sea views for neighbouring property owners.
- Informal beach access and quad bikes being ridden across the dunes is having a negative impact on the dune system.

Management Actions

- Where required, install wayfinding signage and boundary markers to define private property and public access.
- Work with adjoining property owners to resolve longstanding encroachment issues.
- Continue to develop partnerships with residents and local community groups to support the management of dune areas through 'Coastcare' programmes.
- Investigate coastal erosion issues and where appropriate identify options for intervention to manage erosion in a sustainable way through the Shoreline Management Plan.
- Using a collaborative approach, consult with neighbouring property owners on any future placement of shade trees to avoid further vandalism and destruction.
- Where possible maintain the beachfront area in a natural state.

Reserve Management Policy

- The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkages
Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Esplanade)
Location	100 Kenwood Drive, Matarangi
Area	1.8356 ha
Legal Description	Lot 117 DPS 12134 Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(iv) of the Reserves Act 1977

Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	100 Kenwood Drive, Matarangi
Area	0.4686 ha
Legal Description	Lot 118 DPS 12134 Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(i) of the Reserves Act 1977

Meri Te Tai Mangakāhia Reserve - Whangapoua (including areas known as Pungapunga Island Reserve and the William Mangakāhia Lagoon Reserve)



Background

- This reserve includes three land parcels which stretch along the length of Whangapoua Beach towards the lagoon at the western end and includes the areas previously referred to as the Pungapunga Island Reserve and the William Mangakāhia Lagoon Reserve.
- It has been named in honour of Meri Te Tai, one of Coromandel's most famous people. Meri Te Tai was a well-known suffragist of Te Rarawa descent. She was married to Hāmiora Mangakāhia of Ngāti Whanaunga and other Coromandel hapū. Hāmiora was elected premier of the Kotahitanga parliament in 1892. Meri was also active in Māori politics and welfare and in 1893 introduced a motion to the Kotahitanga parliament requesting that Māori women be given the right to vote and be eligible to sit as members of parliament. Meri and Hāmiora spent most of their later years at the homestead they built on Hāmiora's land in Whangapoua. Hāmiora died in 1918 and according to family information, Meri died of influenza in 1920.
- The area referred to as Pungapunga Island Reserve is a popular destination for surfers and has a direct line of sight out to Pungapunga Island. It provides a parking area and access to the beach which is halfway between the Meri Te Tai Mangakāhia Reserve and William Mangakāhia Lagoon Reserve. A memorial seat, donated by a local benefactor, has been installed in this area.
- The area referred to as the William Mangakāhia Lagoon Reserve provides access to the western end of Whangapoua Beach and New Chums Beach. It is a popular area for picnicking, kayaking and other forms of passive recreation, particularly when the surf beach becomes too rough and windy. The Department of Conservation (DOC) oversees habitat protection programmes for New Zealand dotterels and variable oyster catchers which roost and breed in this area over the summer period. The community dotterel programme has resulted in a visible increase in bird numbers. There is a public toilet located on this part of the reserve.
- The central area is a popular visitor destination. It contains a public toilet facility, beach access and playground equipment, and Moloks (a solid waste receptacle). The central area is located next to the beach carpark area and across the road from the local store. TIF (Tourism Infrastructure Fund) and Council Long Term Plan funding has been secured and allocated to re-locate and upgrade the toilet facility on this part of the reserve.
- The 'Meri Te Tai Reserve Upgrade' concept plan has also been developed for this area in collaboration with the community and provides a good understanding of the constraints and opportunities that are present.

Reserve Category	Recreational and Ecological Linkages
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	384 Tangiora Avenue, Whangapoua
Area	3.9241 ha
Legal Description	Lot 2 DP 375855 (3.4387ha) NZ Gazette 2010 In 6428 Lot 155 DPS 10456 (0.4854ha) Automatically in accordance with s16(11)(b)(iv) of the Reserves Act 1977

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Esplanade)
Location	384 Tangiora Avenue, Whangapoua
Area	0.9763 ha
Legal Description	Lot 154 DPS 10456 Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(iv) of the Reserves Act 1977

The concept plan offers a number of initiatives to try to address several long-standing issues associated with the management and use of this area in conjunction with servicing the needs of the community and visitors alike.

- A 'Coastcare' group currently maintain and enhance the dune area.
- Formal beach access (by way of wooden stairs) is provided from both the former Pungapunga Island reserve and the central part of this reserve.

Reserve Issues

- Pōhutukawa which were planted to provide shade for visitors near the central area carpark are continually vandalised.
- Part of the playground in the central area is located on road reserve.
- Moloks located on the central part of the reserve, and the subsequent vehicle manoeuvring area adjacent to them, are not consistent with the primary purpose of a recreation reserve and occupy a large portion of quality flat land. They also do not comply with relevant rules in the District Plan for the Recreation Passive Zone.
- There is a lack of pedestrian connectivity and directional signage within and around the central part of the reserve.
- Enhancement and restoration plantings along the dunes have also been vandalised and destroyed.
- There is significant pest plant infestation on the sand dunes.
- Encroachment has occurred from adjoining properties into the sand dunes.

Management Actions

- a. Continue to investigate options and opportunities for future development of the central part of the reserve, in view of the initiatives offered in the 'Meri Te Tai Reserve Upgrade' concept plan.
- b. Using a collaborative approach work with DOC to provide signage and/or other methods to clearly delineate bird roosting and nesting areas in the area previously referred to as William Mangakāhia Lagoon Reserve.
- c. Consider an appropriate legal mechanism to address the issue associated with part of the playground being located on road reserve.
- d. Consider options for relocating the Moloks away from the reserve.
- e. Continue to develop partnerships with residents and local community groups to manage the foredune areas through a 'Coastcare' programme.
- f. Where possible maintain the beachfront area in a natural state.
- g. Investigate coastal erosion issues and where appropriate identify options for intervention to manage erosion in a sustainable way through the Shoreline Management Plan.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.
- b. Allow for commercial activity licences to operate from specific areas on the reserve as defined by Council, subject to Council approval.

Motukorure Parade (Stormwater Ponds) – Cooks Beach



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkages
Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Pedestrian Link and Open Space)
Location	24 Motukorure Parade, Cooks Beach
Area	0.741 ha
Legal Description	Lot 263 DP 333049
Location	7 Motukorure Parade, Cooks Beach
Area	0.527 ha
Legal Description	Lot 264 DP 333049 NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Background

- These parcels of land were vested to the Thames-Coromandel District Council when the surrounding land was subdivided in 2004.
- They provide walking access around the two stormwater ponds that are located on both sides of Motukorure Parade.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Old South Highway Esplanade - Whitianga



Background

- These parcels of land are located adjacent to an industrial area and provide esplanade access along the estuary and the Ngarahutunoa Stream from Tairua Whitianga Road through to the Hei Esplanade Reserve
- Most of this reserve is inaccessible and because of this it is not well used by the general public.
- Two separate leases have been granted over an area towards the western boundary of the reserve.

Reserve Issues

- Encroachment has occurred from adjoining properties. This includes the establishment of private structures and landscaping.

Management Actions

- Where required, install boundary markers to define private property and public reserve.

Reserve Management Policy

- The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkages
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	257 South Highway West, Whitianga
Area	5.8414 ha
Legal Description	Pt Lot 42 DPS 5809 (5.3599ha) NZ Gazette 2020 In 4928 Lot 3 DPS 73437 (0.4500ha) Lot 4 DPS 42189 (0.0315ha) NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Leases and Licences

Whitianga Gun Club Inc	Expires September 2028
Refuse Transfer Station (Smart Environmental Limited)	Expires August 2020

Ratoka (Ōpito Bluff) Reserve – Ōpito Bay



Ratoka (Ōpito Bluff) Reserve - Ōpito Bay

Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkages
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	100 Ōpito Bay Road, Ōpito Bay
Area	1.1875 ha
Legal Description	Lot 1 DPS 26542 (0.6020ha) Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(i) of the Reserves Act 1977 Lot 58 DPS 66561 (0.5855ha) NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Background

- This area is known to Ngāti Hei as Ratoka. It is also locally known as ‘The Sugarloaf’ and Ōpito Bluff.
- The reserve is of archaeological importance to Ngāti Hei. It is close to Maunga Tahanga (basalt) and Ahuahu (Great Mercury Island).
- The reserve comprises of two parcels of land. Lot 1 DPS 26542 was vested to the Thames-Coromandel District Council when the surrounding land was subdivided in 1978, while Lot 58 DPS 66561 was vested in 1994.
- The reserve contains two recorded archaeological sites and is likely to contain sub-surface archaeological remains. NZAA – T10/200 identifies a working floor and is located on Lot 1 DPS 26542. NZAA – T10/248 is located on Lot 58 DPS 66561 and identifies 4 or 5 distinct terraces leading up towards Maunga Tahanga. The reserve includes a bluff, which is a prominent landmark towards the eastern end of Ōpito Bay.
- The reserve is accessed via a walkway easement over private land at the end of Ohinau Drive (35 Ohinau Drive: Lot 1 DPS 78799). Walkers follow a track from the end of Ohinau Drive to a viewing area on top of the bluff. The reserve links Ohinau Drive with the coast, but there is no easy direct access to the beach.

Reserve Issues

- There is no vehicle access to this reserve.
- The reserve lacks signage and wayfinding information.

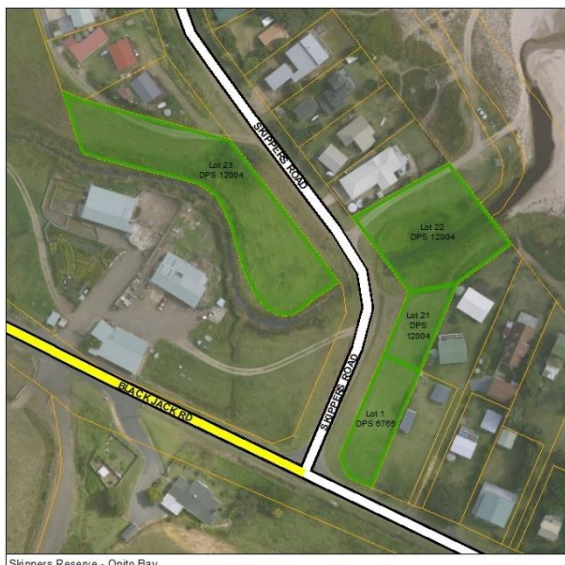
Management Actions

- Provide signage to identify the reserve and investigate options and opportunities for installing wayfinding information that identifies the walking track and key landmarks in the area.
- Where required, install boundary markers to define private property and public access.

Reserve Management Policy

- The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Skippers Reserve – Ōpito Bay



Skippers Reserve - Ōpito Bay

Background

- This area comprises four parcels of land. Lot 1 DPS 6765 was vested on deposit in Her Majesty the Queen as Recreation Reserve and then vested in the Coromandel County Council, in trust, for recreation purposes in 1961 (NZ Gazette 1961 p1309). Lots 21 – 23 DPS 12004 were vested to Coromandel County Council when the surrounding land was subdivided 1968.
- Lot 22 DPS 12004 provides informal boat launching access for the nor-western end of Ōpito Bay while Lot 23 DPS 12004 has previously been identified for development as parking area for vehicles and boat trailers.
- The reserve is utilised for picnicking, parking and other recreational activities, and there is riparian planting along the creek.
- There are recorded archaeological sites on Lots 21 and 22 DPS 12004 (NZAA - T10/165 – Pit/Midden and T10/161 Midden/Oven) and the land could contain subsurface remains of the activities that previously occurred in this area.
- While not part of the reserve area there is also another important recorded archaeological site within close vicinity. NZAA – T10/1152 Kōiwi tangata– burial /cemetery (featuring human skeletal remains which are likely to be pre-European) is located at 16 Skippers Road (Lot 3 DPS 12004) towards the rear of the property adjacent to the dune area.

Reserve Issues

- The reserve lacks signage (including wayfinding to other public facilities) and the reserve extent is not obvious to visitors.
- The Waitaha Stream, which runs through Lot 22 DPS 12004, is subject to periodic drainage works by Waikato Regional Council to keep the outfall into Ōpito Bay clear.

Management Actions

- Investigate options and opportunities to formalise the boat launching access and parking areas to help mitigate current effects on the coastal environment.
- Where required, install boundary markers to define private property and public reserve.
- Provide signage to identify the reserve and investigate options and opportunities for installing wayfinding information that identifies other reserves and facilities in the area.

Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkages
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	10 Skippers Road, Ōpito Bay
Area	0.1351 ha
Legal Description	Lot 21 DPS 12004 (0.0539ha) Automatically classified pursuant to s16(11)(b)(i) Reserves Act 1977
Location	851 Black Jack Road, Ōpito Bay
Area	0.0812 ha
Legal Description	Lot 1 DPS 6765 NZ Gazette In 4926

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Esplanade)
Location	10 Skippers Road, Ōpito Bay
Area	0.4748 ha
Legal Description	Lot 22 DPS 12004 (0.1877ha) Lot 23 DPS 12004 (0.2871ha) Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(iv) of the Reserves Act 1977

- d. Consider working with Waikato Regional Council to review the methodology for stormwater management at this location with a view to providing a more nature-based solution.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Sleemans Park - Whitianga



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkages
Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Esplanade)
Location	1A Victoria Street and 84A Albert Street Whitianga
Area	0.2396 ha
Legal Description	Section 1 SO 60032 (0.2058ha) Section 3 SO 60915 (0.0338ha) NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Background

- This reserve, beside the Whitianga Marina, comprises two parcels of land which were named after local identity Mr Sleeman, who tended the large Pōhutukawa trees located on Section 1 SO 60032.
- Section 3 SO 60915 provides esplanade access along the harbour's edge in front of the neighbouring apartment block.

Reserve Issues

- The Pōhutukawa trees are well established. Some apartment owners want these removed in favour of unobstructed views.

Management Actions

- Ensure the Pōhutukawa trees on the reserve are retained and maintained.

Reserve Management Policy

- The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

South End Reserve - Whangapoua



Background

- This area provides access to the eastern end of Whangapoua Beach and is located adjacent to Opera Point.
- There is an Urupā (Māori cemetery/burial site) and middens located near the main entry point to this reserve.

Reserve Issues

- There is limited parking available at the entry point to the reserve.
- The reserve extent is not obvious to visitors.
- There are encroachment structures on the reserve from neighbouring properties.
- In the past, trees on the beachfront part of the reserve have been destroyed and vandalised to provide unobstructed sea views for neighbouring property owners.

Management Actions

- Where possible, maintain the beachfront area in a natural state.
- Where required, install boundary marker posts to define private property and public reserve.
- Develop partnerships with residents and local community groups to support the management of dune areas through 'Coastcare' programmes.
- Review the layout options for visitor parking and access to this reserve.
- Using a collaborative approach, consult with neighbouring property owners and other stakeholders on any future placement of shade trees to avoid further vandalism and destruction.

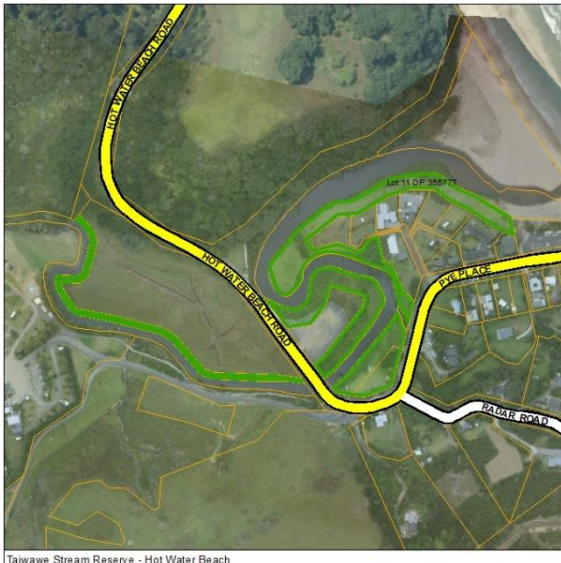
Reserve Management Policy

- The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkages
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	384 Tangiora Avenue, Whangapoua (eastern end of Whangapoua beach)
Area	1.1726 ha
Legal Description	Lot 150 DPS 10457 Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(i) of the Reserves Act 1977

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Esplanade)
Location	384 Tangiora Avenue, Whangapoua (eastern end of Whangapoua beach)
Area	0.7841 ha
Legal Description	Lot 149 DPS 10457 Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(iv) of the Reserves Act 1977

Taiwawe Stream Reserve - Hot Water Beach



Background

- These reserves were formed during subdivision of the surrounding land area into smaller parcels.
- There is a recorded Urupā (Māori cemetery or burial site - NZAA T11/112) located within the vicinity of Lot 11 DP 355777.
- There is a recorded midden site on Lot 11 DP 355777 (NZAA T11/115 -Midden, Artefact - stone flakes - Indigenous pre-1769) which has been a findspot for two adzes and obsidian and basalt flakes. This land could contain other sub-surface remains of the activities that previously occurred in this area.
- There is also a European grave located on Lot 11 DP 355777. It belongs to Matthew Creed who purchased the beachfront land in 1872. He lived there with his wife and children until his death in October 1904, at the age of 71. He is buried under the large Pōhutukawa tree where he used to sit and watch the ocean. A memorial plaque has been placed on a rock by the tree.

Reserve Issues

- Areas of the reserve are prone to flooding during peak rainfall periods.

Reserve Management Policy

- The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkages
Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Esplanade)
Location	51A Pye Place, Hot Water Beach
Area	1.9875 ha
Legal Description	Lot 8 DPS 59176 (0.5400ha) Lot 9 DPS 59176 (0.2800ha)
Location	1 Pye Place, Hot Water Beach
Area	1.1675 ha
Legal Description	Lot 11 DP 355777 NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	1 Pye Place, Hot Water Beach
Area	0.3539 ha
Legal Description	Lot 2 DP 355777 (0.1320ha) Lot 12 DP 355777 (0.2219ha) NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Tarapatiki Stream Esplanade – Whitianga



Tarapatiki Stream Esplanade - Whitianga

Background

- This area provides esplanade access along the eastern bank of the Tarapatiki Stream through to Buffalo Beach Road. It also links up with a small greenspace area with parking in the centre of Parkland Place.

Reserve Issues

- Lacks adequate signage.

Management Actions

- Provide signage to identify the reserve and investigate options and opportunities for installing wayfinding information that identifies key pedestrian linkages in the area.
- Develop partnerships with residents and local community groups to support pest plant management and riparian and wetland planting initiatives.

Reserve Management Policy

- The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkages
Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Esplanade)
Location	152B Buffalo Beach Road, Whitianga
Area	0.6703 ha
Legal Description	Lot 11 DPS 12086 Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(iv) of the Reserves Act 1977

Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	11A Parkland Place, Whitianga
Area	0.2016 ha
Legal Description	Lot 25 DPS 19137 (0.1734ha) Lot 24 DPS 19137 (0.0281ha) Automatically classified as a Recreation Reserve in accordance with s16(11)(b)(i) of the Reserves Act 1977

The Esplanade - Whitianga



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkages
Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Esplanade)
Location	27 Esplanade Road, Whitianga
Area	0.4500 ha
Legal Description	Section 1 SO 59762 NZ Gazette 1994 p 4447

Background

- Part of this area provides access to a public boat ramp while the remainder provides parking for vehicles and trailers.
- There is a playground on the reserve, part of which is located on adjoining road reserve.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

The Pines (Matarangi West) - Matarangi



The Pines (Matarangi West) - Matarangi

Background

- These parcels of land cover the area towards the western end of the Matarangi Spit.
- The reserve area comprises Lot 35 DPS 72837 which provides good shade and a quieter beachfront setting, Lot 18 DP 331131 which was set aside as a historic site in 2003 and Lot 37 DPS 72837 which was formerly referred to as the Matarangi Spit Reserve.
- A walking track was formed on Lot 37 DPS 72837 in 2005. This provides esplanade access from the beachfront, around the Matarangi Spit to Kelly Jade Ave, Harbour Drive, Ti Kouka Crescent and the Omara Reserve. There is a recorded archaeological site within or adjacent to the esplanade access (NZAA - T10/986 Midden – Indigenous pre-1769).
- The Department of Conservation (DOC) oversee a habitat protection programme for New Zealand dotterels which breed in the Matarangi Spit area over the summer period.

Reserve Issues

- Vehicles and motorbikes often drive through parts of the reserve to access the beach and Matarangi Spit.
- Trees on the beachfront part of the reserve including the original harbour edge plantings have been destroyed and vandalised to provide unobstructed sea views for neighbouring property owners.
- Informal beach access through the dunes is having a negative impact on the dune system.
- Wilding pines continue to sprout in the dune areas.
- Some coastal erosion is occurring along the harbourside part of the esplanade access.
- It is difficult to identify reserve land from private property along the harbourside part of the esplanade access.

Management Actions

- Continue to develop partnerships with residents and local community groups to support the management of dune areas through 'Coastcare' programmes.
- Investigate coastal erosion issues and where appropriate identify options for intervention to manage erosion in a sustainable way through the Shoreline Management Plan.
- Where required, install wayfinding signage and boundary markers to define private property and public access.

Reserve Management Policy

- The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkages
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	100 Kenwood Drive, Matarangi (West of Matarangi Central Reserves)
Area	7.017 ha
Legal Description	Lot 35 DPS 72837 (6.9773ha) Lot 18 DP 331131 (0.0397ha) NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Esplanade)
Location	100 Kenwood Drive, Matarangi (West of Matarangi Central Reserves)
Area	9.6053 ha
Legal Description	Lot 37 DPS 72837 NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Wharekaho (Simpsons Beach) Esplanade - Wharekaho



Wharekaho (Simpsons) Beach Esplanade - Wharekaho

Background

- These parcels of land stretch along the length of Wharekaho (Simpsons) Beach.
- The Onepoto Reserve and Winiata Street provide access to the northern end of the beach while Leah Road provides access to the southern end.
- Two walkways also provide pedestrian access to the southern end of the beach. They are located near the ends of Joseph Road and Wharekaho Crescent.

Reserve Issues

- The beachfront area is prone to severe coastal erosion from offshore winds and frequent storm events.

Management Actions

- Continue to develop partnerships with residents and local community groups to support the management of dune areas through 'Coastcare' programmes.
- Investigate coastal erosion issues and where appropriate identify options for intervention to manage erosion in a sustainable way through the Shoreline Management Plan.

Reserve Management Policy

- The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkages
Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Esplanade)
Location	64 Wharekaho Road SH25, Wharekaho
Area	0.09338 ha
Legal Description	Lot 21 DPS 1958 NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926
Location	62B Wharekaho Road SH25, Wharekaho
Area	0.5663 ha
Legal Description	Kaokaotunoa 2B44 Block NZ Gazette 2020 In 4925
Location	22 Leah Road, Wharekaho
Area	6.6069 ha
Legal Description	Lot 52 DPS 13467 (0.3060ha) Lot 56 DPS 13466 (0.3009ha) Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(iv) of the Reserves Act 1977

Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	22 Leah Road, Wharekaho
Area	0.4855 ha
Legal Description	Lot 51 DPS 13467 (0.2377ha) Lot 55 DPS 13466 (0.2478ha) Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(i) of the Reserves Act 1977.

Appendix A: Reserves Act 1977 Classifications

The Reserves Act has three main functions

These are:

- To provide for the preservation and management, for the benefit and enjoyment of the public, areas possessing some special feature or values such as recreational use, wildlife, landscape amenity or scenic value. For example, the reserve may have value for recreation, education, as wildlife habitat or as an interesting landscape.
- To ensure, as far as practicable, the preservation of representative natural ecosystems or landscapes and the survival of indigenous species of flora and fauna, both rare and commonplace.
- To ensure, as far as practicable, the preservation of access for the public to the coastline, islands, lakeshore and riverbanks and to encourage the protection and preservation of the natural character of these areas.

Administration and management of reserves

- Reserves may be administered by the local authorities, Department of Conservation (DOC) or by other ministers, boards, trustees, societies and other organisations appointed to control and manage the reserve, or in whom reserves are vested.

Types of reserve

There are eight reserve classifications:

National Reserves (Section 13 – normally administered by DOC)

- These are reserves which have values of national or international importance.

Recreation Reserves (Section 17 – administered by all different agencies, refer above)

- The main purpose of these reserves is the provision of areas for recreation and sporting activities. This is to provide for the physical welfare and enjoyment of the public and for protection of the natural environment and beauty.

Historic Reserves (Section 18 – administered by all different agencies, refer above)

- These reserves are established primarily to protect and preserve in perpetuity places, objects and natural features of historic, archaeological, cultural, educational and other special interest.

Scenic Reserves (Section 19 – administered by all different agencies, refer above)

- These reserves are established to protect and preserve in perpetuity, for their intrinsic worth and for the public benefit, enjoyment and use, such qualities of scenic interest or beauty or natural features worthy of protection in the public interest.

Nature Reserves (Section 20 – normally administered by DOC)

- These reserves are established primarily to protect and preserve in perpetuity indigenous flora or fauna or natural features of rarity, scientific interest or importance so unique that their preservation is in the public interest. Entry is by permit only.

Scientific Reserves (Section 21 – normally administered by DOC)

- The principal purpose of these reserves is the protection and preservation in perpetuity of areas for scientific study, research, education and the benefit of the country. Entry to all or part of a reserve may be restricted to permit holders.

Government Purpose Reserves (Section 22 – normally administered by DOC or other Government Departments)

- These reserves are held for the particular government purpose specified. They include wildlife management areas.

Local Purpose Reserves (Section 23 – administered by all different agencies, refer above)

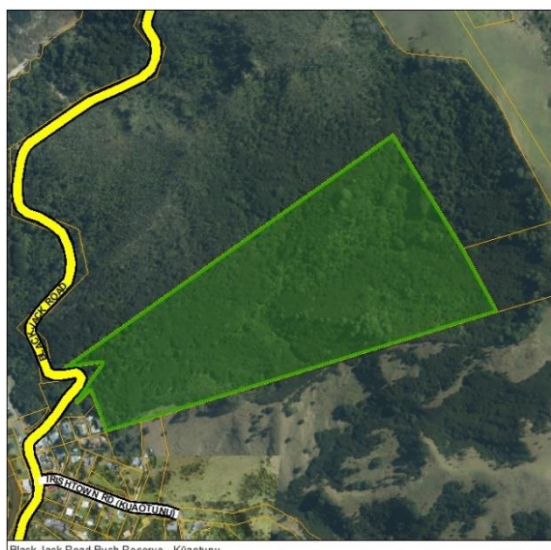
- These are held for the particular local purposes specified.

Wilderness Areas (Section 47 – normally administered by DOC)

Reserves or parts of reserves may be set apart as Wilderness Areas. They are maintained in a natural state. No buildings, animals, roads and so on, are permitted.

Appendix B: Other Reserves – Non-maintained

Black Jack Bush Reserve – Kūaotunu



Black Jack Road Bush Reserve - Kūaotunu

Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	40 Black Jack Road, Kūaotunu
Area	15.2928 ha
Legal Description	Part Kūaotunu 1D2 Block NZ Gazette 2020 In 5225

Boat Harbour Road Esplanade - Whenuakite



Boat Harbour Road Esplanade - Whenuakite

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Esplanade)
Location	20 Boat Harbour Road, Whenuakite
Area	0.5390 ha
Legal Description	Lot 5 DP 340506 NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Centennial Drive - Whitianga



Centennial Drive - Whitianga

Reserve Classification	Scenic
Location	22A Centennial Drive, Whitianga
Area	1.5965 ha
Legal Description	Lot 1 DPS 14540 Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(iii) of the Reserves Act 1977

Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	52A Centennial Drive, Whitianga
Area	0.1490 ha
Legal Description	Lot 1 DPS 12996 Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(i) of the Reserves Act 1977
Location	68 Centennial Drive, Whitianga
Area	1.5646 ha
Legal Description	Lot 1 DPS 19342 (1.3656 ha) Lot 2 DPS 33112 (0.1990 ha) NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Conifer Reserve - Whitianga



Conifer Reserve - Whitianga

Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	192A Buffalo Beach, Whitianga
Area	0.3617 ha
Legal Description	Lot 16 DPS 13076 Automatically classified as Recreation Reserve in accordance with s16(11)(b)(i) Reserves Act 1977

Coroglen Esplanade - Coroglen



Coroglen Esplanade - Coroglen

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Esplanade)
Location	1904R SH25 Tairua, Whitianga
Area	1.2478 ha
Legal Description	Lot 8 DPS 34671 (1.0100ha) Lot 1 DP 37194 (0.2378ha) NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Harbour Lights Scenic Reserve - Whitianga



Harbour Lights Scenic Reserve - Whitianga

Reserve Classification	Scenic
Location	192A Buffalo Beach Road SH25, Whitianga
Area	1.8304 (ha)
Legal Description	Section 1 SO 523972 NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Pedestrian Link and Open Space)
Location	49 Centennial Drive, Whitianga
Area	0.0291 ha
Legal Description	Lot 27 DPS 73961 NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Hot Water Beach Esplanade – Hot Water Beach



Hot Water Beach Esplanade Reserve - Hot Water Beach

Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	51A Pye Place, Hot Water Beach
Area	0.6300 ha
Legal Description	Lot 5 DPS 56628 NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Esplanade)
Location	51A Pye Place, Hot Water Beach
Area	1.0000 ha
Legal Description	Lot 4 DPS 56628 NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Kaimarama River Esplanade - Kaimarama



Kaimarama River Esplanade - Kaimarama

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Esplanade)
Location	3220 SH25 Tairua-Whitianga, Kaimarama
Area	0.2023 ha
Legal Description	Lot 5 DPS 16902 Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(iv) Reserves Act 1977

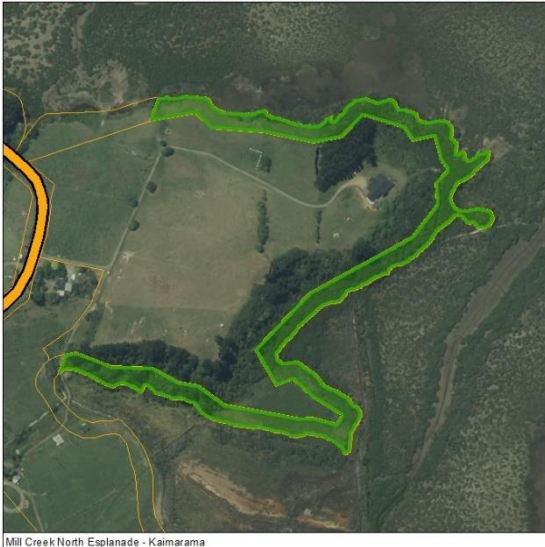
McNeil Esplanade – Cooks Beach



McNeil Esplanade - Cooks Beach

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Esplanade)
Location	75 Kopaki Point, Cooks Beach
Area	0.0422 ha
Legal Description	Lot 2 DPS 16791 Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(iv) Reserves Act 1977

Mill Creek North Esplanade – Kaimarama



Mill Creek North Esplanade - Kaimarama

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Esplanade)
Location	2710 SH25 Tairua-Whitianga, Kaimarama
Area	0.6600 ha
Legal Description	Lot 8 DPS 55175 NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Ngarahutunoa Stream - Whitianga



Ngarahutunoa Stream - Whitianga

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Esplanade)
Location	3319 SH25 Tairua-Whitianga, Whitianga
Area	2.1218ha
Legal Description	Lot 1 DPS 44436 (1.6168ha) NZ Gazette 2020 In 4925 Lot 6 DPS 44436 (0.5050ha) NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Ōkawa Grove - Whitianga



Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	10A Pōhutukawa Grove, Whitianga
Area	0.1338 ha
Legal Description	Lot 2 DPS 12997 Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(i) Reserves Act 1977

Orchard Road - Hāhei



Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	153A Orchard Road, Hāhei
Area	0.4356 ha
Legal Description	Lot 11 DPS 29829 NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

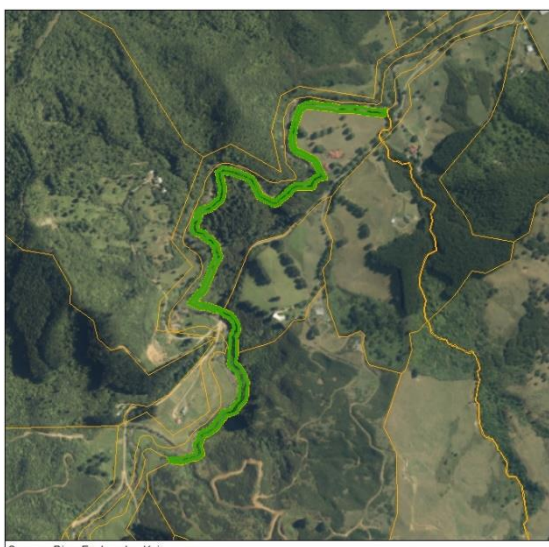
Oteao Stream Esplanade – Coroglen



Oteao Stream Esplanade - Coroglen

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Esplanade)
Location	1904R SH25 Tairua-Whitianga, Coroglen
Area	0.6400 ha
Legal Description	Lot 9 DPS 34671 (0.4000ha) Lot 10 DP 34670 (0.2400ha) NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Ounuora River Esplanade - Kaimarama



Ounuora River Esplanade - Kaimarama

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Esplanade)
Location	520R Mill Creek Road, Kaimarama
Area	3.74 ha
Legal Description	Lot 5 DPS 64973 NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Pa Road - Hāheī



Pa Road - Hāheī

Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	44 Pa Road, Hāheī
Area	0.1781 ha
Legal Description	Lot 9 DPS 29828 NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Pitoone Stream Esplanade – Kūaotunu West



Pitoone Stream Esplanade - Kūaotunu West

Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	19 Hilldale Crescent, Kūaotunu West
Area	0.1427 ha
Legal Description	Lot 9 DPS 13010 (0.0278ha) Lot 17 DPS 18570 (0.1149ha) Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(i) of the Reserves Act 1977

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Plantation)
Location	19 Hilldale Crescent, Kūaotunu West
Area	0.0758 ha
Legal Description	Lot 18 DPS 18570 Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(iv) of the Reserves Act 1977

Pūrangi Islands – Cooks Beach



Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	Opposite Pūrangi landing on the eastern side of the Pūrangi River – 212 Captain Cook Road Cook Beach
Area	1.983 ha
Legal Description	Section 30 Block XI Ōtama Survey District (1.4063 ha) Section 31 Block XI Ōtama Survey District (0.5767 ha) NZ Gazette 2020 In 4928

Pūrangi Landing – Cooks Beach



Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Esplanade)
Location	15A Pūrangi Landing, Cooks Beach
Area	0.1770 ha
Legal Description	Lot 2 DPS 15844 NZ Gazette 2020 In 4928

Pūrangi Road 50 – Whenuakite



Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	50 Pūrangi Road, Whenuakite
Area	1.8590 ha
Legal Description	Section 26 Block II Whitianga Survey District NZ Gazette 2020 In 4927

Tarapatiki Stream Esplanade (Ōhuka Farm Drive) – Whitianga



Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Esplanade)
Location	16A Centennial Drive, Whitianga
Area	1.1520 ha
Legal Description	Lot 2 DPS 33111 NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Te Punga Esplanade – Whangapoua



Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Esplanade)
Location	170F Te Punga Road, Whangapoua
Area	3.9750 ha
Legal Description	Lot 36 DPS 87447 NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Te Waiti Stream Esplanade - Whitianga



Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Esplanade)
Location	150A Buffalo Beach Road, Whitianga
Area	0.0754 ha
Legal Description	Lot 1 DPS 76904 Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(iv) Reserves Act 1977

Waiari Stream Esplanade – Kūaotunu West



Waiari Stream Esplanade - Kuaotunu West

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Esplanade)
Location	213 Bluff Road, Kūaotunu West
Area	0.2958 ha
Legal Description	Lot 2 DPS 12252 (0.0455ha) Lot 32 DPS 7707 (0.2503ha) Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(iv) Reserves Act 1977

Waipapa Esplanade – Whangapoua



Waipapa Esplanade - Whangapoua

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Esplanade)
Location	170E Te Punga Road, Whangapoua
Area	1.038 ha
Legal Description	Lot 32 DPS 87447 NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Waiwawa Esplanade – Coroglen



Waiwawa Esplanade - Coroglen

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Esplanade)
Location	1925 SH25 – Tairua-Whitianga, Coroglen
Area	0.0961 ha
Legal Description	Lot 3 DPS 7311 Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(iv) Reserves Act 1977

Weiti Stream Esplanade - Kaimarama



Weiti Stream Esplanade - Kaimarama

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Esplanade)
Location	3226A SH25 Tairua-Whitianga, Kaimarama
Area	12.5409 ha
Legal Description	Lot 2 DPS 49976 (3.0980ha) Lot 3 DPS 49976 (0.2050ha) Lot 8 DPS 64704 (0.6810ha) Lot 4 DPS 64704 (0.7620ha) Part Lot 3 DPS 64704 (7.9106ha) Lot 4 DP 36913 (0.0329ha) NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Whangapoua Harbour Esplanade – Te Rerenga



Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Esplanade)
Location	559A SH25 – Te Rerenga-Kūaotunu, Te Rerenga
Area	15.8 ha
Legal Description	Lot 3 DPS 65674 NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Whangapoua Road Reserve – Whangapoua



Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	1680 Whangapoua Road, Whangapoua
Area	0.5388 ha
Legal Description	Lot 4 DPS 47578 NZ Gazette 2020 In 4926

Appendix C: Other land maintained as open space

The areas of land covered in this appendix are maintained as open space but are either not subject to or have not been 'classified' as reserves under the Reserves Act 1977.

These areas are included for information only as an appendix to this reserve management plan and are not subject to submissions throughout the consultation process for this document.

Albert Street Esplanade - Whitianga



Location

98 Albert Street, Whitianga

Background

- This land provides a small area of esplanade access located off the end of South Highway East and adjacent to Robinson Road and Albert Street.

Management Actions

- a. Maintain area and beach access for day visitors.

Cuvier Beach – Kūaotunu West



Location

76 Bluff Road, Kūaotunu West

Background

- This land is road reserve between Rings Beach and Kūaotunu West.
- A recorded pa site (NZAA T10/180 – Headland pa) is located on the headland.
- A local community group has undertaken weed clearing and have formed a track to give better access to headland and beach.

Management Actions

- a. Maintain area and beach access for day visitors.

Grays Beach – foreshore – Kūaotunu West



Location

76 Bluff Road, Rings Beach,
Kūaotunu West

Background

- This area is road reserve and includes the beachfront dune areas at Kūaotunu West.
- There is a recorded archaeological site on the foreshore (NZAA - T10/651 midden).
- It is a popular destination for visitors and residents.
- Planting of native dune plants and trees have been undertaken to enhance the dune areas.
- Waikato Regional Council have assisted the restoration works by spraying target weed species in the dune areas.
- A rare native plant, the 'Milk Tree' / Turepo *Streblus hetrophyllus* has been found in this area.

Management Issues

- Sand blowouts have occurred in some areas which have been exacerbated by onshore winds and people accessing the beach over the dunes rather than using the formal beach access.
- The access steps go through an archaeological site (midden).
- A range of weed species, in particular asparagus fern, is found in the dunes.

Management Actions

- Maintain area and beach access for day visitors.
- Encourage visitors to use the formal beach access.

Jack Mills Beachfront – Ōpito Bay



Location

881 Black Jack Road, Ōpito Bay

Background

- This area is located adjacent to the Jack Mills Recreation reserve.
- Informal beach accesses have been created across this land.

Management Issues

- Although there is no formal arrangement in place, Council maintains the back-dune area on the Crown marginal strip adjacent to the Jack Mills reserve.
- Contractors have extended their mowing into areas of back-dune vegetation, which while providing easier access requires consideration insofar as managing the dune system in this area.

Management Actions

- a. Continue to maintain the area for day visitors.
- b. Formalise a process (and possible recompense) for Council maintaining Crown land.

Kūaotunu Hall - Kūaotunu



Location

10 & 12 Black Jack Road
Kūaotunu (Section 116 Block
II Ōtama SD, Section 67 Blk II
Ōtama SD)

Background

- The hall site was acquired under section 18 of the Mining Tenures Registration Act 1962.
- The building that comprises the main part of the hall was originally part of the old Kūaotunu school.
- The Kūaotunu school was built in 1892 on the Bald Spur Historic Reserve which is administered by DOC. It served the local community until its closure in 1946. In 1896, an 'infant room' was added on to the school building. In the 1940s the 'infant room' was moved to the current site and over the years has been extended and restored.
- The Kūaotunu Centennial Memorial Hall and Library and the surrounding land (Section 67 Blk II Ōtama SD) are registered on the Heritage New Zealand List/ Rārangī Korero (Category 2 item 4636) as a historic place.
- The hall is a Council facility which is currently administered by a local hall committee who have a funding arrangement with the Council.
- The Kūaotunu Kindergarten Charitable Trust lease the adjacent local purpose reserve (Section 116 Block II Ōtama SD - NZ Gazette 2020 In 4928). Their lease expires in May 2038.
- Market days and community events are held at this location.

Management Issues

- Management arrangements for local hall committees administering Council owned halls lack consistency across the district.

Management Actions

- a. Using a collaborative approach, investigate funding options and/or other management arrangements to reflect Council's desire for a consistent model that encapsulates all community administered Council halls and facilities.
- b. Continue to work with stakeholders and community groups to ensure that the historic site and heritage values are appropriately managed.

Kūaotunu Sports Domain - Kūaotunu



Location

154 SH25 – Kūaotunu-Wharekaho, Kūaotunu (Sections 136-137 Block II Ōtama SD)

Background

- This land is known as the Kūaotunu Sports Domain.
- It is Crown land that was set aside for conservation purposes.
- The land is part of a larger area which comprises the adjoining Council owned land (Lot 45 DPS 88074).
- Day to day management of the Crown land and the adjoining Council land is overseen by the Council.
- The infrastructure on the Crown land, which includes a public toilet facility/library, twin tennis courts and petanque court, has for the most part been built and funded by the body known as Kūaotunu Domain Board.

Management Issues

- The land is identified as Conservation Zone in the District Plan. Conservation Zone allows for 'informal recreation' as a permitted activity, but 'formal recreation' activities require resource consent.
- Neither Council or the Kūaotunu Domani Board have been formally appointed to control and manage this land.

Management Actions

- a. Work with the Crown (Department of Conservation) to resolve the issues related to the control and management of this land.
- b. Ensure that any further development of this land takes into account the zoning in the District Plan.
- c. Using a collaborative approach, work with the Kūaotunu Domain Board to formally disestablish their organisation and transfer any remaining funds to the Council.

Ōhuka (Brophy's Beach) – Whitianga



Location

150 Buffalo Beach Road,
Whitianga

Background

- This land provides a small area of road reserve located between Buffalo Beach Reserve (north of Taputapuatea Stream) and Buffalo Beach Reserve (Stormont Lane) adjacent to Robinson Road and Albert Street.
- A public toilet and small playground is located on the area.

Management Actions

- a. Maintain area and beach access for day visitors.

Ōpito Bay Beach South-Eastern End – Ōpito Bay



Location

Ōpito Bay Road, Ōpito Bay

Background

- This area is road reserve and includes all the beachfront area south of Stewart Stream bridge from Ohinau Drive through to Moore Crescent Reserve.
- There is a recorded archaeological site opposite 66 Ōpito Bay Road (NZAA - T10/170 midden).
- The main boat launching facility is located on this land, opposite Ohinau Drive. Tractors or 4wd vehicles launch and retrieve boats from this area because there is no formed (hard based) boat launching facility in Ōpito Bay.
- A grove of Pōhutukawas provides a popular picnic spot on this section of beachfront. Beside these trees there is a set of steps that provide access down the steep bank to the beach.

Management Issues

- Parking for trailers and vehicles is provided on a reserve at 6 Ohinau Drive, but many people park on the beach. This can cause congestion during peak times and can also impede access to the beach for other users.
- A number of Pōhutukawa trees along the beachfront have been topped to provide unobstructed sea views for neighbouring property owners.

Management Actions

- a. Investigate options and opportunities to restrict vehicle and trailer parking on the beach.
- b. Consult and work with neighbouring property owners when considering any future placement of trees to avoid further vandalism.

Pungarehu Street - Kūaotunu



Location

199 SH25-Kūaotunu
Wharekaho Road

Background

- This land is road reserve and is used to access the footbridge through to Black Jack Road.

Management Actions

- a. Maintain area for day visitors.

Quarry Point Boat Ramp - Kūaotunu



Location

85 Kūaotunu Wharekaho
Road

Background

- This land, originally Council land, was transferred to NZTA for roading purposes.
- The boat ramp was developed in 1972 and there is a public toilet facility on the land. NZTA has provided Council with a Licence to Occupy the area for the purpose of a boat ramp and public toilet facility.

Management Actions

- c. . Maintain the area for day visitors.

Rings Beach - Eastern End - Kūaotunu West



Location

174 Bluff Road, Rings Beach,
Kūaotunu West

Background

- This area is road reserve.
- It provides for access to the beach and is a popular area for launching kayaks.

Management Actions

- a. Maintain area for day visitors.

Rings Beach - Western End - Kūaotunu West



Location

230 Bluff Road, Rings Beach,
Kūaotunu West

Background

- This area is road reserve at the western end of Rings Beach.
- Formed into an off-road parking area with picnic facilities, it is popular with day visitors and people wanting to fish and snorkel the rocky shoreline.
- There is a recorded archaeological site on this land (NZAA - T10/641 midden).
- A local community group have undertaken a 'Coastcare' programme which has included weed control and dune plantings.
- A memorial observing the Malaya war is located on this land.

Management Issues

- Asparagus fern infestation through areas of the dunes.

Management Actions

- Maintain pedestrian access for day visitors, while encouraging a partnership approach with local volunteers to assist with maintaining the surrounding area.

Skippers Road Walkway – Ōpito Bay



Location

Skippers Road, Ōpito Bay (Lot
90 DP 539776)

Background

- This land was vested to Council via a residential subdivision in 2020.
- The walkway provides access to the north western end of the beach.

Management Actions

- a. Maintain accessway for day visitors.

Soldiers Memorial Park - Whitianga



Location

66 Albert Street, Whitianga
(Part Karamuramu Block)

Background

- This land was purchased by the Coromandel County Council as and for Soldiers Memorial Park in 1948 pursuant s12 Counties Amendment Act 1927. Section 12(2) of the said Act states that land acquired under this section is a public work within the meaning of the Public Works Act 1908.
- The park is located in the centre of the Whitianga township and receives considerable use from the community and visitors to the township.
- A focal point of the park is the World War II memorial which commemorates the local people who fought in the war.
- It is a poppy place location.
- Markets occur on the park throughout the year.

Management Issues

- Poor night lighting in the park.

Management Actions

- a. Maintain grass and facilities to an acceptable standard.

Stewart Stream – Ōpito Bay



Location

957 Black Jack Road Ōpito Bay
(Section 15 Block III
Ōtama Survey District)

Background

- This land on the north western side of Stewart Stream was originally road that was resumed by the Crown and declared Crown Land subject to the Land Act 1948 by NZ Gazette 1985 p 3938.
- It was subsequently set apart as a recreation reserve subject to the Reserves Act 1977 by NZ Gazette 1986 p 3640.
- There is a Council owned toilet facility and boat launching access on this land both of which are maintained by Council.
- The land on the eastern side of Stewart Stream is road reserve.
- Local residents have built a jetty for fishing on the eastern side of Stewart Stream.

Management Issues

- Council assets located on Crown land with no formal control and management arrangement.
- The toilet facility is substandard and relies on a water take from private property across the road.

Management Actions

- a. Formalise a process for managing Council assets on Crown land.

Stoney Creek - Whenuakite



Stoney Creek - Whenuakite

Location

1383 SH25 – Tairua -
Whitianga, Whenuakite (Lot 1
DPS 19447 - 1.0700ha)

Background

- . The land is located adjacent to Crown marginal strip.
- a. It contains native bush and a swimming hole and is regarded by locals as a hidden gem.
- b. A series of improvements and ongoing maintenance has resolved historic issues and provided an attractive area for people to recreate.

Management Issues

- c. Access from the state highway is dangerous, due to no turning lane or shoulder space in a high-speed environment.
- d. The extent of the reserve is not apparent to visitors and there is no wayfinding or signage information.

Management Actions

- a. Maintain area for day visitors.

Tangiora Ave Accessway to Christensen Reserve - Whangapoua



Location	127 Adams Road Whangapoua Lot 152 DPS 10456
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Background

- This land was vested to Council in 1966 and provides a pedestrian link from Christensen Reserve to Tangiora Ave, however it is not a reserve as s35(3) Counties Amendment Act 1961 states the accessway vests free from encumbrances.

Management Actions

- Maintain area to an acceptable standard.

Tarapatiki Stream Drainage - Whitianga



Location	16 Centennial Drive, Whitianga Lot 3 DPS 33111 (0.2500 ha)
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Background

- This land was vested to Thames-Coromandel District Council in 1983 and provides for an open stormwater drain to the Tarapatiki Stream.

Management Actions

- Maintain the area to an acceptable standard.

Te Puia – Hot Water Beach

The 2007 Reserve Management Plan (copied below for reference) remains in force until a separate reserve management plans is prepared through a process established jointly by Ngāti Hei and Council post settlement.

Hot Water Beach – Te Puia

Reserve Classification	Recreation	Area	4.8574 ha
Location	715 Hot Water Beach Road, Hot Water Beach	ID Number	
Current State	Category C: Neighbourhood Open Space	Legal Description	Sec 36 Blk III Whitianga SD
Future Use	Part Category E: Scenic / Bush Reserve Part Category C: Neighbourhood Open Space		NZ Gazette 1940 / 692
Reserve Classification	Recreation	Area	0.6923 ha
Location	720 Hot Water Beach Road, Hot Water Beach	ID Number	0483031800
Current State	Category E: Scenic / Bush Reserve	Legal Description	Lot 1 DP 23432
Future Use	Part Category E: Scenic / Bush Reserve Part Category C: Neighbourhood Open Space		NZ Gazette 1940 / 692
Reserve Classification	Recreation	Area	14.3158 ha
Location	720 Hot Water Beach Road, Hot Water Beach	ID Number	0483031800
Current State	Category C: Neighbourhood Open Space	Legal Description	Lot 2 DP 23432
Future Use	Part Category E: Scenic / Bush Reserve Part Category C: Neighbourhood Open Space		NZ Gazette 1940 / 692
Reserve Classification	Recreation	Area	1.4670 ha
Location	720 Hot Water Beach Road, Hot Water Beach	ID Number	0483031800
Current State	Category C: Neighbourhood Open Space	Legal Description	Lot 3 DP 23432
Future Use	Category C: Neighbourhood Open Space		NZ Gazette 1940 / 692
Asset Registry		Leases and Licences	



View from Pa site of beach area north of the hot water springs.

Background

- Te Puia is the Ngāti Hei name given to this area, referring to the hot water springs at the base of the cliff.
- Urupa (Maori burial sites) are located in the dunes on the south eastern side of this reserve.
- Hot Water Beach Domain (Te Puia) is Crown Land – NZ Gazette Notice 1940/692. The land was purchased under Part II of the Public Reserves, Domains, and National Parks Act, 1928.
- Te Puia is classified as a Recreation Reserve, pursuant to the reserves Act 1977 (GZ notice 1979/2525).
- Two pa sites are located upon the headlands of this reserve.
- Hot Water Beach is synonymous with the hot water springs that are found along the foreshore area at mid to low tide.

Reserve Issues

- The land is vested in the Council for management purposes only.
- Hot Water Beach is a site of national significance and is popular for day visitors and tourists. It is believed that visitor numbers are in excess of 100,000 per annum. The main carparking area at the Hot Water Beach settlement has reached capacity and is often over crowded.
- Additional carparking is provided at the northern end of this reserve, but this area is not well known.
- Local Hot Water Beach Lifeguard Service Inc wish to build clubrooms and storage facility on a northern part of the reserve.
- Upgraded public toilet facilities would be required when carparking in this area is re-designed.
- Access to beach can be washed out (along stream bed). Provision of better access is required.

Reserve Management Policy

- 9.17.2.1 Review management and vesting of land.
- 9.17.2.2 Implement the concept plan for the reserve detailing upgrades and development for the next ten years.
- 9.17.2.3 Consult with New Zealand Historic Places Trust with regard to the concept plan.
- 9.17.2.4 Reserve development is to be in keeping with the site's scenic and historic values.
- 9.17.2.5 Council to enter into a licence agreement for the Hot Water Beach Lifeguard Services facility to occupy part of the reserve.
- 9.17.2.6 Allow Hot Water Beach Lifeguard Services to build on an area adjacent to the northern carpark as indicated in the concept plan.
- 9.17.2.7 No accommodation is to be permitted in the Hot Water Beach Lifeguard Services building facility.
- 9.17.2.8 Allow the public beach access-way to also be used by emergency services and Hot Water Beach Lifeguard Services.
- 9.17.2.9 Integrate management of this reserve in conjunction with the Department of Conservation adjoining land.
- 9.17.2.10 Maintain the open space area upon the main headland, with vistas along the coastline.
- 9.17.2.11 Protect and enhance bush covered headlands.
- 9.17.2.12 Maintain track alongside Taiwawe Stream from roadside carpark to Hot Water Beach to a walking track standard.
- 9.17.2.13 No concessionaires are allowed to operate for more than 60 days upon this reserve.
- 9.17.2.14 Protect dune areas with low-key fencing and interpretation signage.
- 9.17.2.15 Liaise with Council Roading Department, to improve road signage to the northern visitor parking area.
- 9.17.2.16 Reserve objectives and policies as outlined in Document 1 apply.



Most visitors access the domain from the carpark at the Hot Water Beach settlement. Taiwawe Stream provides a barrier for some visitors.



The local surf club has proposed the siting of a clubhouse facility at the approximate position marked above.

Proposed Development	Cost Estimate	Funding	Priority [see key]
Implement concept plan as a staged project			MT

Priority Key

ST (Short Term) - Action completed within 2 years
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Map 7: Te Puia Reserve

This map identifies the management levels for Te Puia Reserve.

Areas outlined in orange are managed with a focus on neighbourhood open space – including the provision of public access and amenities.

Areas outlined in green are managed to protect and enhance the natural settings, allowing for the provision of public access.



Low tide is the popular visiting time for people to discover the hot water springs.



Groups "dig" there hot water pools beside each other, sharing in the resources of the springs.

Paparoa – Shakespeare Cliff – Cooks Beach

The 2007 Reserve Management Plan (copied below for reference) remains in force until a separate reserve management plan is prepared through a process established jointly by Ngāti Hei and Council post settlement.

Shakespeare Cliff Reserve

Reserve Classification	Historic and Scenic	Area	16.5703 ha
Location	984 Purangi Road, Cooks Beach	ID Number	483112700
Current State	Category E: Scenic & Historic Reserve	Legal Description	Pt Lot 1 DP 15405
Future Use	Category E: Scenic & Historic Reserve		NZ Gazette 1957 / 323

Reserve Classification	Historic and Scenic	Area	19.4265 ha
Location	984 Purangi Road, Cooks Beach	ID Number	483112600
Current State	Category E: Scenic & Historic Reserve	Legal Description	Pt Lot 1 DP 15405
Future Use	Category E: Scenic & Historic Reserve		NZ Gazette 1957 / 323

Asset Registry	Leases and Licences
Toilet	



Shakespeare Cliff looking across Flaxmill Bay from Maramaratotara Reserve.

Background

- This 35-hectare headland is designated as a Scenic and Historic Reserve. A plaque adjacent to the lookout commemorates Captain Cook's observation of the transit of Mercury in the area on 9th November 1769. Cook's actual viewing site was located at the eastern end of Cook's Beach. Captain Cook named this area Shakespeare Cliff.
- A memorial stone on the grass hill top records the visit of Queen Elizabeth II to this area in March 1969, to commemorate the bi-centennial of Captain Cook's visit to Mercury Bay.
- The reserve provides a significant landscape backdrop to Mercury Bay and is one of the most popular tourist destinations in the area.
- The reserve is covered in regenerating coastal forest, with pasture grasslands on the hilltop and southern slopes. These have recently been retired from cattle grazing and are being developed as a large relatively level mown open area on the summit with path access. Progressive revegetation of the steeper hillsides and margins is being undertaken.
- The tidal Cook Stream and Cooks Beach form an eastern boundary, with Flaxmill Stream and Beach creating a western boundary. Purangi Road forms the southern boundary.
- The area has a range of natural habitat values, including coastal forest, wetlands, freshwater streams, coastal cliffs, sandy beaches, exotic grasslands and enhanced native regeneration areas. The endangered thick leaved tree daisy (*Olearia pachyphylla*) is present in the low scrub on the coastal cliffs at Lonely Bay. Pest and weed control is required to maintain the scenic values of this reserve area.
- Walking tracks of various standards create access around the boundaries of the reserve. A footbridge links the area to Cooks Beach, with walking track access to Flaxmill Bay and Purangi Road.
- An archaeological pa site (T11/93) overlooks Mercury Bay.
- An archaeological midden site (T11/349) is located at Lonely Bay.

Reserve Issues

- This reserve, although not the site of Captain Cook's observation of the transit of Mercury, is an area of national significance. A decision needs to be made as to whether this significance is of low or high value. The management and control of this reserve could be undertaken by either local government (status quo for a low value national significance) or at a national government level.
- Vehicle Access: motor vehicle access is via a gravelled road approximately 750 metres long. This road is narrow, does not have good visibility or passing areas, and can become very corrugated (uneven).
- Vehicle safety and security of parked vehicles has been an issue.
- There is little or no public information on the background and features of the reserve.
- The reserve receives high levels of visitors, while the amenities and facilities are not of a standard to cater for these high levels of use.

Reserve Management Policy

- 9.7.2.1 Implement the concept plan for this reserve.
- 9.7.2.2 Reserve development is to be in keeping with the site's cultural, scenic and historic values and as a place of reflection.
- 9.7.2.3 Assess options for traffic management including signage and speed control measures.
- 9.7.2.4 Ensure the access road is maintained to a reasonable road surface at all times and roadside vegetation trimmed to maintain road safety sight lines, and to reduce potential fire risk.
- 9.7.2.5 Ensure parking areas are developed and maintained to provide well-drained, safe and well-situated places to park vehicles.
- 9.7.2.6 Ensure maps, brochures and signs provide correct and up-to-date information, including the identification of current safety hazards.
- 9.7.2.7 Ensure visitor facilities meet visitor needs and are in keeping with the scenic and historic values of the reserve.
- 9.7.2.8 Dogs are permitted on this reserve and must be retained on a lead at all times.
- 9.7.2.9 Allow for provision of water supply and storage for e.g., fire suppression, water supply or other purposes.
- 9.7.2.10 Enhanced native forest regeneration by the planting of eco-source species, found within the area that will attract native bird species.
- 9.7.2.11 Ensure plantings allow for 'view lines' to be maintained and amenity values enhanced, i.e. shade trees, bird attractants etc.
- 9.7.2.12 Maintain and/or developed walking tracks to the Department of Conservation (DOC) "short walk" standards.
- 9.7.2.13 Maintain the "open space" area of exotic grassland on the top of the hill site that is suitable for informal gatherings, picnics etc.
- 9.7.2.14 Protect any endangered plant species found within the reserve.



Lonely Bay is a popular day visit location.



Wilding pines will require future control

9.7.2.15 Comply with Environment Waikato Regional Pest Management Strategy "noxious animals and plants" recommendations and maintain vigilance against re-infestation. Control sites of adjacent reinfestation where these are on public lands, and encourage neighbouring landowners to reduce these on their lands.

9.7.2.16 No concessionaires to operate from or across this reserve.

9.7.2.17 Reserve objectives and policies as outlined in Document 1 apply.

Proposed Development	Cost Estimate	Funding	Priority [see key]
Implement concept plan as a staged project			O
Viewing platform			MT
Upgrade roading			MT
Upgrade walking tracks			MT

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CP (Completed) - Action has been carried out

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