



Thames and Thames Coast 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 and future 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 draft Thames and Thames Coast Reserves Management Plan applies to all reserves in the Thames and Thames Coast area administered by Thames-Coromandel District Council that are covered by the Reserves Act 1977.

This management plan replaces any previously prepared Thames and Thames Coast reserve management plan.

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

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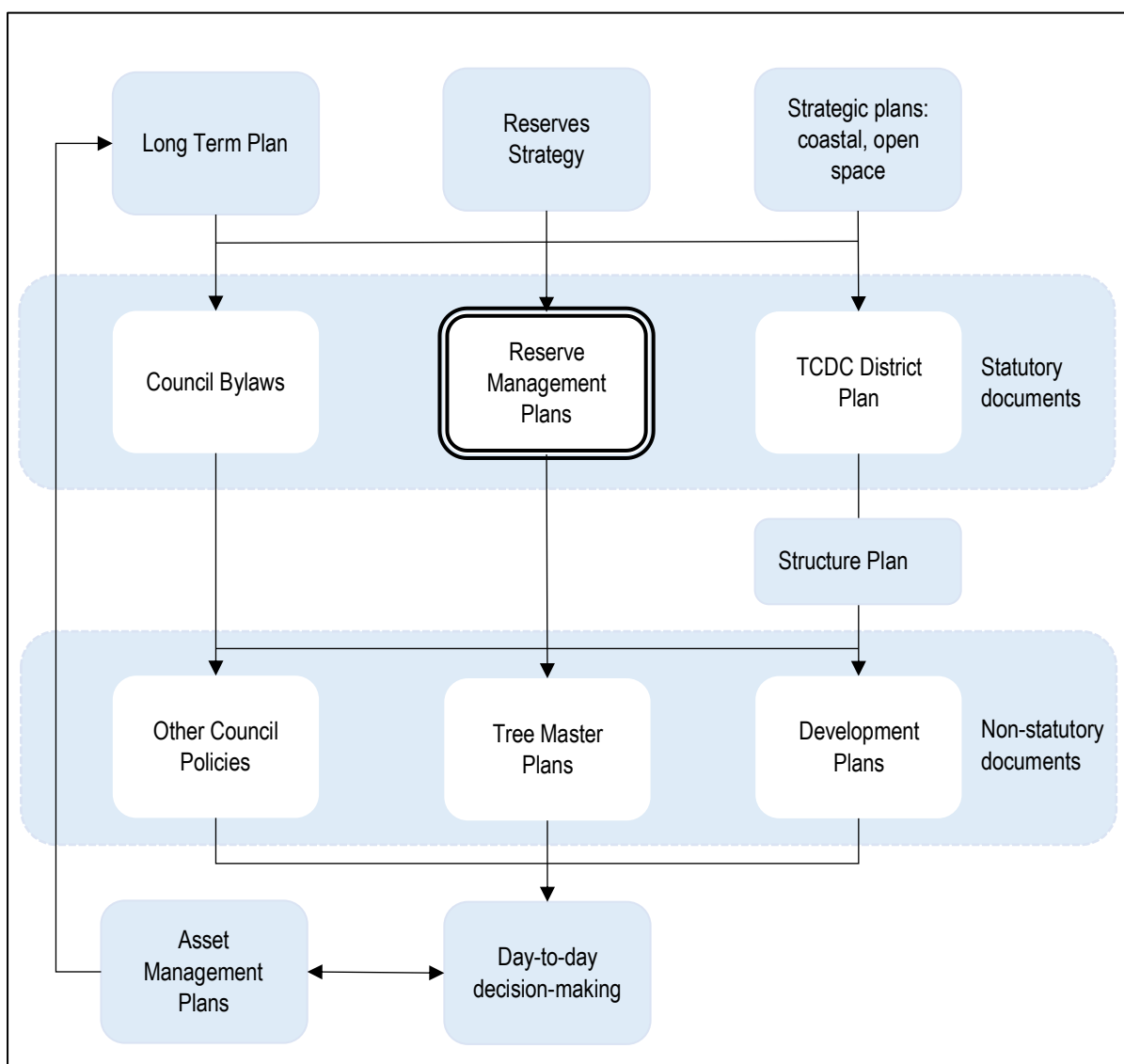
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Relationship with Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan

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 Councils 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 the 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 Councils delegations register to determine if they have the authority to make decisions in accordance with the policies in this management plan.

The Thames and Thames Coast 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 Thames and Thames Coast 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 Thames and Thames Coast Reserve Plan Area

The Thames community area stretches from Waikawau Bay in the north, through the communities of Te Mata, Tapu, Waiomu, Te Puru, Ngarimu, Tararu, Thames, the Kauaeranga Valley, Totara, Kopu, Matatoki, Puriri and south to Hikutaia. All of these locations were home to Iwi and hapū at different times of the year, dependent upon the season and the resources available.

Descendants of Marutūahu, are identified through 12 different iwi who have residence and mana over the Coromandel peninsula and Hauraki Plains. Ngāti Maru, Ngāti Whanaunga and Ngāti Tamaterā are some of the key tribes of the Marutūahu confederation (Hauraki iwi) within the Thames Community Board area. Through the Treaty Settlement, many of the well-known beach and coastal areas that were originally occupied by the Marutūahu tribes, will in the future be returned and/or co-managed with Hauraki iwi.

Captain James's Cook arrival at the Coromandel Peninsula in early November 1769 and subsequent exploration of the peninsula, included anchoring at Waiomu on the 19 November 1769, and on the 20th November travelling by longboat up the Waihou River for 14 miles in search of timber for masts and spars for the Admiralty. Cook named the river 'The Thames, as it reminded him of the river Thames in Greenwich, England, and also named the Firth of Thames, known to Iwi as Tikapa Moana-o-Hauraki.

Thames came into existence when gold was discovered in 1867 in the lower Kauaeranga valley, at the south-east corner of the Firth of Thames. The goldfield lifted Auckland out of the economic depression that followed the withdrawal of imperial troops and transfer of the colony's capital to Wellington in 1865.

The government chose Shortland, at the mouth of the Kauaeranga River, for the town. Meanwhile, many miners occupied Tookeys Flat on the Kuranui Stream, in order to be close to the gold workings. In 1868 Auckland entrepreneur Robert Graham purchased the land in between, which became Grahamstown. The three towns combined to form Thames. Thames was at one time (mid 1870's) the second-largest settlement in New Zealand, behind Dunedin and ahead of Auckland.

A major catchment of the Coromandel Peninsula is the Kauaeranga Valley, located inland from Thames. It is an area of deep ravines and high peaks.

An intake at Hoffman's Pool on the Kauaeranga River provided water to and along a water race into Thames for driving the stamper batteries during the gold mining period, and later for early power generation.

Kauri in the Kauaeranga Valley were heavily worked by bushmen in the 1910s and 1920s. They built more than 50 dams on the river's tributaries. Booms were located about halfway down the valley to protect farmland. From there an 18-km tramway bypassed the lower section of the river to Kōpū.

North of Thames

The coast north of Thames is characterised by many pōhutukawa, which are found along the whole coastline. Significant areas of flat land are only found on the coast at the mouths of the Te Puru, Waiomu, Tapu and Waikawau streams.

Ngārimu Bay is named after 2nd Lieutenant Moananui-a-Kiwa Ngārimu, who was posthumously awarded a Victoria Cross in 1943.

Te Puru, 12 km north of Thames on State Highway 25, was subdivided in the 1950s. It was built on stream-mouth alluvial deposits. Gold workings in the area were unsuccessful.

John Logan Campbell, who is best-known as an early Auckland settler, spent three months at Waiomu before he shifted to Waitematā. The Monowai quartz reef up the Waiomu Valley was mined until the 1930s. Waiomu is known for its domain and ancient reclining pōhutukawa.

Tapu, was the earliest coast township; 500 miners were digging in the Tapu valley by 1869. Much of the gold could be sluiced from hillsides, as well as being mined.

South of Thames

The narrow fringe of lowlands on the eastern side of the Waihou River between Paeroa and Thames is made up of a series of alluvial fans deposited by rivers flowing westwards from the Coromandel Range.

From 1867 Māori supporters of the Māori King movement in Hauraki resisted European expansion south of Ōmāhu (between Pūriri and Hikutaia), but in 1882 the chief Tukukino allowed a road to be built through Kōmata.

Gold was found at Maratoto in 1887 and in the Kōmata valley in 1891, but in quantities much smaller than those of the Karangahake and Waitekauri finds. Mining ended at Kōmata in 1913 and at Maratoto in 1927.

Since then the flat and swamp lands have been developed into intensive farming operations.

Reserves are scattered throughout the district's towns and settlements and have been vested to Council under various forms of legislation over a substantial period of time. Some of these reserves are not publicly accessible, whilst others are not fit for purpose. Through the process of preparing this plan, Council may identify some reserves where it is thought that public value and benefit may require further consideration with a view to possible revocation and disposal.

An area rich in history and archaeological sites

The Thames and Thames Coast area has a rich history and high concentration of Māori and early European archaeological sites. Some of the reserves in the Thames and Thames Coast area contain historic sites or recorded archaeological sites while others may contain unrecorded archaeological sites and / or subsurface archaeological remains.

We need to carefully manage how we recognise, protect and celebrate this rich history while balancing the need to provide for recreational opportunities and uses.

Reserve Management and Use

All reserves are classified and are 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 reserve classification;
- (ii) the physical setting and size of a reserve;
- (iii) social use of a reserve;
- (iv) infrastructure provided; and
- (v) what 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 New Zealand Recreation Association (now known as 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.

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 and possible future recreational linkages.

Appendix C: identifies land maintained as open space that in most cases is either not subject to or has not been 'classified' as a reserve under the Reserves Act 1977 yet is managed under the general reserves' maintenance contract. Some of these areas are within the road corridors adjacent to beaches located around the coastal margins of the peninsula.

Reserve Name – what is the reserve known as



Aerial map of reserve identifying parcel boundaries of the reserve.

Other pictures may include views of the reserve or particular features

Management Focus	NZRA Classification
Reserve Classification	Reserve Act classification, e.g. Recreation
Location	Actual / approximate street or road address
Area	Size of reserve in hectares and square metres
Property No.	TCDC land valuation number relating to this parcel of land
Legal Description	Land title description
	Lists any NZ Gazette notices in reference to this reserve

Leases and Licences
Details any particular leases for this reserve area and the expiry date of this lease

Background

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

Reserve Issues

- Details any particular issues in relation to this reserve

Management Actions

- Identifies operational actions that relate to the particular reserve

Reserve Management Policy

- Site specific policies that relate to the particular reserve

Proposed Development	Funding
Identifies proposed development for the reserve area	

Thames and Thames Coast Reserve Location Maps

The following pages provide an overview of the location of all reserves across the Thames and Thames Coast area. Refer to Index for details on each individual reserve. The following maps show reserves located in each of the areas below:

- Waikawau
- Te Mata – Tapu
- Tapu Coroglen
- Ruamahunga – Waiomu
- Te Puru
- Thornton Bay - Ngarimu Bay
- Tararu
- Thames - Parawai
- Kauaeranga Valley – Kopu Hikuai
- Totara – Kopu
- Matatoki – Puriri
- Hikutaia

Overview Summary Map



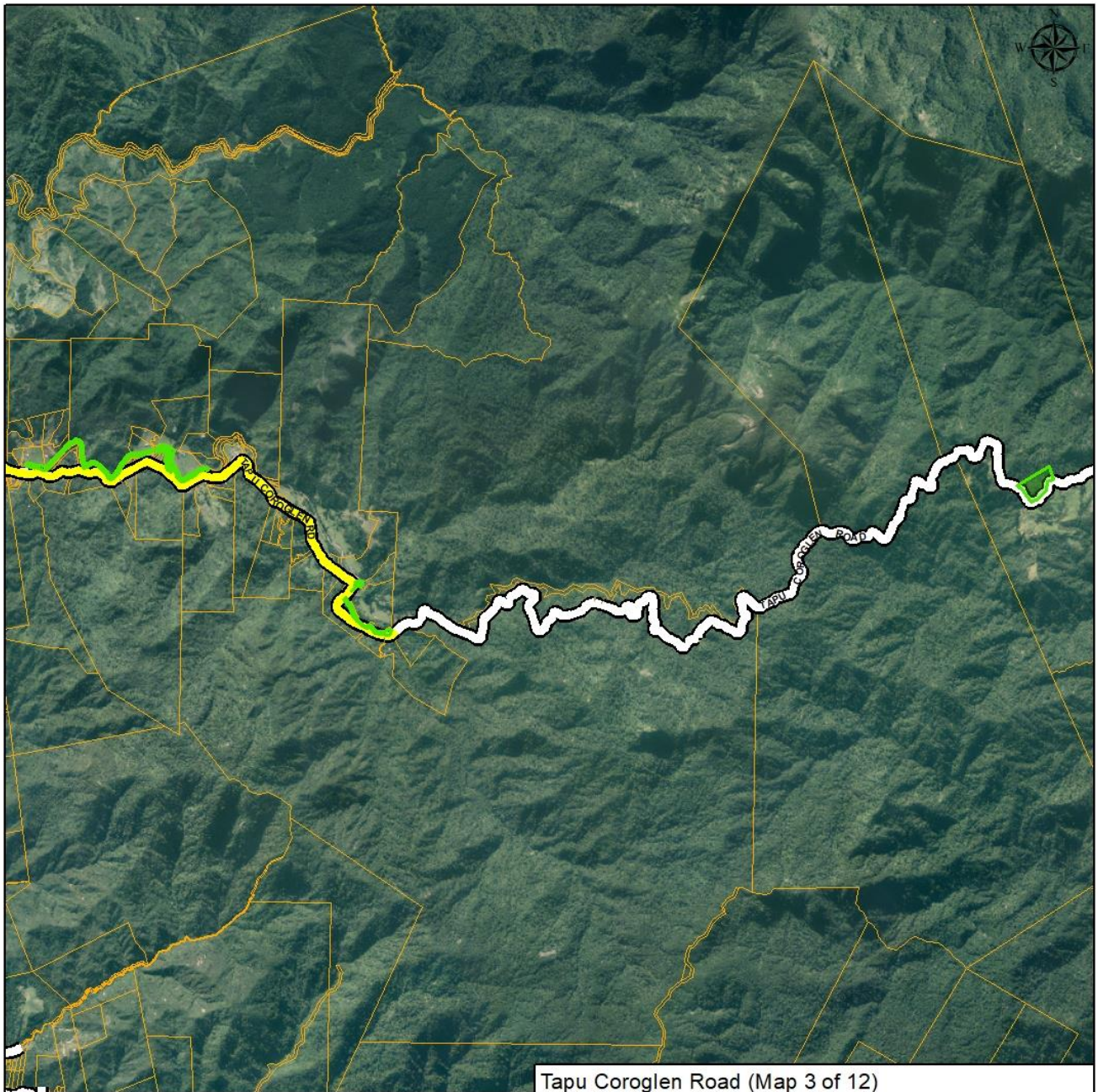
Map 1: Waikawau



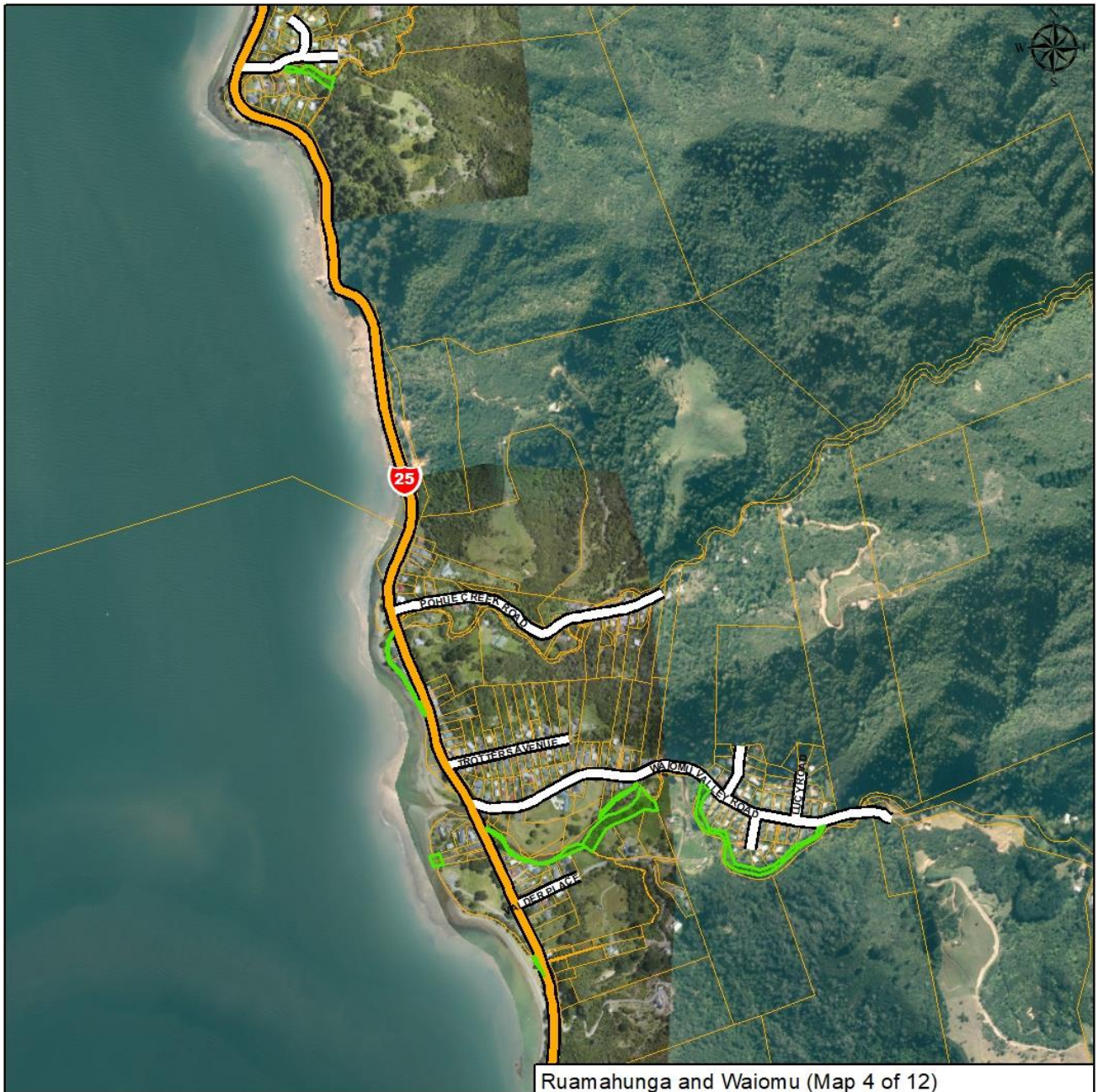
Map 2: Te Mata – Tapu



Map 3: Tapu Coroglen Road



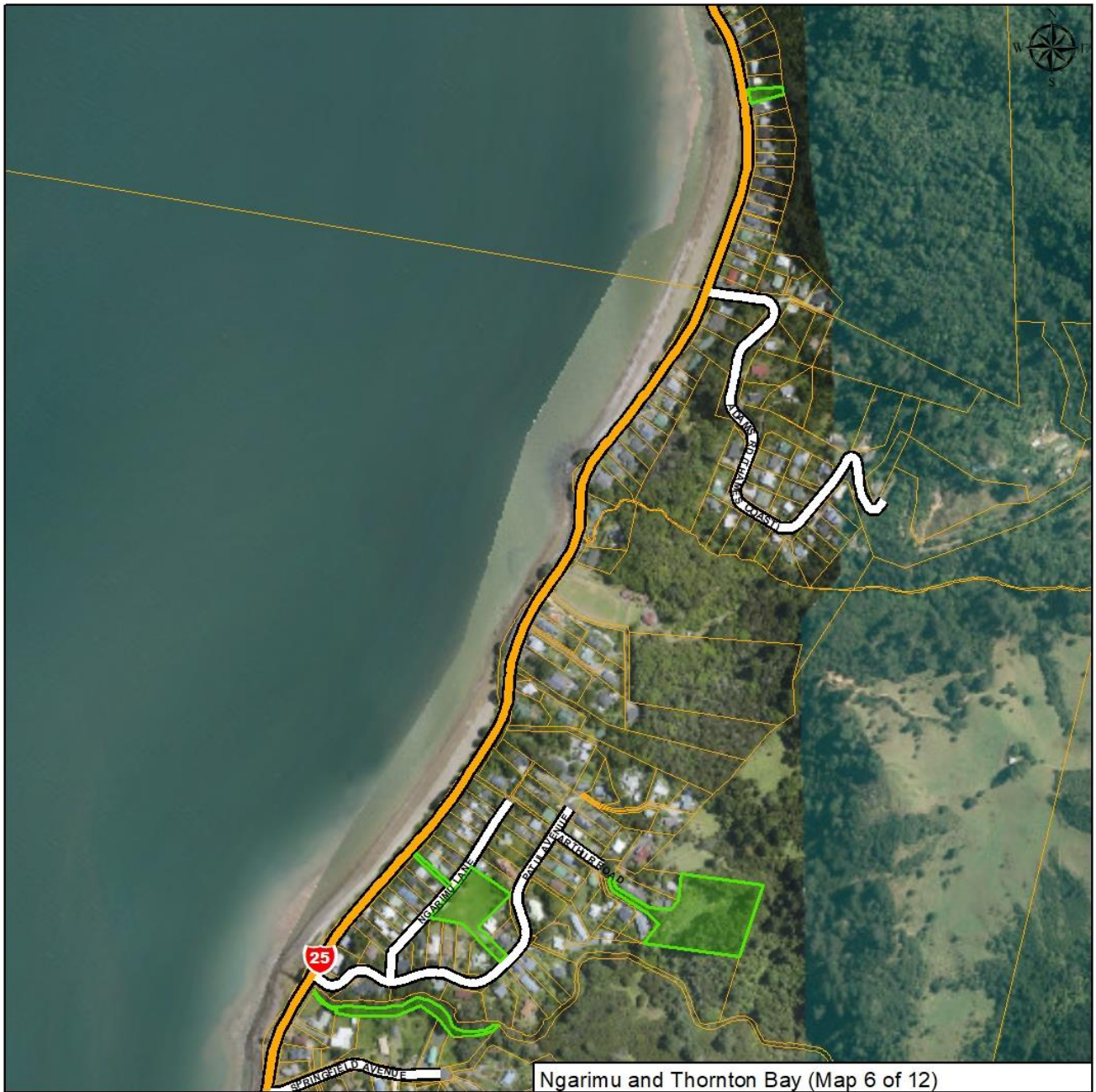
Map 4: Ruamahunga – Waiomu



Map 5: Te Puru



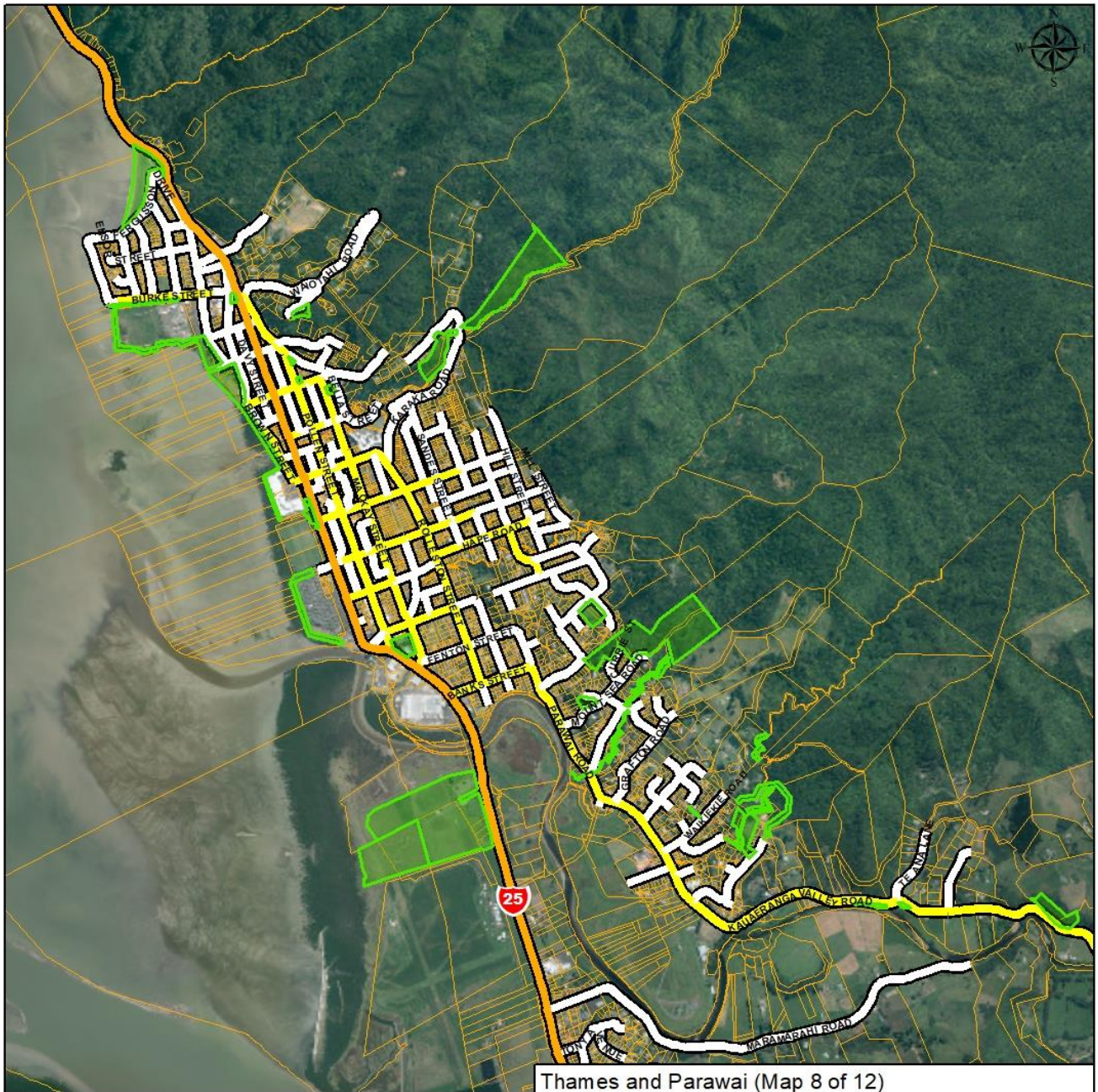
Map 6: Ngarimu Bay – Thornton Bay



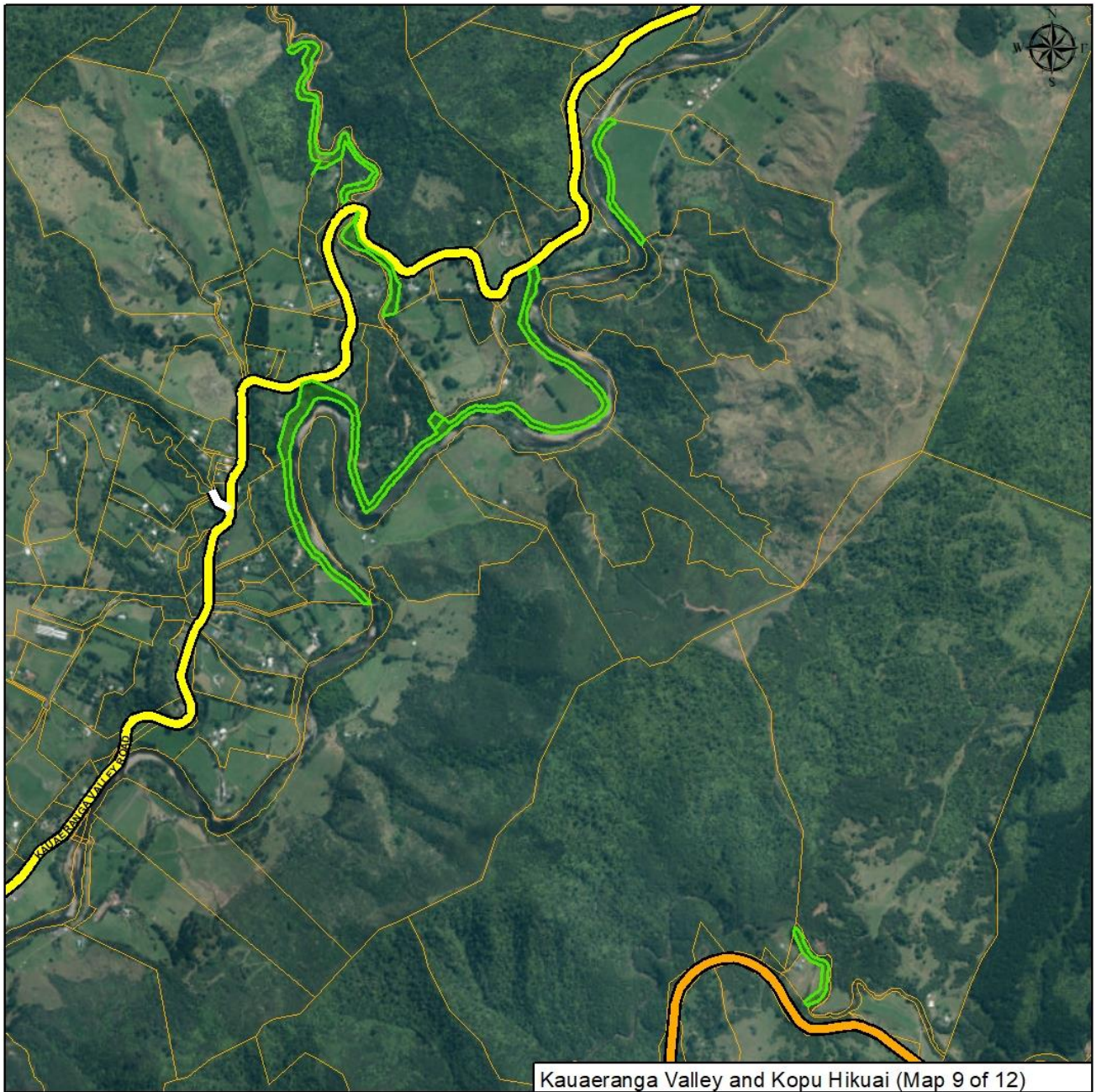
Map 7: Tararu



Map 8: Thames – Parawai



Map 9: Kauaeranga Valley – Kopu-Hikui Road



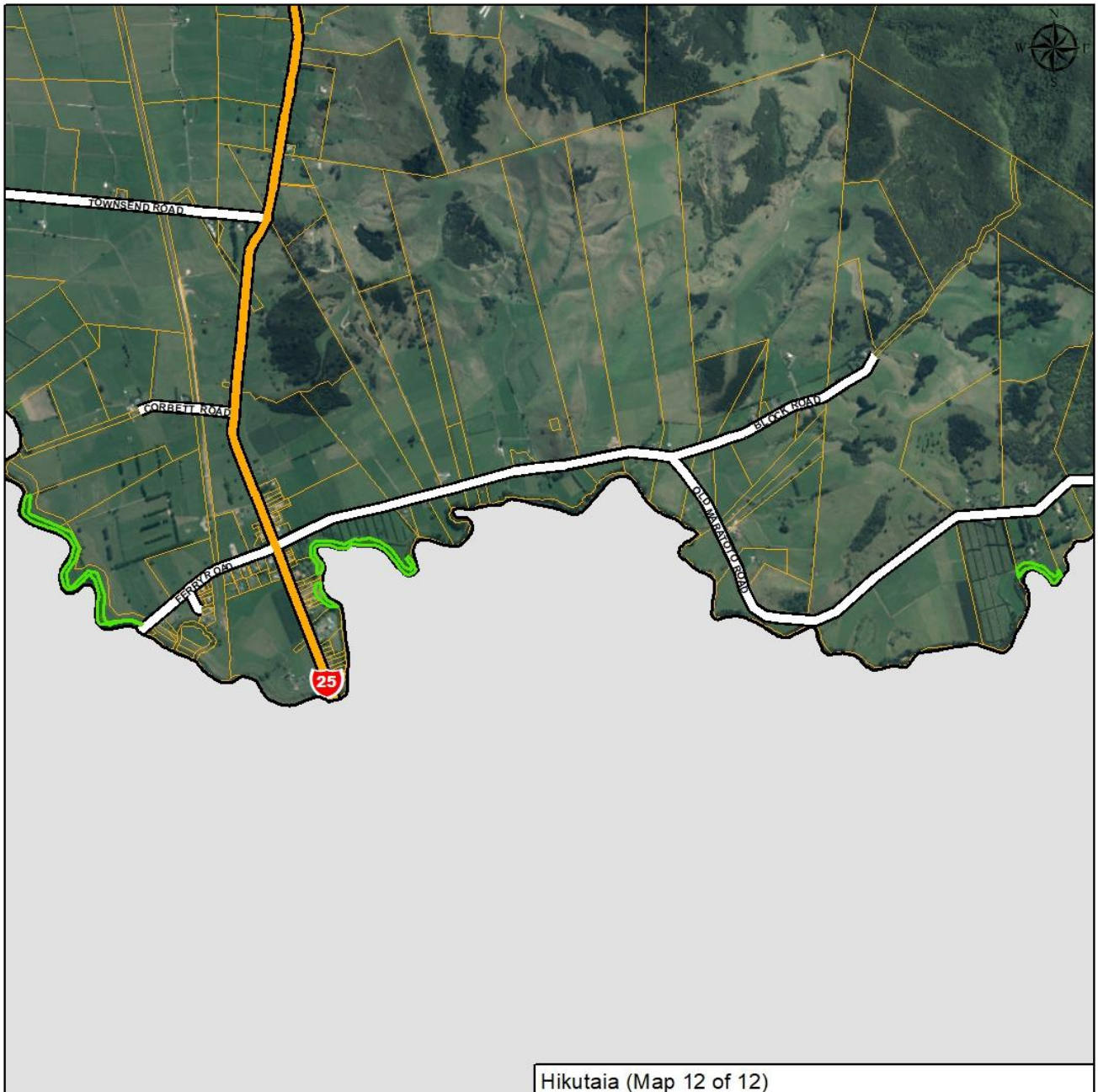
Map 10: Totara – Kopu



Map 11: Matatoki – Puriri



Map 12: Hikutaia



Hikutaia (Map 12 of 12)

Reserves subject to Treaty settlement

Under the deed of settlement between Ngāti Tamaterā and the Crown the parcels of reserve land in table two, which were included in an individual reserve management plan in the 2006 Thames and Thames Coast Reserve Management Plan, will be transferred to Ngāti Tamaterā.

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 Tamaterā 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 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. Please see copies of the relevant 2007 reserve management plans below.

Table 2 Individual Reserve Management Plans subject to Treaty Settlement

2006 Reserve Management Plan	Reserve Management Plan Status
Tapu Domain and beachfront Reserves	The individual Reserve Management Plan remains in effect for the following parcels of reserve land: Legal Description Part Section 71 Block XI Hastings SD Part Section 54 Block XI Hastings SD
Te Mata North Reserve	The individual Reserve Management Plan remains in effect for the following parcels of reserve land: Legal Description: Lot 4 DPS 5052
Te Puru Beachfront Reserves	The individual Reserve Management Plan remains in effect for the following parcels of reserve land: Legal Description: Lot 1 DP 15310 Section 12, 22, 23 and 50 Town of Unuarei
Waiomu Domain and Reserves	The individual Reserve Management Plan remains in effect for the following parcels of reserve land: Legal Description: Waiomu 2B1C1B Block Lot 8 and 9 DP 25599
Waikawau Reserve	The individual Reserve Management Plan remains in effect for the following parcels of reserve land: Legal Description: Part Section 28 Block VI Hastings SD

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

Tapu Domain and Beachfront Reserves

Reserve Classification	Recreation.	Area	0.0489 ha.
Location	701A Thames Coast Road, Tapu.	ID Number	0491029300.
Current State	Category A: Community Open Space.	Legal	Lots 1 & 2 DPS 23986
Future Use	Category A: Community Open Space.	Description	NZ Gazette 1983/496.
Reserve Classification	Recreation.	Area	0.6450 ha.
Location	701B Thames Coast Road, Tapu.	ID Number	0491029200.
Current State	Category A: Community Open Space.	Legal	Lot 1 DPS 14344, Sec 28
Future Use	Category A: Community Open Space.	Description	Hastings Town Blk IX ML 20473.
Reserve Classification	LPR – Esplanade.	Area	0.6450 ha.
Location	3 Wharf Road, Tapu.	ID Number	0491028600.
Current State	Category A: Community Open Space.	Legal	Lot 1 DPS 14344, Sec 28
Future Use	Category A: Community Open Space.	Description	Hastings Town Blk IX ML 20473. NZ Gazette 1965/864.
Reserve Classification	Recreation.	Area	0.0182 ha.
Location	2A Wharf Road, Tapu.	ID Number	0491028400.
Current State	Category A: Community Open Space.	Legal	Lot 1 DPS 32058 Blk XI
Future Use	Category A: Community Open Space.	Description	Hastings SD.
Reserve Classification	Recreation.	Area	1.8309 ha.
Location	723 Thames Coast Road, Tapu.	ID Number	
Current State	Category A: Community Open Space.	Legal	Section 54, Blk X, Hastings SD.
Future Use	Category A: Community Open Space.	Description	

Asset Registry	Lease and Licences
Lavatory block.	Campground lease.

Background

- Originally named Waipatukahu after the river where fine garments were washed on the river stones by a gentle beating process. The area became tapu after the slaughter of many tribes' people of Ngati Tamatera carried out by Ngati Hei and Nga-Te Rangi of Tauranga. Many bodies still remain buried there.
- Maori tribal settlement was widely distributed over the whole area because of the vast food resources.
- An area of land (about 5 acres) was purchased from A. E. Dodd in the 1920's as a memorial to those who fell in the First World War. The ground was used for football and cricket and each New Years Day a large sports meeting was held, organised by the Tapu Sports Committee. This land then became under the control of the Thames County Council.
- In 1945 the County was approached and the first Tapu Flat Domain Board was formed, and administration of this land handed over to the Board. After the Second World War the Tapu Progressive Society held meetings with the view to building a community hall. Trees were sourced from Crown land up the Tapu Hill road and building of the hall began with voluntary labour in 1948 and was completed in 1949.
- Tapu Flat Domain Board established the adjoining campground in the 1960's in order to maintain the hall and grounds. Lease money is used for maintaining and upgrading the hall.
- The 1989 Final Reorganisation Scheme of the Local Government Commission saw the control of the Tapu Flat Domain Board subsumed by Council.
- The Tapu Hall is the home of the Kings' Empire Veterans.

Reserve Issues

- Dumping of hard-fill along beachfront and stream banks.
- Clarification of land ownership and lease areas is required – defining of boundaries.
- Some areas are flood prone.
- Boat launching over reserve area is impacting/destroying shellfish beds.
- Lavatories need refurbishment or removal, subject to TCDC engineering review.
- Noxious plants need removal.
- Boundary of campground needs defining in relation to flood protection areas required.
- Permanent occupation of campground sites requires management in relation to the Campground regulations 1985.

Reserve Management Policy

- 9.15.2.1 Develop a concept plan for this whole area.
- 9.15.2.2 Develop amenity areas for public use.
- 9.15.2.3 Retain open space nature of area.



Tapu beachfront looking north from SH 25.



BBQ facilities are in need of replacement



Shade and shelter is limited to trees on boundary

- 9.15.2.4 Designate boat launching to two areas: one north-west facing area and one south-west facing area.
- 9.15.2.5 Dissolve Tapu Flat Domain Board and form a Tapu Domain Advisory Group or Incorporated Trust.
- 9.15.2.6 Horses prohibited on reserve.
- 9.15.2.7 Protect known wahi tapu sites.
- 9.15.2.8 Reduce permanent dwellings in campground.
- 9.15.2.9 Undertake control of noxious plants along beachfront area.
- 9.15.2.10 General Reserve objectives and policies apply.

Proposed Development	Funding	Priority [see key]
Landscaping of area.	Rates	MT
Refurbishment if required of lavatory block on Tapu Beachfront Reserve.	Rates	MT

Priority Key

ST (Short Term) - Action completed within 2 years MT (Medium Term) - Action completed within 2-4 years
 LT (Long Term) - Action commenced after 4 years O (Ongoing) - Action is carried out on a regular basis for the life of this Plan of Management
 C (Commenced) - Action has commenced CP (Completed) - Action has been carried out

Te Mata North Reserves

Reserve Classification	Recreation.	Area	0.2185 ha.
Location	801 Thames Coast Road, Te Mata.	ID Number	0491016600.
Current State	Category C: Neighbourhood Open Space.	Legal Description	Lot 4 DPS 5052 Blk XI Hastings SD.
Future Use	Category C: Neighbourhood Open Space.		

Reserve Classification	Unclassified.	Area	0.4502 ha.
Location	801 Thames Coast Road, Te Mata.	ID Number	
Current State	Category C: Neighbourhood Open Space.	Legal Description	Sec 122 MLP 13212.
Future Use	Category C: Neighbourhood Open Space.		

Asset Registry	Leases and Licences
Rubbish bins.	NA

Background

- Te Mata was the site of a battle waged between Nga-Te Rangi of Tauranga assisted by Ngati Hei and Ngati Tamatera.

Reserve Issues

- Vehicle access across beach has an impact on the local shellfish beds.

Reserve Management Policy

- 9.19.2.1 Exclude vehicles from beachfront area of reserve.
- 9.19.2.2 Investigate addition of adjoining accretion land into reserve.
- 9.19.2.3 Retain open space character of area.
- 9.19.2.4 General Reserve objectives and policies apply.

Proposed Development	Funding	Priority [see key]
No proposed development.		

Te Puru Beachfront Reserves

Reserve Classification	Recreation.	Area	2.2456 ha.
Location	1 Seaview Avenue, Te Puru.	ID Number	0491077600.
Current State	Category C: Neighbourhood Open Space.	Legal Description	Sec 23 & 50 Unuarei Town Blk XIV Hastings SD.
Future Use	Category C: Neighbourhood Open Space.		

Reserve Classification	Recreation.	Area	0.4352 ha.
Location	21A Seaview Avenue, Te Puru.	ID Number	491076800.
Current State	Category C: Neighbourhood Open Space.	Legal Description	Sec 12 & 22 Unuarei Town, Blk XIV Hastings SD.
Future Use	Category C: Neighbourhood Open Space.		

Reserve Classification	Recreation.	Area	0.0938 ha.
Location	43 Seaview Avenue, Te Puru.	ID Number	491079700.
Current State	Category C: Neighbourhood Open Space.	Legal Description	Sec 1 Unuarei Town, Blk XIV Hastings SD.
Future Use	Category C: Neighbourhood Open Space.		NZ Gazette 1962/594.

Reserve Classification	Recreation.	Area	0.3080 ha.
Location	31 Aputa Avenue, Te Puru.	ID Number	491075602.
Current State	Category C: Neighbourhood Open Space.	Legal Description	Lot 3 DPS 90917 Hastings SD.
Future Use	Category C: Neighbourhood Open Space.		

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose Reserve – Esplanade.	Area	0.3080 ha.
Location	31 Aputa Avenue, Te Puru.	ID Number	491075300.
Current State	Category C: Neighbourhood Open Space.	Legal Description	Lot 6 DPS 3688 Hastings SD.
Future Use	Category C: Neighbourhood Open Space.		

Reserve Classification	Recreation.	Area	0.2911 ha.
Location	9A Sarjants Road, Te Puru.	ID Number	0491072100.
Current State	Category C: Neighbourhood Open Space.	Legal Description	Lot 24 DPS 1664 Blk XIV Hastings SD.
Future Use	Category C: Neighbourhood Open Space.		



Reserve Classification	Recreation.	Area	0.6082 ha.
Location	501A Thames Coast Road, Te Puru.	ID Number	0491088300.
Current State	Category C: Neighbourhood Open Space.	Legal Description	Sec 47 Unuarei Town, Blk XIV Hastings SD.
Future Use	Category C: Neighbourhood Open Space.		

Asset Registry		Leases and Licences	
Lavatory Block.		Te Puru Boat Club.	33 years, Expires October 2032.

Background

- Te Puru was regarded as being one of the most important settlements of the Ngati Tamatera and many **hapu** were in occupation. The **wide open** flat land was known as Te Aputa and was extensively cultivated. Te Puru and other coastal settlements became the focal point of muster during times of seasonal fishing and gathering of shellfish.
- There are many cultural and wahi tapu sites around the beachfront area.
- Esplanade reserves were formed as land was subdivided.

Reserve Issues

- Dumping of hard-fill, garden refuse and rubbish along beachfront.
- Pest control – rabbits.
- Beachfront linkages – linking reserve areas along esplanade strips.
- Boat ramp.
- Parts of Reserve can be under threat of possible sea and river flood events.
- Access – potholes in carpark area, and area around boat ramp.
- Lavatory is not up to standard. Future of lavatory in line with upcoming assessment district wide.
- Significant trees around beachfront – should be identified on a tree register.
- Beachfront properties, including gardens and structures, encroachment onto beachfront reserves.
- Noted: building encroachment at 3 Sarjants Road. Encroachment issue to be resolved by Council.

Reserve Management Policy

- 9.21.2.1 Develop a concept plan for the beachfront reserve areas, identifying possible facilities and planting plans.
- 9.21.2.2 Allow for the provision of Public lavatory facilities required for reserve and boat ramp users.
- 9.21.2.3 Retain open space **areas** and prohibit encroachment onto reserves.
- 9.21.2.4 Record large **pohutakawas** on District Tree Register.
- 9.21.2.5 Survey and mark property boundaries along esplanade reserve.
- 9.21.2.6 Retain public access along beachfront esplanade reserves.
- 9.21.2.7 Formalise boat ramp parking facilities.
- 9.21.2.8 Undertake control of noxious weeds along beachfront area.
- 9.21.2.9 General Reserve objectives and policies apply.

Proposed Development	Funding	Priority [see key]
Landscaping and amenities.	Rates/Reserve	MT
Lavatory upgrade.		

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Beachfront area looking south.



Large Pohutukawa on area north of boat ramp.



Waiomu Domain and Reserves

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose Reserve – esplanade.	Area	0.0450 ha.
Location	601C Thames Coast road, Waiomu.	ID Number	0491055200.
Current State	Category A: Community Open Space.	Legal Description	Lot 3 DPS 30882, Lot 3 DPS 33150.
Future Use	Category A: Community Open Space.		

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose Reserve – esplanade.	Area	1.4736 ha.
Location	601A Thames Coast road, Waiomu.	ID Number	0491057201.
Current State	Category A: Community Open Space.	Legal Description	LOT 1 DP 33672 BLK XIV HASTINGS SD.
Future Use	Category A: Community Open Space.		

Reserve Classification	Recreation.	Area	2.1672 ha.
Location	614 Thames Coast Road, Waiomu.	ID Number	0491057201.
Current State	Category A: Community Open Space.	Legal Description	LOTS 8 & 9_1 DP 25599 HASTINGS SD.
Future Use	Category A: Community Open Space.		

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose Reserve – esplanade.	Area	0.4388 ha.
Location	7A Valder Place, Waiomu.	ID Number	0491057201.
Current State	Category A: Community Open Space.	Legal Description	LOT 2 DPS 49601.
Future Use	Category A: Community Open Space.		

Asset Registry	Leases and Licences
Lavatory block/changing rooms.	
Picnic tables and bbq's.	
Children's playground.	

Background

- Waiomu provided an ideal area for hapu of Ngati Tamatera to live with its sheltered water and valleys.
- An area of the domain is where waka were pulled ashore and is the site where Captain James Cook's cutter was beached when visiting the area.
- Logan Campbell, (the founding father of Auckland) and his partner William Brown lived with the people there in 1840 and found them very friendly and obliging.
- Around 1935 local residents raised money to purchase reserve area of land. Local community have ownership of land area.
- Bricks were donated to build ablution block building.
- Originally managed by the Waiomu Domain Board, with membership from the Thames County Council, Thames borough Council and Hauraki Plains County Council. The area now has a Waiomu Domain Committee.

Reserve Issues

- Identification of cultural sites.
- High use over summer period. Provides an area and facilities for large crowds and groups.
- Keep seaward side of reserve as open space with no development of buildings.
- Establish walking track around historic locations on reserve land on the eastern side of SH25.
- Lavatory facilities require better lighting and upgrading of facilities.
- Tree adjacent to lavatory block causing problems with building foundations and sewerage system.
- Provide access linkages to reserve area across on the eastern side of SH 25.
- No parking on the eastern side of reserve.
- Adjoining property uses reserve land on eastern side of SH25 to access their property.
- Better drainage required on access road and turnaround area.
- Access encroachment from Valder Place, over reserve land to private property.

Reserve Management Policy

- 9.30.2.1 Develop a Concept plan for area, including loop walkway around domain reserves.
- 9.30.2.2 Horses not permitted on Reserve land.
- 9.30.2.3 Protect significant trees on the coastal side of the reserve.
- 9.30.2.4 Review public facilities – including replacement of existing lavatory block.
- 9.30.2.5 Undertake interpretation of gold mining facilities and known cultural heritage.
- 9.30.2.6 General Reserve objectives and policies apply.

Proposed Development	Funding	Priority [see key]
Upgrade lavatory facilities.	Rates/Reserve.	MT
Interpretation.	Rates/External.	LT
Development of loop walk.		
Sealing of access road on seaward side, includes speed humps.		
Upgrade playground facilities.		ST

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Beachfront area of Waiomu Domain.



Open space area of Domain.



Section of Waiomu Domain across SH 25.



Grazed area of Waiomu Domain across SH 25.

Waikawau Reserve

Reserve Classification	Recreation Reserve.	Area ID Number	
Location	Waikawau, Thames Coast Road (SH 25).	Legal Description	Sections 25, 28 & 29 Block V Hastings SD.
Current State	Category C: Neighbourhood Open Space.		
Future Use	Category C: Neighbourhood Open Space.		
Asset Registry		Leases and Licences	
Lavatory Block.		Waikawau Boat Ramp Society.	5 year Licence to charge ramp users, expires 2009.

Background

- Maori were granted title to surrounding land area in 1878, but the Crown retained some of this land in a one chain wide strip running south from mouth of the Waikawau River. Over time some of the strip was developed as road, some eroded and some land built up by accretion. In the 1960's the crown compiled survey plans of the balance of the one chain strip and accretion, declared these areas as Recreation Reserve and vested them in Council.
- Ngati Tamatera title to this land area still exists.
- A whale was buried in this area in the early 1970's.

Reserve Issues

- Land ownership to be resolved to determine future governance of area.
- Easement to adjoining land.
- Dumping of hardfill on reserve and along beachfront.
- Parking – vehicles and boat trailers.
- Boat ramp. The Waikawau Boat Ramp Society wishes to establish another boat ramp in this area and construct a building adjacent to the boat ramp to control ramp use.
- Lavatories and changing rooms – upgrade or remove as recommended in TCDC study.
- Beachfront plantings.
- Accretion land – surveyed and amalgamated with adjacent land areas.
- Ngati Tamatera wishes to see no additional buildings on the reserve.

Reserve Management Policy

- 9.27.2.1 Resolve ownership of land issues. Establish a joint management partnership where required.
- 9.27.2.2 Allow Waikawau Boat Ramp Society to have a five year concession to charge users of boat ramp in conjunction with Ngati Tamatera.
- 9.27.2.3 Prohibit further buildings on the reserve.
- 9.27.2.4 Prohibit any easement over reserve to adjacent land / properties.
- 9.27.2.5 General Reserve objectives and policies apply.

Proposed Development	Funding	Priority [see key]
Upgrade lavatories – if required.	Reserve/Rates.	MT
Plantings – beachfront plantings and shade trees.	Reserve.	ST
Carparking – delineate between picnic users and boat ramp users.	Reserve/Rates.	MT

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Open space area and lavatory block.



Vehicle and trailer parking area.



Beach and grass area south of Waikawau Point is part of Waikawau Reserve.

Sports and Recreation

Reserves (often quite large areas) set aside and developed for organised sport and recreation activities, recreation facilities and buildings, often multiple use.

Typical Characteristics:

- sport facilities, may include grass fields, hard courts, artificial surfaces;
- buildings, e.g. 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.

Rhodes Park



Reserve Category	Sport and Recreation
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	445 Ngāti Maru Highway, Thames
Area	12.54 ha
Legal Description	Part Lot 1 DPS 79693 Part Ohoupo Block (DP 15591) Part Ohoupo 1A Block (DP 15591) Part Ohoupo 1B Block (DP 15591) Part Ohoupo 2A Block (DP 15591) Part Ohoupo 2B Block (DP 15591) NZ Gazette 2019 In2808

Leases and Licences	
Thames Rugby and Sports Club	Expires June 2030
Thames Netball Association Inc.	Expires March 2033
Thames Junior Football Club Association Inc.	Expires April 2022 (building) Expires December 2020 (field)

Background

- Originally opened as a rugby ground in 1928, the land was gifted to the Rugby Football Union on 22 July 1938 by Reginald Rhodes.
- Thames Rugby Union gifted the land to the Thames Coromandel District Council on 13 October 1988.
- Adjoining land to the north is leased from Waikato Regional Council and used for a range of activities.
- The Thames Airfield abuts the park to the south, with the Kauaeranga River to the north.
- Thames World War I Memorial Forest has been established in the northern corner of the reserve fronting Ngāti Maru Highway; with 247 trees planted on 11 August 2015, to honour the war dead from Thames.
- Activities undertaken at Rhodes Park include football, rugby, netball, touch rugby, archery, and fitness training. There is also a children's playground adjacent to the netball courts.

Reserve Issues

- Rhodes Park is low-lying and much of the reserve lies within the overland flow path (spillway) for the Kauaeranga River.
- In peak flood periods the sport fields may be unusable for several weeks after an event.
- During king tides saltwater backflows through the drains and damages the turf on the sport fields.
- The soft-fall surface in the children's playground often gets washed away during flood events.
- The spillway is an important part of the Kauaeranga flood protection scheme which protects the Thames urban area. It would be difficult to protect the site from inundation, without compromising the operation of the flood protection scheme. In the future, as sea levels rise, and storm events increase Rhodes Park is unlikely to continue to be viable as a sports park.
- Rabbit damage (burrowing and scrapes) to the sports fields.

- Alligator weed (*Alternanthera philoxeroides*), a progressive containment pest under the Waikato Regional Pest Management plan 2014-2024, has been discovered at Rhodes Park. Alligator weed can grow both on land and in water and spreads very easily by any small stem or root fragment; posing a serious threat to aquatic environments and agricultural land. The Waikato Regional Council have issued a Restricted Place notice (RPN), declaring Rhodes Park a restricted place pursuant to section 130 of the Biosecurity Act 1993. This RPN will remain in place until at least August 2023 when the declaration will be reviewed. During the time that the RPN is in place all council employees, contractors and subcontractors, leaseholders, food and activity licences holders, users of the site and any visitors to the site must comply with the requirements of the RPN.

Management Actions

- Consider an alternative location for a future integrated sports hub complex.
- Ongoing pest animal control.
- Until the Restricted Place Notice has been revoked, ensure that:
 - the Waikato Regional Council is informed of any change of ownership or lease arrangements as soon as practicable;
 - all council employees, contractors and subcontractors, leaseholders, food and activity licences holders, users of the site and any visitors to the site are informed of the status of Rhodes Park as a Restricted Place and the conditions that apply;
 - appropriate on-site wash-down facilities are provided.

Reserve Management Policy

- The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.
- Allow for commercial and non-commercial events, at the discretion of the lessee and with the approval of Council.
- Allow for food and activity licences or permits where appropriate, at the discretion of the lessee.
- Allow access by a chemical applicator, or any other party approved by the Waikato Regional Council for the purposes of controlling or monitoring alligator weed.
- Allow signage relating to the declaration as a Restricted Place to be erected.
- Prohibit soil or vegetation movement or removal from the site without the permission of the Waikato Regional Council, until the Restricted Place Notice has been revoked.

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 at a high standard.

Thames Historical Museum



Reserve Category	Cultural Heritage
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	800 Pollen Street, Thames
Area	0.0702 ha
Legal Description	Section 64 Block IV Thames SD NZ Gazette 2020 In3628

Background

- This reserve was part of the former Waiokaraka school site (later known as Thames Central School), which operated from 1879 to 1971. As it was part of the wider school site the reserve is likely to contain 19th Century archaeological deposits.
- It was set apart as a reserve for a War Memorial and vested in the Thames Borough Council, in trust, for that purpose by NZ Gazette 1975 p 923 (GN H036646).
- The stone archway at the entrance to the reserve was originally the entrance to Thames Central School and is dedicated to ex pupils who fought in the First World War – 1914-18.
- The museum building, which is located on a separate parcel of land adjacent to the reserve, is managed separately.

Management Actions

- a. Maintain the stone archway as a historic First World War memorial.
- b. Maintain the reserve to reflect heritage values and protect the historic setting.

Reserve Management Policy

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

Thames War Memorial Reserve



Reserve Category	Cultural Heritage
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	111 Monument Road, Thames
Area	0.3372 ha
Legal Description	Part Section 42 Block IV Thames SD NZ Gazette 2019 In3043

Background

- In August 1921, after several years of debate, the people of Thames agreed that the town's war memorial should take the form of a memorial column and be located in a visually prominent position above the northern end of Pollen Street.
- The memorial column, designed by a local civil engineer Mr E.F. Adams and built by a local contractor Mr I. Daunton, was unveiled on 25 April 1925.
- It includes a roll of honour which has recorded 316 names of those enlisted in Thames who served or died during the First World War.
- The War Memorial is located on land that was set apart as a reserve for a site for a First World War Memorial and vested in the Thames Borough Council, in trust, for that purpose by NZ Gazette 1962 p 629.
- In the early 1990's the stairs leading up to the War Memorial were replaced with an easier walkway.
- An olive grove was planted on the land behind the War Memorial in 2004.
- The War Memorial is registered on the Heritage New Zealand List/Rārangī Korero (Category 2 Item 4658) and is also listed as Historic Heritage Item 109 in the Thames-Coromandel District Plan.
- In 2015-16 a Conversation Plan was prepared by Matthews & Matthews Architects Ltd for the Thames First World War Memorial, with conservation and repair works undertaken in 2016.
- Coloured 'up-lights' were installed in 2017.
- Council has secured an easement from Upper Albert Street over neighbouring Department of Conservation land for a public access track to the reserve.

Reserve Issues

- The War Memorial is recognised as being of historic heritage significance. Ongoing maintenance and conservation are paramount to ensure that this status is maintained and enhanced.

Management Actions

- a. Maintain the War Memorial in accordance with the Conservation Plan Condition Schedule and Recommendations and the Cyclical Maintenance Plan.
- b. Maintain the reserve to reflect heritage values and protect the historic setting.
- c. Install public access track directional signage.

Reserve Management Policy

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

Proposed Development	Funding
Reserve landscape and accessibility project	LTP \$150k with external match funding

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 residents, often within walking distance of their home. Generally, few basic quality assets provided, and maintained to a basic standard.

Bright Smile Mine Reserve



Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	712 Mackay Street, Thames
Area	0.1619 ha
Legal Description	Lots 369 & 369A Kauaeranga 4&5 Block (DP 2000) Lots 370, 370A, 371, 371A, 372, 372A Kauaeranga 4 Block (DP 2000) NZ Gazette 2019 In3043

Background

- Mining first started in this area in the early 1870's.
- The Bright Smile (Waiokaraka) mine shaft is located on this site.
- Approximately 100m of the mine shaft was constructed below the sea and was subject to sea water ingress which was kept under control by large pumps located in the nearby Bella Street Pumphouse.
- By 1875 Bright Smile Mine was in debt and sea water pumping stopped. News articles note that an adjacent poppet head and engine house disappeared into a sink hole that formed in the 1880's.
- Further sink holes have appeared within the vicinity of the site in 1938 and again in 2011. Investigations of the site in response to the 2011 subsidence suggested that parts of the reserve contained fill from mining activity and elevated levels of ground contaminants were detected, including lead and arsenic.
- A local group of volunteers have established and manage the Bright Smile Community Garden on the site. The community garden was first established in 2007 and includes fruit trees grown in ground and in containers and vegetables grown in raised garden beds. Tests on fruit and vegetables grown in the community garden undertaken in 2012 found that levels of arsenic were lower than New Zealand's adopted food criteria and levels of lead were lower than New Zealand's adopted food criteria, except for some herbs tested¹. Advice at the time suggested that herbs pose less of a risk because they are seldom eaten in large quantities.
- The site was vested in HM the Queen by NZ Gazette 1983 p 271 (GN H436003) with Council being appointed to control and manage as a reserve for recreation purposes, by NZ Gazette 1983 p275.
- The reserve contains a listed archaeological site (T12/720 Non-Māori – Colonial 1840-1900 gold mining shaft) and could contain subsurface remains of the mining activities which took place on the site.
- Apart from a shallow depression which is evident behind the mine shaft historical information plaque, there are no other visible signs of the mining activity that previously occurred on this reserve.

Reserve Issues

- The community gardens lease with the previous lessee expired in 2017.
- Elevated levels of ground contaminants have been detected on the reserve.

Management Actions

- a. Review, in conjunction with the Department of Conservation as landowner and the community, the future use of the site as a community garden.

¹ Brightsmile Garden: Further Investigation of Ground Contamination, Tonkin and Taylor, March 2012.

- b. Ensure that a new lease or agreement is negotiated with the Department of Conservation, for any future use of the reserve as a community garden.
- c. Ensure appropriate earthworks and health and safety plans and procedures are in place to manage risks to public health from elevated ground contaminants.
- d. Maintain the reserve to reflect the heritage values and protect the historic setting.

Reserve Management Policy

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

Hauraki Terrace Reserve



Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	108 Hauraki Terrace, Thames
Area	0.97321 ha
	Lots 45 & 46 DPS 5569 Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(i) of the Reserves Act 1977
Legal Description	Lot 7 DPS 76651 NZ Gazette 2019 In2808 Lot 24 DP 387365 NZ Gazette 2019 In2809

Background

- Vested on deposit of DPS 5199 in the Thames Borough Council.
- Lot 7 DPS 76651 was originally transferred by Transfer 447707 to the Thames Borough Council for the purposes of a water race, which supplied water from the Kauaeranga Valley to Thames.
- There is a listed archaeological site (T12/71263 Non-Māori – Colonial 1840-1900 water race gate control) within the vicinity of the south-eastern boundary of the reserve. Records now indicate that the site was destroyed when the neighbouring property was subdivided between 2006 and 2007. However, given the proximity of the recorded site, the reserve may contain subsurface archaeological remains.
- Lot 24 DP 387365 was acquired when Korokoro Crescent was developed as part of the neighbouring subdivision.
- A local school has been undertaking enhancement planting around the perimeter of the reserve.
- The playground on the reserve was first built in the late 1980's and upgraded in 2012.
- A community garden was established to the rear of the playground in 2016.
- A community run 'Pātaka Kai' (open street pantry) was established near the roadside entrance to playground in 2019.

Reserve Issues

- Areas of the reserve can become unusable during winter months due to poor drainage.
- There is limited shade for reserve users.

Management Actions

- a. Encourage a partnership approach with local volunteers and the Thames South School to assist with maintaining the community garden and planted areas around reserve.
- b. Where appropriate, investigate options for providing additional shade for reserve users.
- c. Work with stakeholders and community groups to ensure that the archaeological site and historic values of this reserve are protected.

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 Council approval.

Kuranui Bay Reserve



Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	601 Tararu Road, Thames
Area	3.0150 ha
Legal Description	Sec 1 SO 534358 NZ Gazette 2019

Background

- Vested in the Thames Borough Council as fee simple land pursuant to the provisions of section 7 of the Thames Borough Council Empowering Act 1967, in relation to the maintenance and provision for the Port of Thames. Originally, these land parcels extended out into the marine area of the Firth of Thames, which is now under the control of the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011.
- The land was resurveyed in 2019 to determine what part of the parcels is above Mean High Water Springs (MHWS). Those parts above MHWS have been declared and classified as recreation reserve.
- This reserve provides public facilities including picnic tables and barbeques.
- The reserve also provides access to the Firth of Thames and the northern terminus of the Thames Coastal Walkway.
- Christmas lights have been installed on a large Norfolk Pine located on the reserve have been funded by an external party
- Wading birds roost on the foreshore adjacent to the reserve during high tide periods.

Reserve Issues

- The grassed area of the reserve and beachfront is an off-leash dog exercise area for much of the year and poorly controlled dogs can disturb birds roosting in the area.

Management Actions

- a. Establish a partnership approach with DOC to investigate installing informational signage to avoid disturbing roosting birds.

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 Council approval.

Ngarimu Bay Reserve



Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	13A Patui Avenue, Ngarimu Bay
Area	0.4150 ha
Legal Description	Part Lot 26 and Part Lot 26 (accessway) DP 29453 NZ Gazette 1980 p1809

Background

- This reserve was originally vested on deposit of DP 29453 in His Majesty the King in 1939 and then later vested in the Thames County Council as recreation reserve under the Counties Amendment Act 1961.
- The surrounding settlement and reserve were named after Te Moananui-a-Kiwa Ngārimu from 'C' Company, 28th Māori Battalion, who was killed in action in North Africa and posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross in 1943.
- A walkway provides pedestrian access from Thames Coast Road to the Ngarimu Lane entrance of the reserve.
- While not a well-known reserve, it is well used by the local community.

Reserve Issues

- Poor public access and visitor parking.
- Encroachment from adjoining landowners over the reserve accessway off Patui Avenue.

Reserve Management Policy

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

Porritt Park



Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	301 Queen Street, Thames
Area	0.265 ha
Legal Description	Lot 3 DPS 53443 Part Hangaruru Block NZ Gazette 2019 In2808

Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	LPR (Community Purpose)
Location	301 Queen Street, Thames
Area	0.1034 ha
Legal Description	Part Whakaharatau A Block NZ Gazette 2019 In 2808

Leases and Licences	
Thames Citizen Band	Expires upon expiry of Band

Background

- The underlying land joined part of the railway corridor between the Thames South railway station and the Thames North railway station. This section of line was closed in 1988. Part of a 19th Century railway formation cuts through the western side of the reserve and there is the potential for other subsurface archaeological remains to be located within the reserve.
- Porritt Park is named after Sir Arthur Porritt who was New Zealand's Governor General from 1967-72.
- The playground was officially opened by the Mayor of Thames Mr W Bongard in December 1929 and was originally known as the Diamond Jubilee Children's Playground.
- In 2016 the playground was upgraded to provide improved access and play options that are designed for a range of ages and people with different abilities. The playground is recognised as a destination playground for the town.
- The new toilet facility and the adjacent skatepark, which was officially opened in 2017, were also part of the Porritt Park upgrade.
- It should be noted that the parcel of land to the north (Part Tapuaeonenuku B Block) which contains part of the skatepark, the Citizens Advice building and the entrance to the Goldfields Mall carpark is fee simple title and not part of this reserve.

Reserve Issues

- Lack of shade in the northern section of the park.

Management Actions

- Where appropriate, investigate options for providing additional shade for park users.

Reserve Management Policy

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

Proposed Development	Funding
Playground/skatepark improvements	LTP \$250k with external match funding

Tapu Beachfront Reserve



Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	3 Wharf Road, Tapu
Area	2.8612 ha
Legal Description	Lot 1 DPS 14344
	Lot 28 Town of Hastings
	NZ Gazette 1979 p566
Legal Description	Lots 1-3 DPS 23986
	NZ Gazette 1983 p496

Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	LPR Esplanade
Location	3 Wharf Road, Tapu
Area	0.1998 ha
Legal Description	Lot 1 DP 33504
	NZ Gazette 2019 In2809

Background

- This reserve comprises six contiguous parcels of land located to the south of what is known as the Tapu Flat Domain.
- The reserve can be accessed from Tapu Wharf Road to the north and Thames Coast Road to the south.
- In 1946 Lot 1 was vested on deposit of DP 33504 in His Majesty the King as esplanade reserve and then later vested in the Thames County Council under the Counties Amendment Act 1961.
- In 1979 Lot 1 DPS 14344 and Lot 28 Town of Hastings were classified as a reserve for recreation purposes and vested to Thames-Coromandel District Council in trust for that purpose.
- In 1981 Lots 1-3 DPS 23986 were taken for recreation ground and vested in Thames-Coromandel District Council. These lots were subsequently declared as a reserve for recreation purposes in 1983.
- The reserve is of cultural significance to Ngāti Tamaterā.

Reserve Issues

- Erosion along the coastal foreshore area.
- Access and building encroachment from adjoining landowners south of Tapu Wharf Road access.

Management Actions

- Investigate coastal erosion issues and where appropriate identify options for intervention to manage erosion in a sustainable way through the Shoreline Management Plan.
- Strengthen relationships with Ngāti Tamaterā in relation to the management of the reserve.
- Investigate options to regularise encroachments on the reserve.

Reserve Management Policy

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

Tararu Beachfront North Reserve



Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	LPR Esplanade
Location	1023 Tararu Road, Tararu
Area	0.7025 ha
Legal Description	Part Kauaeranga E6B Block NZ Gazette 2019 In2808 Lot 2 DPS 43354 NZ Gazette 2019 In2809

Background

- Part Kauaeranga E6B Block was originally proclaimed as a quarry, for the shingle that was taken from the Tararu Creek mouth in the early 1930's. It was vested in the Thames Harbour Board by NZ Gazette 1932 p1330 and then later transmitted to the Thames Borough Council by Transmission 39329.
- Lot 2 was vested on deposit of DPS 43354 to Thames-Coromandel District Council as LPR esplanade.
- Shorebirds nest and roost along the beachfront adjacent to the reserve.

Reserve Issues

- This area has been subject to coastal erosion and unauthorised material has been dumped and spread along the beachfront to try and reduce the sea impacting on private properties and the reserve.
- Building and private storage encroachment has occurred from adjoining properties. Some areas have been screened off with plantings to appear as private property.
- Vehicles drive through this reserve and down on to the beachfront.

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. Undertake a reserve boundary survey and investigate the removal of private encroachments from the reserve.
- c. Where required, install boundary marker posts to define boundaries between private property and the public reserve.
- d. Investigate options to prevent vehicles from driving down on to the beachfront.

Reserve Management Policy

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

Tararu Beachfront South Reserve



Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	711 Tararu Road, Tararu
Area	1.6052 ha
Legal Description	Lot 4 DP 33640 Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(i) of the Reserves Act 1977
	Part Section 39 Block IV Thames SD NZ Gazette 2019 In2808

Leases and Licences	
Thames Sailing Club Inc.	Expires June 2032

Background

- This land provides access to the tidal beach area at the southern end of Tararu.
- Lot 4 was vested on deposit of DP 33640 in the Thames Borough Council as a recreation reserve in 1946.
- Part Section 39 Block IV Thames SD was taken for a recreation ground and vested in the Thames Borough Council by NZ Gazette 1956 p100.
- Public amenities on the reserve include picnic tables, a tidal boat ramp and a boat storage and parking area.
- The Thames Sailing Club have occupied the building and part of this reserve since the early 1960's.
- A stop bank was built along part of the reserve in the 1980's to reduce high tide flood effects on some of the adjacent residential properties.

Reserve Issues

- Coastal erosion of the foreshore.

Management Actions

- 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.

Tararu Cultural Art Centre



Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	LPR- (Community Use)
Location	600 Tararu Road, Tararu
Area	0.6503 ha
Legal Description	Section 78 Block IV Thames SD NZ Gazette 1982 p272

Leases and Licences	
Thames Music and Drama Inc.	Expires June 2032
Thames Society of Arts Inc.	Expires June 2032

Background

- The (former) Thames North School was originally opened on 25 January 1878 and closed in 1971.
- The school buildings and surrounding land are registered on the Heritage New Zealand List/Rārangi Korero (Category 1 Item 133) as a Historic Place. The reserve may also contain subsurface archaeological remains.
- In 1978 Council was appointed to control and manage the buildings and land as a reserve for recreation purposes.
- In 1982 the reserve was classified as a Local Purpose Reserve (Community Use) and vested to Council in trust.
- A public art gallery occupies the larger part of the building while the remainder is utilised by local artists and a performing arts group.
- A fence has been erected around the perimeter of the reserve to define the boundary of the site.

Reserve Issues

- Weed infestation from adjacent land behind the school building.

Management Actions

- Ensure any new building development, or re-development of existing buildings and/or the site is undertaken in accordance with the provisions of the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014.
- Work with appropriate stakeholders to ensure that the historic site and heritage values are appropriately managed.
- Undertake pest plant management.

Reserve Management Policy

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

Tatahi Reserve



Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	21 Tatahi Street, Te Puru
Area	0.1024 ha
Legal Description	Lots 26 & 40 DP 15310 NZ Gazette 2019 In2809

Background

- Te Puru was regarded as being one of the most important settlements of the Ngāti Tamaterā and many hapū were in occupation. The wide-open flat land was known as Te Aputa and was extensively cultivated. Te Puru and other coastal settlements became central muster points during times of seasonal fishing and shellfish gathering.
- As part of a subdivision undertaken in 1921, Lots 26 & 40 were transferred to HM the King and set apart as a reserve for recreation purposes.
- Thames County Council was appointed to control and manage this land as a recreation reserve by NZ Gazette 1957 p 1546.
- The adjacent tidal boat ramp provides access to the Firth of Thames and local fishing spots.
- While most of the beachfront reserve to the north of the boat ramp is subject to Treaty settlement, this reserve remains under the control and management of Council.

Reserve Issues

- Poor drainage and often subject to storm surges.
- Coastal erosion of the foreshore.

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.

Reserve Management Policy

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

Te Puru Domain



Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	6 West Crescent, Te Puru
Area	2.4590 ha
Legal Description	Lot 70 DPS 8735 Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(i) of the Reserves Act 1977

Leases and Licences	
Thames Coast Bowling Club	Expires June 2031
Thames Coast Community Centre	Expires September 2031
Thames Coast Community Kindergarten	Expires August 2021

Background

- Te Puru was regarded as being one of the most important settlements of the Ngāti Tamaterā and many hapū were in occupation. The wide-open flat land was known as Te Aputa and was extensively cultivated. Te Puru and other coastal settlements became central muster points during times of seasonal fishing and shellfish gathering.
- In the early 1960's, this parcel of land was set aside as a recreation reserve as part of a residential subdivision.
- Since that time the local community have developed a range of facilities on the reserve for residents to use.
- The large pōhutukawa on the reserve (estimated to be over 300 years old) is listed in the New Zealand Tree Register due to its historical significance and size. The pōhutukawa tree is also listed in the Thames Significant Tree Schedule (item 276) in the Thames-Coromandel District Plan.
- The reserve is of cultural significance to Ngāti Tamaterā.

Reserve Issues

- The pōhutukawa tree will require additional maintenance, care and protection due to its size and historical significance.

Management Actions

- Protect the large pōhutukawa tree through appropriate landscaping, support structures and signage.
- Strengthen relationships with Ngāti Tamaterā in relation to the management of the reserve.

Reserve Management Policy

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

Teretiu Drive Reserve



Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	27 Teretiu Drive, Totara Palms, Thames
Area	0.3000 ha
Legal Description	Lot 80 DP 364037 NZ Gazette 2019 In2809

Background

- This reserve was vested in Council on deposit of DP 364037 as part of the Totara Palms subdivision.
- Councillors at the time believed that additional land was required for future sport and recreational activities.
- The reserve comprises an open grass area which is kept mown.
- Public use of this reserve is low and there are currently no proposals for future development.

Reserve Issues

- Unauthorised dumping of green waste.

Management Actions

- a. Consider installing informational signage.

Reserve Management Policy

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

The Booms Reserve



Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	223 The Booms, Thames 120E Bowen Place, Thames
Area	1.1899 ha
Legal Description	Lot 5 DP 485504 Lot 1 DPS 62914 Lot 2 DPS 77545 Lot 6 DPS 77547 NZ Gazette 2019 In2809

Background

- This land was set aside as reserve as part of the Booms subdivision in the early 1980's.
- Lot 1 DPS 62914 was transferred to Council as a recreation reserve by Transfer B101053.3 while the remaining lots were vested to Council on deposit of DP 485504, DPS 77545 and DPS 77547.
- A formed walkway from Bowen Place and The Booms, provides access to a large sloped grass area adjacent to the Waikiekie Stream.
- A local school have undertaken landscape planting around the fringes, and wetter parts, of the reserve.

Reserve Issues

- Access for maintenance is only available via Bowen Place.
- The reserve is relatively steep with very little flat land available for recreational activities.
- The formed pedestrian access from Bowen Place and The Booms Ave does not provide suitable access or linkage to the wider open space area on the reserve.

Reserve Management Policy

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

Victoria Park



Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	405 Brown Street Thames, 401 Brown Street Thames, 101 Beach Road, Thames
Area	1.4733 ha (approx.)
Legal Description	Allotment 519 and Part Allotment 520 Town of Grahamstown (DP 878), Part Lot 520 Kauaeranga 13A Block, Lots 1 & 2 DPS 22803 Lot 3 DPS 56092, Lot 2 DPS 12729, Part Kauaeranga B13 Block, Part Moanatairi 8B Block, Part Moanatairi 9 Block, NZ Gazette 2019 In2808 Lot 521 Kauaeranga 13A Block, Lot 522 Kauaeranga 13A Block, Lot 523 Kauaeranga 13A Block, Part Lot 524 Kauaeranga 13A Block, Part Kauaeranga B13 Block (DP 3024), Part Kauaeranga B13A Block, Part Kauaeranga B13A Block (DP 3024), Parts Moanatairi 8B Block, Part Moanatairi 9 Block,

Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	LPR Esplanade
Location	100 Albert Street, Thames,
Area	1.3772 ha
Legal Description	Lot 1 DPS 56092, Lot 8 DPS 53444 NZ Gazette 2019 In2808

Leases and Licences	
Thames Croquet Club	Expires September 2032
Thames Tennis Club	Expires September 2040
Thames Squash Club	Perpetual 21 years ROR
Thames Bridge Club	Expires September 2022
Thames Small Gauge Railway	Expires October 2035

Background

- Victoria Park is situated on the waterfront, between the Firth of Thames in the west and Brown Street/Beach Road along its eastern side.
- The land was transferred from the Crown to Council through Transfers: 125570, 25774, 270271, 270272, 33025, H973132, H942935, and Conveyance R98.294
- This area includes land known as the Kauaeranga Block, which is said to contain several urupa sites.
- Parts of this reserve were developed adjacent to the Thames North Railway station in the early 1900's.
- Prior to the establishment of the park in early 1900s businesses and houses were located in this area. The portion of the park to the South of Albert Street was occupied by the Pacific Hotel (1868-1916), the Academy of Music (1868-1901) and the John Read Hardware and Timber yards (1867-1904).
- A celebration on the 10 November 1902 (King Georges birthday), included an upgrade of the reserve, and dedication of the band rotunda. A ceremony was also held on the same day for the laying of the Troopers memorial foundation stone.
- The band rotunda is registered on the Heritage New Zealand List/Rārangī Korero (Category 2 Item 4609) and is also listed as Historic Heritage Item 112 in the Thames-Coromandel District Plan.
- The South African War Memorial (troopers' memorial), which recognises those who fought in the Boer War, was originally placed on Pollen Street and was moved to Victoria Park in 1919-20. The memorial is registered on the Heritage New Zealand List/Rārangī Korero (Category 2 Item 4610) and is also listed as Historic Heritage Item 113 in the Thames-Coromandel District Plan.
- The area leased to the Thames Croquet Club contains a listed archaeological site (T12/1341 Non-Māori – Colonial 1840-1900 historical railway embankment and visible midden) and could contain subsurface remains of the activities which took place on the site.
- Victoria Park includes part of the Thames Coastal Walkway which runs along the top of the embankment adjacent to the rock sea wall.

Reserve Issues

- Consumption of food and drink near the rotunda area is not permitted for concessions and events.
- Parts of the reserve are subject to erosion and inundation during weather events and during previous weather events this has resulted in damage to playing surfaces and assets located on the park.

Management Actions

- a. Maintain the band rotunda and war memorial as historic monuments.
- b. Maintain the reserve to reflect heritage values and protect the historic setting.
- c. Investigate the provision of improved signage on the location of public facilities within the reserve.

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 and taking into consideration the location of sites of significance to iwi, with the approval of Council.
- c. Investigate coastal erosion and inundation issues and where appropriate identify options for intervention to manage erosion in a sustainable way through the Shoreline Management Plan.

Waipatukahu Point Reserve



Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	727 Thames Coast Road, Tapu
Area	3.5916 ha
Legal Description	Waipatukahu Tapu B Block NZ Gazette 1981 p206

Background

- The reserve land (also sometimes referred to as Cemetery Point) is located on the northern side of the Tapu River, opposite the Tapu Domain.
- It provides for swimming and picnic opportunities plus small boat launching off the beach.
- Located on the north eastern boundary of the reserve, the cemetery remains in Ngāti Tamaterā ownership, held as a Māori reservation for the purpose of a burial ground. The cemetery is mown by Council. The fence dividing the cemetery (Waipatukahu Tapu A Block) was erected in 1972 after the reserve was acquired by Council (by transfer H29267).
- An external party has expressed an interest in developing a boat ramp in this location.

Kōrero Tuku Iho

- This reserve is a wāhi tapu of Ngāti Tamaterā known as Waipatukahu Tapu, forming the seaward side of Te Aorangi Pā; a coastal headland pā to the immediate east of the reserve. The reserve is also a Tauranga Waka, a place where Ngāti Tamaterā waka were launched and berthed. The reserve is located on land that was originally part of the larger Ngāti Tamaterā settlement of Waipatukahu and is named Waipatukahu after the river where fine garments were washed on the river stones by a gentle beating process.
- Ngāti Tamaterā densely settled this area due to its abundant food resources and strategic location. It is also part of a larger area set aside for residences, cultivations and burial grounds of Ngāti Tamaterā in the 19th century. It is a mahinga mātaītai (customary seafood gathering site) of Ngāti Tamaterā with the ancient poraka (stone fish trap) still visible below mean high water springs.
- Ngāti Tamaterā allowed new settlers to Tapu to use the land at Waipatukahu to bury their dead as it was already a burial ground and a wāhi tapu to Ngāti Tamaterā.

Reserve Issues

- Access into and out of the reserve on to the state highway is over a short incline with limited visibility, passing and accessibility.
- Reconciling the different values and uses associated with the reserve.
- Vulnerable to coastal erosion, particularly along the western edge of the reserve.

Management Actions

- a. Strengthen relationships with Ngāti Tamaterā in relation to the management of the reserve and the maintenance of the cemetery.
- b. Maintain relationships with the local community in relation to the management of the reserve.

- c. Investigate changing the name of the reserve, taking into account the requirements of the Reserves Act 1977 and the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan.
- d. Investigate undertaking landscaping and minor works to enable improved management and maintenance of the reserve.
- e. 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.

Outdoor Adventure

Outdoor Adventure reserves are generally large sites, usually located on the outskirts of urban areas.

The character and management of outdoor adventure reserves varies widely from exotic forestry, farm parks, native bush, coastal and river areas. Recreation activities include those that require the space and separation from urban locations or require particular natural features. Examples include mountain biking, dirt jump parks, camping, picnicking, canoeing and kayaking.

Outdoor adventure reserves are generally more developed than Nature reserves and have more opportunity for lease areas for commercial recreation. The main focus of Outdoor Adventure reserves is the recreation activity which uses the reserve as a natural setting. The main focus of Nature reserves by contrast is experience and protection of the environment.

Maintenance and Development Levels

Generally, a low level of development is envisaged for Outdoor Adventure Reserves with the objective being to provide an activity or adventure experience. In some cases, development may be limited to low impact activities such as walking and mountain bike tracks. In other cases, high use sites may have ancillary visitor facilities such as car parking, signage and toilet facilities.

Dickson Park



Reserve Category	Outdoor Adventure
Reserve Classification	Recreation (Lot 1 DP 372272) LPR Esplanade (Lot 2 DPS 74746)
Location	115 Victoria Street, Tararu
Area	3.3865 ha
Legal Description	Lot 1 DP 372272 NZ Gazette 1987 p1329 NZ Gazette 2006 In3793 NZ Gazette 2006 In3790 NZ Gazette 2007 In4364 Lot 2 DPS 74746 Automatically classified in accordance with s16(2) Reserves Act 1977.

Leases and Licences	
Wainwright Investments Limited	Expires September 2052

Background

- Land was transferred to Council through S41304, S6593, with an area set aside as a campground by NZ Gazette H652154.
- The area contains remains of the Brown and Campbell gold stamper battery, a listed archaeological site (T12/737 Industrial – Mine Adit) and could contain subsurface remains of the mining activities which took place on the site.
- The Tararu gardens, developed in the late 1800s, were located here. The garden was established, by Robert Graham, next to the Brown and Campbell battery and was a popular recreational attraction.
- The actual site of the mine adit, which is now totally obscured by slump debris, is behind an ornamental garden known as 'The Fern Patch' - 30m north of the camp office.
- The area set aside as a campground has been in use for over 50 years and now operates as a privately leased caravan holiday park.
- Rocky's Walk is accessed from the Dickson Park carpark.

Reserve Issues

- Boundary between campground and remainder of reserve is not clearly defined.

Management Actions

- Ensure that the leaseholder complies with the terms and conditions set out in the lease agreement. Council controls the reserve, with authority for management decisions relating to the use of the reserve delegated to the Thames Community Board.
- Work with the leaseholder to ensure that the historic values of the reserve are maintained and protected.

Reserve Management Policy

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

Rhodes Park – Outdoor Adventure



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological linkage
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	445 Ngati Maru Highway, Thames
Area	9.9833 ha
Legal Description	Part Lot 1 DPS 79693 Part Section 3 Block VII Thames SD Sec 1 SO 59565 NZ Gazette 2019 In2808
Leases and Licences	
Thames Valley Motorcycle Club	Expires May 2029

Background

- Part Section 3 Block VII was transferred to Council as a recreation reserve by Transfer B044184.2. Section 1 SO 59565 was transferred to Council by certificate B460665.1 and Lot 1 DPS 79693 was transferred by certificate B442830.
- The reserve is leased to the Thames Valley Motorcycle club who have developed a motocross track, suitable for a range of levels of riders, on the site.

Reserve Issues

- The area is low-lying and lies within the overland flow path (spillway) for the Kauaeranga River. The spillway is an important part of the Kauaeranga flood protection scheme which protects the Thames urban area. It would be difficult to protect the site from inundation, without compromising the operation of the flood protection scheme.
- Alligator weed (*Alternanthera philoxeroides*), a progressive containment pest under the Waikato Regional Pest Management plan 2014-2024, has been discovered at Rhodes Park. Alligator weed can grow both on land and in water and spreads very easily by any small stem or root fragment; posing a serious threat to aquatic environments and agricultural land. The Waikato Regional Council have issued a Restricted Place notice (RPN), declaring Rhodes Park a restricted place pursuant to section 130 of the Biosecurity Act 1993. This RPN will remain in place until at least August 2023 when the declaration will be reviewed. During the time that the RPN is in place all council employees, contractors and subcontractors, leaseholders, food and activity licences holders, users of the site and any visitors to the site must comply with the requirements of the RPN.

Management Actions

- a. Until the Restricted Place Notice has been revoked, ensure that:
 - a.1 the Waikato Regional Council is informed of any change of ownership or lease arrangements as soon as practicable;
 - a.2 all council employees, contractors and subcontractors, leaseholders, food and activity licences holders, users of the site and any visitors to the site are informed of the status of Rhodes Park as a Restricted Place and the conditions that apply;
 - a.3 appropriate on-site wash-down facilities are provided.

Reserve Management Policy

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

- b. Allow access by a chemical applicator, or any other party approved by the Waikato Regional Council for the purposes of monitoring or controlling alligator weed.
- c. Allow signage relating to the declaration as a Restricted Place to be erected.
- d. Prohibit soil or vegetation movement or removal from the site without the permission of the Waikato Regional Council, until the Restricted Place Notice has been revoked.

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 way finding, 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.

John William Hall Reserve



Reserve Category	Nature
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	220 Mount Sea Road, Thames
Area	9.3552ha
Legal Description	Lot 1 DPS 10089 Section 9 Block V Thames SD NZ Gazette 2019 In2808 Lot 17 DPS 1393 Section 23 Block V Thames SD Section 24 Block V Thames SD NZ Gazette 2019 In3043 Lot 1 DPS 5569 NZ Gazette 2020 In3627

Background

- John William Hall began collecting seeds and seedlings in the 1870's and established one of New Zealand's pioneer native and exotic tree arboretums on this land.
- The land was purchased in 1953 by the Thames Borough as a recreation reserve for the people of Thames. Land was set aside as a reserve through NZ Gazette 1959 p487, NZ Gazette 1966 p 1341, NZ Gazette 1968, p2234, and transfers 447707 and H346638.
- The reserve contains a group of mixed trees which are listed in the Thames Significant Tree Schedule (items 101, 102 and 103) in the Thames-Coromandel District Plan.
- The reserve is also a listed archaeological site (T12/1423 Non-Māori – Colonial 1840-1900 botanical arboretum).
- An inventory of trees planted by J W Hall was updated in 2014.
- In conjunction with Council, local community groups have maintained a volunteer presence for over 20 years to remove pest plants, control weeds and advocate for and promote the importance of the collection of trees in this reserve.
- The reserve has four main access points; Brunton Crescent, Korokoro Crescent, Currie Street and Mount Sea Road.
- A track network has been established to provide better access through the reserve.
- A parking area has been formed at the top of Mount Sea Road.
- A Right of Way easement over Lot 1 DPS 10089 has been granted to provide access from Mount Sea Road to an adjoining property.

Reserve Issues

- Reserve boundaries are not well marked.
- Invasive weeds are overtaking parts of the reserve.

Management Actions

- a. Where required, install boundary marker posts to define private property and public reserve.
- b. Encourage a partnership approach with local volunteers to assist with maintaining the reserve, re-establishing tree identification tags and updating tree inventory.

- c. Investigate developing a strategic plan for the future of this reserve given its historical and botanical importance.
- d. Work with appropriate stakeholders to ensure that the archaeological site and historic values are appropriately managed.
- e. Investigate improving directional and informational signage.

Reserve Management Policy

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

Proposed Development	Funding
Interpretational signage	

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.

Aputa Reserve



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkage
Reserve Classification	LPR Esplanade
Location	33 Aputa Street, Te Puru
Area	0.0735 ha
Legal Description	Lot 3 DPS 90917 Lot 6 DPS 3688 NZ Gazette 2019 In2809

Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkage
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	9A Sarjants Road, Te Puru
Area	0.2911 ha
Legal Description	Lot 24 DPS 1664 NZ Gazette 2019 In2809

Background

- Te Puru was regarded as being one of the most important settlements of the Ngāti Tamaterā and many hapu were in occupation. The wide-open flat land was known as Te Aputa and was extensively cultivated. Te Puru and other coastal settlements became central muster points during times of seasonal fishing and shellfish gathering.
- Lot 3 was vested on deposit of DPS 90917 pursuant to s239(1)(a) of the RMA 1991.
- Lot 6 was vested on deposit of DPS 3688 in HM the Queen as esplanade reserve and then later vested in the Thames County Council pursuant to s44(1) of the Counties Amendment Act 1961.
- Lot 24 was vested on deposit of DPS 1664 in HM the Queen as esplanade reserve. The purpose of the reserve was changed from reserve for esplanade to reserve for recreation by NZ Gazette 1957 p 1547 and vested in the Thames County Council pursuant to s44(1) of the Counties Amendment Act 1961. These three adjacent parcels form the beachfront reserve south of Aputa Ave, with a walkway link to Sarjants Road, Te Puru.
- The reserve is of cultural significance to Ngāti Tamaterā.

Reserve Issues

- Coastal erosion of the foreshore.
- Encroachment from adjacent properties impedes public access to the reserve.

Management Actions

- Investigate coastal erosion issues and where appropriate identify options for intervention to manage erosion in a sustainable way through the Shoreline Management Plan.
- Undertake reserve boundary survey and remove all private encroachments from the reserves.
- Where required, install boundary marker posts or fences to define boundaries between private property and the public reserve.
- Strengthen relationships with Ngāti Tamaterā in relation to the management of the reserve.

Reserve Management Policy

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

Bennett Road Reserve



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkage
Reserve Classification	LPR Esplanade
Location	33A Te Mata Drive, Te Mata
Area	0.4496 ha
Legal Description	Lot 73 DP 412852 NZ Gazette 2019 In2809

Background

- This reserve was vested in Council on deposit of DP 412852 in 2009.
- The reserve adjoins the Te Mata River and a walking track has been developed to provide public access to the riverbank and connection to the Bennett Road Swimming Hole reserve which lies to the south.
- There is a concrete walkway off the end of the Te Mata Drive cul-de-sac that provides access for maintenance vehicles (mowers) and pedestrians.
- Kiwi have been heard in this area.
- The reserve is of cultural significance to Ngāti Tamaterā.

Reserve Issues

- There is no signage for this reserve.
- There is limited parking at the reserve access point off Te Mata Drive (cul-de-sac edge).

Management Actions

- a. Strengthen relationships with Ngāti Tamaterā in relation to the management of this reserve.

Reserve Management Policy

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

Bennett Road Swimming Hole Reserve



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkage
Reserve Classification	Scenic
Location	47 Bennett Road, Te Mata
Area	0.9500 ha
Legal Description	Lot 29 DP 319649 NZ Gazette 2019 In2809

Background

- This reserve was vested in Council as a scenic reserve on deposit of DP 319649 in 2002 and adjoins the Te Mata River.
- A walking track has been developed to provide public access to the swimming hole and connection to the neighbouring reserve to the north (33A Te Mata Drive) which can be accessed off Te Mata Drive.
- Kiwi have been observed/heard in this area.
- A local Kiwi Care group maintain a pest animal trapping system in this reserve.
- The reserve is of cultural significance to Ngāti Tamaterā.

Reserve Issues

- The reserve has significant pest plant infestation.
- There is no signage for this reserve.
- There is limited parking at the reserve access point off Bennett Road.

Management Actions

- a. Undertake pest plant management.
- b. Continue partnership approach with local volunteers to assist with pest animal control in this reserve.
- c. Strengthen relationships with Ngāti Tamaterā in relation to the management of the reserve.

Reserve Management Policy

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

Burke Street Beachfront Reserve



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkage
Reserve Classification	LPR Esplanade
Location	100 Burke Street, Thames
Area	1.2850 ha
Legal Description	Lots 2 & 3 DPS 60014 NZ Gazette 2019 In2809

Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkage
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	100/102 Burke Street, Thames
Area	0.3570 ha
Legal Description	Lot 4 DPS 60014 NZ Gazette 2019 In2809

Background

- Beachfront title was granted to Marutūahu people in 1872, with the land later acquired by the Thames Harbour Board for harbour purposes.
- The piles of the historic Burke Street Wharf, which was constructed in 1871, are visible in the coastal area adjacent to the reserve and archaeological remnants of the wharf or associated activities may be present in this area. The historic wharf is registered as a historic site on the Heritage New Zealand List/Rārangī kōrero (Category 2 item 4666).
- This reserve includes the open space area on the northern side of the Waitohi Creek (running adjacent to Burke Street) and the shoreline around the perimeter of the former landfill site which was closed in 1993. The Thames Coastal Walkway passes through this reserve and the former landfill site.
- Wading birds and New Zealand dotterels often roost in this area.
- A sculpture created by local artist Michael Smither and named 'Colour Harmonics' is located on this reserve.

Reserve Issues

- The area inland from the shoreline and directly to the south of Burke St is an off-leash dog exercise area and poorly controlled dogs can disturb birds roosting in the area.

Management Actions

- Establish a partnership approach with DOC to investigate installing informational signage to avoid disturbing roosting birds.
- Complete the capping of the old landfill area along the southern edge.

Reserve Management Policy

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

Tapu Reserve



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkage
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	2A Wharf Road, Tapu
Area	0.0182 ha
Legal Description	Lot 1 DP 32058 NZ Gazette 2019 In2809

Background

- Originally this land was located on the bank of the Waipatukahu Stream.
- It was vested as recreation reserve in His Majesty the King on Deposit of DP 32058 in the 1940's and then later vested in the Thames County Council under the Counties Amendment Act 1961.
- Its present-day location is the result of many years of accretion. This effectively alienated the reserve from the Waipatukahu Stream which also changed course over time.
- The land that has amassed on the seaward side of this reserve, is known as the Tapu Domain which is subject to Treaty claim.
- The reserve is of cultural significance to Ngāti Tamaterā.

Reserve Issues

- The reserve area is small and, when considered in isolation of the neighbouring Tapu Domain, is of limited public use as a recreation reserve.

Management Actions

- a. Maintain grass area to a basic standard.
- b. Strengthen relationships with Ngāti Tamaterā in relation to the management of the reserve.
- c. Investigate options for the future management of this reserve, including considering the public value and benefit of this reserve and the 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.

Te Puru Creek Reserve



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkage
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	501A Thames Coast Road, Te Puru
Area	0.6081 ha
Legal Description	Part Section 47 Town Of Unuarei NZ Gazette 2011 p3148

Background

- Land was set apart as a reserve for recreation purposes and vested in the Thames County Council, in trust, for that purpose by NZ Gazette 1960 p1682.
- Over time flooding has eroded the stream edge of this reserve.
- Waikato Regional Council have a stop bank and wooden flood wall constructed through part of the reserve.
- The reserve is of cultural significance to Ngāti Tamaterā.

Reserve Issues

- Cars drive through this reserve to access the beach.
- Freedom camping sometimes occurs in this area despite being prohibited in this reserve.
- Encroachment from adjoining properties including gardens and other vegetation.
- No signage so the general public are not aware of this beach access point.
- Invasive weed infestation.

Management Actions

- a. Restrict vehicle access to front of reserve.
- b. Where required, install boundary marker posts or fences to define boundaries between private property and the public reserve.
- c. Strengthen relationships with Ngāti Tamaterā in relation to the management of the reserve.

Reserve Management Policy

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

Thames Coastal Walkway - Goldfields



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkage
Reserve Classification	LPR Esplanade
Location	Mary Street, Thames
Area	0.2403 ha
Legal Description	Lot 3 DPS 69442 Lot 4 DPS 41191 NZ Gazette 2019 In2809

Background

- Esplanade reserve around the back of Goldfields Mall.
- A concrete walkway (which is part of the Thames Coastal Walkway) runs through this reserve.

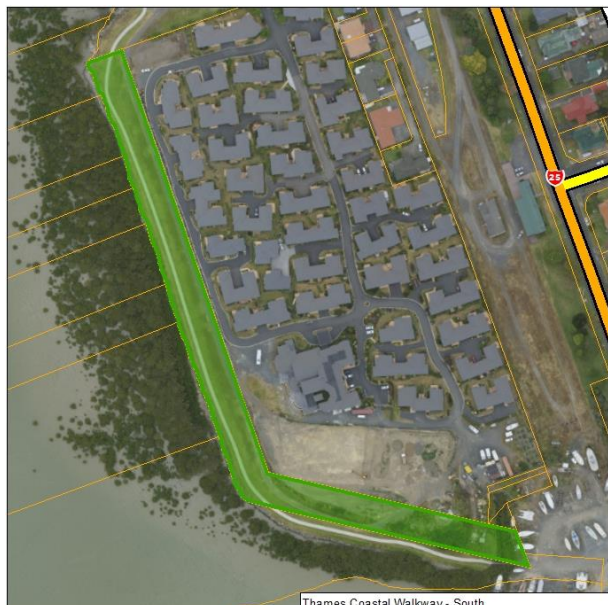
Reserve Issues

- The walkway is narrow with a steep drop off on the seaward side.
- The reserve has become a depository for rubbish from adjacent commercial activities.

Reserve Management Policy

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

Thames Coastal Walkway - South



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkage
Reserve Classification	LPR Esplanade
Location	80 Richmond Street, Thames
Area	1.2305 ha
Legal Description	Lot 2 DPS 52656 NZ Gazette 2019 In2809

Background

- A concrete walkway was developed along the esplanade reserve in the late 2000's and forms part of the Thames Coastal Walkway.
- The southern end of the walkway finishes at the Thames Wharf.
- The reserve is of cultural significance to Ngāti Tamaterā.

Reserve Issues

- Part of the coastal walkway is not located on the esplanade reserve.

Management Actions

- a. Strengthen relationships with Ngāti Tamaterā in relation to the management of the reserve.

Reserve Management Policy

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

Totara Close Reserve



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkage
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	109A Totara Close, Totara / 66 Maramarahi Road, Totara
Area	0.2222 ha
Legal Description	Lot 19 DPS 57516 NZ Gazette 2019 In2809

Background

- Land was set aside as reserve when Totara Close developed in late 1980's.
- Only part of the reserve is maintained by Council.
- The reserve contains a walking track which leads down to Maramarahi Road.

Reserve Issues

- A drainage channel runs through middle of the reserve which limits usable space.
- Encroachment from adjoining properties including gardens and hedges.
- There is no signage, so the general public are not aware that this is a reserve or that it connects up with Maramarahi Road.

Management Actions

- a. Provide signage to identify that this is a public reserve and linkage to Maramarahi Road.

Reserve Management Policy

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

Waikawau South Reserve



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkage
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	947 Thames Coast Road, Waikawau
Area	0.8588 ha
Legal Description	Section 29 Block VI Hastings SD (SO 47286, SA17C/365) NZ Gazette 2019 In3043 Lot 4 DP 29424 NZ Gazette 2019 In2808

Background

- These two land parcels are just south of the Waikawau Reserve.
- The reserve was set aside for recreation purposes and vested in the Thames County Council, in trust, for that purpose by NZ Gazette 1974 p 754.
- It provides for beach access and some car parking.
- Overnight camping in campervans is popular at this reserve.
- The reserve is of cultural significance to Ngāti Tamaterā.

Management Actions

- a. Strengthen relationships with Ngāti Tamaterā in relation to the management of the reserve.

Reserve Management Policy

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

Waiomu Beach Reserve



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkage
Reserve Classification	LPR Esplanade
Location	601A Thames Coast Road, Waikawau
Area	0.0202 ha
Legal Description	Lot 1 DP 33672 NZ Gazette 2019 In2809

Background

- This small land parcel is located on the beachfront just south of the Waiomu Domain.
- It was originally vested on deposit of DP 33672 in His Majesty the King as esplanade reserve then later vested in the Thames County Council under the Counties Amendment Act 1961.
- The reserve is of cultural significance to Ngāti Tamaterā.

Management Actions

- a. Strengthen relationships with Ngāti Tamaterā in relation to the management of the reserve.

Reserve Management Policy

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

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

The following reserves, included in this Appendix, are of cultural significance to Ngāti Tamaterā and Council undertakes to strengthen relationships with Ngāti Tamaterā in relation to the management of these reserves.

- Hikuataia Stream Esplanade
- Ruamahunga Esplanade
- Tapu Coroglen Road Esplanade
- Tapu Coroglen Stock Paddock
- Te Mata Creek Reserve
- Te Puru – Firth View Scenic Reserve
- Te Puru Creek Esplanade
- Waiomu Coastal North - Esplanade
- Waiomu Domain - Esplanade
- Waiomu Valley Esplanade

Arthur Road Reserve



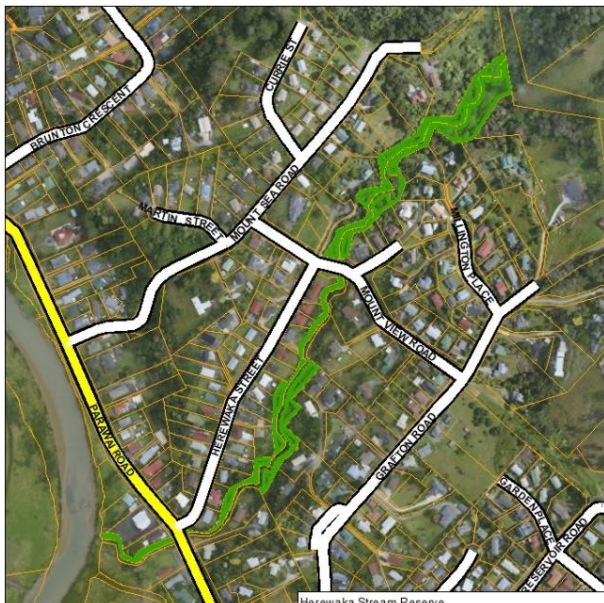
Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological linkage
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	9 Arthur Road, Ngarimu Bay
Area	0.9073 ha
Legal Description	Lot 9 DPS 5782 NZ Gazette 2019 In2809

Eames Recreation Reserve



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological linkage
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	20 Eames Crescent, Te Mata
Area	0.6200 ha
Legal Description	Lot 3 DPS 24004 Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(i) of the Reserves Act 1977

Herewaka Stream Reserve

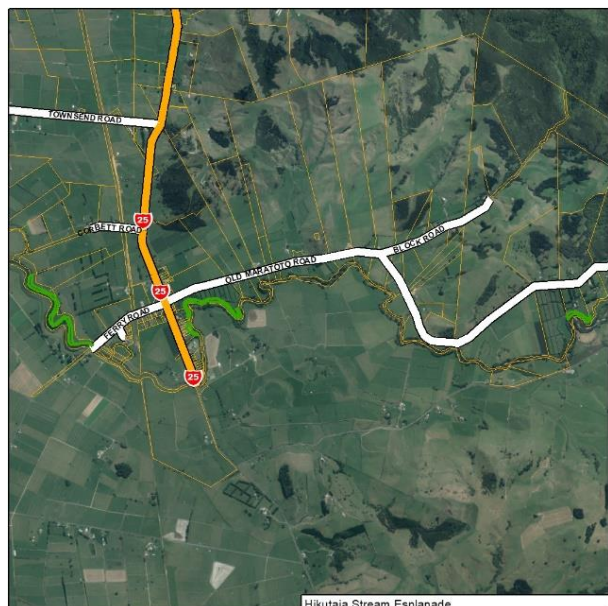


Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological linkage
Reserve Classification	LPR Esplanade
Location	220 Mount Sea Road, Thames
Area	0.7881 ha
Legal Description	Lot 2 DPS 48100 Lot 26 DPS 42232 Lot 3 DPS 29180 Lot 4 DP 430397 NZ Gazette 2019 In2809

Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological linkage
Reserve Classification	LPR Utility
Location	326 Parawai Road, Thames
Area	0.3968 ha
Legal Description	Lot 10 DPS 21679 Lot 4 DPS 13354 Lot 34 DPS 10544 Lot 3 DPS 11029 Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(iv) of the Reserves Act 1977.

Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological linkage
Reserve Classification	LPR Utility
Location	111 Grafton Road, Thames
Area	0.0966 ha
Legal Description	Section 68 Block VIII Thames SD NZ Gazette 2019 In3043

Hikuataia Stream Esplanade



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological linkage
Reserve Classification	LPR Esplanade
Location	8080 Sh26 - Paeroa-Kopu, Hikuataia
Area	0.1973 ha
Legal Description	Lot 7 DPS 9693 Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(iv) of the Reserves Act 1977.

Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological linkage
Reserve Classification	LPR Esplanade
Location	8080 Sh26 - Paeroa-Kopu, Hikuataia
Area	4.6200 ha
Legal Description	Lot 3 & 4 DPS 32911 Lot 3 DPS 35017 Lot 3 DPS 38716 NZ Gazette 2019 In2809

Irishtown Reserve



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological linkage
Reserve Classification	Scenic
Location	409 Karaka Road, Thames
Area	0.0793 ha
Legal Description	Lot 5 DPS 35790 NZ Gazette 1995 p 3107

Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological linkage
Reserve Classification	Scenic
Location	409 Karaka Road, Thames
Area	1.0287 ha
Legal Description	Lot 1 DPS 35790 Lot 6 DPS 35790 Lot 7 DPS 35790 NZ Gazette 2019 In2809

Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological linkage
Reserve Classification	LPR Esplanade
Location	409 Karaka Road, Thames
Area	0.0390 ha
Legal Description	Lot 3 DPS 35790 NZ Gazette 1995 p 3107

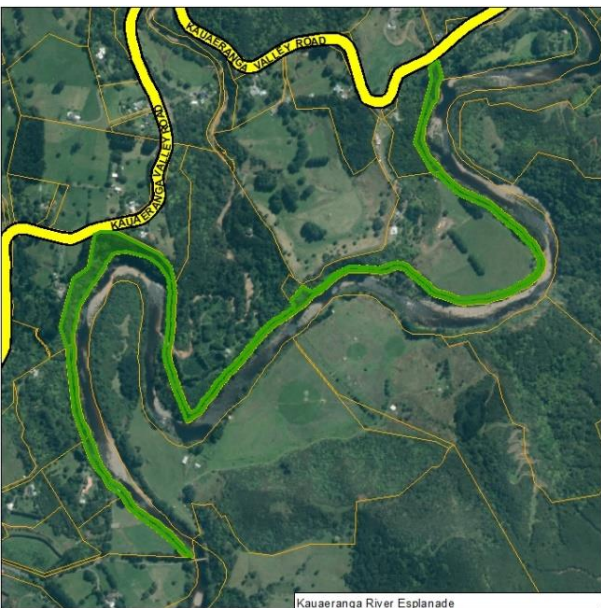
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Reserve Classification	LPR Esplanade
Location	409 Karaka Road, Thames
Area	0.6380 ha
Legal Description	Lot 2 DPS 35790 Lot 4 DPS 35790 NZ Gazette 2019 In2809

Karaka Reserve



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological linkage
Reserve Classification	Scenic
Location	505 Karaka Road, Thames
Area	6.0260 ha
Legal Description	Lot 4 DPS 58961 NZ Gazette 2019 In2809

Kauaeranga River Esplanade



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological linkage
Reserve Classification	LPR Esplanade
Location	692 Kauaeranga Valley Road, Thames
Area	6.0260 ha
Legal Description	Lot 6 DPS 21812 Lot 5 DPS 22724 Lot 8 DPS 21811 Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(iv) of the Reserves Act 1977.

Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological linkage
Reserve Classification	LPR Esplanade
Location	692 Kauaeranga Valley Road, Thames
Area	1.2227 ha
Legal Description	Lot 3 DP 346926 Lot 3 DPS 62245 NZ Gazette 2019 In2809

Kauaeranga Valley – Devcich Ford Reserve



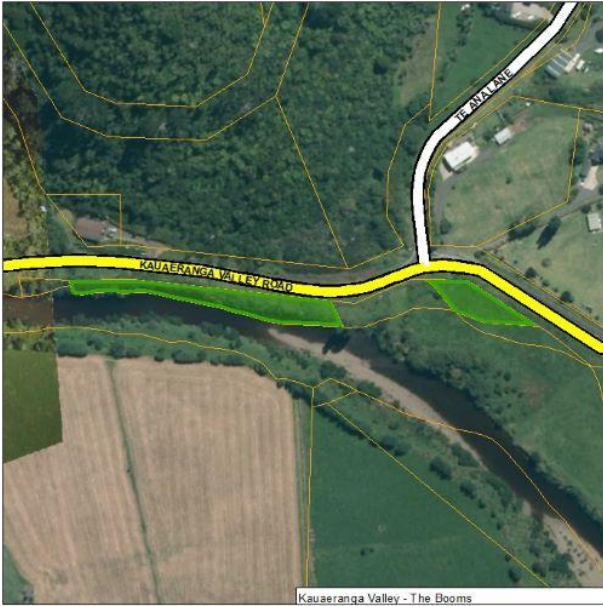
Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological linkage
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	764E Kauaeranga Valley Road, Thames
Area	0.9400 ha
Legal Description	Lot 4 DPS 55928 NZ Gazette 2019 In2809

Kauaeranga Valley – Historic Reserve



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological linkage
Reserve Classification	Historic
Location	654D Kauaeranga Valley Road, Thames
Area	0.1409 ha
Legal Description	Lot 5 DPS 21812 Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(ii) of the Reserves Act 1977.

Kauaeranga Valley – The Booms



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological linkage
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	112 Kauaeranga Valley Road, Thames
Area	0.08 ha
Legal Description	Lot 4 DPS 51818 NZ Gazette 2019 In2809

Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological linkage
Reserve Classification	LPR Esplanade
Location	112 Kauaeranga Valley Road/114 Kauaeranga Valley Road, Thames
Area	0.146 ha
Legal Description	Kawamutu 2C Block NZ Gazette 2019 In2810

Kauaeranga Valley Road Reserve



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological linkage
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	189 Kauaeranga Valley Road, Thames
Area	1.5024 ha
Legal Description	Part Ohaene Block (Lot 8 DPS 4407) Part Ohaene Block (Lot 2 DPS 4508) NZ Gazette 2019 In2808

Kirikiri Stream Esplanade



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological linkage
Reserve Classification	LPR Esplanade
Location	673 Kopu Hikuai Road, Kopu
Area	0.6700 ha
Legal Description	Lot 1 DPS 56629 NZ Gazette 2019 In2809

Matatoki Canal Esplanade



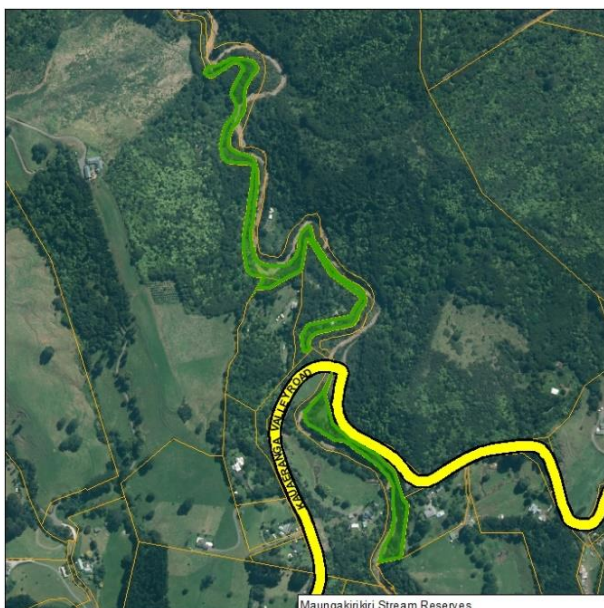
Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological linkage
Reserve Classification	LPR Esplanade
Location	324B Matatoki Road, Matatoki
Area	1.0000 ha
Legal Description	Lot 3 DPS 36269 NZ Gazette 2019 In2809

Matatoki Stream Esplanade



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological linkage
Reserve Classification	LPR Esplanade
Location	9220D Sh26 - Paeroa-Kopu, Matatoki
Area	0.0390 ha
Legal Description	Lot 4 DPS 42219 NZ Gazette 2019 In2809

Maungakirikiri Stream Reserve



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological linkage
Reserve Classification	LPR Esplanade & Recreation
Location	617 and 623 Kauaeranga Valley Road, Thames
Area	3.4639 ha
Legal Description	Lot 7 DPS 21810 Lot 8 DPS 21700 Lot 9 DPS 21701 Automatically classified as LPR Esplanade in accordance with s16(11)(b)(iv) of the Reserves Act 1977. Lot 7 DPS 21700 Automatically classified as Recreation in accordance with s16(11)(b)(i) of the Reserves Act 1977.

Mount Sea Reserve



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological linkage
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	105 Mount Sea Road, Thames
Area	0.3822 ha
Legal Description	Lot 1 DPS 1781 NZ Gazette 2019 In3043

Neavesville Road Esplanade



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological linkage
Reserve Classification	LPR Esplanade
Location	152A Neavesville Road, Puriri
Area	0.0177 ha
Legal Description	Lot 2 DPS 967 NZ Gazette 2019 In2809

Ngarimu Bay – Otohi Stream Esplanade



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological linkage
Reserve Classification	LPR Esplanade
Location	224b Thames Coast Road Sh25, Ngarimu Bay
Area	0.1945 ha
Legal Description	Lot 3 DPS 58529 Lot 5 DP 31299 NZ Gazette 2019 In2809

Puriri – Ohaumuri Stream Esplanade



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological linkage
Reserve Classification	LPR Esplanade
Location	8905 SH26 - Paeroa-Kopu Road Puriri
Area	0.4505 ha
Legal Description	Lot 2 DPS 21417 Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(iv) of the Reserves Act 1977.

Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological linkage
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	8905 SH26 - Paeroa-Kopu Road Puriri
Area	0.1824 ha
Legal Description	Lot 3 DPS 21417 Lot 8 DPS 25881 Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(i) of the Reserves Act 1977.

Puriri Valley Road Esplanade



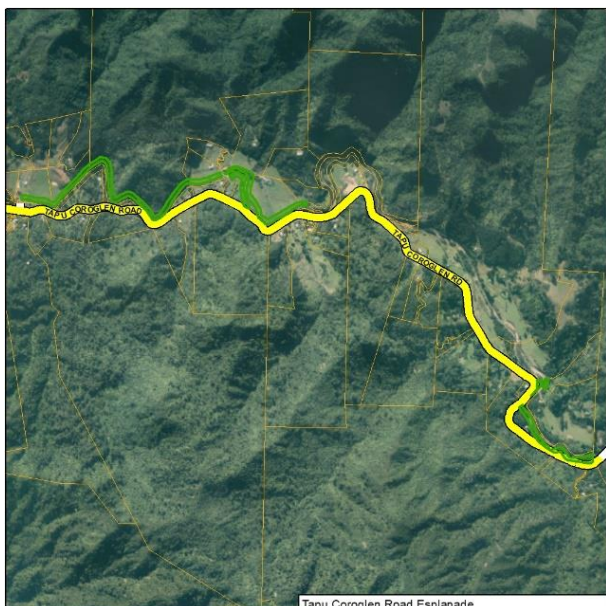
Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological linkage
Reserve Classification	LPR Esplanade
Location	21B Puriri Valley Road, Puriri
Area	0.3172 ha
Legal Description	Lot 2 DPS 19703 Automatically classified in accordance with S16(11)(b)(iv) of the Reserves Act 1977. Lot 3 DP 324024 Lot 3 DPS 66974 Lot 5 DPS 92073 NZ Gazette 2019 In2809

Ruamahunga Esplanade



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological linkage
Reserve Classification	LPR Esplanade
Location	20A Otuturu Crescent, Ruamahunga
Area	0.1123 ha
Legal Description	Lot 10 DPS 8261 Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(i) of the Reserves Act 1977.

Tapu Coroglen Road Esplanade



Tapu Coroglen Road Esplanade

Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological linkage
Reserve Classification	LPR Esplanade
Location	175 Tapu Coroglen Road, Coroglen
Area	0.7902 ha
Legal Description	Lot 9 DP 401797 NZ Gazette 2019 In2809

Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological linkage
Reserve Classification	LPR Esplanade
Location	285 Tapu Coroglen Road, Coroglen
Area	3.8880 ha
Legal Description	Lots 11–13 DPS 81799 NZ Gazette 2019 In2809

Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological linkage
Reserve Classification	LPR Esplanade
Location	511 Tapu Coroglen Road, Coroglen
Area	1.2353 ha
Legal Description	Lot 2 DPS 76264 Lots 6-9 DPS 60222 NZ Gazette 2019 In2809

Tapu Coroglen Stock Paddock



Tapu Coroglen Stock Paddock

Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological linkage
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	1429 Tapu Coroglen Road, Coroglen
Area	4.0292 ha
Legal Description	Part Section 1 Block XII Hastings SD NZ Gazette 2019 In3043

Tararu Creek Reserve



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological linkage
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	100A Tararu Road, Tararu
Area	0.0201 ha
Legal Description	Lot 6 DPS 24556 Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(i) of the Reserves Act 1977

Te Kupata Stream Esplanade - Kopu



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological linkage
Reserve Classification	LPR Esplanade
Location	99 Ngati Maru Highway Sh25, Thames
Area	0.3370 ha
Legal Description	Lot 3 DPS 83074 NZ Gazette 2019 In2809

Te Mata Creek



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological linkage
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	17 Te Mata Creek Road, Te Mata
Area	0.3769 ha
Legal Description	Lot 7 DPS 499 NZ Gazette 2019 In2809

Te Puru – Firth View Scenic Reserve



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological linkage
Reserve Classification	Scenic
Location	470 Thames Coast Road, Te Puru
Area	0.0233 ha
Legal Description	Lot 3 DPS 51865 NZ Gazette 2019 In2809

Te Puru Creek Esplanade



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological linkage
Reserve Classification	LPR Esplanade
Location	500 Thames Coast Road, Te Puru
Area	0.0770 ha
Legal Description	Lot 6 DPS 30810 NZ Gazette 2019 In2809

Thames Coast – Thornton Bay South



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological linkage
Reserve Classification	LPR Community Hall
Location	354A Thames Coast Road, Te Puru
Area	0.0531 ha
Legal Description	Lot 16 DP 13807 NZ Gazette 1983 p2404

Tony Avenue Reserve



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological linkage
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	115 Tony Avenue, Totara
Area	0.7022 ha
Legal Description	Lot 3 DPS 32989 Lot 3 DPS 59175 Lot 4 DPS 37053 Lot 8 DPS 2340 NZ Gazette 2019 In2809

Totara Valley Road Reserve



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological linkage
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	10 Sawmill Road, Totara
Area	0.0460 ha
Legal Description	Lots 3 & 4 DPS 53709 NZ Gazette 2019 In2809

Waikiekie Historic Reserve



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological linkage
Reserve Classification	Historic
Location	244 Waikiekie Road, Thames
Area	1.1685 ha
Legal Description	Section 27 Block VIII Thames SD Section 28 Block VIII Thames SD Section 29 Block VIII Thames SD Automatically classified in accordance with s16(2) of the Reserves Act 1977.

Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological linkage
Reserve Classification	LPR Accessway
Location	242A The Booms, Thames
Area	0.0050 ha
Legal Description	Lot 2 DPS 77880 NZ Gazette 2019 In2809

Waikiekie Stream Reserve



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological linkage
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	240 Waikiekie Road, Thames
Area	0.2206 ha
Legal Description	Lot 5 DPS 27878 NZ Gazette 2019 In2809

Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological linkage
Reserve Classification	LPR Esplanade
Location	227A Waikiekie Road, Thames
Area	1.1060 ha
Legal Description	Lots 2 & 3 DPS 32723 Lot 3 DPS 77880 Lot 6 DPS 27878 NZ Gazette 2019 In2809

Waiomu Coastal North - Esplanade



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological linkage
Reserve Classification	LPR Esplanade
Location	613a Thames Coast Road Sh25, Waiomu
Area	0.0599 ha
Legal Description	Lot 3 DPS 3594 NZ Gazette 2019 In2809

Waiomu Domain - Esplanade



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological linkage
Reserve Classification	LPR Esplanade
Location	601C Thames Coast Road Sh25, Waiomu
Area	0.5730 ha
Legal Description	Lot 2 DPS 49601 Lot 3 DPS 30832 Lot 3 DPS 33150 Lot 10 DP 25599 NZ Gazette 2019 In2809

Waiomu Valley Esplanade



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological linkage
Reserve Classification	LPR Esplanade
Location	52 Waiomu Valley Road, Waiomu
Area	0.5031 ha
Legal Description	Lot 19 DPS 1044 Lot 3 DPS 2592 NZ Gazette 2019 In2809

Appendix C: Other land maintained as Open Space

The areas of land covered in this appendix are maintained as open space but in most cases are either not subject to or have not been 'classified' as reserves under the Reserves Act 1977. These areas are included as an appendix to this reserve management plan for information only.

Campbell Street



812 Pollen Street / 106 Campbell Street, Thames

Background

- Lot 213 Kauaeranga 13 Block was transferred to Thames Borough Council by Conveyance 123760 (R45.308).
- This small area of open space is located at the northern end of the Thames town centre where Pollen and Queen Streets intersect.
- Picnic tables are located beneath several large trees which provide shade for users.
- This site has been suggested as a potential location for a public art installation as a symbolic marker as the northern gateway to the Thames town centre.

Management Actions

- Maintain the area and picnic facilities to a basic standard.
- Encourage a partnership approach with local volunteers and neighbouring property owners to assist with maintaining this area of open space.

Former Burke Street Landfill



102 Burke Street, Thames

Background

- Former landfill site (Lot 1 DPS 60014).
- The area has been capped with clay and topsoil to provide an open space area.
- Development is restricted due to the use of the land as a former landfill site.
- Local schools have undertaken screen planting on this site.
- Part of the site is currently leased by Veolia Water Services (ANZ) Pty Ltd. (expiry date, March - 2025), Broadspectrum (NZ) Ltd. (expiry date - June 2022) and the Seagull Centre Trust (expiry date – July 2034)

Management Actions

- Maintain open grass area and Thames Coastal Walkway where it traverses through the site
- Investigate options for offering land for disposal.

Thames Coastal Walkway – Danby Field



Richmond Street, Thames

Background

- Includes Lot 3 DPS 52656 vested as LPR (road) and ROW easement in gross as shown on Title Plan SO 511663
- Links up with the Thames Coastal Walkway – Goldfields and Thames Coastal Walkway - South

Management Actions

- Maintain concrete walkway

Marshall Crescent Walkway



205A Waikiekie Road, Thames

Background

- Walkway linking Marshall Crescent to Waikiekie Road

Management Actions

- Maintain concrete walkway

Porritt Park



412 Queen Street, Thames

Background

- The entrance way to the Goldfields Mall car park and the Citizens Advice Bureau building are currently located on a land parcel (Part Tapuaeonenuku B Block) which is part of Porritt Park.
- The remainder of the land parcel includes the skatepark.

Management Issues

- Part Tapuaeonenuku B Block is not part of the Porritt Park Reserve Management Plan.

Management Actions

- Survey land parcel to separate out recreation space from commercial space.

Queen Street Reserve



919 Queen Street

Background

- Transferred to the Thames Borough Council in consideration of the covenant requiring the improvement and beautification of the lands for a public road and for public open space.
- Shops and residences were located in this area during the late 1800s and there is potential for subsurface archaeological remains to be located within the park.
- A scented garden was planted on this park by the Thames Lioness Club in 1998.
- The park has been suggested as one potential location for a public art installation as a symbolic marker as the norther gateway to the Thames town centre.

Management Issues

- The adjoining property (Lot DPS 39333) has formed a driveway over part of the park.
- Currently, this park is primarily used for pedestrian access between Queen and Brown Streets.

Management Actions

- Investigate retainment of the scented garden.

Taipari Park



105 Mackay Street, Thames

Background

- This land was originally the site of a major burial ground (urupa) for Te Kauaeranga Pa.
- Some-time later a sawmill operated from the site.
- The land was acquired by Council in 1951 as a public reserve.
- A Borough Centennial monument was erected in 1972 to mark 150 years anniversary of the Thames Goldfields being opened.
- The swimming pool and a public roller-skating ring were opened in the 1970's.
- Under an agreement between Ngāti Maru and the Council, the swimming pool will be removed from this site by 2027 and the land returned to Ngāti Maru.

Te Amo o te Rangī



17 Crawford Drive, Totara Palms

Background

- The area of reserve land at Totara Palms is important to Ngāti Maru who had occupied this wider area and adjoining land at Te Totara pa.
- This reserve is under joint ownership between Ngāti Maru and Thames-Coromandel District Council.

Management Actions

- Interpretation panels of the adjacent Totara pa and its history are to be developed in partnership with Ngāti Maru.

Te Puru Beach Walkway



41A Seaview Avenue, Te Puru

Background

- Walkway linking Seaview Ave to Te Puru foreshore reserves.

Management Actions

- Maintain as grass walkway.

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