



Whangamatā Reserves: Management Plan

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Purpose of this plan

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

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

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

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

This management plan replaces any previously prepared Whangamatā reserve management plan.

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

Whangamatā Reserves

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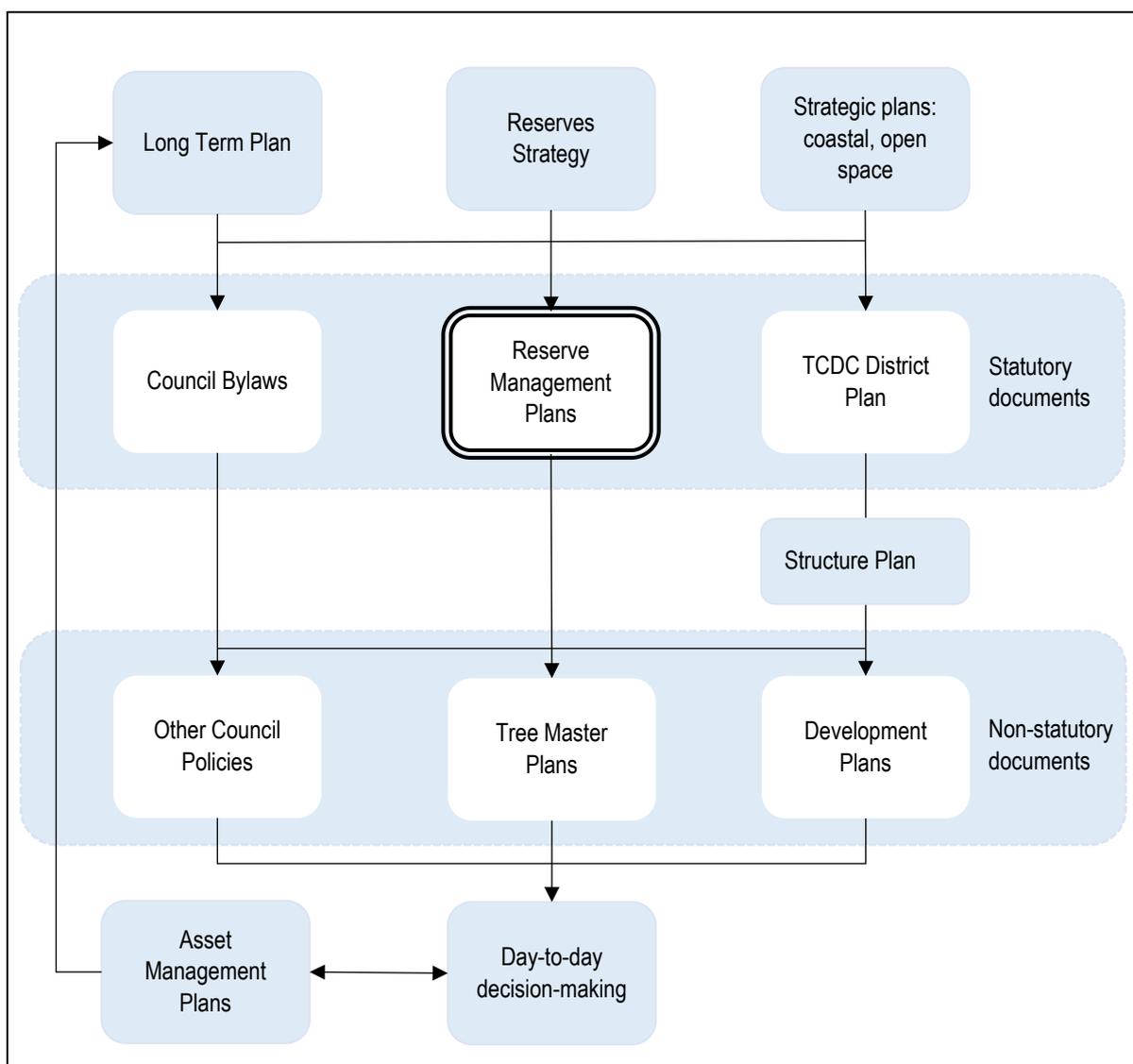
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Relationship with Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan

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

The policies in this plan are site specific. Where there is a conflict between the specific policies contained within this plan and the general policies contained within the General Policies Reserve Management Plan, the specific policies in this plan will take precedence.

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

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

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

Implementation

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

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

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

Overview of the Whangamatā Reserves Plan Area

The Whangamatā area is located on the south-eastern side of the Coromandel Peninsula and covers a wide range of landscape types from the scenic coastal seaside in the east to the dramatic Coromandel Forest Park in the west. Whangamatā Township occupies an area of flat land built up from successive bands of sand dunes running parallel to the coast. Named after obsidian that Māori once gathered on its shore (Whanga - mata means 'harbour of obsidian'), today it is a popular holiday destination with safe harbour swimming, surf and seaside activities and a departure point for deep sea fishing.

North of Whangamatā lies the hilly seaside settlement of Onemana, and further north, the sheltered estuary settlement of Ōpoutere and coastal Ōhui. Inland, the Parakiwai and Wentworth valleys contain reminders of the Coromandel's colourful kauri-milling and gold mining past. These areas are managed by the Department of Conservation as part of the Coromandel Forest Park.

For management purposes, the Whangamatā Reserves: Management Plan covers Thames-Coromandel District Council reserves in the south-eastern part of the Coromandel Peninsula, bordered by Ōhui in the north, Parakiwai in the south and the Coromandel Ranges in the west.

Ōhui, Ōpoutere and Onemana Reserves

Onemana is a small beach settlement about 8km north of Whangamatā, on the eastern coast. The settlement is situated behind a sandy ocean beach, surrounded on two sides by pine forest that provides some recreational opportunities. The attractive scenic beachfront is a central attraction.

The Ōpoutere and Ōhui settlements are located further north. The area is characterised by the sheltered waters of the Wharekawa Estuary, Ōpoutere Beach and sand spit, and rocky bluffs. Surrounding land use includes extensive forestry on the hills and farming in the gentler valleys. Linking the three main settlements of Whangamatā, Onemana and Ōpoutere is a rocky, partly accessible coastline, that provides important habitat to many species of avifauna.

Whangamatā Reserves

Whangamatā has a rich cultural history. Several pa sites were established including Te Wairoa ("Pa Hill") that overlooks the Wentworth Bridge - and others located at Moana Point, Te Karaka Point and Ōtahu estuary. The coastal fringe also holds many urupā (burial sites). The entire area of the township today has various archaeological sites and pieces of bone, obsidian, moa bones, needles and hooks have been found over the years.

The 1880's brought the first European settlers to the district, mainly Kauri loggers and gold miners. By the early 1900's farming became the prominent land use, then later, after World War II, Whangamatā gradually evolved into a holiday destination, with more extensive housing subdivision. The permanent town population in 2006 was 3,567 that in summer months can swell to more than 25,000 placing pressure on public reserves and facilities. The surrounding hills include scatterings of native bush and large areas of plantation forestry.

The town is defined by 3.8 kilometres of sandy beach situated between the Whangamatā harbour and the Ōtahu estuary. The Whangamatā Beach Reserves (north, south and central) are discrete land parcels at various locations between Te Titoki Reserve and Ōtahu Historic Reserve. While these reserves are not contiguous over the length of the beach, the entire extent of Whangamatā beach is public land by virtue of Crown marginal strip administered by the Department of Conservation (DOC), legal unformed road (LUR) and Council reserves. Collectively this land provides public access to and along the beach and contributes to preserving the natural character and function of the beach.

Reserve Management and Use

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

Reserve management and use of a reserve is dependent on:

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

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

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

Table 1 Reserve categories, development, and management focus.

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

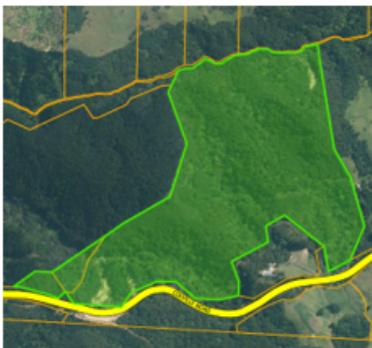
Structure of this plan

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

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

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

Reserve Name – what the reserve is known as



Aerial map of reserve identifying parcel boundaries of the reserve.

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

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

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

Background

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

Reserve Issues

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

Management Actions

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

Reserve Management Policy

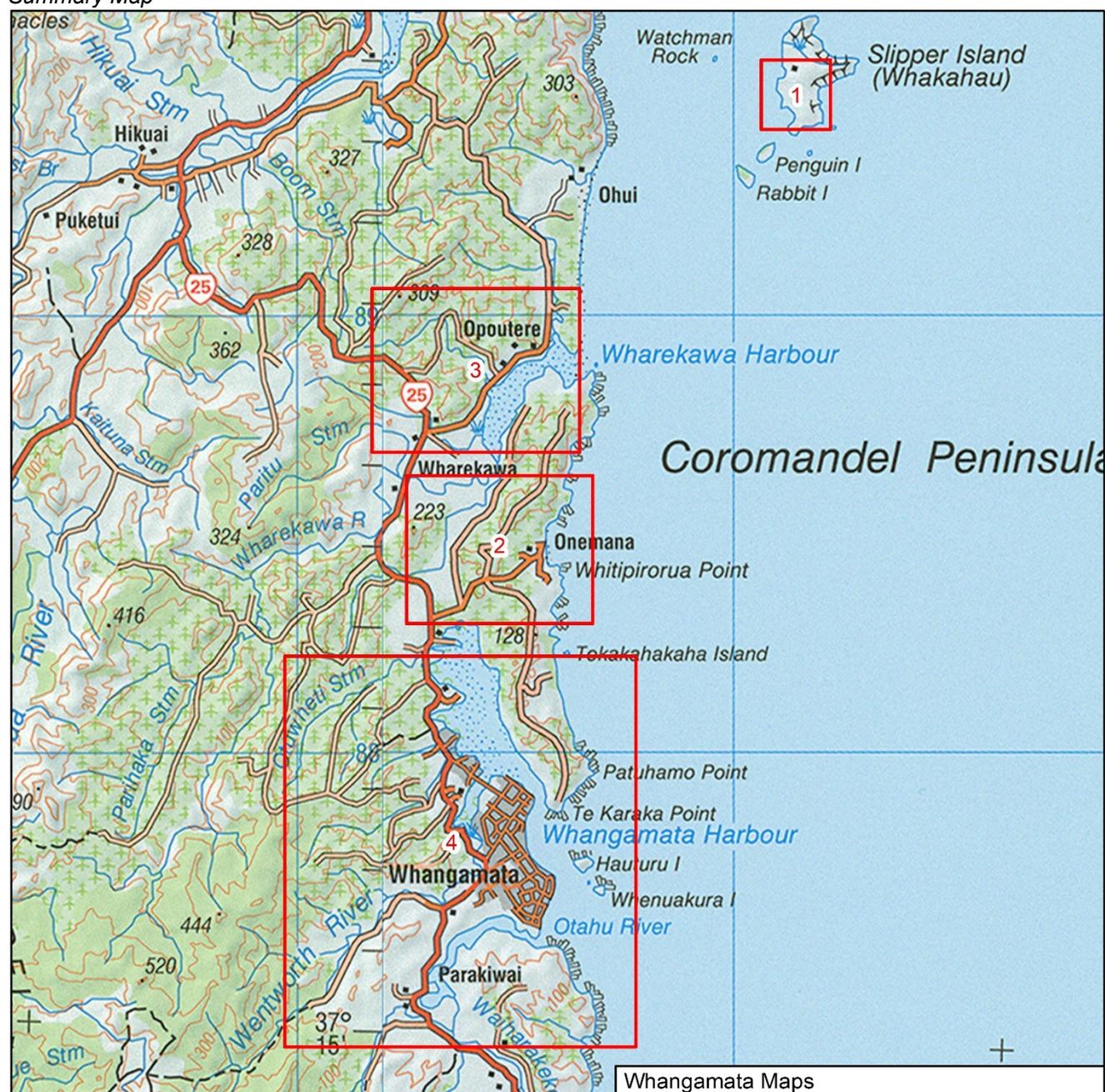
- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.
- b. Notes site specific policies that relate to the particular reserve.

Whangamatā Reserve Location Maps

The following pages provide an overview of the location of all reserves across the Whangamatā Community Board area. Refer to the table of contents or the index for the page number of each reserve. The following maps show reserves located in each of the following areas:

- *Summary map*
- *Map 1: Eastern Islands Overview*
- *Map 2: Onemana Overview*
- *Map 3: Ōpoutere Overview*
- *Map 4: Whangamatā North Overview*
- *Map 5: Whangamatā South Overview*

Summary Map

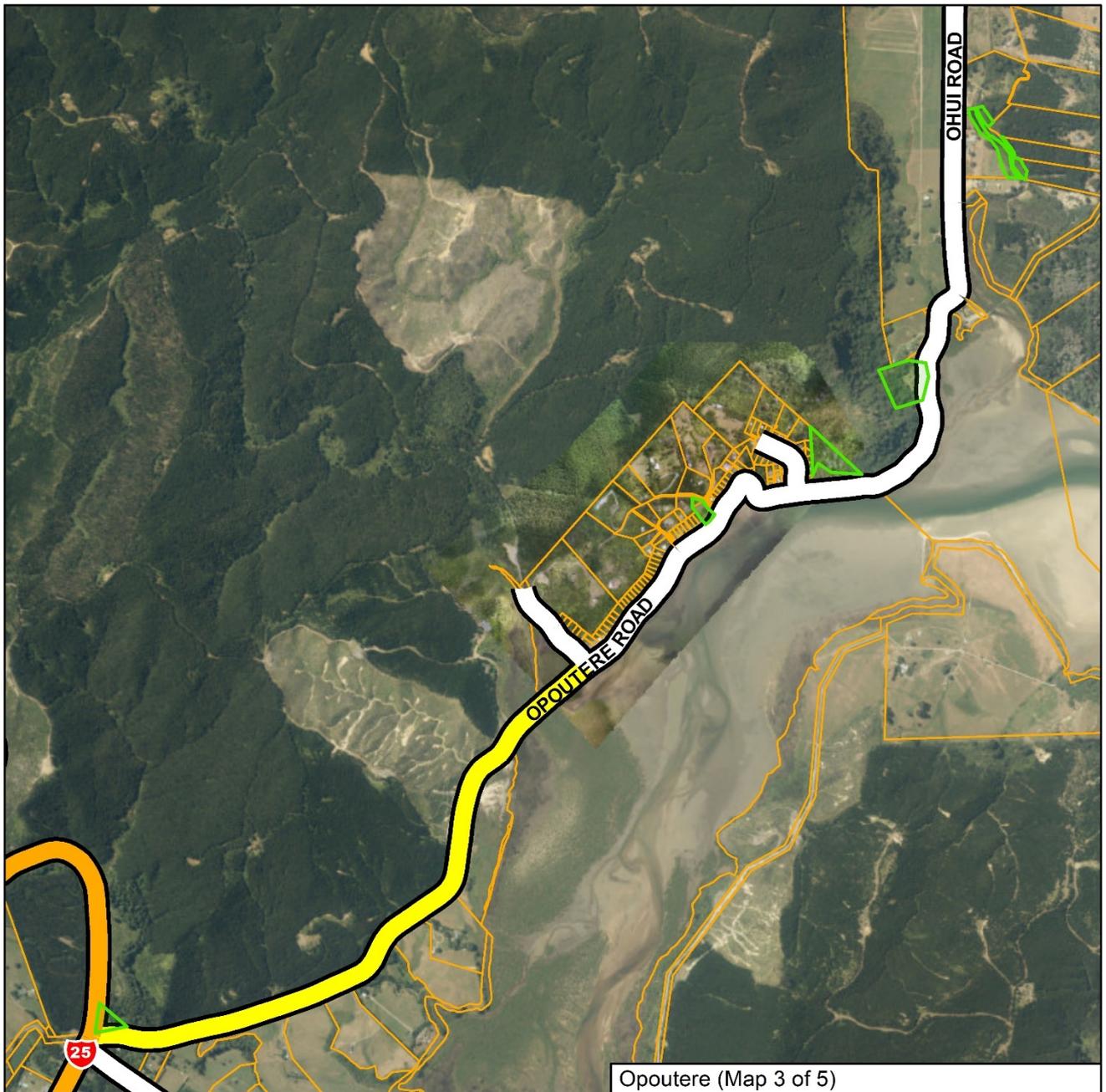


Map 1: Eastern Islands Overview

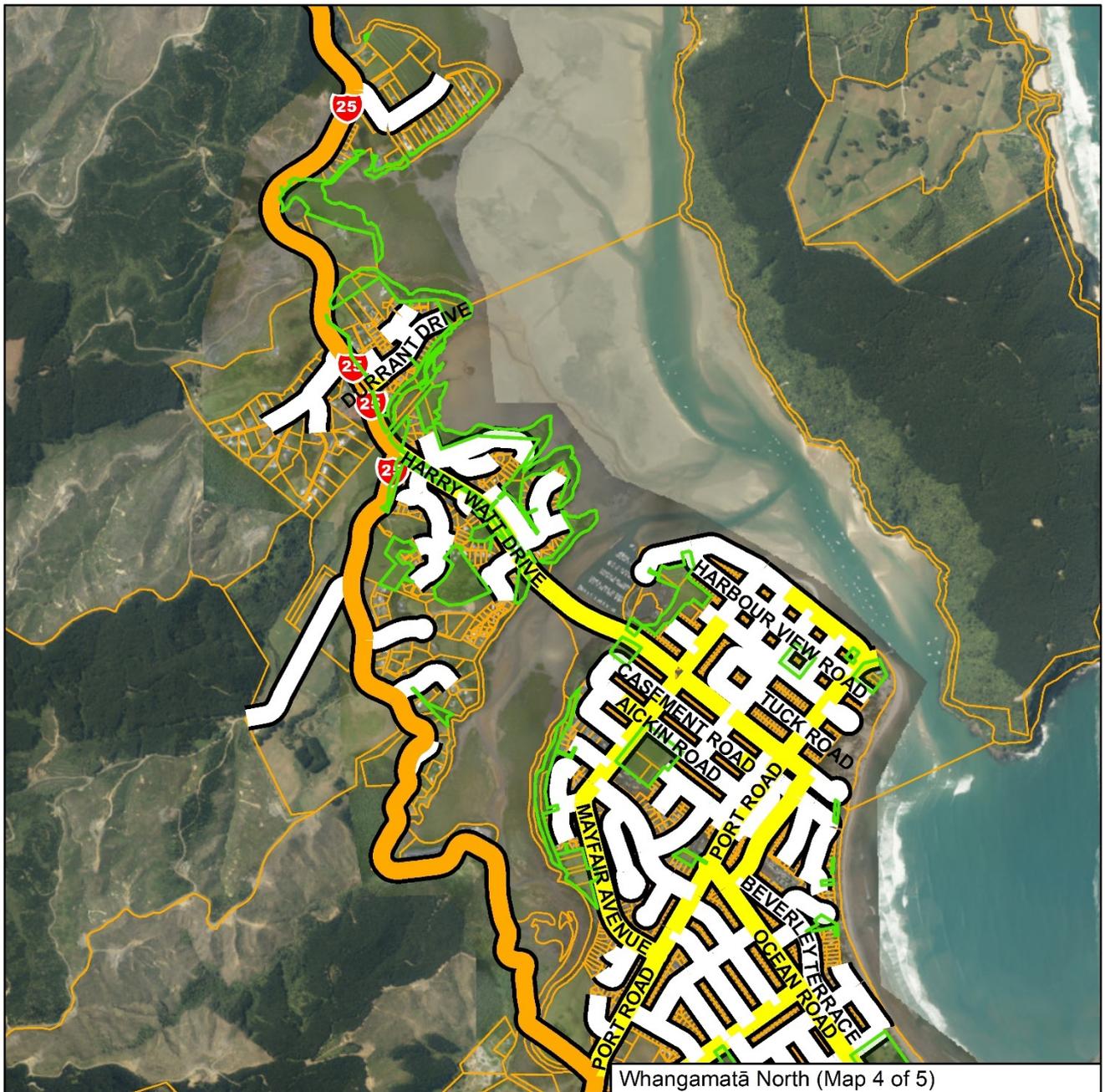


Map 2: Onemana Overview

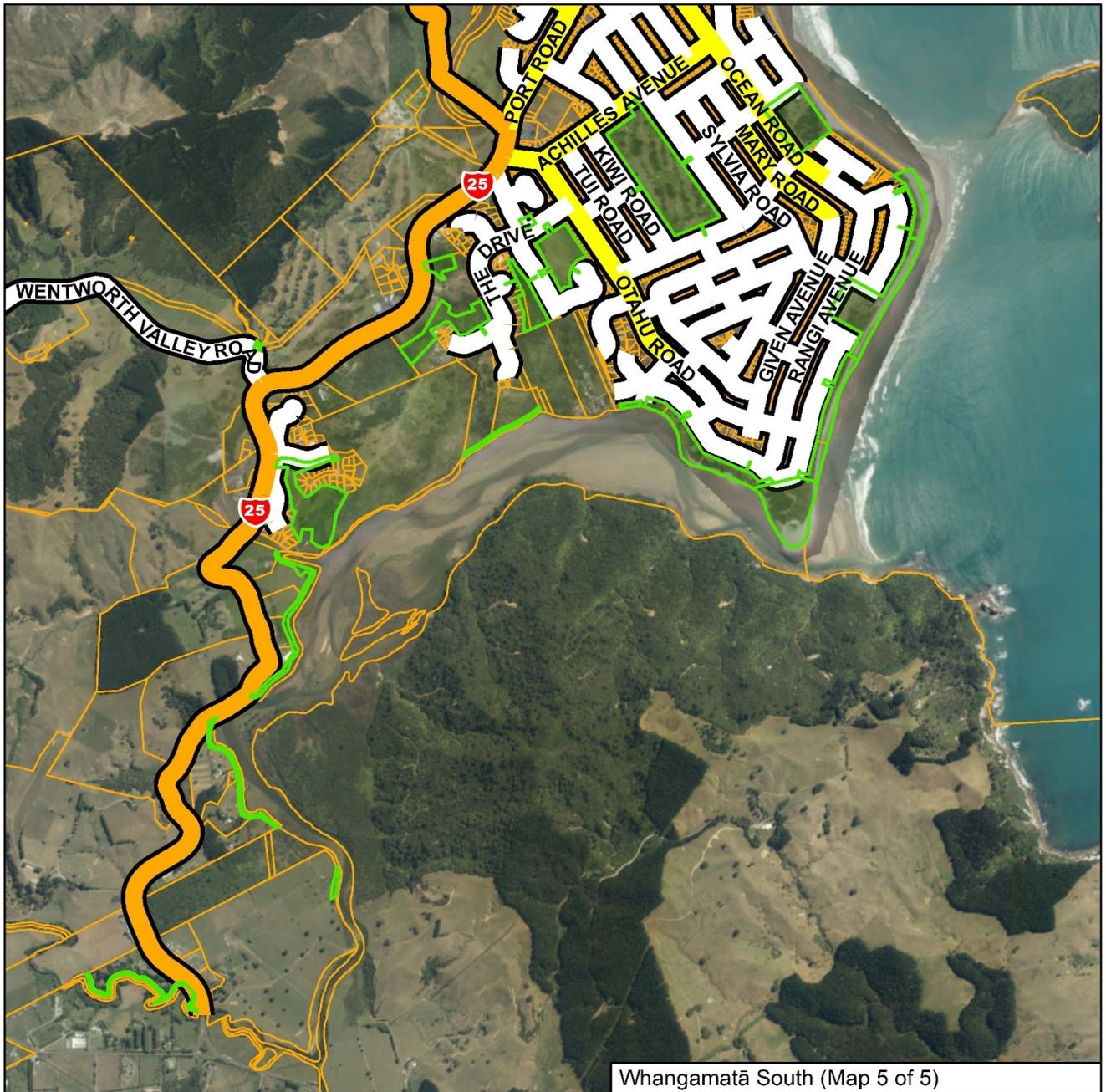




Map 4: Whangamatā North Overview



Map 5: Whangamatā South Overview



Reserves subject to treaty settlement

Under the deed of settlement between Ngāti Hako and the Crown, the parcels of reserve land in table two, which were included as individual reserve management plans in the 2014 Whangamatā Reserve Management Plans, will be transferred to Ngāti Hako.

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 Hako 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 2014 reserve management plans for these parcels of land will remain in effect until a separate management plan has been prepared. Council will continue to manage this land in accordance with these management plans until such time as new reserve management plans have been prepared.

Table 2 Individual Reserve Management Plans subject to Treaty Settlement

The individual Reserve Management Plan remains in effect for the following parcels of reserve land:	
Waiponga Reserve – Ōpoutere (Ngāti Hako)	Legal Description: Section 40 Block VIII Tairua Survey District

Note: the table does not show all parcels of reserve land that will be transferred to Ngāti Hako under the deed of settlement between Ngāti Hako and the Crown. Only those parcels of reserve land included in an individual 2014 Reserve Management Plan are referenced in the table.

Sports and Recreation

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

Typical Characteristics:

- sport facilities may include grass fields, hard courts, artificial surfaces.
- buildings, such as toilets, changing rooms, clubrooms, community centres, community activities.
- recreation facilities, such as playgrounds, skate parks, half courts, picnic areas and bike tracks.
- seating.
- landscaping.
- usually large size.
- leased sites may be small.

Maintenance and Development Levels

Outdoor sport and active recreation are the primary purpose of these reserves and commonly include sports turf, courts or other playing surfaces and buildings and structures. The reserve facilities are regularly maintained to a prescribed standard that ensures they are suitable for the prescribed use. Sports reserves may accommodate a sports club lease or license that extends some exclusive rights to the lessee that further enables development of sports related premises and facilities. Use of the reserve facilities may require prior booking or membership of a sports club.

Sports reserves are typically maintained to a higher standard that caters for specific demand of the sporting activity.

Aickin Road Sports Reserve – Whangamatā



Reserve Category	Sport and Recreation
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	210 Martyn Road (309 Lincoln Road), Whangamatā
Area	3.3452 ha
Legal Description	Lot 7 DPS 35364 (0.9533ha) NZ Gazette 1989 p1959 Lot 118 DP 36497 (2.0229ha) Lot 10 DP 35959 (0.3690ha) NZ Gazette 2020 In 5980

Leases and Licences	
Whangamatā Rugby and Sports Club Inc.	Expires August 2035
Scout Association of New Zealand	Expires May 2023

Background

- This reserve comprises three parcels of land. Lot 10 DP 35959 and Lot 118 DP 36497 were declared to be part of the Whangamatā Domain, for the purpose of recreation, in 1962 (NZ Gazette 1962 p 561). Lot 7 DPS 35364 was acquired by the Thames-Coromandel District Council in 1984 under the Local Government Act and declared as a recreation reserve in 1989.
- The reserve has been developed to provide for active sports and recreation and currently includes two rugby fields, two netball courts, flood lighting, a cricket wicket and training nets, a skatepark and a public toilet facility.
- Other development and improvements include an embankment partly surrounding the sports fields; an underground sprinkler and irrigation system; the Whangamatā Rugby and Sports clubrooms with showers and change room facilities (approx. 620m²); a Scout Den (220m²); and a campervan dump station located to the north of the public toilet facility adjacent to Martyn Road.
- The skatepark was originally constructed in the 1980's and then extended in the early 2000's. Further works to upgrade and extend the skatepark were completed in 2020.
- In 2019 the netball courts were resurfaced, and additional flood lighting was installed at either end of the sports field.
- Established sports clubs have priority use of the reserve for scheduled fixtures, otherwise the reserve is available for public use through a booking system.
- Further improvements to the reserve include a digital score board and additional storage space/facility for sports field equipment.

Reserve Issues

- Managing demand for the reserve and facilities by multiple sports codes.
- Pedestrian, carparking and traffic conflict at skatepark and dump station sites on Martyn Road

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 in consultation with the lessees and subject to permission from the Council.
- c. Allow for commercial activity licences at the discretion of the lessees and subject to Council approval.

Whangamatā Sports Reserve – Whangamatā



Reserve Category	Sport and Recreation
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	500 Rutherford Road, Whangamatā
Area	1.012 ha
Legal Description	Sections 28 - 37 Whangamatā Township NZ Gazette 2020 In 5980

Leases and Licences	
Whangamatā Bowling Club Inc. Sections 28 to 31 (more or less)	Expires March 2023
Whangamatā Croquet Club Inc. Sections 32,34,35	Expires March 2023
Whangamatā Combined Sports Centre Sections 33,36,37	Expires October 2045

Background

- The Whangamatā Sports Reserve comprises ten sections.
- In 1947 the Crown permanently reserved the land for recreation purposes (NZ Gazette 1947 p1925).
- In 1948 the recreation reserve was brought under the Public Reserves, Domains, and National Parks Act 1928 and was deemed to form part of the Whangamatā Domain which was to be managed as a public domain (NZ Gazette 1948 p219).
- In 1960 (pursuant to the Reserves and Domains Act 1953) the Thames County Council was appointed as the Whangamatā Domain Board to control and manage the Whangamatā Domain (NZ Gazette 1960 p1847).
- The entire reserve is leased and provides for a range of organised sports and recreation activities which include outdoor bowls, croquet, squash, and tennis.
- The current lessees have developed and maintain all the clubrooms and facilities on the reserve.
- Membership to any of the three clubs leasing the reserve is open to the public.
- The Croquet Club are investigating ways to facilitate future enhancement of their club.
- The Tennis Club are looking at the possibility of installing floodlights to enable night tennis.

Reserve Issues

- Limited on-site carparking.

Management Actions

- Continue to liaise with lessees regarding any future development proposals.

Reserve Management Policy

- The objectives and policies in the Thames Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.
- Allow for commercial activity licences at the discretion of the lessees and subject to Council approval.

Cultural Heritage

Typical Characteristics

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.

Moana Point Reserve - Whangamatā



Background

- This reserve comprises five parcels of land. Lot 179 DPS 21044, Lot 96 DPS 19157 and Lot 96 DPS 19155 were vested in the Thames County Council when the surrounding land was subdivided in the mid 1970's. Sections to 57 and 58 Block XVI Tairua Survey District were set aside and vested in Thames-Coromandel District Council for recreation purposes in 1986 (NZ Gazette 1986 p1900).
- The reserve extends along the Whangamatā Harbour margin and links up with the Patiki South reserve.
- The main entrance to the reserve is off Isabel Street. There are also two formed pedestrian accessways off Moanaanuanu Avenue.
- This reserve has been identified by Waikato Regional Council as a priority biodiversity site.
- There are two recorded archaeological sites (NZAA - T12/1348 Midden/Oven - Indigenous pre-1769 and T12/975 Pā site/settlement/historic midden - Colonial 1840-1900) on this reserve and the land could contain sub-surface remains of the activities that previously occurred in the area. T12/1348 is located on Sec 57 Blk XVI Tairua SD while T12/975 is located on Sec 58 Blk XVI Tairua SD. Of note, the midden/oven site located on Sec 57 Blk XVI Tairua SD has also been found to contain historic glass fragments in the intertidal zone at the base of the foreshore scarp.
- The pā located on Sec 58 Blk XVI Tairua SD and known to Ngāti Pū as Awarua, was built post 1840. Evidence given in the Hauraki Minute Book 8:17 stated that it was not a fighting pā but rather for the purpose of protecting Matiu (Pamahue) and McMillan (trader). The ML plan (1873) shows this area as Matiu Paraki's Settlement.
- Sec 58 Blk XVI Tairua SD also includes the site of Whangamatā's first kauri gum and general trading store. Known as Watts Store, it was built in 1873 and traded until 1920. The store site is marked by a commemorative plaque on the western side of Moana point however an update to the T12/348 site record suggests that the trading store was more likely to have been located on the eastern side. This is evidenced by a large quantity of black beer and champagne bottle glass at the base of the scarp on the foreshore along the eastern side of the Point and also fragments and bricks extending for 20m to the south.

Reserve Issues

- There is no recognition of the cultural significance of the reserve area to tangata whenua.
- Some of the archaeological features on the site have been damaged because of close mowing.

Reserve Category	Cultural Heritage
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	119 Harry Watt Drive, Whangamatā (adjacent to Patiki South Reserve)
Area	0.8185 ha
Legal Description	Lot 179 DPS 21044 (0.1884ha) Lot 96 DPS 19157 (0.4853ha) Lot 96 DPS 19155 (0.1448ha) Automatically classified as Recreation Reserve pursuant to s16(11)(b)(i) Reserves Act 1977
Reserve Classification	Local Purpose Esplanade
Location	119 Harry Watt Drive, Whangamatā (adjacent to Patiki South Reserve)
Area	2.8400 ha
Legal Description	Sec 57 Blk XVI Tairua SD (1.6600ha) Sec 58 Blk XVI Tairua SD (1.1800ha) NZ Gazette 2020 In 5980

Management Actions

- a. Liaise with tangata whenua and Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga to consider appropriate acknowledgement of the cultural and archaeological significance of this area as a whole and acceptable management protocols.

Reserve Management Policy

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

Ōtahu Point Historic Reserve – Whangamatā



Ōtahu Point Historic Reserve – Whangamatā

Reserve Category	Cultural Heritage
Reserve Classification	Historic
Location	167 Patuwai Drive, Whangamatā
Area	4.583 ha
Legal Description	Lot 1 DPS 9353 NZ Gazette 2002 p 2160

Background

- During the 1950's the land on which this reserve is located, became desirable for beachfront residential development. Given that many of the Māori landowners had left Whangamatā to seek employment elsewhere, the land was vested to a Māori Trustee appointed by the Māori Land Court to act in the interests of all the owners and make decisions about the land. A subsequent subdivision proposal in the early 1970's resulted in the Council working with the Department of Māori Affairs to acquire this particular area of land in recognition of the cultural significance to tangata whenua.
- Initially this area was taken as a recreation ground under the Public Works Act in 1973 (NZ Gazette 1973 p1956), and then classified (NZ Gazette 1979 p 523) and vested (NZ Gazette 1979 p 698) in Thames-Coromandel District Council as a 'Recreation' reserve in 1979.
- The reserve is located on a broad sandspit at the southern end of Whangamatā Beach where the Ōtahu River flows into the sea. It is bound to the west by the river estuary and the eastern flank is open sandy beach with views to offshore islands. It includes a mix of greenspace, dunes, and on the more elevated parts remnant coastal (pōhutukawa) forest.
- There are two recorded archaeological sites on this reserve (NZAA – T12/562 Burial Māori and T12/563 Midden/Oven) and the land is known to contain sub-surface remains of the activities that previously occurred in this area.
- It is also thought that Whau trees once grew on this reserve. Whau wood is very light (like balsa) and was traditionally used by Māori for floats, fishing nets, crayfish rafts and fishing boats.
- In 2002 the classification of the reserve was changed from 'Recreation' to 'Historic' (NZ Gazette 2002 p2160) and Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga registered the site as Te Whauwhau Wāhi Tapu (ref HNZ 7726).
- Te Whauwhau Wāhi Tapu comprises a traditional Tauranga waka (waka landing place), a parekura (the Koherutaratara battle site), an urupā (burial grounds) and a spiritual/ritual place where Māori funeral rites, including the cleansing of koiwi (skeletal remains) took place.
- The urupā was widely used in pre-European times by Hauraki hapu and iwi with many indiscriminate burials occurring on the site. A section of the urupā contains the remains of some of those who died during the 1918 Spanish Flu pandemic; Māori and Europeans alike were buried here together. The last recorded burial at the urupā was in 1948.
- A public toilet facility and parking area were built on part of the urupā in the late 60's. Numerous attempts by Ngāti Pū to have the toilet facility removed from the urupā saw it finally demolished in 2002 and a replacement facility built on Pōhutukawa Crescent road reserve. At the same time consideration was given to the removal of the parking area however an agreement was reached between Ngāti Pū and Council to retain the parking area in situ and install bollards to prevent vehicles from driving from the parking area on to the reserve.

- In keeping with the sensitive nature of the wāhi tapu area, tangata whenua have advised Council that it is not culturally appropriate to host ceremonies such as weddings on the reserve.
- A timber retaining wall approximately 80 metres long has been built along the edge of the estuary to help control dune erosion that has the potential to further expose burial sites. Gravel and clay caps have also been used to try and stabilise the eroded dunes adjacent to the estuary foreshore.
- The Department of Conservation (DOC) oversee habitat protection programmes for New Zealand dotterels which breed in this area over the summer period.
- The reserve and estuary are a popular destination for a range of passive recreational activities.

Reserve Issues

- There is no formal acknowledgement of the wāhi tapu or cultural significance of this site to tangata whenua on this reserve.
- Severe deflation of the dunes has removed all evidence of the shell midden archaeological site (T12/563) near the Ōtahu River mouth.
- Gravel and clay caps used to stabilise eroded dunes have the potential to impact on the archaeological values of shell middens.
- Exotic plant species are displacing indigenous dune vegetation and the habitat it provides.
- Haphazard walkways are also damaging dune vegetation and contributing to dune erosion.

Management Actions

- a. Liaise with tangata whenua and Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga to consider appropriate acknowledgement of the cultural and archaeological significance of this area as a whole and acceptable management protocols.
- b. Where appropriate, consider developing partnerships with residents and/or local community groups to support the management of dune areas through 'Beach Care' programmes.
- c. Investigate coastal erosion issues and where appropriate identify options for intervention to manage erosion in a sustainable way through the Shoreline Management Plan.
- d. Where appropriate, work with and support DOC to provide signage and/or other methods to clearly identify bird roosting and nesting areas.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.
- b. Private ceremonies inconsistent with the cultural significance of the reserve, such as weddings, are not permitted on this reserve.
- c. Park assets such as park seats and picnic tables are not permitted on this reserve to discourage food consumption.

Te Titoki Reserve – Whangamatā



Background

- This reserve comprises five parcels of land on the western side of Port Road and seven parcels of land on the eastern side.
- The seven parcels on the eastern side of Port Road were formerly Crown land reserved for recreation purposes in 1947 (NZ Gazette 1947 p1925) and then set aside as a public domain (to be known as the Whangamatā Domain) in 1948 under the Public Reserves, Domains and National Parks Act 1928 (NZ Gazette 1948 p219).
- In 1960 the former Whangamatā Domain Board (as appointed in 1955) was revoked and the Thames County Council was appointed to be the Whangamatā Domain Board (NZ Gazette 1960 p1847).
- In 1971 the five parcels of land on the western side of Port Road (which were also formerly Crown land) were set aside as a reserve for recreation purposes and vested to the Thames County Council in trust, for that purpose under the Reserves and Domains Act 1953 (NZ Gazette 1971 p1699).
- In 1975 the former Thames County Council (who was appointed as the Whangamatā Domain Board in 1971) was dissolved and replaced by the Thames-Coromandel District Council (NZ Gazette 1975 p2128).
- The reserve and surrounding foreshore area is of cultural significance to tangata whenua particularly because a Māori ancestor, Whenua, settled and built his pā at Te Titoki and was buried there.
- Rangiwahakaaea, a commemorative stone gifted by Ngāti Pū, is located on the eastern side of the reserve. It includes a plaque commemorating Te Titoki 'as a place of significance, a monument to the unity, genealogy and history of our ancestors of ancient Whangamatā'.
- The reserve includes and/or is within the immediate vicinity of three recorded archaeological sites (T12/3, T12/2 and T12/565) and could contain sub-surface remains of the activities that previously occurred in this area.
- T12/3 extends from the foreshore and wharf area across the entirety the reserve land on the western side of Port Road. This site has been identified as a Māori pre-1769 archaic midden with artefacts. Previous archaeological investigations found evidence of a cooking and food processing area largely focused on seal and fish and the remains of a workshop for the manufacture of Tahanga basalt adzes and reworking of adzes made from Nelson-Marlborough argillite.

Reserve Category	Cultural Heritage
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	1105 Port Rd, Whangamatā (western side of Port Road)
Area	0.1640 ha
Legal Description	Section 339 (0.0271ha) Whangamatā Township Section 340 (0.0185ha) Whangamatā Township Section 341 (0.0185ha) Whangamatā Township Section 342 (0.0185ha) Whangamatā Township Section 343 (0.0814ha) Whangamatā Township NZ Gazette 2020 In 5980
Location	1100 Port Road, Whangamatā (eastern side of Port Road)
Area	1.0299 ha
Legal Description	Sections 1- 7 Whangamatā Township Township NZ Gazette 2011 p2117

Leases and Licences	
Whangamatā Ocean Sports Club Inc.	Expires July 2044
Royal New Zealand Plunket Trust	Expires January 2022

- T12/2 is located east of the wharf on the coastal side and east of the Whangamatā Ocean Sports Club while T12/565 is in the shallow dune basin located on legal unformed road further to the east. Both sites have been identified as a Māori pre-1769 midden/ovens.
- The land on the western side of Port Road provides flat and open greenspace.
- The land on the eastern side contains the Ocean Sports Club building (which includes the harbour masters office and a public toilet facility), the former Coastguard building (currently leased by Plunket), vehicle parking and a reasonably large greenspace area with scatterings of shade trees.
- Both parts of the reserve experience high public use due to proximity to the wharf, harbour and Beach Road foreshore.

Reserve Issues

- There is no recognition of the cultural and archaeological significance of the reserve area on the western side of Port Road to tangata whenua. Current use of this area for vehicle and boat trailer parking and unauthorised vehicle access could result in damage to subsurface archaeology.

Reserve Management Actions

- a. Liaise with tangata whenua and Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga to consider appropriate acknowledgement of the cultural and archaeological significance of this area as a whole and acceptable management protocols.
- b. Liaise with tangata whenua and Ocean Sports Club to deter parking and vehicle access on the area of reserve on the western side of Port Road.

Reserve Management Policy

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

Waireka Place Reserve - Whangamatā



Waireka Place Reserve - Whangamatā

Reserve Category

Reserve Classification

Location

Area

Legal Description

Cultural Heritage

Recreation

105B Te Pamahue Drive,
Whangamatā

2.7586 ha

Lot 30 DPS 29406 (2.7258ha)
Lot 54 DP 341644 (0.0029ha)
NZ Gazette 2016 In 2111

Lot 253 DPS 26861
Automatically classified as
Recreation Reserve pursuant
to s16(11)(b)(i) Reserves Act
1977

Leases and Licences

Vodafone NZ Ltd

Expires: November 2044

Background

- This reserve includes three parcels of land. Lot 253 DPS 26861 and Lot 30 DPS 29406 were vested in the Thames-Coromandel District Council when the surrounding land was subdivided in the late 1970's and early 1980's. Lot 54 DP 341644 was vested in the Thames-Coromandel District Council in 2004.
- The reserve is dominated by utility infrastructure which includes water supply reservoirs and radio transmitters and telecommunication towers/masts in the upper northern part, and underground water and wastewater mains, and water bores throughout the lower part of the reserve.
- While Lot 253 DPS 26861 provides vehicular access from Tirohanga Drive to the upper part of the reserve, it is not practicable for vehicles to use this entry point due the steep gradient of the land.
- Council has been advised by tangata whenua that part of the pā of Ngāti Pū chief Herewini Te Rangai (which was occupied by Matiu Te Pamahue after his death) was situated on the east facing hill in the upper northern part of this reserve.
- There is a recorded archaeological site (NZAA – T12/1044 Midden - Māori) within close vicinity to the upper part on this reserve (adjacent to water reservoirs) and the land could contain sub-surface remains of the activities that previously occurred in this area. The density of other archaeological sites in the immediate area indicates that there was extensive use an occupation of the land by Māori.
- There is a viewing platform and seating located in the north western corner of the reserve (Lot 254 DP 3416440) which provides extensive views of the harbour, Whangamatā township, Moanaanuanu estuary and Pacific Ocean. The viewing platform was constructed by a community group initiative.
- Community groups have also been actively involved in the restoration and ongoing maintenance of the reserve. Works have included revegetation projects such as the planting of 500 Kauri trees in 2000, and the construction of a series of walking tracks throughout the reserve that provide linkages between Waireka Place, the viewing platform and Te Pamahue Drive.

Reserve Issues

- There is no formal acknowledgement of the cultural significance of this site to tangata whenua on this reserve.
- Practicable access to the reserve is limited to pedestrians only from Waireka Place.
- The reserve does not have an official name.
- Land subsidence has occurred in the southern area of the reserve.

Management Actions

- a. Liaise with tangata whenua to consider appropriate acknowledgement of the cultural significance of this reserve and acceptable management protocols.
- b. Continue to develop partnerships with residents and/or local community groups to support the management and ongoing maintenance of the reserve.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.
- b. Allow for small-scale events that do not involve the use of marquees or amplified music, subject to permission from the Council.

Neighbourhood

Typical Characteristics

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

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

Maintenance and Development Levels

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

Elsinore Close – Whangamatā



Elsinore Close – Whangamatā

Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	121 Elsinore Close, Whangamatā
Area	1.339
Legal Description	Lot 55 DP 341644 NZ Gazette 2016 In2111

Background

- This reserve was vested to Thames-Coromandel District Council when the surrounding land was subdivided in 2004.
- Access is provided off Elsinore Close and Te Pamahue Drive however these access points are not suitable for vehicles.
- While Council does not actively maintain this reserve, a neighbouring property owner grazes the land which keeps it in a relatively tidy state.
- There is a recorded archaeological site (NZAA – T12/1047 Midden - Maori) within close vicinity to the western boundary of this reserve and the land could contain sub-surface remains of the activities that previously occurred in this area.

Reserve Issues

- The reserve is steep with limited opportunities for access, development, or use.
- No formal grazing agreement has been entered into for use of this reserve.

Management Actions

- a. Formalise a grazing agreement or consider alternative maintenance arrangements.

Reserve Management Policy

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

Fire Station Reserve – Whangamatā



Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	411A Port Road, Whangamatā
Area	0.3465
Legal Description	Lot 1 DPS 14845 (0.2833ha) Lot 2 DPS 14844 (0.0632ha) Automatically classified as Recreation Reserve pursuant to s16(11)(b)(i) Reserves Act 1977.

Background

- This reserve was vested to Thames County Council when the surrounding land was subdivided in the early 1970's.
- The reserve comprises two parcels of land. Lot 2 DPS 14844 provides pedestrian access from Port Road while Lot 1 DPS 14845 provides open greenspace with playground equipment and picnic facilities.
- Pedestrians can also access the reserve via a paved walkway that links up with Charleston Avenue.

Reserve Issues

- The reserve has limited access, no lighting and lacks clear visibility from the road.

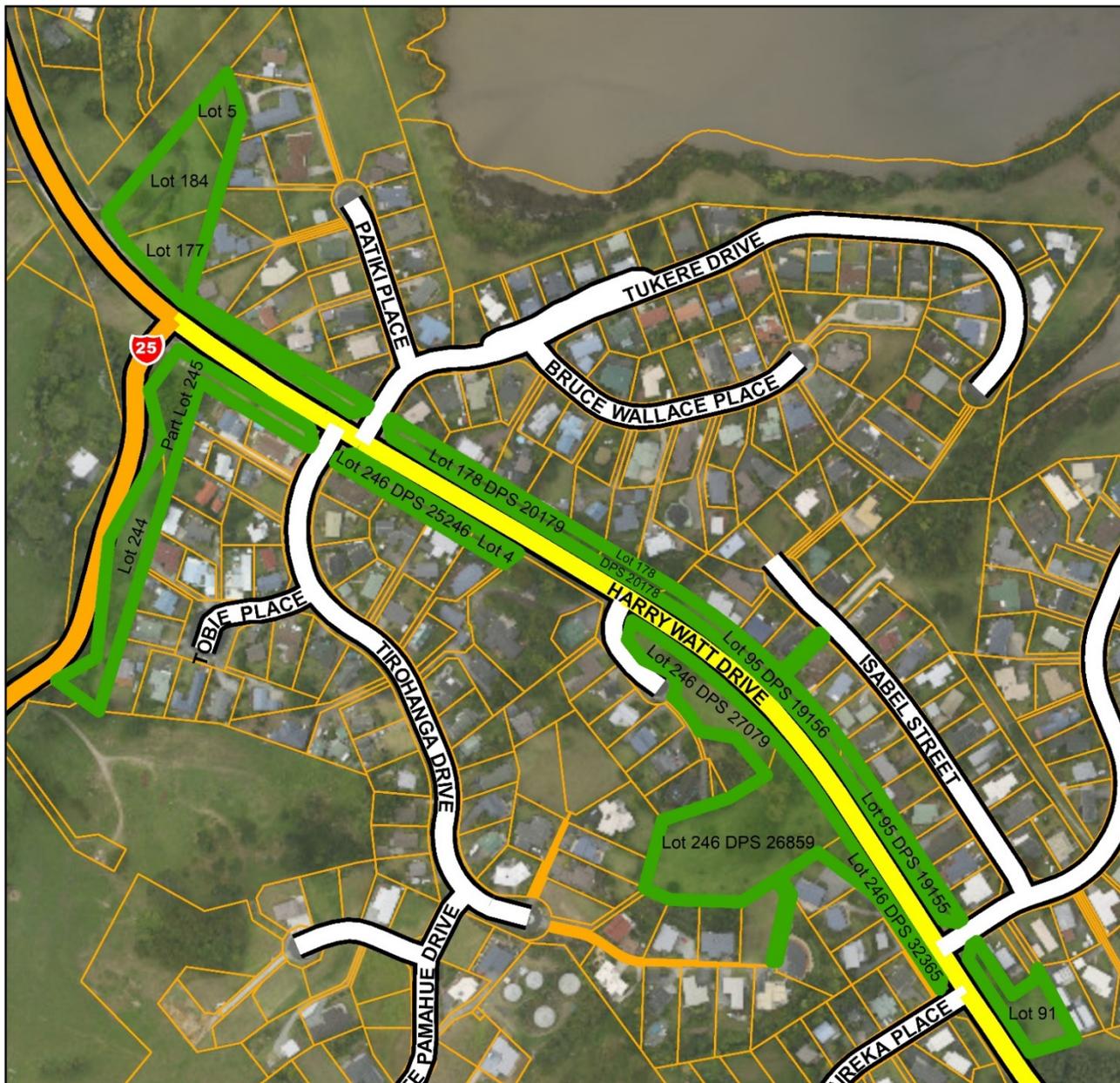
Management Actions

- a. Investigate options and opportunities to incorporate the use of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles when considering any future development of the reserve.

Reserve Management Policy

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

Harry Watt Drive Reserve - Whangamatā



Harry Watt Drive Reserve - Whangamatā

Reserve Category - Neighbourhood		
Location	Area (ha)	Legal Description
Reserve Classification - Recreation		
100 Harry Watt Drive, Whangamatā	0.6987 ha	Lot 246 DPS 26859 (0.6217ha) Automatically classified as Recreation Reserve pursuant to s16(11)(b)(i) Reserves Act 1977 Lot 246 DPS 32365 (0.0770ha) NZ Gazette 2016 In 2111
119 Harry Watt Drive, Whangamatā	0.8254 ha	Lot 91 DPS 18445 (0.1514ha) Lot 95 DPS 19156 (0.1527ha) Lot 95 DPS 19155 (0.1180ha) Lot 178 DPS 20178 (0.0424ha) Lot 178 DPS 20179 (0.1424ha)

Reserve Category - Neighbourhood		
Location	Area (ha)	Legal Description
		Lot 246 DPS 27079 (0.2185ha) Automatically classified as Recreation Reserve pursuant to s16(11)(b)(i) Reserves Act 1977
124 Harry Watt Drive, Whangamatā	0.0277 ha	Lot 4 DPS 29925 NZ Gazette 2016 In 2111
126 Harry Watt Drive, Whangamatā	0.0896 ha	Lot 246 DPS 25246 Automatically classified as Recreation Reserve pursuant to s16(11)(b)(i) Reserves Act 1977
200 Harry Watt Drive, Whangamatā	0.4787 ha	Part Lot 245 DPS 25247 (0.2050ha) Lot 244 DPS 25250 (0.2737ha) Automatically classified as Recreation Reserve pursuant to s16(11)(b)(i) Reserves Act 1977
301 Harry Watt Drive, Whangamatā	0.2383 ha	Part Lot 177 DPS 22665 Automatically classified as Recreation Reserve pursuant to s16(11)(b)(i) Reserves Act 1977
130A Patiki Place, Whangamatā	0.0763 ha	Lot 5 DPS 25913 Automatically classified as Recreation Reserve pursuant to s16(11)(b)(i) Reserves Act 1977
Reserve Classification - Local Purpose Esplanade		
120A Patiki Place, Whangamatā	0.2736 ha	Part Lot 184 DPS 22665 Automatically classified as a Local Purpose (Esplanade) Reserve pursuant to s16(11)(b)(iv) Reserves Act 1977

Background

- This reserve comprises fifteen parcels of land that span both sides of Harry Watt Drive, from the junction of Tairua Road (SH25) and the Waikiekie Stream through to the Hetherington Road causeway.
- It includes a large number of mature specimen trees and collectively contributes to Whangamatā's walking/cycling network and streetscape beautification.
- Some parts of this reserve have been identified by Waikato Regional Council as a priority biodiversity site.
- A footpath on the northern side of Harry Watt Drive provides a route for walkers/cyclists, that links to Patiki North and South Reserve, Orongotapiri Point and Moana Point. The pathway network is located both within the reserve parcels and legal road corridor.
- A wastewater pump station is located on Part Lot 245 DPS 25247 at the corner of Harry Watt Drive and Tairua Road. In addition to this, various utility infrastructure is located both above and below ground on the multiple parcels of land that make up this reserve.

Reserve Issues

- Maintenance of utility infrastructure can impact on use of the reserve land.
- Most specimen trees are reaching senescence and some of them are in poor health.
- Some areas are low lying and subject to inundation.

Management Actions

- Consider replacement plantings in line with the Whangamatā Tree Master Plan.
- Develop and plan for succession planting to replace existing trees in poor health.
- Liaise with utility providers to plan for infrastructure repairs and maintenance as required.

Reserve Management Policy

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

Hetherington Road Reserve – Whangamatā



Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	321 Hetherington Road, Whangamatā
Area	0.736 ha
Legal Description	Part Lot 1 DP 33914 NZ Gazette 2020 in 5891

Background

- This reserve was vested to Thames County Council when the surrounding land was subdivided in 1947.
- The reserve is predominantly open greenspace located between Hetherington and Casement Roads.
- It includes an emergency helicopter landing pad with formed vehicle access through to Casement Road, pedestrian linkage from Casement Road through to the Moanaanuanu Estuary Reserve walkway, static fitness equipment, picnic facilities, a basketball half court and a vehicle parking area off Hetherington Road.
- A shade structure also straddles the reserve’s north-western boundary and adjoining road reserve.

Reserve Issues

- Potential safety risk to public when the emergency landing pad is in use.

Reserve Management Policy

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

Island View Reserve - Whangamatā



Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	302 Rangī Avenue, Whangamatā (Beach Access No: 14)
Area	4.6817 ha
Legal Description	Lot 704 DPS 5197 NZ Gazette 2020 In 5890

Background

- This land was vested on deposit of DPS 5197 in HM the King as 'Recreation' reserve pursuant to s13 Land Subdivision in Counties Act 1946 (NZ Gazette 1958 p 1393) in 1958.
- In 1960, Lot 704 DPS 5197 was vested in the Thames County Council in trust for a recreation reserve by NZ Gazette 1960 p 381.
- The Thames County Council was also appointed as the Whangamatā Domain Board in 1960 to control and manage the Whangamatā Domain pursuant to the Reserves and Domains Act 1953 (NZ Gazette 1960 p 1847).
- In 1962 the vesting of this land in the Thames County Council was cancelled by NZ Gazette 1962 p 563. The land was subsequently declared to be part of the Whangamatā Domain, for the purpose of recreation by NZ Gazette 1962 p 561 so it could be administered as a public domain by the Thames County Council who were appointed as the Whangamatā Domain Board.
- Part of the reserve (adjacent to Island View Road and Rangī Avenue) comprises open greenspace with a mix of indigenous and exotic shrubs and trees. The other part of the reserve forms a strip that extends some 500 metres along the coastline and includes dunes and beach.
- Amenity improvements include a playground constructed in 2013/14 which includes a flying fox, a public toilet facility, picnic tables and two formed parking areas.
- The reserve experiences a high use during the summer period and is a popular destination for play, recreation and accessing the beach.
- Pedestrian access to the beach is provided by both formal and informal tracks while vehicle access for the purpose of boat launching, is provided from the southern end of the formed parking area (Beach Access 14).
- Pedestrian access to the reserve is provided via a walkway between 114 and 116 Pipi Road and from the road ends of both Island View Road and Hinemoa Street.
- A wastewater pump station is located in the north western corner and there are underground stormwater pipes running through other parts of the reserve.

Reserve Issues

- The beachfront area is prone to severe coastal erosion from offshore winds and frequent storm events.
- Informal beach access through the dunes is having a negative impact on the dune system.
- Weed species are competing with and displacing native dune plants.

Management Actions

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

Reserve Management Policy

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

Mayfair Avenue Reserve – Whangamatā



Mayfair Avenue Reserve – Whangamatā

Background

- This reserve comprises five parcels of land. Lot 56 DPS 36161 was vested to Thames-Coromandel District Council when the surrounding land was subdivided in 1984 and the remaining lots were vested in the early 90's.
- The reserve has a wide road frontage between 126 and 128 Mayfair Ave that provides vehicle access, a pedestrian walkway that links to Sharyn Place and adjoins Crown marginal strip and esplanade reserve (Moanaanuanu Estuary Reserve).
- The Waikato Regional Council oversee a volunteer led pest animal and pest plant control programme along the adjacent estuarine margins.
- This reserve is adjacent to the Moanaanuanu estuary which has been identified by Waikato Regional Council as a priority biodiversity site.
- The equestrian group have a shed and horse arena on the part of the reserve they lease from Council.
- There are underground utilities running through the reserve including a wastewater main.
- The Council gives consent annually for overnight parking/camping to occur on the reserve during the annual 'Beach Hop' event.

Management Actions

- a. Investigate the feasibility of extending the Moanaanuanu estuary walkway through to the Mayfair Avenue Reserve.

Reserve Management Policy

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

Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	128A Wattle Place, Whangamatā
Area	1.7226 ha
Legal Description	Lot 47 DPS 64458 (0.2476ha) Lot 55 DPS 56350 (0.4290ha) Lot 20 DPS 55155 (0.1420ha) Lot 56 DPS 36161 (0.5950ha) Lot 78 DPS 67968 (0.3090ha) NZ Gazette 2016 In 2111

Leases and Licences	
Whangamatā Equestrian and Social Group Inc	Expires March 2024
Riverview Community Garden on Mayfair	Expires November 2022

Michael King Memorial Reserve - Ōpoutere



Michael King Memorial Reserve - Ōpoutere

Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	285 Ōpoutere Road, Ōpoutere
Area	0.3314 ha
Legal Description	Lot 18 DPS 23418 (0.0570ha) Lot 20 DPS 23418 (0.0195ha) Automatically classified as Recreation Reserve pursuant to s16(11)(b)(i) Reserves Act 1977 Lot 26 DP 35103 (0.2549ha) NZ Gazette

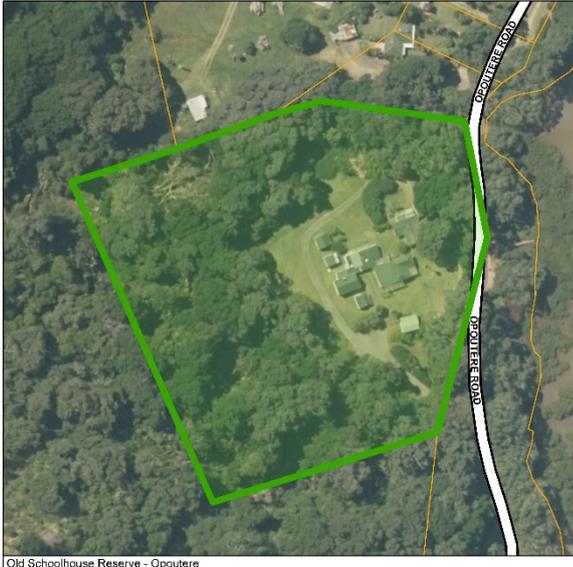
Background

- This reserve comprises three parcels of land. In 1947 Lot 26 DP 35103 was vested on deposit of DP 35103 in Her Majesty the Queen as Recreation Reserve pursuant to s13 Land Subdivision in Counties Act 1946 and then later vested in the Thames County Council as Recreation Reserve pursuant to s44(1) of the Counties Amendment Act 1961. In 1977 Lots 18 and 20 DPS 23418 were vested on deposit of DPS 23418 in the Thames District Council pursuant to s35(4) Counties Amendment Act 1961
- The reserve, which slopes upwards from Ōpoutere Road, provides scenic views over Wharekawa harbour.
- The reserve is named in honour of the renowned historian, author and biographer, Dr Michael King. Dr King and his wife Maria Jungowska lived in Ōpoutere for over 10 years until they were both tragically killed in a car accident in 2004. In 2008 the University of Waikato purchased their house (where Dr King did much of his writing) to provide a writer's retreat for university staff.
- The Whangamatā Community Board approved the naming of the reserve and the installation of a memorial plaque and a separate memorial sculpture (made by Coromandel potter, Barry Brickell) in acknowledgement of Dr Michael King. These are located towards the western boundary of the reserve beneath the smaller stand of pōhutukawa.

Reserve Management Policy

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

Old Schoolhouse Reserve - Ōpoutere



Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Local Purpose Reserve (Youth Holiday Camp)
Location	389 Ōpoutere Road, Ōpoutere
Area	1.6187 ha
Legal Description	Sec 5 Blk VIII Tairua SD NZ Gazette 1979 p1042/43

Leases and Licences	
Wharekawa Adventure Education Trust	Expires July 2029

Background

- This reserve was the former site of the 'Wharekawa Native School' which opened in 1909 and was later renamed 'Ōpoutere Native School'.
- In 1953 the native school was moved to its present site at 1203 Tairua Road SH25, Ōpoutere.
- In 1955 the Crown appointed the Thames County Council to control and manage the former school site as a holiday camp for youth or community organisations (NZ Gazette 1955 p1883). The appointment to control and manage included special conditions that stipulated the Council could charge for the use of the facilities but must take all necessary steps to adequately maintain the land and buildings without recourse to the Crown and ensure that none of the trees or bush on the site were cut down or destroyed.
- In 1979 the site was classified under the Reserves Act 1977 as a 'Local Purpose Youth Holiday Camp Reserve' and operated as a youth hostel until 2018.
- In 2019 a new lease was granted to Wharekawa Adventure Education Trust for the land and two of the existing buildings.

Reserve Management Policy

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

Onemana Beach Reserve - Onemana



Onemana Beach Reserve - Onemana

Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	125 Oratia Place, Onemana
Area	6.8634 ha
Legal Description	Lot 198 DPS 19759 (0.8169ha) Lot 351 DPS 23147 (3.4894ha) Lot 356 DPS 27602 (2.5571ha) Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(i) of the Reserves Act 1977

Leases and Licences	
Onemana Surf Lifesaving Club Inc.	Expires: June 2051

Background

- This reserve comprises three parcels of land which occupy the entire beach frontage and contribute significantly to the identity of the small coastal settlement.
- There are recorded archaeological sites towards the southern end of the beach and the land could contain sub-surface remains of the activities that previously occurred in this area. NZAA - T12/16 Midden/oven - Indigenous pre-1769 is located on Lot 351 DPS 23147. In 2006 this the site was noted as surviving only in part south of the original toilet block however active foredune planting has been successful in encouraging the build-up of sand over the exposed midden face further protecting the remainder of the site. NZAA T12/29 Burial/cemetery – Māori is located on Lot 356 DPS 27602 although in 1981 it was noted that the site may have been removed or buried as a result of sand mining. NZAA T12/23 Pā – Māori is located on Lot 356 DPS 27602. .
- Most of the reserve is open greenspace that extends down on to sand dunes. There is a small patch of mature coastal forest at the southern end of the beach (Lot 356 DPS 27602) that extends over the reserve boundary and Whitiwhiri Point which is administered by the Department of Conservation.
- Improvements include two sealed carparks, the Onemana Surf Lifesaving clubrooms, two tennis courts, a playground, several specimen trees, a footbridge and formed pedestrian accessways to the beach.
- A new public toilet facility was installed adjacent to the lower carpark area in 2020.
- An underground wastewater pipe runs through the entire length of the reserve.

Reserve Issues

- The sand dunes are susceptible to erosion.
- There is no recognition of the cultural significance to tangata whenua of the area towards Whitiwhiri Point.

Management Actions

- Liaise with tangata whenua to consider appropriate acknowledgement of the cultural significance of parts of this reserve and acceptable management protocols.
- Continue to develop partnerships with residents and/or local community groups to support the management of dune areas through 'Coastcare' programmes.

Reserve Management Policy

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

Ōpoutere Hall Reserve - Ōpoutere



Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Hall Site)
Location	1 Ōpoutere Road, Ōpoutere
Area	0.3521 ha
Legal Description	Sec 37 Blk VIII Tairua SD NZ Gazette 1965 p1016

Background

- In 1965 the Crown set this land apart (from the Tairua state forest) as a reserve for a site for a public hall (NZ Gazette 1965 p1016) subject to the Land Act 1948. The Crown then appointed the Thames County Council to control and manage the reserve as a site for a public hall (NZ Gazette 1965 p1023) subject to the Reserves and Domains Act 1953.
- The Hall was originally built in 1965 by the Te Rangimarie Sunday School and Social Committee for the Ōpoutere community.
- The hall was previously managed and maintained by the Ōpoutere Community Hall Community, while Council manages and maintains the reserve and grounds. The hall is currently classified as a dangerous and unsanitary building and is unable to be used.

Reserve Management Policy

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

Park Avenue Reserve - Whangamatā



Park Avenue Reserve - Whangamatā

Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	106 The Drive, Whangamatā
Area	2.7531 ha
Legal Description	Lot 3 DP 314412 Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(i) of the Reserves Act 1977

Background

- This land was previously wetland that was in-filled during residential development of the area in the 1960's.
- The reserve was vested to Thames-Coromandel District Council when the immediately surrounding land was subdivided in the late 1970's.
- Vehicular access is provided from The Drive and Park Avenue and there is pedestrian only access from Avalon Place.
- The reserve is low lying and is prone to surface flooding during high rainfall periods. A concrete swale along the western boundary of the reserve assists with the disposal of stormwater from surrounding properties. There is also an underground wastewater main that runs along most of the western boundary of the reserve and a pump station is located towards the south-western corner.
- The reserve was used as sports field during the 1980's but this ended due to ongoing drainage issues
- A 'dog playground' (including donated obstacle course equipment) was established towards the north western corner of the reserve in 2018.

Reserve Issues

- Poor drainage and existing utility infrastructure restrict use and development of the reserve.

Management Actions

- a. Continue to monitor 'dog playground' and where appropriate support ongoing use and development.

Reserve Management Policy

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

Pukepoto Reserve – Whangamatā



Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	117 The Drive, Whangamatā
Area	0.1900 ha
Legal Description	Lot 140 DPS 23325 Automatically classified as Recreation Reserve pursuant to s16(11)(b)(i) Reserves Act 1977

Background

- This reserve was vested to Thames-Coromandel District Council when the surrounding land was subdivided in 1977.
- The reserve is located on the corner of Hilton Drive and The Drive and includes a prominent knoll covered in both native and exotic vegetation.
- There is a recorded archaeological site (NZAA – T12/108 Midden/oven and terraces- Māori) on this reserve and the land could contain sub-surface remains of the activities that previously occurred in this area.
- A wastewater pump station is located towards the south-eastern corner of the reserve.

Reserve Management Policy

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

Whangamatā Marina Reserve - Whangamatā



Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	617 Beach Road
Area	2.8360 ha
Legal Description	Lot 2 DP 454776 (1.7056ha) NZ Gazette 2021 In 2863
	Lot 6 DP 454776 (0.2536ha) NZ Gazette 2020 In 5891
	Lot 9 DP 30953 (0.8741ha) NZ Gazette 2008 p2228

Background

- In 1979 the Thames-Coromandel District Council purchased approximately 2ha of land from the Aicken Estate for the purpose of a 'marine recreation and parking area'.
- In 2006 a comprehensive Coastal Permit was granted by Minister for the Environment to the Whangamatā Marina Society to construct a 4ha marina adjacent to the land that had been purchased by Council.
- The area now referred to as the Whangamatā Marina Reserve comprises three parcels of land.
- Lot 9 DP 30953 is used as a boat trailer parking area that can be accessed from Beach Road and Harbour View Road. A public toilet facility is located on this parcel of land near the Harbour View Road entrance.
- Lots 2 and 6 DP 454776 provide a large greenspace area adjacent to the land leased to the Whangamatā Marina Society. A wastewater pump station and open drain are located towards the eastern boundary of Lot 2 DP 454776.
- Landscape planting has been undertaken to screen the common boundary between the adjacent marina site and the reserve and a foot bridge over the open drain provides pedestrian access from Riverview Road.
- Mako Road provides alternative vehicle access to eastern side of the reserve.

Reserve Issues

- Lots 2 and 6 DP 454776 are high profile sites that are currently under-utilised.

Management Actions

- Investigate options for use or improved amenity of Lots 2 and 6 DP 454776.

Reserve Management Policy

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

Whangamatā Golf Course - Whangamatā



Whangamatā Golf Course - Whangamatā

Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	421 Achilles Avenue, Whangamatā
Area	9.4246 ha
Legal Description	Lot 197 DPS 4038 (0.0435ha) Lot 254 DPS 552 (9.3811ha) NZ Gazette 2020 In 5891

Leases and Licences	
Whangamatā Golf Club Inc.	Expires 2036

Background

- The entire reserve is leased to the Whangamatā Golf Club who operate a commercial nine-hole golf course known as the 'Williamson Golf Course'.
- The golf course is open to the public on a casual payment or membership basis.
- The Golf Club operate from an office which also offers golf equipment for hire The Golf Club are also responsible for maintaining the fairways, greens, and the toilet block on the reserve.
- The reserve includes off-street parking for up to 50 vehicles and numerous mature specimen trees.
- Vehicle access is located on Achilles Avenue and three pedestrian walkways link to Bellona, Kiwi and Williamson Roads.
- The Golf Club sublease an area to Spark who have a cell phone tower on the reserve.

Reserve Management Policy

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

Williamson Park - Whangamatā



Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	418 Ocean Road, Whangamatā
Area	3.7691 ha
Legal Description	Pt Sec 10 Blk XVI Tairua SD NZ Gazette 2010 p 4205

Leases and Licences	
Whangamatā Surf Lifesaving Club Inc	Expires June 2030
Vipashyana (Blackies Café)	Expires May 2035

Background

- This reserve was named after local identities Phillip Williamson who bequeathed the land to the Council in the 1940's.
- In 1948 the land was declared to be known as the Whangamatā Domain (NZ Gazette 1948 p219) under Part II of the Public Reserves, Domains, and National Parks Act 1928.
- In 1960 (pursuant to the Reserves and Domains Act 1953) the Thames County Council was appointed as the Whangamatā Domain Board to control and manage the Whangamatā Domain (NZ Gazette 1960 p1847).
- A plaque on the gateway to the reserve was erected in memory of Phillip and Madeline Williamson in 1970.
- The reserve has since become Whangamatā's premier reserve given its central location and proximity to the beachfront (Crown marginal strip) and experiences high use, particularly over the summer period.
- The Whangamatā Surf Lifesaving Club (established in 1949) has its clubhouse on the reserve. The clubhouse is located towards the eastern boundary that adjoins the Crown marginal strip. There is also a public toilet facility and café on the reserve which are located within the vicinity of the Lowe Street parking area.
- An internal roadway off Ocean Road provides access to the leased premises and parking within the reserve.
- Several improvements were made to the reserve in 2016. These included: removal of some of the large overgrown pine trees and replacement with better suited native trees; the installation of lighting and shade structures; reconfiguration of the internal parking area; and beach access enhancements.
- A stage was constructed on the reserve in 2017 and it has become a popular venue for outdoor live entertainment.
- In 2018 the Council obtained resource consent that imposed specific conditions relating to the holding of twenty daytime and seven night-time events per year on the reserve (refer RMA2018/203) in response to concerns from the community about the adverse effects of using the reserve as an event venue.
- There is a stormwater detention pond located towards the south east corner of the reserve with underground pipes feeding stormwater into the pond. In 2019 an area of the reserve towards the Ocean Road/Lowe Street intersection, was contoured to serve as an overland flow path during heavy rain events.

Reserve Issues

- High use during the summer period often results in increased demand for services and facilities.
- There are still several pine trees remaining on the reserve that are nearing senescence.

Management Actions

- a. Protect and enhance coastal plantings within the reserve.

Reserve Management Policy

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.
- b. Allow for food and activity licences or permits where appropriate, in consultation with the lessees and subject to Council approval.
- c. Allow for events subject to permission from the Council, and to the conditions outlined in the resource consent.

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

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.

Fernleigh Glade Reserve - Whangamatā



Reserve Category	Nature
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	113A Park Avenue, Whangamatā
Area	1.5156 ha
Legal Description	Lot 142 DPS 24194 (1.2563ha) Automatically classified as Recreation Reserve pursuant to s16(11)(b)(i) Reserves Act 1977 Lot 7 DPS 35514 (0.2593ha) NZ Gazette 2016 In 2111

Background

- This reserve includes two parcels of land located on a steep bush covered scarp that adjoins the rear boundaries of multiple residential properties.
- Lot 142 DPS 24194 was vested in Thames-Coromandel District Council when the surrounding land was subdivided in 1977 while Lot 7 DPS 35514 was vested when the surrounding land was subdivided in 1984.
- The bush is one of only a few remaining examples of mature coastal forest in the Whangamatā township.
- This reserve has been identified by Waikato Regional Council as a priority biodiversity site.
- There is no formed access to the reserve.
- There are underground stormwater pipes running through the northern end of the reserve.

Reserve Issues

- The reserve has a moderate infestation of pest plants (including wilding pines) and pest animals.
- Encroachment has occurred from adjoining properties towards the south eastern boundary of the reserve. This includes private structures and landscaping.

Management Actions

- a. Consider installing boundary markers to define private property and public reserve.

Reserve Management Policy

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

Pacific View Scenic Reserve – Whangamatā



Pacific View Scenic Reserve – Whangamatā

Reserve Category	Nature
Reserve Classification	Scenic
Location	106 Pacific View Drive, Whangamatā
Area	2.6007 ha
Legal Description	Lot 38 DPS 78207 NZ Gazette 2016 In 2111

Background

- This reserve is located on a steep bush clad scarp that adjoins the rear boundaries of multiple residential properties.
- It was vested to the Thames-Coromandel District Council when the surrounding land was subdivided in 1997.

Reserve Issues

- The reserve has a moderate infestation of pest plants (including wilding pines) and pest animals.
- Encroachment has occurred from some of the adjoining properties. This includes private structures and landscaping.

Management Actions

- a. Consider installing boundary markers to define private property and public reserve.

Reserve Management Policy

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

Te Tutu Street Reserve - Whangamatā



Te Tutu Street Reserve - Whangamatā

Reserve Category	Nature
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	105 Rangitua Street, Whangamatā
Area	4.5100 ha
Legal Description	Lot 200 DP 524852 NZ Gazette 2020 In 5891

Background

- This reserve was vested in Thames-Coromandel District Council when the surrounding land was subdivided in 2018.
- The land is relatively steep and includes an area of regenerating bush towards the Ōtahu River estuary.

Reserve Issues

- The reserve has not been officially named.

Management Actions

- a. Liaise with tangata whenua to consider an appropriate name for this reserve.

Reserve Management Policy

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

Recreation and Ecological Linkages

Typical Characteristics

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.

Brenton Place Reserve - Whangamatā



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkages
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	6 Brenton Place Whangamatā
Area	0.3134 ha
Legal Description	Lot 31 DPS 32143 NZ Gazette 2016 in 2111

Background

- This reserve was vested to Thames-Coromandel District Council when the surrounding land was subdivided in 1983.
- The reserve includes a walking track across a small mown area that extends to a larger area covered in mature trees.
- The reserve's primary function is pedestrian linkage from Brenton Place to the edge of the Moanaanuanu estuary (Crown marginal strip). It provides a key entry/exit point for walking access along the Crown marginal strip to Harry Watt Drive (approximately 600 metres).

Management Actions

- a. Investigate options and opportunities for improving walking access along the Moanaanuanu estuary.
- b. Continue to support environmental enhancement initiatives in partnership with Waikato Regional Council and volunteer community groups.

Reserve Management Policy

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

Moanaanuanu Estuary Reserve (East) - Whangamatā



Moanaanuanu Estuary Reserve (East) - Whangamatā

Background

- This reserve comprises six parcels of land located along the eastern margin of Moanaanuanu estuary where the Wentworth River flows into the harbour on the western side of the town. It is part of a complex mix of titles that include Crown marginal strip and riverbed.
- Part of the reserve includes the 'Moanaanuanu Walkway' which provides a formed concrete path and a static fitness trail that links Wattle Place to the Hetherington Road Reserve while the other part provides unformed esplanade access to and from the Mayfair Avenue Reserve.
- There are a number of stormwater discharge outlets on the reserve.
- Overall, the estuary margin provides important habitat for indigenous flora and fauna including Moko skink (*Oligosoma moco*).
- This reserve has been identified by Waikato Regional Council as a priority biodiversity site.

Management Actions

- Investigate the feasibility and demand for improving walking access along the estuary margin to the Mayfair Avenue Reserve.
- Continue to support environmental enhancement initiatives in partnership with Waikato Regional Council and volunteer community groups.

Reserve Management Policy

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

Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkages
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	128A Wattle Place, Whangamatā
Area	2.3200 ha
Legal Description	Lot 38 DPS 43391 (0.0940ha) Lot 15 DPS 47730 (0.4212ha) NZ Gazette 2016 In 2111
Reserve Classification	Local Purpose Esplanade
Location	128A Wattle Place, Whangamatā
Area	1.1700 ha
Legal Description	Lot 57 DPS 36161 NZ Gazette 2016 In 2111
Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Pedestrian Accessway)
Location	128A Wattle Place, Whangamatā
Area	0.3782 ha
Legal Description	Lot 10 DPS 35364 (0.0870ha) Lot 11 DPS 35364 (0.2290ha) Lot 37 DPS 43391 (0.0622ha) NZ Gazette 2020 In 5891

Moanaanuanu Estuary Reserve (West) - Whangamatā



Moanaanuanu Estuary Reserve (West) - Whangamatā

Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkages
Reserve Classification	Local Purpose Esplanade
Location	119 Harry Watt Drive, Whangamatā
Area	0.6200
Legal Description	Section 59 Block XVI Tairua Survey District NZ Gazette 2020 In 5890
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	301 Harry Watt Drive, Whangamatā
Area	0.0339
Legal Description	Lot 23 DPS 22662 Automatically classified as Recreation Reserve pursuant to s16(11)(b)(i) Reserves Act 1977

Background

- This reserve comprises two adjoining parcels of land located next to Harry Watt Drive and the western margin of the Moanaanuanu estuary where the Wentworth River flows into the harbour on the western side of the town.
- It includes an open grassed area with a scattered specimen trees and a mature stand of pōhutukawa along the estuary edge.
- This reserve has been identified by Waikato Regional Council as a priority biodiversity site.
- The reserve can be accessed from a pedestrian pathway located between 114 & 116 Waireka Place and provides a key entry/exit point for walking access along the Moanaanuanu estuary to Brenton Place Reserve (via the Crown marginal strip).
- There is a recorded archaeological site (NZAA – T12/1450 Midden/oven - Indigenous pre-1769) on this reserve and the land could contain sub-surface remains of the activities that previously occurred in this area.

Reserve Issues

- Limited pedestrian access and connectivity from the adjoining Harry Watt Drive road corridor.

Management Actions

- Investigate options and opportunities for improving walking access along the Moanaanuanu estuary.
- Continue to support environmental enhancement initiatives in partnership with Waikato Regional Council and volunteer community groups.

Reserve Management Policy

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

Onemana Esplanade Reserve - Onemana



Onemana Esplanade Reserve - Onemana

Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkages
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	230 Onemana Drive, Onemana
Area	1.0307
Legal Description	Lot 358 DPS 25208 Automatically classified as Recreation reserve pursuant to s16(11)(b)(i) of the Reserves Act 1977

Background

- This reserve was vested to Thames-Coromandel District Council when the surrounding land was subdivided in 1978.
- There is a medium sized slightly sloped greenspace area adjacent to Onemana Drive but for the most part the reserve serves to the protect riparian margins of the small stream that runs through it.
- Two pedestrian access points are provided off Russel Bruce Place.

Reserve Management Policy

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

Onemana Lakes Reserve - Onemana



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkages
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	102 Tuna Place, Onemana
Area	1.9707
Legal Description	Lot 352 DPS 19758 Automatically classified as Recreation Reserve pursuant to s16(11)(b)(i) Reserves Act 1977

Background

- This reserve was vested to the Thames County Council when the surrounding land was subdivided in the early 1970's.
- It includes stormwater detention ponds (known as the Onemana Lakes) and walking tracks that were developed as part of a local community initiative.
- The southern part of the reserve is grassed while the northern part is covered in a mixture of regenerating bush and exotic trees. The planting of exotic trees on this part of the reserve was also part of the local community initiative.

Reserve Issues

- Several pest plant species have established in the reserve.

Management Actions

- a. Continue to develop partnerships with residents and/or local community groups to support the management and ongoing maintenance of this reserve.

Reserve Management Policy

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

Ōtahu River Esplanade Reserve - Whangamatā



Ōtahu River Esplanade Reserve - Whangamatā

Background

- This reserve comprises three parcels of land that extend along the margin of Ōtahu estuary from the end of Kotuku Street through to the Ōtahu Historic Reserve.
- The reserve is mostly mown grass with stands of mature pōhutukawa and other trees.
- It includes beach access from two locations along Patuwai Drive and can also be accessed from the end of Kotuku Street at which point there is a small concrete boat ramp that spans the boundary between the road reserve and Lot 37 DPS 14314.
- There is various utility infrastructure, including stormwater discharge outlets and wastewater mains, on the reserve and several groynes and rock filled gabion baskets have been established along the estuary margin east of Kotuku Street, in an effort to control erosion.
- There is a recorded archaeological site (NZAA - T12/110 Midden/oven Indigenous pre-1769) located on Lot 161 DPS 9034 and the land could contain sub-surface remains of the activities that previously occurred in this area.
- The reserve provides safe and easy access to the water and is a popular destination for a range of recreational activities including swimming and boating.
- Overall, the estuary margin provides important habitat for indigenous flora and fauna.
- This reserve has been identified by Waikato Regional Council as a priority biodiversity site.

Reserve Issues

- Erosion along the estuary margin.
- Encroachment has occurred from some of the adjoining properties. This includes private structures and landscaping.
- Limited boat ramp parking in peak times along Kotuku Street.

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
- Continue to support environmental enhancement initiatives in partnership with Waikato Regional Council and volunteer community groups.

Reserve Management Policy

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

Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkages
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	167 Patuwai Drive, Whangamatā
Area	2.6061 ha
Legal Description	Lot 37 DPS 14314 (0.1578ha) Lot 161 DPS 9034 (2.4483ha) Automatically classified as Recreation Reserve pursuant to s16(11)(b)(i) Reserves Act 1977
Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Esplanade)
Location	167 Patuwai Drive, Whangamatā
Area	3.245 ha
Legal Description	Lot 322 DPS 13953 Automatically classified as Local Purpose (Esplanade) Reserve pursuant to s16(11)(b)(iv) Reserves Act 1977

Patiki North Reserve - Whangamatā



Patiki North Reserve - Whangamatā

Reserve Category - Recreation and Ecological Linkage			
Location	Reserve Classification	Area	Legal Description
142 Durrant Drive, Whangamatā (North of Waikiekie Stream)	Recreation	1.1687 ha	Lot 53 DPS 41353 (0.3089ha) NZ Gazette 2016 In 2111 Lot 4 DPS 32816 (0.0908ha) NZ Gazette 2020 In 5891
460 Tairua Road, SH25, Whangamatā (North of Waikiekie Stream)	Recreation	1.2007 ha	Lot 51 DPS 49683 (0.2277ha) Lot 52 DPS 42695 (0.5730ha) NZ Gazette 2020 In 5891 Section 53 Block XVI Tairua Survey District (0.4000ha) NZ Gazette 2020 In 5890

Reserve Category - Recreation and Ecological Linkage			
Location	Reserve Classification	Area	Legal Description
142 Durrant Drive, Whangamatā (North of Waikiekie Stream)	Local Purpose (Esplanade)	0.5991 ha	Lot 1 DPS 29401 (0.2970ha) Lot 127 DPS 28593 (0.017ha) Lot 135 DPS 28596 (0.0197ha) Lot 134 DPS 28595 (0.0169ha) Lot 132 DPS 28594 (0.0244ha) Lot 1 DPS 29400 (0.0595ha) Lot 138 DPS 28593 (0.189ha) NZ Gazette 2016 In 2111 Lot 133 DPS 28595 (0.0005ha) NZ Gazette 2020 In 5891
142 Durrant Drive, Whangamatā (North of Waikiekie Stream)	Local Purpose (Pedestrian Accessway)	0.1135 ha	Lot 139 DPS 28596 (0.0146ha) Lot 58 DPS 41354 (0.0030ha) Lot 135 DPS 29691 (0.0051ha) Lot 4 DPS 32816 (0.0908ha) NZ Gazette

Background

- This reserve comprises eighteen parcels of land many of which were vested in the Thames-Coromandel District Council as Recreation and Local Purpose Esplanade reserves during the mid-1970's and early 1980's.
- It is predominantly used to access the harbour edge north of the Waikiekie Stream through to Te Weiti Stream. The reserve also links (via a footbridge located on Crown marginal strip) to Patiki South Reserve.
- The reserve includes pedestrian linkages between 141/145 Durrant Drive (Lot 139 DPS 28596), 123/125 Everitt Crescent (Lot 58 DPS 41354) and along Tairua Road SH2 (Lot 135 DPS 29691 and Lot 4 DPS 32816).
- A WW1 Memorial Forest is located on Lot 133 DPS 31982. Donated trees have been planted on the reserve to represent the 122 New Zealand soldiers who were killed in the Battle of Le Quesnoy on the Western Front in France in the final week of World War One.
- The area comprising Lot 1 DPS 29400, Lot 51 DPS 49683, Lot 52 DPS 42695 and Lot 53 DPS 4135 is subject to an informal grazing arrangement with neighbouring property owners due to access issues.
- There are recorded archaeological sites (NZAA - T12/1408 Midden-Indigenous pre-1769 and T12/105 Midden/oven- Māori) located on the reserve and the land could contain sub-surface remains of the activities that previously occurred in this area. T12/1408 is near the harbour edge to the west of Durrant Drive and T12/105 is adjacent to Tairua Road SH25 on Lot 133 DPS 31982.
- Overall, the harbour edge provides important habitat for indigenous flora and fauna.
- This reserve has been identified by Waikato Regional Council as a priority biodiversity site.

Reserve Issues

- Lot 1 DPS 29400, Lot 51 DPS 49683, Lot 52 DPS 42695 and Lot 53 DPS 4135 cannot be readily accessed for maintenance purposes.
- Some areas low lying and subject to inundation.

Management Actions

- Investigate options and opportunities for improving access to Lot 1 DPS 29400, Lot 51 DPS 49683, Lot 52 DPS 42695 and Lot 53 DPS 4135.
- Review grazing arrangements to ensure the riparian margins are protected.
- Continue to support environmental enhancement initiatives in partnership with Waikato Regional Council and volunteer community groups.

Reserve Management Policy

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

Patiki South Reserve - Whangamatā



Background

- This reserve comprises four parcels of land. The main access points are off Patiki Place and Tukere Drive.
- It is predominantly used to access the harbour edge south of the Waikiekie Stream through to Moana Point Reserve (via an area of unformed legal road).
- There is a recorded archaeological site (NZAA - T12/1349 Midden/Oven Māori-Indigenous pre-1769) located near the harbour edge to the west of Tukere Drive and the land could contain sub-surface remains of the activities that previously occurred in this area.
- Overall, the harbour edge provides important habitat for indigenous flora and fauna.
- This reserve has been identified by Waikato Regional Council as a priority biodiversity site.

Reserve Issues

- The shell midden to the west of Tukere Drive is visible through the grass has been damaged because of close mowing.
- Some areas are low lying and subject to inundation.

Management Actions

- Continue to support environmental enhancement initiatives in partnership with Waikato Regional Council and volunteer community groups.

Reserve Management Policy

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

Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkages
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	301 Harry Watt Drive, Whangamatā (South of Waikiekie Stream)
Area	0.5033 ha
Legal Description	Lot 176 DPS 22665 Automatically classified as Recreation Reserve pursuant to s16(11)(b)(i) Reserves Act 1977
Location	119 Harry Watt Drive, Whangamatā (South of Waikiekie Stream)
Area	3.1000 ha
Legal Description	Sec 56 Block XVI Tairua SD (2.4000ha) Sec 55 Block XVI Tairua SD (0.7000ha) NZ Gazette 2020 In 5890
Location	460 Tairua Road SH25, Whangamatā (South of Waikiekie Stream)
Area	0.3500 ha
Legal Description	Sec 54 Block XVI Tairua SD NZ Gazette 2020 In 5890

St Patricks Row Reserve - Whangamatā



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkages
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	214 Beverley Terrace, Whangamatā
Area	0.4101 ha
Legal Description	Lot 50 DP 35168 (0.3657ha) NZ Gazette 2020 In 5890 Lot 4 DPS 32098 (0.0444ha) NZ Gazette 2016 In 2111

Background

- This reserve comprises two parcels of land located at the end of St Patrick's Row which link to Beverley Terrace and adjoin the Crown marginal strip.
- Lot 50 was vested on deposit of DP 35168 in HM the King as Recreation Reserve pursuant to s13(1) Land Subdivision in Counties Act 1946 and declared to be part of the Whangamatā Domain managed by the Whangamatā Domain Board in 1949 (NZ Gazette 1949 p1372).
- In 1960 (pursuant to the Reserves and Domains Act 1953) the Thames County Council was appointed as the Whangamatā Domain Board to control and manage the Whangamatā Domain (NZ Gazette 1960 p1847).
- Lot 4 DPS 32098 was vested in Thames-Coromandel District Council when the surrounding land was subdivided in 1982.
- Lot 50 DP 35168 is open greenspace which includes a small thicket of trees and shrubs.
- Lot 4 DPS 32098 has good vegetation cover but provides limited public use/access.

Reserve Issues

- Part of Lot 50 DP 315168 acts as a stormwater settling area during heavy rain events.
- The reserve experiences high use during peak holiday periods but has few amenity improvements.

Management Actions

- a. Investigate improved pedestrian / cycle linkages to the reserve.
- b. Investigate improved carparking for users of the reserve

Reserve Management Policy

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

Tuna Place Reserve - Onemana



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkages
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	103 Tuna Place
Area	0.7216 ha
Legal Description	Lot 353 DPS 19159 Automatically classified as Recreation Reserve pursuant to s16(1)(b)(i) Reserves Act 1977

Background

- This reserve was vested to Thames County Council when the surrounding land was subdivided in 1976.
- It includes a small stream that flows from the neighbouring forestry area into the Onemana Lakes stormwater ponds.
- Most of the reserve is covered in established indigenous and exotic vegetation which contributes to the management and protection of the stream's riparian margin.
- A walking track that runs through the reserve was developed as part of a local community initiative. The track can and can be accessed from Tuna Place.

Reserve Issues

- Several pest plant species have established in the reserve.

Management Actions

- a. Continue to develop partnerships with residents and/or local community groups to support the management and ongoing maintenance of this reserve.

Reserve Management Policy

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

Whangamatā Beach Reserve (Central) - Whangamatā



Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkages
Reserve Classification	Local Purpose Esplanade
Location	146 Pipi Road, Whangamatā
Area	1.5049 ha
Legal Description	Lot 57 DPS 2580 NZ Gazette 2020 In 5891

Background

- This reserve was originally accreted land. It was vested in the Thames County Council when the surrounding land was subdivided in 1953.
- It is located in a prominent spot approximately midway along Whangamatā Beach and is considered to be the closest point to the offshore islands.
- A formal accessway to the beach is provided off Pipi Road which also includes a small parking area. Pedestrian only access is located between 126 and 128 Pipi Road.

Reserve Issues

- The beachfront area is prone to coastal erosion due to the prevalence of informal beach access tracks, offshore winds and frequent severe storm events.

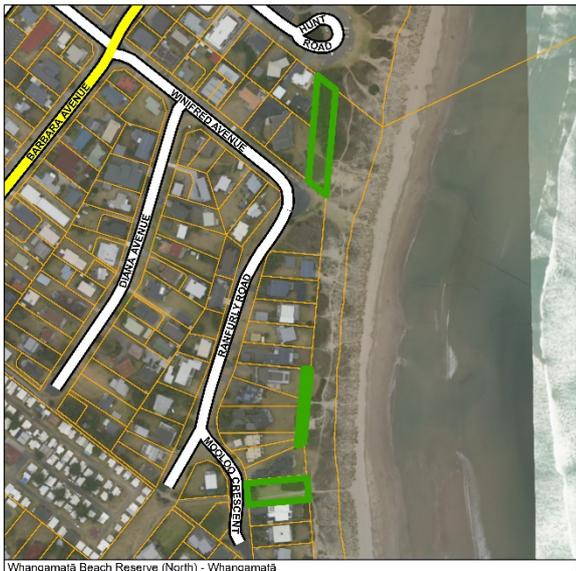
Management Actions

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

Reserve Management Policy

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

Whangamatā Beach Reserve (North) - Whangamatā



Background

- This reserve includes three parcels of land that cover part of the back-dune area along the northern end of the ocean beach.
- Lot 5 DPS 3352 provides access to the beach from Mooloo Road via a formed pedestrian path. Approximately half of this parcel is mown grass, and the other half is coastal vegetation.
- Lot 5 DPS 27857 and Lot 27 DP 32888 have a cover of mixed dune vegetation including pest plants with informal pedestrian tracks through them.
- Pest management activities are undertaken on the reserve.

Reserve Issues

- The beachfront area is prone to coastal erosion due to the prevalence of informal access tracks, offshore winds and frequent storm events.
- Pest plants and pest animals are present on the reserve.

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.

Reserve Category	Recreation and Ecological Linkages
Reserve Classification	Local Purpose Esplanade
Location	120 Winifred Ave, Whangamatā
Area	0.1260 ha
Legal Description	Lot 27 DP 32888 NZ Gazette 2020 In 5891
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	102A Mooloo Cres, Whangamatā
Area	0.0303
Legal Description	Lot 5 DPS 27857 NZ Gazette 2016 In2111
Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Pedestrian Link and Open Space)
Location	104 Mooloo Cres, Whangamatā (Beach Access No. 6)
Area	0.0812
Legal Description	Lot 5 DPS 3352 NZ Gazette 2020 In 5891

Whangamatā Beach Reserve (South) - Whangamatā



Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	802 Ōtahu Road, Whangamatā (Beach front between 214 Tangaroa Rd and 100 Pōhutukawa Cres)
Area	2.4300
Legal Description	Lot 744 DPS 7741 (1.6946ha) Lot 162 DPS 9034 (0.7386ha) Automatically classified as Recreation Reserve pursuant to s16(11)(b)(i) Reserves Act 1977

Background

- This reserve comprises two parcels of land which were vested in the Thames County Council when the surrounding land was subdivided in the early 1960's
- The reserve which adjoins Island View Reserve to the north and Ōtahu Historic Reserve to the south, includes two beach access points between 118 and 200 Tangaroa Road and off Pōhutukawa Crescent.
- Access to the reserve and a small parking area is also provided off Ōahu Road.
- There is a stormwater outlet located on the beachfront off the end of Ōtahu Road and underground stormwater pipes running through the Tangaroa Road beach access point.

Reserve Issues

- The beachfront area is prone to coastal erosion due to the prevalence of informal beach access tracks, offshore winds and frequent severe storm events.

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.

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)

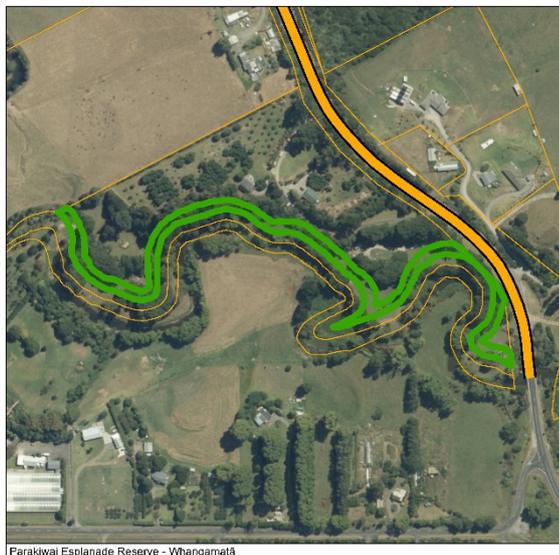
- These are held for the particular local purposes specified.

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

Esplanade Reserve - Whangamatā



Farakivai Esplanade Reserve - Whangamatā

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose Esplanade
Location	2522 SH25 – Waihi-Whangamatā Road, Whangamatā
Area	0.6600
Legal Description	Lot 6 DPS 57093 (0.0800ha) Lot 4 DPS 57093 (0.5800ha) NZ Gazette 2020 In 5891

Estuary View Esplanade Reserve - Whangamatā



Estuary View Esplanade Reserve - Whangamatā

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose Esplanade
Location	350 The Drive, Whangamatā
Area	0.3700 ha
Legal Description	Lot 2 DPS 55030 NZ Gazette 2020 In 5891

Kaupeka Stream Reserve - Whangamatā



Kaupeka Stream Reserve - Whangamatā

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose Esplanade
Location	33 Allan Drive, Whangamatā
Area	0.0501 ha
Legal Description	Lot 6 DPS 45670 NZ Gazette 2016 In 2111
Location	460 Tairua Road SH25, Whangamatā
Area	3.1000 ha
Legal Description	Section 29 Block XII Tairua Survey District NZ Gazette 2020 In 5891

Ngahere Terrace Reserve - Ōpoutere



Ngahere Terrace Reserve - Ōpoutere

Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	341 Ōpoutere Road, Ōpoutere
Area	1.1028 ha
Legal Description	Lot 7 DPS 14431 Automatically classified as Recreation Reserve pursuant to s16(11)(b)(i) Reserves Act 1977

Onemana Drive Reserve- Onemana



Onemana Drive Reserve- Onemana

Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	125 Oratia Place, Onemana
Area	1.0267 ha
Legal Description	Lot 355 DPS 27602 Automatically classified in accordance with s16(11)(b)(i) of the Reserves Act 1977

Oneroa Esplanade Reserve - Whangamatā



Oneroa Esplanade Reserve - Whangamatā

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose Esplanade
Location	33 Allan Drive, Whangamatā
Area	0.2668 ha
Legal Description	Lot 3 DPS 45670 (0.0700ha) Lot 4 DPS 45670 (0.0040ha) Lot 5 DPS 45670 (0.0389ha) Lot 10 DPS 32132 (0.0826ha) Lot 11 DPS 32132 (0.0513ha) Lot 12 DPS 32132 (0.0200ha) NZ Gazette 2016 In 2111
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	460 Tairua Road SH25, Whangamatā
Area	0.4000 ha
Legal Description	Section 28 Block XII Tairua Survey District NZ Gazette 2020 In 5891

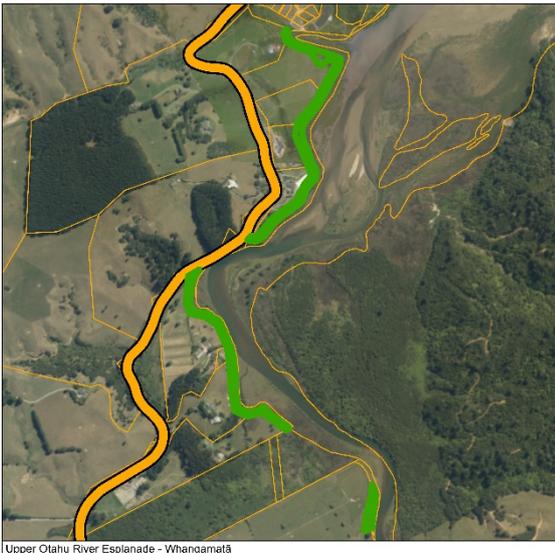
The Drive 'Drainage Reserve' - Whangamatā



The Drive 'Drainage Reserve' - Whangamatā

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose (Drainage)
Location	312 The Drive, Whangamatā
Area	0.6481 ha
Legal Description	Lot 39 DPS 78207 NZ Gazette 2020 In 5891

Upper Ōtahu River Esplanade - Whangamatā



Upper Ōtahu River Esplanade - Whangamatā

Reserve Classification	Local Purpose Esplanade
Location	2640 SH25 - Waihi-Whangamatā, Whangamatā
Area	1.6347
Legal Description	Lot 4 DP 331532 (0.8600ha) Lot 3 DPS 57093 (0.1750ha) Pt Lot 3 DPS 55784 (0.5597ha) NZ Gazette 2020 In 5891

Wahitapu Esplanade Reserve - Ōpoutere



Reserve Classification	Local Purpose Esplanade
Location	484 Ōhui Road, Ōpoutere
Area	0.7331 ha
Legal Description	Lot 7 DPS 53635 (0.5742ha) Lot 8 DPS 53635 (0.1589ha) NZ Gazette 2020 In 5891
Location	466 Ōhui Road, Ōpoutere
Area	0.2042 ha
Legal Description	Lot 3 DPS 91255 (0.0052ha) Lot 4 DPS 91255 (0.1990ha) NZ Gazette 2020 In 5891

Wentworth Esplanade Reserve - Whangamatā



Reserve Classification	Local Purpose Esplanade
Location	16 Wentworth Valley Road, Whangamatā
Area	0.0528 ha
Legal Description	Lot 4 DPS 37759 NZ Gazette 2020 In 5891

Wharekawa Esplanade Reserve - Onemana



Reserve Classification	Local Purpose Esplanade
Location	800C Tairua Road SH25, Onemana
Area	2.2200 ha
Legal Description	Lot 8 DPS 31119 (1.8200ha) Lot 9 DPS 31119 (0.3000ha) Lot 10 DPS 31119 (0.1000ha) NZ Gazette 2020 In 5891

Appendix C: Other land maintained as Open Space

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

Beach Road – Whangamatā



Location

Beach Road - Whangamatā

Background

- Unformed legal road which comprises sandy beach, mown grass berm, shade trees extending over 1km along the margin of the Whangamatā Harbour.
- This area is extensively managed and maintained for recreation purposes.
- Amenity improvements include parking areas, a playground, picnic/BBQ facilities, and a boat ramp/kayak launching site.
- There is a recorded archaeological site (NZAA - T12/239 – Midden/oven) and the land could contain sub-surface remains of the activities that previously occurred in this area.

Management Issues

- a. Lack of a public toilet facility at the playground.

Management Actions

- a. Continue to maintain area for day visitors.
- b. Determine the primary purpose of this land and formalise accordingly.

Casement Road - Whangamatā



Location

Adjacent to the Hetherington Reserve and the Moanaanuanu Estuary - Whangamatā

Background

- Unformed legal road located on the margin of the Moanaanuanu Estuary
- This area provides the entry/exit point to the Moanaanuanu Estuary Reserve walkway
- It includes a formed pathway, outdoor fitness equipment and shade structure.
- Approximately half of the area is mown grass and the other half is a mix of native and exotic estuarine vegetation
- A community-based group, supported by Waikato Regional Council, undertake pest animal control along the estuary margin.

Management Actions

- a. Maintain area for day visitors.
- b. Continue to support environmental enhancement initiatives in partnership with Waikato Regional Council and volunteer community groups.

Hunt Road - Whangamatā



Location

Harbour/beachfront margin between Port Road and Hunt Road - Whangamatā

Background

- Unformed legal road which comprises coastal dune vegetation with various informal beach access tracks

Management Actions

- a. Continue to maintain area for day visitors.

Oneroa Point – Whangamatā



Location

Harbour margin between Allan Drive and Aileen Place - Whangamatā

Background

- Unformed legal road which comprises a wide grass berm and specimen trees

Management Actions

- a. Continue to maintain area for day visitors.

The Link - Whangamatā



Location

Opposite Link Road, next to
611 Ocean Road,
Whangamatā

Background

- Grassed, flat road reserve

Management Actions

- a. Continue to maintain area for day visitors.

Whangamatā Beachfront - Whangamatā



Location

Beachfront (Hunt Road
through to Seaview Road)
Whangamatā

Background

- This land is Crown marginal strip which provides
- public access to and along the beach
- It also serves as a physical and visual buffer between residential properties and the beach.
- The land includes range of public amenity infrastructure and improvements particularly where it fronts Esplanade Drive.
- The reserve provides roadside carparking, maintained open space, specimen trees, picnic tables, fencing, walkways and access tracks.

Management Actions

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

Waiponga Reserve – Ōpoutere

The 2014 Reserve Management Plan (copied below for reference) remains in force until a separate reserve management plan is prepared through a process established jointly by Ngāti Hako and Council post settlement.



Reserve Management Plan - Whangamata - 2014

Waiponga Reserve



Reserve Classification	Recreation	Area	0.8930 ha
Location	484 Ohui Road, Opoutere	ID Number	4391079
Current State	Category C: Neighbourhood Open Space	Legal Description	Sec 40 BLK VIII Tairua SD
Future Use	Category C: Neighbourhood Open Space		NZ Gazette 1969 / 2078

Asset Registry

Asset Registry	Leases And Licences
Toilet Block	
Walking Bridge	
Disposable field	

Background

- This reserve was formed when the adjoining land was subdivided in the mid 1960's.
 - This is a popular picnic and parking destination with day visitors, providing swimming in the adjacent estuary, or access to the coastal beach through adjoining Department of Conservation land.
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Reserve Issues

- Council maintenance as required on the pedestrian bridge.
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Reserve Management Policy

1. Liaise with the Department of Conservation with regards to any access issues to the adjoining Crown land and Opoutere Beach.
 2. Vehicles prohibited on the adjacent beach area.
 3. Overnight camping of certified self-contained vehicles in carpark.
 4. Reserve objectives and policies as outlined in Document 1 apply.
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Proposed Development

Proposed Development	Priority
No proposed development	

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