



South Waikato District Council
Urban Reserves Management Plan
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Management of South Waikato District Council Reserves

Reserves within the District are mainly classified as either Recreation Reserves or Local Purpose Reserves, along with one reserve classified as an Historic Reserve under the Reserves Act 1977.

Reserves include neighbourhood and civic parks, rural or scenic reserves, esplanade reserves and sportsgrounds.

Council adopts the Reserve Act 1977 objectives as its guiding principles in the management of its reserves.

The objectives of the Reserves Act 1977 are:

- Emphasise retention of open space for outdoor recreation
- Maximise freedom of access to reserves for all people, rather than just a few
- Encourage multiple use of reserve land and facilities when feasible and appropriate
- Facilitate greater involvement of the public in reserves administration and decision-making

This document contains the individual reserve management plans for the District's urban reserves.

Tokoroa Reserves

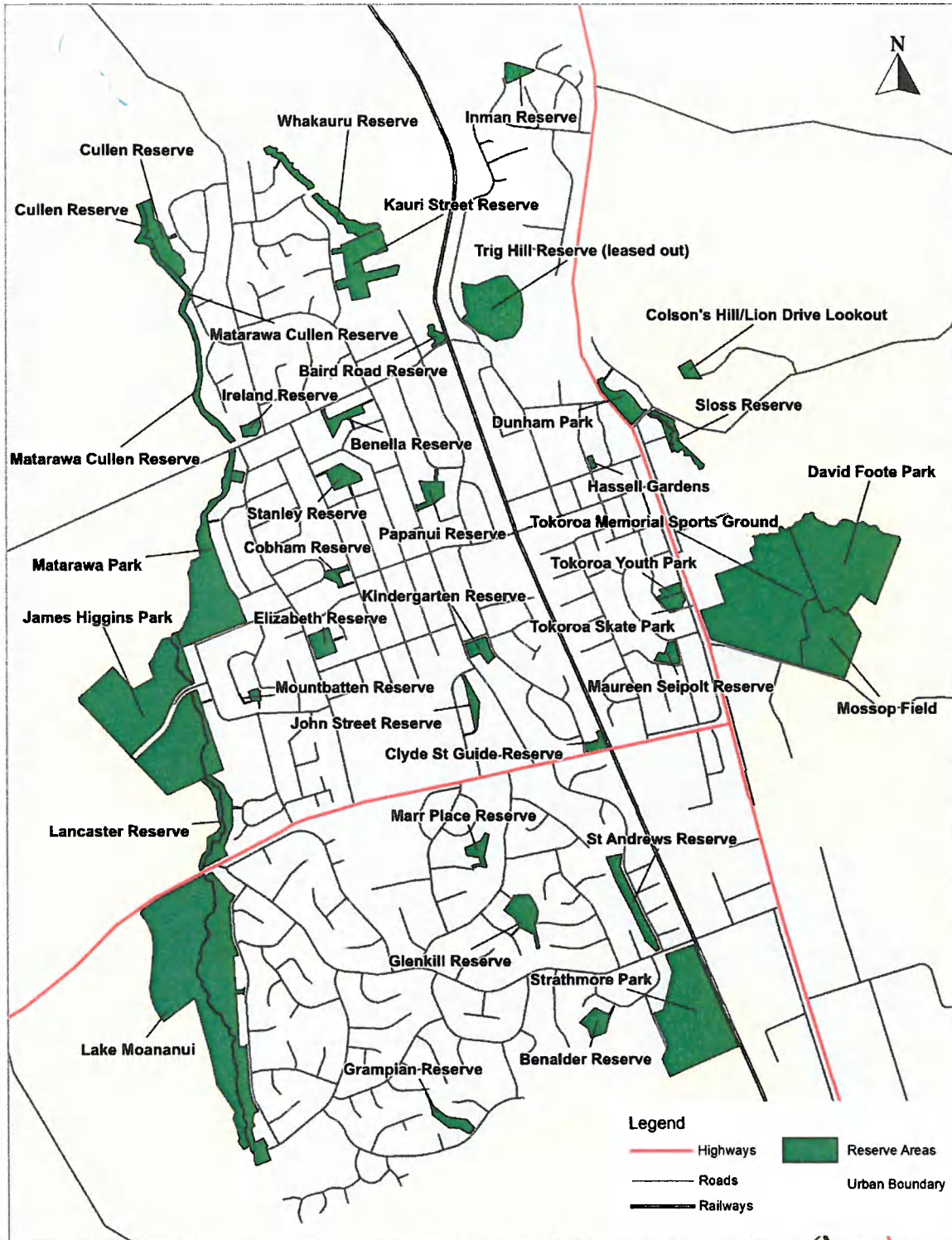
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Tokoroa Reserves Locations



Baird Road Railway Reserves

Location: Lot 1 bounds Baird road and extends south where it bounds 33 Dalmeny Street.

Part Lot 2 bounds Baird road and extends north bounding 1-7 Whakauru street and the stream.

Access: Lot 1 has pedestrian and vehicular access can be gained from Baird Road, and there is a pedestrian grassed walkway into the reserve located between 29 and 31 Dalmeny Street.

Part Lot 2 of land adjacent to Baird Road has a metalled driveway leading into the reserve.

Portfolio Designation: Neighbourhood reserve.

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Lot 1 DPS 23016	1.6034	N/A
(Part of) Lot 2 DP 360491	0.4450	Recreation Reserve

District Plan Zone: Residential

Natural and Physical Features: The area of land that is part Lot 2 located on the eastern side of Whakauru Street ranges from sloping land at the road end and behind the properties 1-7 bounding Whakauru Street to flat land to the stream and is accessible. This part section incorporates a planted border of New Zealand native plantings at the roadside end of the reserve and an open turfed area with specimen conifer trees down to the stream edge which is planted with Willow species and invasive weeds such as blackberry.

Lot 1 on the eastern side of Dalmeny Street is rectangular shaped open flat grassed land from the railway track to raised sloped land either side of the drain including behind the properties bounding Dalmeny Street. Native plantings have been planted on sloped areas bordering the drain and behind the Dalmeny street properties.

Historical /Investment Background: Purchased by the South Waikato District Council in 1991 from Elders Resources NZFP Limited for \$2000. New Zealand native species have been planted along fence lines in recent years, and aging Pine trees removed.

Purpose, Use and User Groups: The purpose and current use is to provide an open green space for informal passive recreation for nearby residents.

Lot 1 is mainly used as a pedestrian thoroughfare for local residents to walk through to the town centre.

Leasee: Not applicable.

Reserve Management and Maintenance: The reserves are administered solely by the South Waikato District Council. Maintenance of the reserve is managed by the South Waikato District Council.

Turf in Part Lot 2 is maintained to keep grass height between 35mm and 75mm, and turf in Lot 1 is maintained to keep grass height between 35mm and 100mm. Garden maintenance includes maintaining of Re-Vegetation areas (NZ Native species plantings).

Future development options:

Lot 1:

- Continue to maintain at current level of service;
- Continue to plant New Zealand native species on sloped areas;
- Plant New Zealand native species in gaps along the fence line;

Part Lot 2:

- Continue to maintain at the current level of service;
- Continue to plant New Zealand native species on sloped areas;

- Clear Willow, other poor condition trees and invasive weeds along stream areas and plant with New Zealand native species;
- Erect signage to better advertise the reserve to the public.

Benalder Reserve

Location: Benalder Reserve is located on Benalder Crescent, Tokoroa in a residential area

Access: Public access is through a gate and a grassed driveway from East Grampian Street, however, the entrance does not look inviting or resemble a park entrance. A second entrance is located on Benalder Crescent with access via a pedestrian walkway and steps. It is completely surrounded by houses on all its boundaries, a common feature of many reserves in Tokoroa, and has no road frontage other than the entrance.

Portfolio Designation: Neighbourhood reserve

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Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Lot 1954 DPS 10198	0.903	Recreation Reserve

District Plan Zone: Residential

Natural and Physical Features: The reserve ranges from flat to sloping land and has a rise located in the middle of the open turf space which has a mix of planting on the top. There are good views over Tokoroa and towards Kinleith from this vantage point and it is the only area in the town other than Colson's Hill which provides this outlook. The rise is predominately planted with New Zealand native species.

The majority of perimeters have planted borders including trees, shrubs and groundcovers.

Historical /Investment Background: Vested in Matamata County Council under s.35(4), Counties Amendment Act 1961 as a plantation reserve subject to the Reserves and Domains Act 1953, on a 1966 subdivision of land. Vested in the Tokoroa Borough Council in 1975, then vested in the South Waikato District Council in 1989 under the Local Government (Waikato Region) Reorganisation Order 1989.

Purpose, Use and User Groups: The purpose of the Reserve is to provide a large open space for informal passive and active recreational use for nearby residents. It is used primarily by residents of the adjacent houses. Strathmore Park is nearby and there is little demand from the wider community for an active reserve in this location, however this may change as proposed residential developments begin to take place at the rear of the southern end of the reserve.

Leasee: Not applicable.

Reserve Management and Maintenance: The reserve is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council. Maintenance of the reserve is managed by the South Waikato District Council.

Turf is maintained to keep grass height between 35mm and 75mm. Garden maintenance includes maintaining of Re-Vegetation areas (NZ Native species plantings), Shrub areas and hedges.

Future development options:

- Continue to maintain at the current level of service;
- Remove *Camellia* and plant lower growing *Corokia* hedge along boundary to create a wider access for a gravel path to lead to the reserve from Benalder Crescent;
- Improve access through signage at both entrances;
- Install a picnic table and bench seats to encourage use of reserve;
- Consider the need for installing a playground if residential development takes place in the future.

Benella Reserve

Location: Benella Reserve is located north-west of the town's centre in a residential area.

Access: The reserve has two access points; the northern entrance is via Baird Road (pedestrian only) and the southern entrance is located on Benella Street (Pedestrian and vehicular). The Baird Road access is the only clearly defined road frontage and access; the Benella Street entrance is a grassed driveway.

Portfolio Designation: Neighbourhood reserve

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Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Lot 2 DP 37018	0.7388	Recreation Reserve

District Plan Zone: Residential

Natural and Physical Features: A large open area planted with mature exotic trees which is surrounded by residential housing. The reserve ranges from flat to sloping land.

Historical /Investment Background: Vested in Crown under s.13, Land Subdivision in Counties Act 1946 as recreation reserve subject to the Reserves, Domains and National Parks Act 1928 on a 1950 subdivision of land.

Vested in Matamata County by operation of s.44, Counties Amendment Act 1961. Vested in Tokoroa Borough Council in April 1975, and then vested in the South Waikato District Council in 1989 under the Local Government (Waikato Region) Reorganisation Order 1989.

Benella Street was named after the Australian township of Benella where the wife of Arthur Kruse originally came from. The Kruse family owned the land where the earliest private subdivision was undertaken in Tokoroa between 1953 and 1955. (*Alex Shaw, The Names of the South Waikato District Council Area, 1999*)

Purpose, Use and User Groups: The purpose of the Reserve is to provide a large open space for informal passive and active recreational use. It is used frequently by local residents.

Leasee: Not applicable.

Reserve Management and Maintenance: The reserve is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council. Maintenance of the reserve is managed by the South Waikato District Council.

Turf is maintained to keep grass height between 35mm and 75mm.

Future development options:

- Continue to maintain at the current level of service;
- Install signage at the Baird Road and Benella Street entrances;
- Replace post and rail fence on Baird Road frontage and replace with timber bollards to improve public access;
- Plant fruit trees to provide seasonal fruit for local residents;
- Install a swing set.

Clyde Street Guide Reserve

Location: The Clyde Street Guide Reserve is located on the corner of Maraetai Road (SH27) and Clyde Street, Tokoroa in a residential area.

Access: It has easy vehicular access via a metalled driveway from Clyde Street and a wide road verge.

Portfolio Designation: Neighbourhood reserve

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Lot 968 DPS 3161	0.4047	Recreation Reserve

District Plan Zone: Residential

Natural and Physical Features: the reserve comprises an open space with a number of mature trees and is home to the Girl Guiding New Zealand Hall.

Historical /Investment Background: Vested in Crown under s.13, Land Subdivision in Counties Act 1946 as recreation reserve subject to the Reserves, Domains and National Parks Act 1928 on a 1955 subdivision of land. Vested in Matamata County by operation of s.44, Counties Amendment Act 1961. Vested in Tokoroa Borough Council in April 1975, and then vested in the South Waikato District Council in 1989 under the Local Government (Waikato Region) Reorganisation Order 1989.

Girl Guiding NZ has a lease of a small area within the reserve for a Girl Guiding hall. The lease commenced on 1 September 1977. At the request from Girl Guiding NZ a timber fence was erected around the hall for safety reasons in 2009.

Purpose, Use and User Groups: The reserve and its facilities provide an area for Tokoroa's Girl Guide Association who uses the hall and its surrounding facilities for weekly meetings and events. It also provides an area of open green space for active and passive activity for nearby residents.

Lessee: Due to costs annually to maintain halls Girl Guiding New Zealand are intending to gift their hall to Council on condition they remain as one of the users of the hall for their meetings. This will give Council the opportunity to offer the use of the hall to other community groups.

Reserve Management and Maintenance: The reserve is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council. Maintenance of the reserve is managed by the South Waikato District Council.

Turf is maintained to keep grass height between 35mm and 75mm.

Hard surfacing to be kept clean, safe for users and weed free.

Future development options:

- Continue to maintain at the current level of service;
- Remove and replace trees as required to maintain the look of the reserve and to provide shade for users;
- Plant screen native planting alongside railway boundary;
- Plant narrow- form trees such as *Fagus* 'Dawyck's Gold' alongside driveway;
- Install signage at the Clyde Street entrance;
- Seek revocation as a reserve to sell land.

Cobham Reserve

Location: Between Cobham Drive and Billah Street.

Access: A Concrete footpath runs through the reserve from Cobham Crescent entrance to Billah Street entrance.

Portfolio Designation: Neighbourhood reserve

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Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Part Lot 59 DPS 8732	0.3981	Recreation Reserve

District Plan Zone: Residential

Natural and Physical Features: Open space turfed area ranging from flat to gentle sloping land planted with mature conifer and deciduous trees.

Historical /Investment Background: Lot 59 was part of a larger block purchased in 1963 by the Matamata County Council from the Crown (Lands & Survey Department) for residential development. The land was originally held in Certificate of Title 2B/754. Lot 59 was declared a recreation reserve by NZ Gazette 1964 page 845. In 1966 the reservation was revoked over a narrow strip (161 square

metres) of Lot 59 and that land was sold by the County Council to an adjoining owner – NZ Gazette 1966-page 1133.

The balance of Lot 59 vested in the Tokoroa Borough Council as constituted on 1 April 1975 by NZ Gazette 1975 page 641 then vested in the South Waikato District Council in 1989 under the Local Government (Waikato Region) Reorganisation Order 1989.

Purpose, Use and User Groups: The purpose of the Reserve is to provide an area of open green space for active and passive activity for nearby residents. The reserve is well used as a thoroughfare for local residents heading to and from the town centre.

Leasee: Not applicable.

Reserve Management and Maintenance: The reserve is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council. Maintenance of the reserve is managed by the South Waikato District Council.

Turf is maintained to keep grass height between 35mm and 75mm. Garden maintenance includes the maintaining of hedge plantings.

Hard surfacing to be kept clean, safe for users and weed free.

Future development options:

- Continue to maintain at the current level of service;
- Upgrade signage at the entrance ways;
- Plant hedging species along fence lines bounding 74 and 76 Billah Street properties;
- Replace aging post and rail perimeter fences with timber bollards;
- Install a park bench seat.;

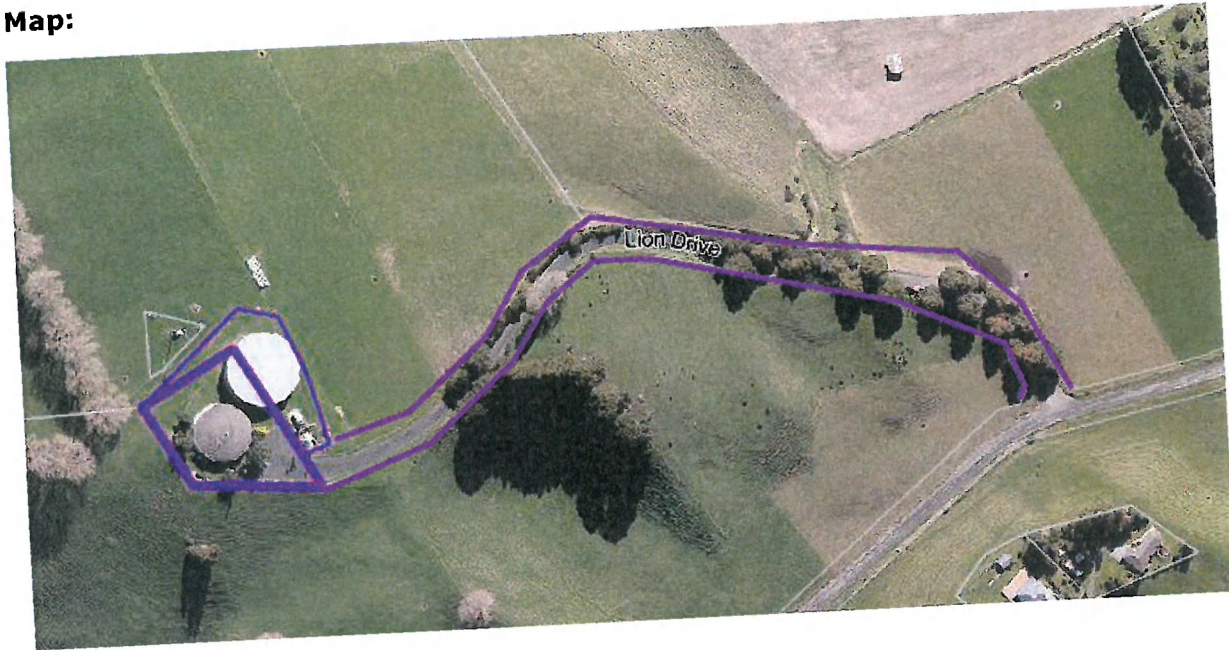
Colson's Hill (Lion Drive) Lookout

Location: Lion Drive (Off Sloss road)

Access: Vehicular access is provided from Sloss Road along Lion Drive to the top of the hill.

Portfolio Designation: Neighbourhood reserve

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Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Lot 1 DPS 27686	0.6488	N/A
Part Lot 3 DP 22967	3.55	N/A

District Plan Zone: Rural

Natural and Physical Features: An attractive drive up to what is known colloquially as Colson's Hill the lookout provides a scenic view out over Tokoroa. On a clear day Mount Ruapehu can be seen. A line of mature Oak trees lines the drive on each side to the top.

The most significant feature on the site is the large water tower which is painted to resemble a house with each painted window depicting an aspect of Tokoroa's past. The mural was done as a community project and gifted to the community. It provides the water storage tanks/supply for Tokoroa.

Other facilities include the public carpark, viewing platform, seating, picnic tables, litter bins, retaining walls and planting.

Historical /Investment Background: Part Lot 3 was taken (together with easements) for waterworks by the Matamata County Council in 1965 under the Public Works Act 1928.

Lot 1 was purchased (together with easements) by the Tokoroa Borough Council in 1988 from an adjoining title.

The site houses a plaque and rock commemorating Matariki (Maori New Year) celebrations in 2005 dedicated by the Raukawa Trust Board in conjunction with the SWDC. The Tokoroa Lion's Club have played a significant part in the development of this site and initially raised funds to purchase the road leading to the reservoir to allow public access. They then donated the ownership of the road to the Matamata County Council on the understanding that it would be named Lion Drive (*Alex Shaw supra n 1*).

Purpose, Use and User Groups: The primary purpose of this Council holding is for water supply purposes. Two reservoirs and associated infrastructure dominate the site. Provision of a public carpark and lookout is peripheral however it provides an alternative purpose to provide an open green space for informal active and passive recreation for residents and the many visitors who come to enjoy the vista. It is also used by local youths as a place where they congregate and socialise.

Leasee: Not applicable.

Reserve Management and Maintenance: The reserve is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council. Maintenance of the reserve is managed by the South Waikato District Council.

Turf is maintained to keep grass height between 35mm and 75mm.

Maintenance of park furniture includes to be kept in a clean and in a safe condition.

Hard surfacing to be kept clean, safe for users and weed free.

Litter control to be maintained to an appropriate level.

Future development options:

- Continue to maintain at the current level of service;
- Upgrade the mural on the water tower: clean the painted window murals and repaint the balance in one colour;
- Upgrade the concrete wall and seating within the Lookout area to improve their appearance;
- Fill in the gaps in planting up the drive to complete the avenue appearance;
- Interpretation information regarding the vista and surrounding landmarks;
- Install Talking Poles;
- Re-locate the "Picture Frame" from its current location on the northern State Highway 1 entry to Tokoroa to the Lookout area to frame the view



Croad Place Reserve

Location: The reserve is located at the northern end of Croad Place, Tokoroa.

Access: Public access is not available.

Portfolio Designation: Neighbourhood reserve

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Lot 1 DPS 18609	0.0603	Local Purpose Reserve (Plantation)

District Plan Zone: Rural

Natural and Physical Features: The reserve is a narrow strip of land planted with mature trees.

Historical /Investment Background: As a plantation reserve this parcel would have been required by the Tokoroa Borough Council when a 1976 subdivision was proposed. The trees partially screen

Croad Place from vehicles travelling south on State Highway 1, no doubt to present a more pleasant impression than might otherwise be the case if the land was just part of industrial or commercial development.

Purpose, Use and User Groups: The land is not used by the public with no easement in place over private land that encompasses the reserve for access to the reserve.

Leasee: Not applicable.

Reserve Management and Maintenance: The reserve is administered by the South Waikato District Council.

Future development options:

- Removal of trees that are deteriorating in health to avoid potential damage to neighbouring property and the State Highway.
- Plant quick growing tree species on the fence lines to maintain the 'screening' purpose of the reserve.

Cullen Reserve

Location: The reserve is located via pedestrian access on Cullen Crescent, Tokoroa, at the edge of the residential area, and provides access to the Matarawa Stream which runs along its boundary.

Access: Access is via a narrow strip past a house and it is not clear that this provides access to the reserve. The nearest alternative access to the stream is from Tasman Drive.

Portfolio Designation: Esplanade reserve

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Lot 113 DPS 20729	0.992	Recreation Reserve
Lot 112 DPS 20729	0.53	Local Purpose Reserve (Esplanade)

Lot 94 DPS 11783	0.8873	Recreation Reserve
Lot 96 DPS 11783	0.9712	Local Purpose Reserve (Esplanade)
Lot 95 DPS 11784	1.0623	Local Purpose Reserve (Esplanade)

District Plan Zone: Rural

Natural and Physical Features: The reserve follows the Matarawa stream and the planting on the reserve is a mixture of exotic trees, including mature *Pinus radiata*, fruit and nut species and native plant species.

Historical /Investment Background: The first and by far the largest sub dividers in Tokoroa was New Zealand Forest Products. The Kinleith Director of Forest Products from 1936 to 1963, Sir David Henry, who passed away in August 1963, enthusiastically named most of the early Forest Products subdivisions after places in his home country of Scotland. It is possible Cullen Crescent, where the Reserve is accessed from, was so named in keeping with the Scotland place names theme.

Purpose, Use and User Groups: The purpose of the Reserve is to provide an open space for informal passive and active recreational use. The general public use the park for walking and exercising dogs, and as a thoroughfare for walking along the stream bank.

Leasee: Not applicable.

Reserve Management and Maintenance: The reserve is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council. Maintenance of the reserve is managed by the South Waikato District Council.

Turf is maintained to keep grass height between 35mm and 100mm. Garden maintenance includes maintaining of Re-Vegetation areas (NZ Native species plantings).

Future development options:

- Continue to maintain at the current level of service;
- Provide signage at the entrance ways;
- Remove and replace aging Pines as needed with NZ native tree species such as *Podocarpus totara*;
- Continue to control self-seeded Prunus saplings;
- Install a metalled path to encourage all year-round use;
- Install bench seats;
- Plant along stream sides with low growing native species to control erosion.

Dunham's Park

Location: The reserve is located on the corner of SH1 and Sloss Road at the northern entrance to Tokoroa.

Access: Vehicle and pedestrian access is via Sloss Road or Croad Place with good off-road parking and easy access.

Portfolio Designation: Esplanade reserve

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Lot 6 DP 23421	0.9161	Recreation Reserve
Lot 1 DPS 13835	0.2504	Recreation Reserve
Lot 7 DPS 18609	0.0761	Recreation Reserve

District Plan Zone: Rural

Natural and Physical Features: The reserve identifies the gateway to Tokoroa for travellers approaching from the north and has an informational 'What's On' sign viewable from State Highway One. It has flat to sloping grassed areas with the Whakauru stream running through the middle of the reserve from north to south. There is an open area on the eastern side of the stream. Facilities include picnic tables, bench seating, carpark, litter bins, children's playground, and public toilets. The boundary nearest the road is fenced to improve safety for children.

The landscape character is that of an English park with mature exotic style trees including mature *Populus deltoides* and grass open space. In recent years planting has taken place along the top of the bank, with further planting of natives, shrubs and herbaceous perennials along the stream banks.

Historical /Investment Background: Dunham Park is named after George Dunham, a Matamata County Councillor from 1941 to 1956. Mr Dunham was involved with the growth of Tokoroa in many ways. He was the first Chairman of the Tokoroa County Town Committee, took part in plans to set up a newspaper in the town, and supervised state housing in Tokoroa in the early years. He resigned from Matamata County Council in 1956 over a question of his freedom to report Kinleith rates discussions back to the County Town Committee. One of Tokoroa's farming pioneers, Mr Dunham came to the District in 1933. He became a Tokoroa Riding representative on the County Council in 1941 and continued in that position until 1956. For seven of those years he was Deputy Chairman.

The original bridge across the stream was built by Kiwanis (a local service club) with materials ex South Waikato District Council, this bridge was eventually removed.

A metalled pathway and timber bridge linking the western and eastern sides of the stream were constructed by Council in 2017.

The aging swing set was replaced in 2018.

Purpose, Use and User Groups: The purpose of the Reserve and its current use is to provide an open green space for informal passive and active recreation for nearby residents and the travelling public. It is used mostly as a rest and picnic area.

Leasee: Not applicable.

Reserve Management and Maintenance: The reserve is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council. Maintenance of the reserve is managed by the South Waikato District Council.

Turf is maintained to keep grass height between 35mm and 75mm.

Garden maintenance includes maintaining of mixed border and shrub areas, including native NZ and non-native plantings along stream edges.

Maintenance of park furniture and play equipment includes to be kept in a clean and in a safe condition.

Play- ground cursory inspections completed weekly (Parks Contractor) and in-depth inspections to NZS level bi-monthly (Council).

Hard surfacing to be kept clean, safe for users and weed free.

Litter control to be maintained to an appropriate level.

Toilet cleaning to be carried out to an appropriate level as per contract.

Future development options:

- Continue to maintain at the current level of service;
- Assess condition of mature *Populus* within the reserve and remove as necessary;
- Consider planting banks surrounding the lower grassed semi-circular area with Asian / Japanese style plant species such as *Rhododendron*, *Azalea*, *Aucuba* (Japanese Laurel), *Acer* (Maple);
- Provide bench seating on eastern side of the reserve.

Elizabeth Reserve

Location: The reserve is located on Elizabeth Drive, Tokoroa in a residential area.

Access: Main pedestrian access is from Elizabeth Drive, where the frontage is fenced with timber bollards with a chain gate for vehicle access. There is an additional pedestrian access point on the eastern boundary connecting the reserve to Maisie Place.

Portfolio Designation: Neighbourhood reserve

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Lot 40 DPS 9464	0.2335	Recreation Reserve
Lot 11 DPS 4637	0.7269	Recreation Reserve

District Plan Zone: Residential

Natural and Physical Features: the reserve is a large flat, open grassed area with perimeter tree planting. There are mature conifer species located along the Elizabeth Drive frontage.

A playground module was installed in the reserve in 2004. Furniture includes a seat and litter bin by the playground.

Elizabeth Street Reserve is also the bore field for the Tokoroa water supply.

Historical /Investment Background: Elizabeth Reserve is named due to its location along Elizabeth Street, which was in turn named, along with other streets in the area after members of the British Royal family:

From 1950 onwards, when construction of the mill started and New Zealand Forest Products began employing forest felling gangs and factory workers, the community of Tokoroa swelled rapidly. Subdivisions were undertaken by the company and later, in 1960 supported by private industry and the then Matamata County Council. The involvement of the Matamata County Council in these subdivisions was unusual as traditionally, local authorities did not engage in this activity. However, a lack of housing forced action on the part of the county council, transit houses were built on three substantial subdivisions (the Kruse, Hartley and Hicks Block). Each sub-divider added a new flavour to the street names used. The earliest large private subdivision was undertaken between 1953 and 1955 on the Kruse Block and each stage was given a character of its own, for example, the Royal Family: Margaret, Windsor, Andrew, George, Philip, Kent, Anne, Charles, Edward, Mountbatten and Ferguson.

Purpose, Use and User Groups: The purpose of the Reserve is to provide a large open space for informal passive and active recreational use for nearby residents. Its size and contour lend itself to a variety of recreational uses and the general public also use the reserve for walking and exercising dogs.

Leasee: Not applicable.

Reserve Management and Maintenance: The reserve is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council. Maintenance of the reserve is managed by the South Waikato District Council.

Turf is maintained to keep grass height between 35mm and 75mm.

Maintenance of park furniture and play equipment includes to be kept in a clean and in a safe condition.

Play- ground cursory inspections completed weekly (Parks Contractor) and in-depth inspections to NZS level bi-monthly (Council).

Litter control to be maintained to an appropriate level.

Future development options:

- Continue to maintain at the current level of service;
- Install a Barbeque, shelter, drinking fountain and picnic table;
- Plant more specimen trees for shade;
- Set up the Park as a "Smart Playground". This provides opportunity through digital apps to either turn a normal park's open space into a digital fantasy land or make- believe scenarios where younger children use the play equipment to complete tasks under parent's supervision holding the phone. This creates a means to connect physical activity and the use of screens, providing a fun way for young children to be active;
- Plant gaps on perimeters with narrow form deciduous trees.

Glenkill Park

Location: The reserve is located south of the town centre in a residential area.

Access: access is via Glenkill Street, Lauriston Street and Sterling Place, Tokoroa.

Portfolio Designation: Neighbourhood reserve

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Lot 1969 DPS 9547	0.0106	Recreation Reserve
Lot 1232 DPS 4737	1.3228	Recreation Reserve
Lot 1982 DPS 9267	0.1965	Recreation Reserve

District Plan Zone: Residential

Natural and Physical Features: the reserve is a large area with rolling contour in part, surrounded by houses. There is a playground, some native trees and some large rocks. Furniture includes a seat and litter bins. There are concreted paths within the reserve.

Historical /Investment Background: Vested in the Crown under s.13, Land Subdivision in Counties Act 1946, as recreation reserve, subject to the Reserves and Domains Act 1953, on a 1958 subdivision of land. Vested in the Matamata County Council in 1960, vested in the Tokoroa Borough Council as

constituted on 1 April 1975 and then vested in the South Waikato District Council in 1989 under the Local Government (Waikato Region) Reorganisation Order 1989.

In 1982 a concreted path was installed running the length of the reserve from Glenkill Street to Lauriston Place and connecting to the access ways into the reserve.

In 2007 a Timber/Plastic modular playground was installed along with a two-bay swing set.

In 2017 the seat was replaced with a timber/steel framed bench seat located nearby the playground.

Groups of Maple (*Acer negundo* 'Kelly's Gold') and Birch (*Betula jacquemontii*) were planted in 2016 on the eastern side of the reserve.

Purpose, Use and User Groups: The purpose of the Reserve and its current use is to provide an open green space for informal passive and active recreation for nearby residents. It is also used by residents for a thoroughfare.

Leasee: Not applicable.

Reserve Management and Maintenance: The reserve is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council. Maintenance of the reserve is managed by the South Waikato District Council.

Turf is maintained to keep grass height between 35mm and 75mm. Garden maintenance includes maintaining of Re-Vegetation areas (NZ Native species plantings).

Maintenance of park furniture and play equipment includes to be kept in a clean and in a safe condition.

Play- ground cursory inspections completed weekly (Parks Contractor) and in-depth inspections to NZS level bi-monthly (Council).

Hard surfacing to be kept clean, safe for users and weed free.

Litter control to be maintained to an appropriate level.

Future development options:

- Continue to maintain at the current level of service;
- Install a drinking fountain by playground area;
- Install timber bollards at Lauriston Place frontage;
- Plant specimen deciduous trees towards the southern end of the reserve.

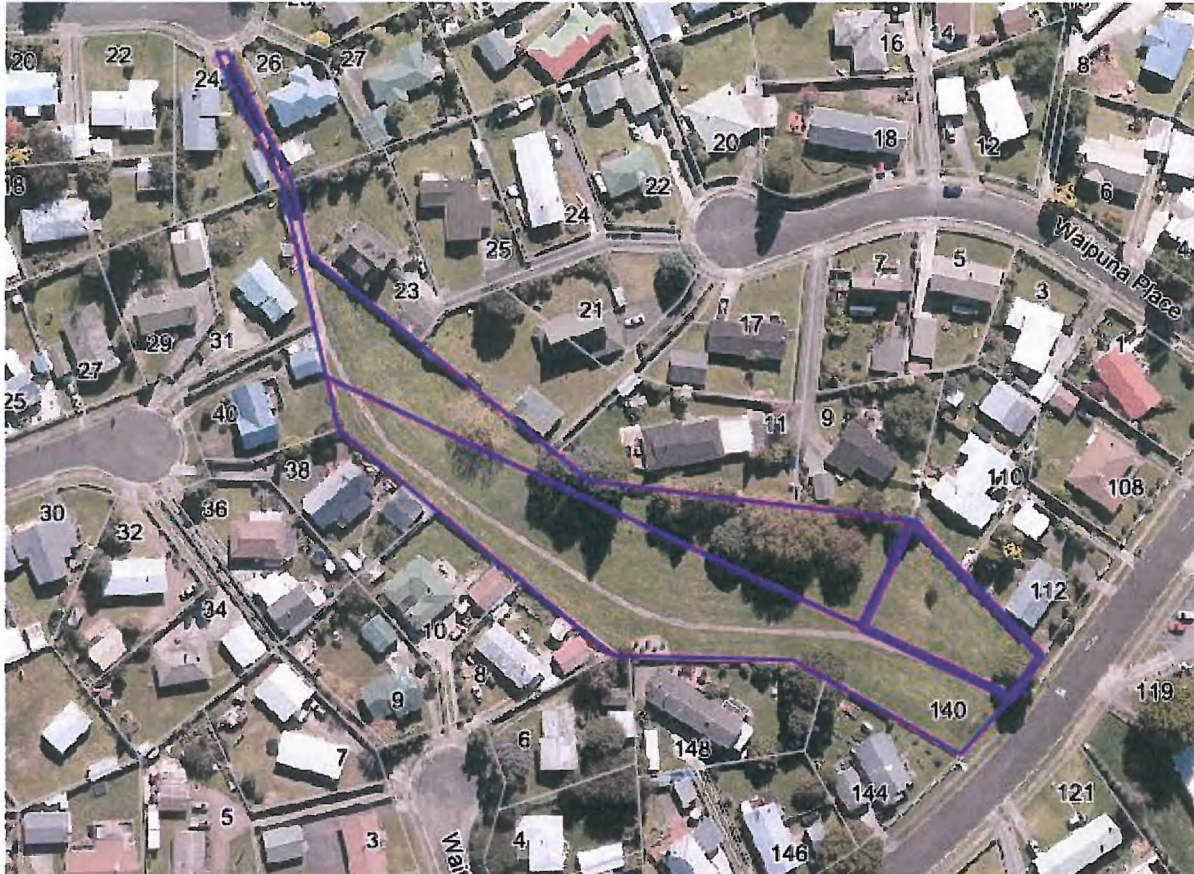
Grampian Reserve

Location: The reserve is located on Grampian Street, Tokoroa in a residential area.

Access: access is via Grampian Street, with additional pedestrian access via Matata Place.

Portfolio Designation: Neighbourhood reserve

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Lot 1 DPS 84844	0.2442	N/A
Lot 210 DPS 23189	0.3541	Recreation Reserve
Lot 6 DPS 22092	0.0849	Recreation Reserve

District Plan Zone: Residential

Natural and Physical Features: the reserve is a grassed flat area surrounded by houses. A number of exotic tree species are planted within the reserve including a group of *Feijoa* trees to provide seasonal fruit for local residents. There is a concreted path running the length of the reserve.

Historical /Investment Background: Vested in the Tokoroa Borough Council as recreation reserve under s.352, Municipal Corporations Act 1954 on the 1977 and 1976 (respectively) subdivisions of land. Vested in the South Waikato District Council in 1989 under The Local Government (Waikato Region) Reorganisation Order 1989.

Purpose, Use and User Groups: The purpose of the Reserve and its current use is to provide an open green space for informal passive and active recreation for nearby residents. It is also used by residents as a thoroughfare.

Leasee: Not applicable.

Reserve Management and Maintenance: The reserve is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council. Maintenance of the reserve is managed by the South Waikato District Council.

Turf is maintained to keep grass height between 35mm and 75mm.

Hard surfacing to be kept clean, safe for users and weed free.

Future development options:

- Continue to maintain at the current level of service;
- Install a bench seat alongside path.

Hassall Gardens

Location: Hassall Gardens are located on the corner of Mannering and Logan Streets in a commercial area.

Access: access is via Mannering Street and Logan Street, Tokoroa.

Portfolio Designation: Civic reserve

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Lot 99 DP 15561	0.1012	Recreation Reserve

District Plan Zone: Business

Natural and Physical Features: It is a small flat grassed area, with conifers along the Cinema site of the park providing structure. There is a cluster of Birch and Oak which are very appealing; picnic

tables, litter bins, and a sculpture which forms part of the Talking Poles Trail. A rose bed planted with white flowering *Rosa* 'Flower Carpet' is situated on the Mannering Street frontage. There is a metal chip path through the Reserve.

Historical /Investment Background: Purchased by the Tokoroa Borough Council in 1981 for \$28,000. The gardens are named after Mr Jim Hassall who lived in Tokoroa from 1926 to 1994. Mr Hassall was particularly interested in schools and road safety. He served as a Borough Councillor for many years and along with his wife, was a stalwart member of the Red Cross. Mr Hassall was a keen local historian.

Purpose, Use and User Groups: The purpose of the Reserve and its current use is to provide an open green space for informal passive recreation for nearby workers and residents, who use it during their breaks.

Leasee: Not applicable.

Reserve Management and Maintenance: The reserve is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council. Maintenance of the reserve is managed by the South Waikato District Council.

Turf is maintained to keep grass height between 25mm and 40mm. Garden maintenance involves maintaining of rose plantings.

Maintenance of park furniture includes to be kept in a clean and in a safe condition.

Hard surfacing to be kept clean, safe for users and weed free.

Litter control to be maintained to an appropriate level.

Future development options:

- Continue to maintain at the current level of service;
- Replace signage and include information about Mr J. Hassall.

Inman Reserve

Location: The reserve is located at the end of Inman Avenue, Tokoroa in a residential area.

Access: access is via Inman Avenue with additional access from Chartwell Drive, Tokoroa.

Portfolio Designation: Neighbourhood reserve

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Lot 8 DPS 28076	0.5704	Recreation Reserve

District Plan Zone: Residential

Natural and Physical Features: The reserve is a large open, flat to undulating area with good visibility from the street. The reserve is relatively isolated, situated in northern end of Tokoroa, there are no further reserves in this part of town. The main feature is the playground, which was installed in 2009 and includes swings, a modular unit with slide and climbing net play equipment. This was undertaken as a project between Council and ABB. A bench seat and litter bin are provided by the playground with specimen exotic trees planted either end of playground to provide shade. Groups of *Aesculus* (Horse Chestnut) and *Betula* (Birch) trees are located along the northern and western boundaries.

Historical /Investment Background: The reserve was part of the original farm owned by the Marshall-Inman family who came to the district in 1946. Inman Avenue is named after Mr Andy Marshall-Inman, who was a long-standing member of the community.

Purpose, Use and User Groups: The purpose of the Reserve and its current use is to provide an open green space for informal active and passive recreation for nearby residents, with a focus on families with children.

Leasee: Not applicable.

Reserve Management and Maintenance: The reserve is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council. Maintenance of the reserve is managed by the South Waikato District Council.

Turf is maintained to keep grass height between 35mm and 75mm.

Maintenance of park furniture and play equipment includes to be kept in a clean and in a safe condition.

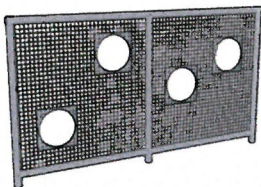
Play- ground cursory inspections completed weekly (Parks Contractor) and in-depth inspections to NZS level bi-monthly (Council).

Hard surfacing to be kept clean, safe for users and weed free.

Litter control to be maintained to an appropriate level.

Future development options:

- Continue to maintain at the current level of service;
- Install a barbeque and shelter, drinking fountain and picnic table;
- Install a Multi goal item;



- Install a modular pump track incorporating the undulating areas on the western side of the reserve;



Ireland Reserve

Location: The reserve is located on the corner of Paraonui Road and Baird Road, Tokoroa in a residential area.

Access: access is via Baird Road with additional access from Paraonui Street, Tokoroa.

Portfolio Designation: Neighbourhood reserve

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Part Lot 1 DPS 10980	0.4004	Recreation Reserve

District Plan Zone: Residential

Natural and Physical Features: The site is a prominent one, on a busy urban arterial road with a Hall to the east of the Reserve. The reserve is grassed flat land on the southern side of the reserve rising to a banked grassed area on the northern side. The reserve has a 'garden' landscape character reflected in the existing plant species, stone walls and the large mature conifers on the two street sides. A metalled path runs from Baird road at the southern end and runs along the northern side to Paraonui Road which has seating areas made of stone situated off the path. There is an attractive stone wall situated on the eastern side between the reserve and the carpark servicing the hall. There is no playground on this reserve as these are already located at the nearby Elizabeth Street Reserve and Kauri Street Reserve, a playground is also provided in a nearby school grounds.

Historical /Investment Background: The reserve is named after the Ireland family, one of the early Tokoroa farming families who offered the land as a memorial to the part they played in the Tokoroa community. Purchased by the Matamata County Council from Mary Aileen Ireland in 1973.

At the western end of the Reserve the Sea Scouts formerly leased a site from Council on which their hall was located, but was vacated by the Sea Scouts in 2017.

Purpose, Use and User Groups: The purpose of the Reserve and its current use is to provide an open green space for informal active and passive recreation for nearby residents.

Lessee: The South Waikato MenzShed Inc group under a Licence to Occupy agreement currently leases the former Sea Scouts hall. The group seeks to bring men together in one community space to share their skills, develop friendships and work on practical tasks individually (personal projects) or as a group (for the shed or community).

The term of the LTO is for 5 years, commencing in January 2020 and therefore expires in December 2025 with a right of renewal.

Reserve Management and Maintenance: The reserve is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council. Maintenance of the reserve is managed by the South Waikato District Council.

Turf is maintained to keep grass height between 35mm and 75mm.

Maintenance of park furniture includes to be kept in a clean and in a safe condition.

Hard surfacing to be kept clean, safe for users and weed free.

Litter control to be maintained to an appropriate level.

Future development options:

- Continue to maintain at the current level of service;
- Install picnic table to encourage use by local residents.

James Higgins Park

Location: The reserve is located on Princess Beatrix Avenue in Tokoroa

Access: Access is from Princess Beatrix Avenue.

Portfolio Designation: Neighbourhood reserve

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Lot 1 DP 497856	1.0236	Recreation reserve
Lot 6 DPS 28435	0.5926	Local Purpose Reserve (Esplanade)

District Plan Zone: Rural

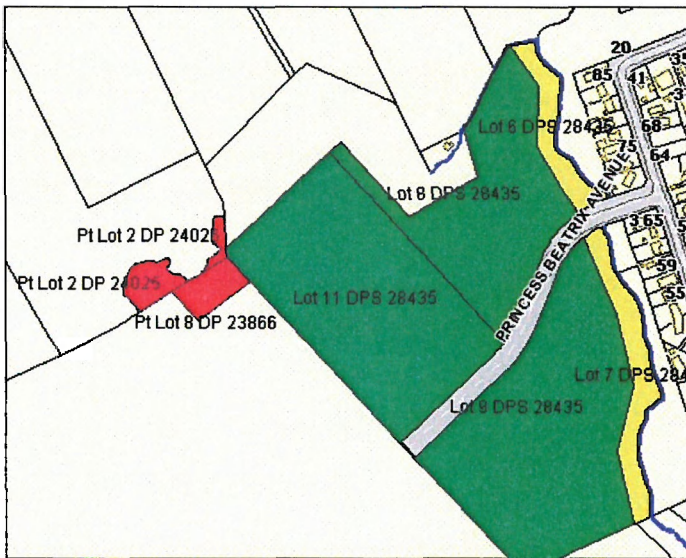
Natural and Physical Features: The reserve is flat grassed land and of moderate visual appeal. Mature Pine and Willow trees are situated along the stream side of the esplanade strip, with mature trees located in front and behind the YMCA building. The perimeter of the reserve was fenced with timber bollards in 2008.

James Higgins Park was formerly designated and used as a sportsground, originally developed to fulfil an overflow function for the Tokoroa Memorial Sportsground.

Historical /Investment Background: James Higgins Sportsground was originally established to provide an opportunity for a number of non-traditional less formalised sports and club uses which could not be easily accommodated within other reserve areas. This Park was named after Mr James (Jim) Higgins MBE, who was the Mayor of Tokoroa from 1966-1979. Mr Higgins steered Tokoroa during its years as a County Borough and its difficult passage to autonomy. He was drawn into Tokoroa politics through his interest in the town's Parks and Reserves Policy. He became a member of the County Town Committee in 1961. Persuaded at the last minute to stand as Town Committee Chairman in 1965, he was elected to that position. At this stage the Tokoroa Town Empowering Bill was between its first and second readings. When the bill became law, Mr Higgins became Mayor of New Zealand's first County Borough and, at 34, was the youngest Mayor in the country. He was a strong advocate of Tokoroa's welfare in the subdivision funds dispute in 1973, which was finally resolved in 1977. He was Mayor of Tokoroa Borough during its first four years of independence.

During the early 1990's there was growing concern that some of the District's Reserves were being underutilised, and this was so for James Higgins Park especially. However, Council decided that the area should be retained as an area for possible re-expansion or re-development as appropriate in the future. There was also much emphasis on the need to protect the archaeological site to the west of the reserve which is important because it is thought to be an early moa hunter site; one of a very few known inland North Island moa hunter sites. Moa bones, early adzes, and obsidian flakes were found at the site. It has been suggested that the site may represent a camp made by early people exploring, or in transit through, the interior of the island who stopped long enough to build structures, as evidenced by the presence of post holes.(See Tokotokoroa o Matarawa Reserves Management Plan)

Originally, James Higgins Park consisted of the following Lots shown on the map below:



The Park has been used by a variety of different organisations over the years including Rugby League, Softball, Skateboarding, Bike riding (BMX), the YMCA, Canine Dog Obedience Association and the Air Training Corps.

In 1991 the Tokoroa Canine Association began leasing a portion of the site for agility and dog obedience training.

The Rugby League Clubs were relocated to Tokoroa Memorial Sportsground in 2003 and Council took over ownership of the building. The James Higgins league fields were sold to an adjoining landowner for farmland. In general terms, most of the league fields and the BMX and dog obedience areas were sold.

Over time as the population of Tokoroa declined and the demand for these sports has decreased, James Higgins Park has had fewer demands on it. Consequently, over the years further sections have been sold off to private landowners. James Higgins Park now only consists of the section of land that the YMCA building is located on, and the esplanade strip on the eastern side of that section. The esplanade strip was gazetted as a Local Purpose (esplanade) Reserve in 1986 (New Zealand Gazette 1986 pg 2402), and was reclassified in 2020 to be a recreation reserve in order to provide an overall consistent approach to classification for all Matarawa stream reserves as a group.

In 2003 Council agreed to lease the building (formerly Midlands League building) to the Air Training Corps (ATC) Tokoroa and the Canine Obedience Association.

Also in 2003 a metalled footpath was developed linking Princes Beatrix Avenue and Baird Road. It is mainly utilised by students walking to Forest View High School.

The YMCA building located on James Higgins Reserve and is under control of the YMCA. The YMCA has been used for indoor sports such as soccer, cricket, volleyball, hockey, netball and basketball. It was also used for aerobics, weights and a pre-school gym.

Princess Beatrix Avenue, the street leading to James Higgins Park and was named after Princess Beatrix of Holland following her official visit with husband Claus von Amsberg to Tokoroa in the early 1990s. Princess Beatrix, who was actually crowned queen on 30th April 1980, visited Tokoroa to view one of the largest Dutch communities in New Zealand. In honour of her visit to the then new YMCA complex, the street was named after her.

Purpose, Use and User Groups: The area is still available for a range of active and passive activities; however, its use is low with the only formal use of the grounds being by the YMCA.

Lessee: A lease agreement is in place with the South Waikato YMCA for the section of land utilised for the YMCA owned gymnasium building and associated driveway. The term is for 33 years, expiring in 2046 with no right of renewal.

A Licence to Occupy agreement is in place for part of the Recreation Reserve esplanade strip (shown below) with the adjoining farm owner for grazing use. The agreement is based on a 12-month term.



Reserve Management and Maintenance: The reserve is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council. Maintenance of the reserve is managed by the South Waikato District Council.

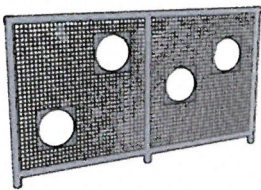
Turf is maintained to keep grass height between 35mm and 75mm. Garden maintenance involves maintaining hedge plantings.

Maintenance of park furniture includes to be kept in a clean and in a safe condition.

Hard surfacing to be kept clean, safe for users and weed free.

Future development options:

- Continue to maintain at the current level of service;
- Install signage on Princess Beatrix Drive side of the reserve;
- Plant groups of NZ native trees within the reserve;
- Install a Multi Goal;



- Install a climbing wall/obstacle course items;
- Install a picnic table.

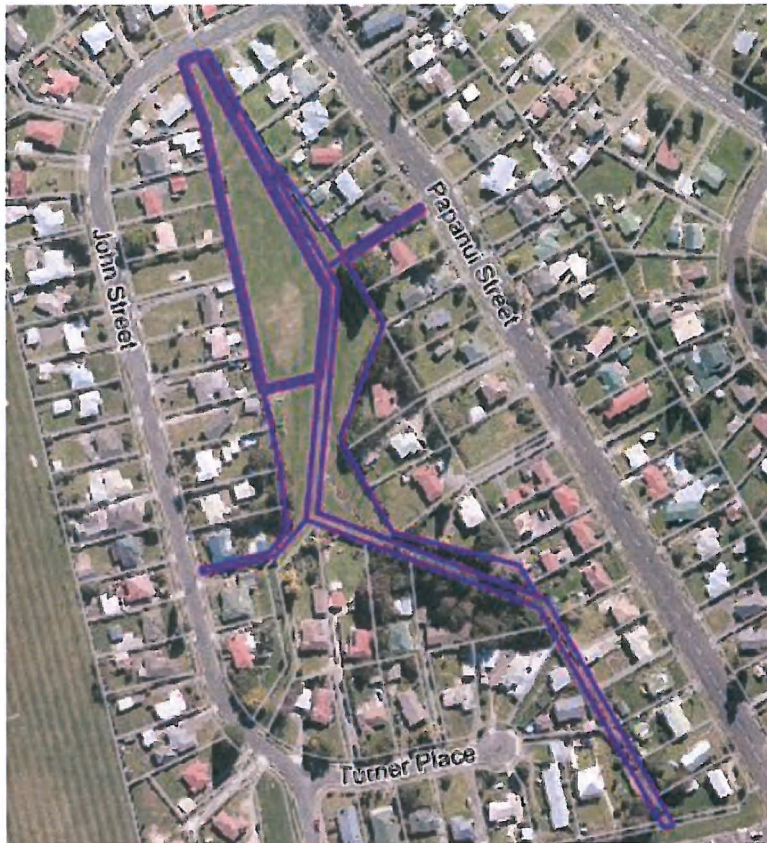
John Street Reserve

Location: The reserve is located on John Street, Tokoroa in a residential area.

Access: There are three access points from John Street and an additional access point from Papanui Road.

Portfolio Designation: Neighbourhood reserve

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Lot 44 DPS 6272	0.4244	Recreation Reserve
Lot 45 DPS 6238	0.1348	Recreation Reserve
Lot 56 DPS 4536	0.2431	Recreation Reserve
Lot 57 DPS 4536	0.0402	Recreation Reserve
Lot 58 DPS 4536	0.3124	Recreation Reserve

District Plan Zone: Residential

Natural and Physical Features: is a long narrow strip of land, predominately flat with sloped areas on the western boundary.

Historical /Investment Background: Lots 44 and 45 vested in the Crown under s.13, Land Subdivision in Counties Act 1946, as recreation reserve, subject to the Reserves and Domains Act 1953, on a 1960 subdivision of land. Both parcels were vested by the Crown in the Matamata County Council by NZ Gazette 1961. Lots 56 and 57 were acquired by transfer in 1957 by the Matamata County Council at the time of subdivision of much of the land in this part of Tokoroa. Lot 58 vested in the Crown under s.13, Land Subdivision in Counties Act 1946, as plantation reserve, subject to the Reserves and Domains Act 1953, on a 1957 subdivision of land. Lot 58 connects to Papanui Street. All the Lots were vested in the Tokoroa Borough Council in 1975 and then vested in the South Waikato District Council in 1989 under the Local Government (Waikato Region) Reorganisation Order 1989.

The reserve is named after John Street which in turn was named after John Turner, a Canadian who came to work for New Zealand Forest Products and subdivided the area now known as John Street and Turner Place.

Purpose, Use and User Groups: The purpose of the Reserve and its current use is to provide an open green space for informal active and passive recreation for nearby residents as well as a utility drainage reserve. It is mainly used as a thoroughfare by local residents heading to the town centre.

Leasee: Not applicable.

Reserve Management and Maintenance: The reserve is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council. Maintenance of the reserve is managed by the South Waikato District Council.

Turf is maintained to keep grass height between 35mm and 75mm. Garden maintenance involves the maintenance of re-vegetation areas planted with NZ native species.

Future development options:

- Continue to maintain at the current level of service;
- Install signage at the northern and southern entranceways;
- Plant sloped areas on western side with New Zealand native species;
- Plant fruit trees to provide seasonal fruit for local residents;
- Plant additional deciduous specimen trees;
- Install metalled path;
- Install bench seat.

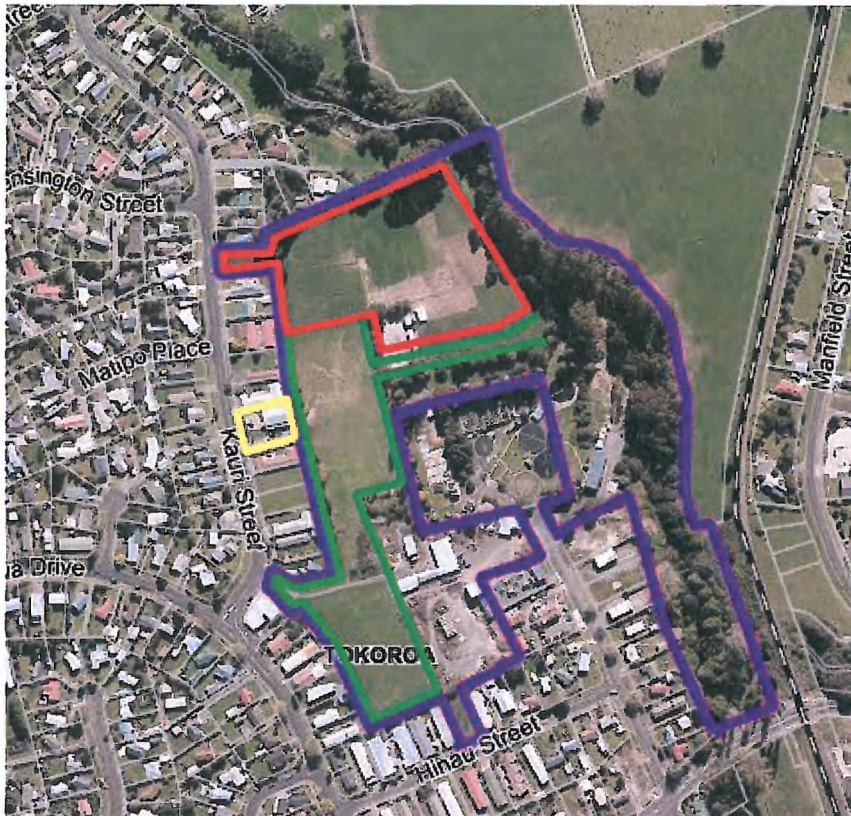
Kauri Reserve

Location: The reserve is located on Kauri Street, Tokoroa in a residential area. It is part of the larger 22d Whakauru Street, Lot 2 DP 360491 section which includes the SWDC's Wastewater plant and Depot.

Access: There are two pedestrian access points both located on Kauri Street.

Portfolio Designation: Neighbourhood reserve

Map:



Green Area: Recreation use ("Kauri reserve")

Yellow Area: Scout hall/Playground

Red Area: Riding for the Disabled (R.D.A) use.

Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Lot 2 DP 360491	10.4897	N/A
Lot 6 DPS 14702	0.1619	N/A

District Plan Zone: Rural

Natural and Physical Features: The reserve is bounded by the Whakauru stream and provides some access to this very clear waterway. Tomos are a problem in this area. Planting of tree species has been undertaken in recent years to screen the wastewater plant and depot sites from the recreational areas.

Historical /Investment Background: The reserve was set aside for public reserve purposes as part of the Hartley Block residential subdivision. Part of the reserve was levelled for hockey fields in 1975. The reserve subsequently proved to be less than ideal for this use due to limited parking and access. As a result, the use of the reserve reverted to a neighbourhood park.

About this time a section of the reserve was used for grazing horses, albeit for a short period of time. Following an approach from the Riding for the Disabled (RDA) in 1985, permission was granted by the Tokoroa Borough Council to graze a portion of the reserve (north-east corner of the reserve). A further approach by the RDA asking for the lease of further areas (top north-east corner) was made in 1988. A new lease was signed in 1988 for a period of five years. The total leased area was approximately 2.29ha. The remainder of the reserve continued to be used as a neighbourhood park.

The lease did cause complaints within the community. One objection was the legality of the lease which was based on the assumption that the lease is contrary to either the Reserves Act 1977 or to the District Scheme or both. The reserve had never been gazetted as a recreation or any other type of reserve and is therefore not subject to the Reserves Act. The District Scheme zones the reserve as recreation. Clause 8.1(b) of the Scheme allows as a predominant use "Outdoor recreation activities, including any sports, which cause no hazard or offence to other persons, nor detract from the amenities of the general area". It was this clause that allowed the use of the area for recreation by the RDA. There was no objection to the land being used as a riding area, the objection was to the land being grazed due to possible health problems that may be caused by this. As a result of this complaint the RDA was instructed to not graze their horses in the north-west corner, although they were still able to graze in the north-east corner on the basis of an existing use right. The complaint was taken to the Ombudsman's Office who established that the lease was entered into in good faith and is legal. However, on the recommendation of the Ombudsman, access by the public was allowed.

In 1997 a new play module was constructed at Kauri Street and is adjacent to the new Scout Hall. In the same year a security fence was installed along the sewage plant boundary, about 4m south of the north-east corner. This allows for continued pedestrian traffic between the Kauri Street Reserve and the Whakauru Stream Reserve. However, the sewerage treatment plant blocks off the continuation of the walkway along the Whakauru Stream.

Purpose, Use and User Groups: The purpose of the Reserve and its current use is to provide an open green space for informal active and passive recreation for nearby residents. Its predominant use includes walking and dog exercising, children utilising the playground facilities and the use by the Scouts of the adjacent building. A part of the reserve is fenced off for the Riding for Disabled Group.

Lessees:

- A Licence to Occupy agreement is in place with the South Waikato Riding for the Disabled Inc. The term is for 3 years, with the current agreement expiring in July 2021 and no right of renewal.
- The Scout Hall along with the playground is on land currently owned by the Scout Association of New Zealand, the site on which the playground is situated is currently leased back to Council.

Reserve Management and Maintenance: The reserve is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council. Maintenance of the reserve is managed by the South Waikato District Council.

Turf is maintained to keep grass height between 35mm and 75mm.

Future development options:

- Continue to maintain at current level of service;
- Provide additional signage to denote the start of the Reserve;
- Wetlands are to be developed in Tirau, Putāruru and Tokoroa within the wastewater treatment sites.

The intended site for the Tokoroa wetland will be within the Lot 2 section, opposite the wastewater plant. As this will affect the amount land currently in use by the R.D.A a proposed amended area for the R.D.A, wetland and recreational areas are shown in the map as follows:



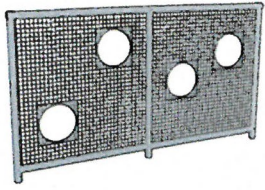
The objectives of the wetland concept designs are to include the provision of a land-based flow component for wastewater before discharge to water, to introduce the wastewater to a controlled natural ecosystem, and to restore the mauri of the treated wastewater before returning it to the receiving environment.

The Tokoroa wetland site is due to be developed within the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan period.

- Kauri Reserve South:



- Install Multi goal item;



- Install concrete pad and urban streetball goal;



- Plant hedge species along the eastern boundary (Council Depot boundary).

Kindergarten Reserve

Location: Kindergarten Reserve is located on the corners of Kindergarten, Clyde and Papanui Streets and is surrounded by residential areas.

Access: Access is available from Kindergarten, Clyde and Papanui streets.

Portfolio Designation: Neighbourhood reserve

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Section 1 SO 499087	0.2105	Local Purpose (Pensioner Housing) reserve
Section 2 SO 499087	0.3158	Recreation Reserve
Section 3 SO 499087	0.1812	Local Purpose (Early Childhood Education) Reserve
Section 4 SO 449087	0.1768	Local Purpose (Community Use) Reserve

District Plan Zone: Residential

Natural and Physical features: The reserve is a flat open grassed area with a mature *Quercis* tree situated on the Eastern side of the reserve. A 400 square metre shrub garden was developed and planted on the Kindergarten Street side of the reserve in 2017 by the Tokoroa City Lions as part of their nationwide "Legacy Project" to celebrate 100 years of Lions in New Zealand. A bench seat and litter bin were installed next to the garden in 2018.

Historical /Investment Background: In 2015 Council considered the need to increase its stock of social housing for the aged in Tokoroa. It identified Kindergarten reserve as a suitable option for the development of pensioner housing units.

As a result, Council resolved to have the four Lots comprising the Kindergarten reserve formally classified as a recreation reserve under the Reserves Act 1977, recognising that classification as a recreation reserve was a necessary precursor to later proposing to amend the classification of part of the land to provide for a possible pensioner housing development and the existing kindergarten.

Council publicly notified the proposal to amend the classification of the Kindergarten Reserve in October 2015. This included the Recreation reserve described in the First Schedule to a Local purpose (pensioner housing) reserve (Area 'A' on following map); the recreation reserve described in the Second Schedule a Local purpose (early childhood education) reserve (Area 'C' on map); and the recreation reserve described in the Third Schedule to a Local purpose (community use) reserve (Area 'B' on the following map).



Public submissions/objections were called for by Council to reclassify the recreation reserve status in order to construct pensioner housing. Council received eighteen submissions/objections, with ten supporting the reclassification and eight opposing.

Council therefore resolved to go ahead with the reclassifications which were effected in 2016. Resource consent for the building of pensioner units was granted in April 2016 with construction of five units in total completed in July 2018.

Purpose, Use and User groups: The purpose of the Reserve and its current use is to provide an open green space for informal active and passive recreation for nearby residents.

Leasee: A lease agreement is in place with the Tokoroa Senior Citizens and Welfare Centre Inc for a term of 20 years, expiring in June 2038 with a right of renewal.

A Lease agreement is in place with the Central North Island Kindergarten Association Inc for a term of 33 years, expiring in 2039 with no right of renewal.

Reserve Management and Maintenance: The reserve is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council. Maintenance of the reserve is managed by the South Waikato District Council.

Turf is maintained to keep grass height between 35mm and 75mm.

Maintenance of park furniture includes to be kept in a clean and in a safe condition.

Hard surfacing to be kept clean, safe for users and weed free.

Litter control to be maintained to an appropriate level.

Future development options:

- Continue to maintain at current level of service;
- Planting of two or three narrow form specimen trees such as *Quercis robur* 'Fastigiata', "Upright Oak";
- Seek to revoke reserve status of the Recreation reserve (Section 2) to sell land for development.

Kupe Reserve

Location: Kupe Place, Tokoroa

Access: The reserve can be accessed from Kupe Place.

Portfolio Designation: Esplanade reserve

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Lot 82 DPS 11784	0.0802	Recreation Reserve

District Plan Zone: Rural

Natural and Physical features: This narrow strip of grassed reserve runs to the east of the Matarawa stream and adjoins the Cullen esplanade reserve heading northwards.

Historical /Investment Background: Originally set aside as a Local purpose (utility) reserve.

Purpose, Use and User groups: The purpose of the Reserve and its current use is to provide an open green space for informal active and passive recreation for nearby residents. The general public use the reserve for walking and for exercising dogs, and it provides access for walking along the stream bank.

Leasee: Not applicable.

Reserve Management and maintenance: The reserve is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council. Maintenance of the reserve is managed by the South Waikato District Council.

Turf within the area 30 Kupe Place is maintained to keep grass height between 35mm and 75mm. The turf area adjacent to the stream is maintained to keep grass height between 35mm and 100mm. Garden maintenance includes maintaining of re-vegetation areas (NZ Native species).

Lessees: Nil

Future development options:

- Continue to maintain at current level of service;
- Plant narrow form specimen trees for shade;
- Install a picnic table.

Lake Moananui Reserve

Location: The reserve is located on the southwestern outskirts of Tokoroa between Maraetai Road (SH32) and Arawa Crescent.

Access: Access can be gained from Arawa Crescent, or from Maraetai Road.

Portfolio Designation: Neighbourhood reserve.

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Lot 1 DPS 17335	12.1076	Recreation Reserve
Lot 1 DPS 51738	3.55	Recreation Reserve
Lot 514 DPS 15337	6.6773	Recreation Reserve
Lot 895 DPS 16451	1.8084	Recreation Reserve
Lot 496 DPS 14422	0.5733	Recreation Reserve

District Plan Zone: Rural

Natural and Physical features: The most significant landscape feature is the open body of water which is Lake Moananui and the dam which creates the lake. The scale of the lake and the surrounding open space with its changing landform and diversity of landscape character areas creates a public park of invaluable quality and amenity for the Tokoroa community.

A summary of the lake statistics is as follows, taken from the University of Waikato MSc (Tech) project report (Miller and Hicks "*Physical Environment, Nutrient Budget, and ecology of Lake Moananui, Tokoroa*"):

Total Reserve Area including Lake	24.72 hectares
Total Area of Lake Water	8 Hectares (approx.)
Maximum Length	700 m
Width at Widest Point	120m
Area of Stilling Basin	0.35 ha
Maximum Depth at Construction	4.5m
Average Depth at Construction	2.0m
Average Depth (2000)	1-1.5 m
Temperature Range	4.2 and 25.1 °
Dominant Aquatic Species	<i>Egeria densa</i> , <i>Potamogeton ochreatus</i> and <i>Elodea canadensis</i>
Estimated Volume of the Lake	62,400 m ³ .
pH Range	6.2 to 10.3
Average Flow over Spillway	0.25-0.42 cumecs
Flushing rate	138.7 times the lake volume per year
Infilling rate	44.2 and 28.5 tonnes/year respectively
Macro invertebrate taxa	24 different taxa
Zooplankton taxa	7 different taxa
Fish	Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout and Goldfish
Dissolved Oxygen	7.5 to 16.9 mg L ⁻¹

Lake Moananui is one of the South Waikato's largest multi- purpose reserves and a key recreational facility within the district. The South Waikato District Council has identified it as a premier reserve of considerable significance. Of high visual appeal the landscape consists of rolling grassland surrounding a man-made lake.

The reserve is approximately 27 hectares, with the lake being an artificial impoundment of the Matarawa Stream and is contained behind a dam of compacted ignimbrite. The dam has a concrete facing which the stream flowed over until dam remediation works were completed in 2014.

Lake Moananui and its surrounding landscape have a high quality 'gardenesque' public park, landscape character. It has all the elements which contribute to a public park of significant physical and visual quality including a large body of water, gently rolling grass parkland, and typical public park structures such as pergolas, foot bridges and park benches.

Within the park landscape there is a diverse range of smaller character areas from ornamental flower beds to exotic specimen trees and a significant natural wetland area. This collection of different landscape types is consistent with a 'gardenesque' landscape character.

The main body of the lake runs 700m north-south over the inundated bed of the original stream. A third of the way down the lake on its western shore is a small arm which runs 200m in a southwest direction. The lake is at its widest at 120m immediately upstream of the dam and has a relatively uniform width for most of its length. The total area of the lake is approximately 5 hectares; the average depth of the lake is 2m with a maximum depth of about 4.5m.

The upper catchment of the Matarawa Stream is approximately 5000 hectares and drains an extensive area of pastoral farmland to the south and south-east of Tokoroa. Immediately upstream of the lake the stream parallels Old Taupo Road south to Kinleith then crosses under State Highway One and drains its head waters in the broad valley served by Matarawa Road. The lake also receives stormwater runoff from various urban streets along its eastern margin and further pastoral runoff from the farms on its western margin.

There are four 'islands' within the lake. Two large islands are situated at the southern end of the lake, with a smaller one at the southwest arm and a further smaller 'island' beneath the dam.

Due to the local roading pattern, land tenure boundaries and the long relatively narrow form of the lake, the eastern and western sides of the lake margins are two areas quite different to each other. The eastern margin is accessed directly from Arawa Crescent, with a linear area of road edge car parking at the north end, a children's play area, two blocks of residential sections, then further bordered by Arawa Crescent at the southern end.

110 kV overhead power lines on large monopoles runs across the eastern lake margin crossing over at the head of the lake to the west side of the stream. These lines are an essential consideration for any operation and maintenance projects and any planned development proposals accordingly.

The western margin is accessed from an open carpark off Maraetai Road. Beyond the carpark there is an open drain bordered by flax, then a broad open area that extends to the head of the southwest arm. There is an earthen amphitheatre on the north side of the mouth of the arm. At the head of the arm, a small bridge gives pedestrian access and tractor mower access to the southern extent of the west side. The western margin has a backdrop of open farmland. Both the east and west margins close in to the head of the lake where the large 'island' is linked to the shore by a semi-submerged wetland area. A footbridge crosses the stream at its mouth and provides the southern access to both sides of the lake.

The north end of the lake is dominated by the dam and the stilling basin immediately below the dam. There are various built features in this area such as public toilets, a large hexagonal timber pergola, a footbridge, a paddling pool (now filled and a raised garden area) and a sheltered seating area.

Historical /Investment Background: As part of the residential growth the Matarawa Stream and its potential recreational development was seen as a focus for sub-divisional reserve allocations. This in turn led to the proposal to create a lake and its associated parkland:

“The current total park area at Moananui was transferred to Local Authority use by NZ Forest Products. This was to honour the reserve contribution required by virtue of subdivisional obligations. The concept, as I understand it, was an amalgamation of requirements for the combined NZ Forest Products subdivisions. This was stipulated by the then Council to enable a substantial area to be aggregated for passive recreational facilities rather than organised active sports such as soccer or rugby.

There is additionally the possibility of a further area which is currently under negotiation as a credit towards further subdivision in an area yet to be subdivided, but this is not currently finalised. On transference of this land to the then Matamata County Council, a scheme for a dam giving approximately 5 hectares of water and 22 hectares of land was devised and constructed. Various schemes and possibilities for the land and lake have been formulated...”

(Tokoroa Borough Council memo, 21 March 1981)

After an initial environmental assessment in 1969, a proposal for a five hectare lake that would include the Matarawa Stream was put forward to the Tokoroa County Borough of the Matamata County Council. This land was vested as a Recreation Reserve in the then Matamata County Council on 15 February 1973. The successful tender to develop the area was awarded to H Allen Mills & Son Ltd in 1974. Construction of the lake and associated earthworks took the better part of a year and, upon completion, the lake was filled in July 1975.

This reserve surrounds the man-made lake constructed by the Matamata County Council in 1974/75. The lake which was now named Lake Moananui meaning “Big Water” was filled in July 1975. This was followed by “tidying of earthworks and grassing of the banks to be ready for Tokoroa’s residents’ relaxation by Christmas”. Further development of the lake surrounds began with the construction of car parks and tree planting including the development of a rose garden. In the early 1980’s local service clubs became involved with the construction of bridges, pagodas, picnic areas, paths, playground equipment, a swimming beach together with diving board pontoon and water slide, a children’s paddling pool and retaining walls to further enhance the reserve. The majority of these projects were undertaken using volunteer labour, with Council contributing to the cost of materials in most instances. At about this time, Council installed public toilets in the reserve.

A reoccurring problem forecast in the original investigations is the control of the lake weed. A number of ‘solutions’ have been used or proposed including lake level adjustment, grazing by fish and waterfowl, herbicide application, lake bed sealants and mechanical or manual harvesting. In all cases there were seen to be advantages and disadvantages with each ‘solution’ and a need to define the actual use of the lake and reserve relative to the end result required. Lowering the level of the lake once or twice over the winter period for the weed to be controlled by frosts has been the means adopted so far.

The toilet block at Lake Moananui is situated on the north eastern side of the reserve and accessed off the Arawa street carpark. The toilet block was built by R.Gibson builders in 1987. The toilets are locked every night after their daily cleaning and are open from 7am to 5pm; later over the summer months. The toilet block was upgraded in 2013 including re-roofing, layout changes to provide additional pans and urinettes, baby change tables, tiling and floor finishing works.

Historically there have been concerns about the effects of ducks, geese, swans, dogs, horses and various fish species on the lake and its margins. In 1991 it was decided due to the results of water testing that swimming was not recommended in the lake and signs were erected to that effect. Existing pontoons in the lake were removed.

In May 1994 a group of representatives from interested service clubs and community groups met to consider further developmental assistance of the lake. Basic to their concern was the need for a management plan and a strategy for development and maintenance of the reserve along with questions of whether active or passive recreation was to be promoted at the lake on water quality relative to recognised bathing standards.

In October 1994, a Draft Landscape Concept Plan was prepared by Colleen Priest Landscape Architects Ltd which outlined the potential enhancement of various areas of the reserve.

The Forest and Bird Society has carried out wetland planting in the margins of the island and the lake at the south end of the reserve has been lowered from time to time to control weed growth and enable clearing of stormwater drains. There have been occasions where there has been mortality in the local duck population, presumably from diesel oil spillage entering the lake via local stormwater drains.

In 1998 a draft plan for the lake was developed by OPUS International Consultants Limited in conjunction with the South Waikato District Council. The draft plan and community feedback identified the need for a general resource assessment of the lake with more detailed information required on:

- Water and nutrient budgets for the lake,
- Bathymetry (measurement of water depths)
- Physico-chemical conditions,
- Sediment loading rates/lake infilling rate, and the
- Terrestrial and aquatic flora and fauna.

As part of a University of Waikato MSc (Tech) project, an investigation into the above issues was commissioned in conjunction with the South Waikato District Council and Environment Waikato (Waikato Regional Council) in November 2000.

The report concluded that Lake Moananui is currently in a healthy ecological condition with abundant plant and animal life. Although the oxygen in the water is generally depleted by organic nutrients, Lake Moananui maintains far greater water clarity than other Waikato lakes despite having high nutrient concentrations.

The report identified that a combination of factors contribute to the ability of Lake Moananui to maintain a clear a water state. Algae are flushed out relatively quickly; there is high abundance of submerged aquatic vegetation which stabilises bottom sediments, and there are large numbers of plant associated *Simocephalus vetulus* which control of algae through grazing. All of these factors are dependant on one another forming a rather delicate balance. The report noted that further vegetation control through lake level manipulation may upset this balance resulting in the loss of water clarity to the detriment of the plant and animal communities.

Many community groups were involved with projects such as the Lake Walkway as well as general sponsorship of facilities within and maintenance of the reserve. These include groups such as the Tokoroa Lions, Jaycee's, Environment Waikato (Waikato Regional Council), and the Forest and Bird Council.

Extensive planting was carried out in 2006 within the reserve with 300 mixed natives planted along the western boundary and in an existing area of native planting.

Arbour Days have also seen a lot of planting along the western side of the park over the years.

In September 2007 trees located adjacent to the Arawa Street carpark were felled and replaced with magnolias. Picnic tables were also added. New play equipment was installed in the 2008-9 financial year, which incorporated a modular play area and swings.

Both in 2007 and 2011 respectively timber barbeque tables were installed with thirteen in total located throughout the reserve including directly opposite the Arawa Crescent carpark, nearby the barbeque and playground area on the eastern side and the picnic area situated on the western side.

An electric barbeque unit was installed within the picnic area in 2010.

A further gas operated barbeque unit was installed in 2017 within the playground area, and steel powder-coated shelters were erected over both barbeque units in 2019.

Fifteen seats are provided within the reserve, being predominantly steel with timber slats bench seats.

Timber post and rail fencing was installed or replaced aging fences on the Maraetai Road frontage and around the eastern side of the still pond below the dam in 2011. Gabion baskets were also installed at that time on both sides of the still pond to provide structural support.

In 2014 the aging timber play fort structure was deemed to no longer be meeting the New Zealand Standard for playground equipment and was subsequently removed and replaced with a rope tower structure, seesaw and basket swings.

In 2016 play fitness items were installed on the eastern and western sides of the reserve with further gym style equipment added on the western side, and a Commando net and Monkey bars on the eastern side in 2017.

In 2018 the aging junior play module was replaced with a Pinta ship module, spinning basket seat and Gnome tree item.

In 2009 a concrete pathway was constructed to provide a loop path around the entire reserve to enable all weather access. In 2016, following the passing of Tokoroa's first mayor Mr James (Jim) Higgins a resolution was passed by Council to name the pathway the Jim Higgins Memorial Walkway. A plaque was thus inlaid into the concrete path on the western side of the reserve in 2017, which was unveiled by Mr Higgin's wife, Nanette Higgins. Also in attendance for the ceremony were the Mayor at the time, Mr Neil Sinclair, members of Mr J. Higgins' immediate family, a Kaumatua from the Raukawa iwi along with members of the public.

Following several months of investigation, engineering reports and cost analysis Council committed to completing major repair works in the reserve in 2014.

Essentially two problems were identified with the lake, firstly a build-up of silt at the southern end and secondly seepage through the dam at the northern end. This indicated a loss of integrity in the dam structure which, if left unattended, would likely lead to the failure of the dam.

Council subsequently decided to fix the seepage through the dam, remove the silt that has built up since the lake was constructed in 1973 and to do some work around preventing further silt build up. The dam remedial work involved sealing the face of the dam with an impermeable liner and the construction of a new spillway in the form of a 2-metre diameter vertical drop structure over the existing conduit under the dam. The normal lake height is now determined by the level of the overflow into the drop structure.

The silt at the southern end of the lake was scraped up to form an island in the middle of the lake, around which a one-metre deep channel runs. The island was later planted with New Zealand native plant species.

As the silt clearing works would not address the issue of the silt building up again Council committed to creating a silt detention pond in the vicinity of the walking bridge at the southern end of the lake, that work was undertaken in conjunction with the silt removal works. The silt detention pond is currently cleared every 2 years.

In 2015 a replacement timber access platform (jetty) to the low level outlet control valve on Lake Moananui Dam was constructed.

Purpose, Use and User groups: Lake Moananui is the district's largest urban informal multi-purpose reserve provided for passive and active recreation. Its recreational facilities are unique within the district due to the combination of a large area of open water and extensive accessible margins. Furthermore, it provides open space links to the surrounding residential areas and urban access to a water body.

Lake Moananui is a premier reserve within the District and is well used. The majority of regular users are those residing in Tokoroa, especially those in the Aotea suburb. Travellers using SH32-Maraetai Road often stop at the carpark for a break and a bite to eat.

The lake and its margins are generally used for passive and informal active recreation. This includes watching and feeding the ducks, picnicking, fishing and playing on the southern 'island' and in the playground area. More active use includes walking, 'running the dog', and jogging. The occasional sailing of radio controlled model sail and power boats also takes place.

The western side of Lake Moananui from the Maraetai Road carpark is a Dog Exercise Area provided for in the SWDC Dog Control Bylaw 1997 Section 6. The playground area is an Area Prohibited to Dogs and the remainder of the reserve is a Leash Area.

There are no formal user groups of the lake and existing grounds. Past users have included clubs such as model boating and dragon boating. The Tokoroa Sportsfishing Association uses the lake informally for fishing and has run their "Take a kid fishing" programme for children there since 1978, which has increased in popularity. The event has also incorporated a pyrotechnic display in recent years to tie in with the annual observance of Guy Fawkes Night.

Other events held at the reserve include wedding ceremonies from time to time, planting sessions with nearby schools and the annual Pink Walk and White Ribbon Walk events.

Reserve Management and maintenance: The reserve is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council. Maintenance of the reserve is managed by the South Waikato District Council.

Turf within the reserve is maintained to keep grass height between 35mm and 75mm. Garden maintenance includes maintaining of shrub gardens, herbaceous perennials, bulb displays and re-vegetation areas (NZ Native species).

Maintenance of park furniture and play equipment includes to be kept in a clean and in a safe condition.

Play- ground cursory inspections completed weekly (Parks Contractor) and in-depth inspections to NZS level bi-monthly (Council).

Hard surfacing to be kept clean, safe for users and weed free.

Litter control to be maintained to an appropriate level.

Lessee: Not applicable.

Future development options:

- Continue to maintain at current level of service;
- Assess condition of timber retaining walls of the lake perimeter and replace as required;
- Install further additional exercise stations around the reserve;
- Support commercial activities to enhance the experience of reserve users;
- Nine "Character Areas" were designated in the adopted 2010 Lake Moananui Reserve Management Plan:

- (A) Ornamental Water Garden
- (B) Ornamental Botanic Garden
- (C) Entry Garden
- (D) Conifer Collection Garden
- (E) Open Space Amphitheatre
- (F) Streamside Arboretum
- (G) Grass Open Space
- (H) Wetland nature Area
- (I) Lakeside Play

The locations of these Character areas within the reserve can be seen on the next page.

Development options recommended for each Character area are as follows:

(A) Ornamental Water Garden

- Clear Willow and silt entirely from pond;
- Clear Willow trees and plant flowering wetland species such as *Iris ensata*, *I. siberica* interspersed with NZ native wetland species;
- Install waterside seating on the western side.

(B) Ornamental Botanic Garden

- Revamp gardens in Picnic area;
- Revamp former paddling pool garden.

(C) Entry Garden

- Plant groups of low growing ornamental shrubs such as *Nandina*, dwarf *Leptospermum* (Manuka) and *Westringia* amongst existing flaxes to provide more colour along the drain edges;
- Plant daffodils to line either side of the metalled road leading from the carpark to the drain;

(D) Conifer Collection Garden

- Replace poor specimen or aging conifer trees;
- Plant drain edges with a mixture of ornamental shrubs and NZ native species as a continuation of the Entry Garden plantings;
- Plant gaps in the NZ Native garden beds.

(E) Open Space Amphitheatre

- Maintain open space for events, ball games, and so forth;
- Plant additional specimen trees alongside the path for shade;
- Plant additional specimen trees on western side of area;
- Develop a "Wedding Garden" area on western side, perhaps a grassed area within garden borders, with specimen trees, gazebo, concrete bench seat and table;
- Continue to remove lower tree branches and underplant with bulbs to provide better visibility for personal safety.

(F) Streamside Arboretum

- Crown lift trees for better visibility;
- Under-plant trees with bulb displays for spring colour;
- Plant low growing NZ native plant species along stream edges;
- Continue to remove lower tree branches and underplant with bulbs to provide better visibility for personal safety.

(G) Grass Open Space

- Lightly crown lift trees for better visibility of the lake and personal safety reasons;
- Under-plant trees with bulb displays for spring colour.

(H) Wetland nature Area

- Explore options to create a more effective silt trap to clear silt build-up from silt detention pond, currently needing to be completed every two years;
- Construct a causeway to enable clearing of silt from the western side of the silt detention pond that currently cannot be reached by machinery;
- Continue control of self-sown Cherry saplings, Willow, Blackberry, and *Convolvulus* weeds;
- Plant additional NZ native plant species in gaps;
- Continue NZ native trees planting sessions with nearby schools;
- Continue control of Willow trees;
- Provide informative signage on various bird species found at the lake.

(I) Lakeside Play

- Install a small toilet block next to the playground area;

- Install a drinking fountain within play area;
- Set up the Park as a "Smart Playground". This provides opportunity through digital apps to either turn a normal park's open space into a digital fantasy land or provide make-believe scenarios where younger children use the play equipment to complete tasks under parent's supervision holding the phone. This creates a means to connect physical activity and the use of screens, providing a fun way for young children to be active;
- Continue to remove lower tree branches of evergreen species and underplant with bulbs to provide better visibility for personal safety.

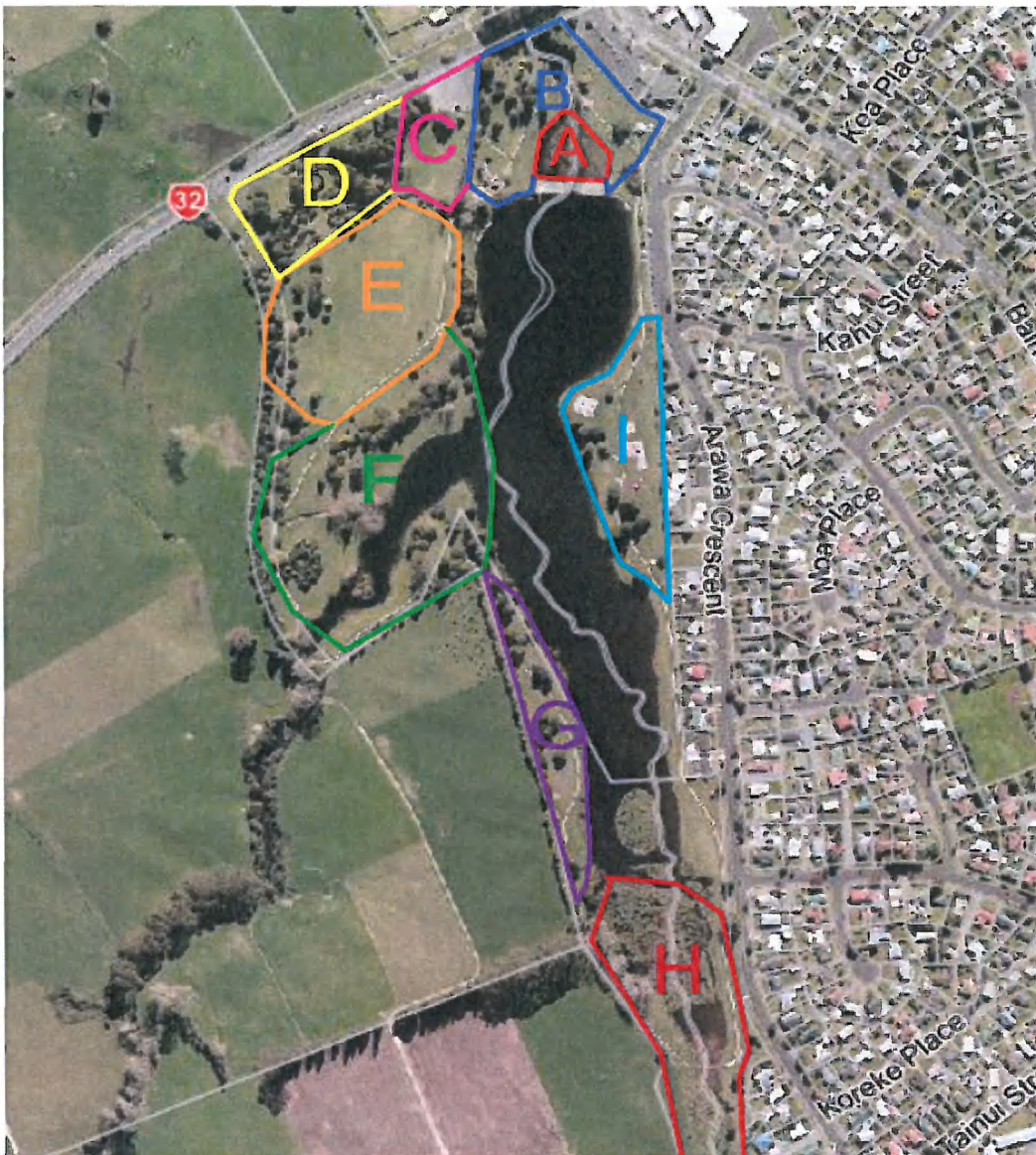


Figure 1: "Character Areas" as defined in the adopted 2010 Lake Moananui Reserve Management Plan

Lancaster Reserve

Location: The reserve runs from Maraetai Road (SH32) northwards to Princess Beatrix Avenue.

Access: Pedestrian access into the reserve can be made from Maraetai Road, Fergusson Street and Princess Beatrix Avenue. Vehicular/pedestrian access can be made from Lancaster Crescent.

Portfolio Designation: Esplanade reserve

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Lot 53 DPS 12118	5.0173	Recreation Reserve
Part Lot 25 DPS 10766		Recreation Reserve

Lot 48 DPS 22190		Recreation Reserve
Lot 2 DPS 20506		Recreation Reserve
Lot 2 DPS 33288	2.6011	Local Purpose Reserve (Esplanade)
Lot 7 DPS 28435		Local Purpose Reserve (Esplanade)

District Plan Zone: Rural

Natural and Physical features: A long narrow reserve with the Matarawa stream running through the middle and houses along its eastern boundary.

110 kV overhead power lines on large monopoles runs across the reserve at the southern end. These lines are an essential consideration for any operation and maintenance projects and any planned development proposals accordingly.

Historical /Investment Background: Lot 53 comprises part of (cancelled) Certificate of Title 3B/90 of some 24 hectares purchased by the Matamata County Council for residential development. It was declared a recreation reserve by the Matamata County Council in 1968 pursuant to s.13, Reserves and Domains Act 1953. Vested in the Tokoroa Borough Council in 1975. Part Lot 25, DPS 10766 adjoins and forms part of Parcel 1 (Lot 53). Lot 2, DPS 20506 was vested in the Matamata County Council as recreation reserve, subject to the Reserves and Domains Act 1953, on a 1975 subdivision of land, under the Counties Amendment Act 1961. Lot 48 was vested in the Tokoroa Borough Council as recreation reserve, subject to the Reserves and Domains Act 1953, on a 1976 subdivision of land. Lot 2, DPS 33288 was vested in the Tokoroa Borough Council as local purpose (esplanade) reserve, subject to the Reserves Act 1977, on a 1985 subdivision of land. Lot 7 Originally part of a block of some 32 hectares, purchased by the Matamata County Council in 1975 for residential development. Vested in the Tokoroa Borough Council in 1975. It was declared a local purpose (esplanade) reserve by the Borough Council under s.14, Reserves Act, in 1986. All Lots were subsequently vested in the South Waikato District Council in 1989 under the Local Government (Waikato Region) Reorganisation Order 1989.

In 2010 a metalled path was installed on the eastern side of the reserve from Maraetai road to Princess Beatrix Avenue.

In 2017 the Tokoroa City Lions group undertook the planting of around 120 native and exotic trees within the western side of the reserve. These were planted in groups according to species in order to create a woodland forest.

In 2019 the stand of aging and deteriorating *Eucalyptus* trees located either side of the Matarawa stream at the SH32 end of the reserve were felled. The ground was subsequently remediated and New Zealand native species planted along the stream banks.

In 2020 Fruit trees were planted at the Princess Beatrix end of the western local purpose (esplanade) reserve area to provide seasonal fruit for locals.

Purpose, Use and User groups: The purpose of the Reserve and its current use is to provide an open green space for informal active and passive recreation for nearby residents. The general public use the park for walking and exercising dogs, and as a thoroughfare for walking along the stream bank.

Lessees: Nil.

Reserve Management and maintenance: The reserve is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council. Maintenance of the reserve is managed by the South Waikato District Council.

Turf within the Esplanade reserve areas (Left side of Matarawa stream heading north) is maintained to cut grass to 75mm six times per year. The turf areas within the recreation reserves (Eastern side) is maintained to keep grass height between 35mm and 100mm. Garden maintenance includes maintaining of Re-Vegetation areas (NZ Native species).

Hard surfacing to be kept clean, safe for users and weed free.

Future development options:

- Continue to maintain at current level of service;
- Crown lift trees where necessary alongside path and stream areas and fell aging Poplar trees;
- Continue to plant native species where *Eucalyptus* trees were felled to create a re-vegetation area between the stream and walkway;
- Undertake re-vegetation planting along the stream edges to help stabilise stream banks and improve look of the reserve;
- Clear blackberry from western boundary lines;
- Control of Willow trees;
- Install seats on eastern side of the reserve.

Lomond Avenue Reserve

Location: The reserve is situated at the rear of the Lomond Street Shops.

Access: Access can be gained from Lomond Avenue and Nevis Crescent

Portfolio Designation: Neighbourhood reserve

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Lot 1378 DPS 7612	0.0455 ha	Local purpose reserve

District Plan Zone: Residential

Natural and Physical features: Grassed sloping bank areas

Historical /Investment Background: Vested in the Matamata County Council under s.35(4), Counties Amendment Act 1961, as utility reserve subject to the Reserves and Domains Act 1953, on a 1962 subdivision of land.

Vested in the Tokoroa Borough Council in 1975 by NZ Gazette 1975 and then vested in the South Waikato District Council in 1989 under the Local Government (Waikato Region) Reorganisation Order 1989.

Purpose, Use and User groups: Amenity reserve.

Leasee: Not applicable.

Reserve Management and maintenance: The reserve is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council. Maintenance of the reserve is managed by the South Waikato District Council.

Turf is maintained to keep the grass height between 35mm and 75mm.

Future development options:

- Continue to maintain at current level of service;
- Planting of the bank area with specimen shrubs could be completed to provide more visual interest.

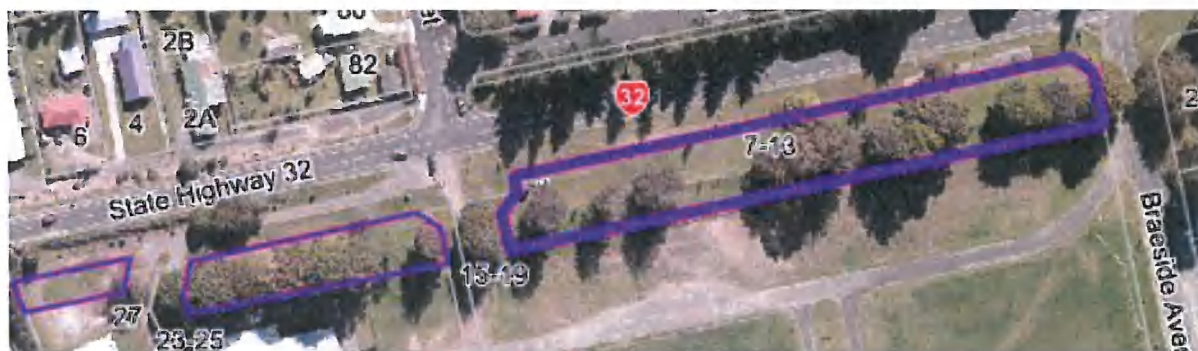
Maraetai Road Reserves

Location: Bordering SH32 (Maraetai Road) and Aotea Crescent

Access: from Maraetai Road and Aotea Crescent

Portfolio Designation: Neighbourhood reserves

Maps:





Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Lot 1070 DPS 3161	0.1515	Local Purpose Reserve (Plantation)
Lot 54 DPS 4536	0.0101	Local Purpose Reserve (Plantation)
Lot 6 DPS 5553	0.047	Local Purpose Reserve (Utility)
Lot 5 DPS 5553	0.0202	Local Purpose Reserve (Utility)
Lot 41 DPS 5674	0.0121	Local Purpose Reserve (Utility)
Lot 39 DPS 5674	0.0116	Local Purpose Reserve (Utility)
Lot 51 DPS 16594	0.064	Local Purpose Reserve (Utility)
Lot 5 DPS 51164	0.424	Local Purpose Reserve (Plantation)
Lot 4 DPS 51164	0.1347	Local Purpose Reserve (Plantation)
Lot 3 DPS 51164	0.0347	Local Purpose Reserve (Plantation)
Lot 1653 DPS 8306	0.0688	Local Purpose Reserve (Plantation)
Lot 1652 DPS 8306	0.0266	Local Purpose Reserve (Plantation)
Lot 1194 DPS 3884	0.0124	Local Purpose Reserve (Plantation)

Lot 1193 DPS 3884	0.0248	Local Purpose Reserve (Plantation)
Lot 1410 DPS 7024	0.0167	Local Purpose Reserve (Plantation)
Lot 1385 DPS 5724	0.0104	Local Purpose Reserve (Plantation)
Lot 1383 DPS 7612	0.0723	Local Purpose Reserve (Plantation)

District Plan Zone: Residential

Natural and Physical features: Long narrow grassed open spaces running the length of Maraetai Road and between Maraetai Road and Aotea Crescent. Some reserve areas have various tree species incorporated, mainly *Quercis* (Oak), *Fagus* (European Beech) and assorted Conifer species.

Historical /Investment Background: Vested as Local Purpose utility or plantation reserves.

Purpose, Use and User groups: To provide an open green space which acts to beautify the local landscape. Users include pedestrians and dog walkers.

Lessees: Not applicable

Reserve Management and maintenance: The reserves are administered solely by the South Waikato District Council. Maintenance of the reserves are managed by the South Waikato District Council.

Turf is maintained to keep the grass height between 35mm and 75mm.

Garden maintenance includes maintenance of hedges.

Future development options:

- Continue to maintain at current level of service;
- Continue to fill gaps in fence line plantings;
- Continue to assess and remove deteriorating mature trees and replace with narrow form deciduous tree species;
- Replacement trees will be planted in the centre of the berm, away from the neighbouring properties fences.

Marr Place Reserve

Location: Marr Reserve is located at the end of Marr Place, Tokoroa in a residential area.

Access: Access is not obvious from Marr place as it looks like a driveway to a private residence.

Portfolio Designation: Neighbourhood reserve

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Lot 1390 DPS 6222	0.646	Recreation Reserve

District Plan Zone: Residential

Natural and Physical features: The reserve has a flat area at its highest point and then slopes steeply down to an open drain on its boundary. There is a large area of interesting rock formation visible on the upper area.

Historical /Investment Background: A Scout Hall was formerly located on this reserve but this was subject to controlled burn in 2008.

Purpose, Use and User groups: This is a drainage and amenity reserve. It also serves purpose as an open green space for informal active and passive recreation for nearby residents and to provide access to the stream, which runs alongside it. The reserve has a disused landscape character.

Leasee: Not applicable.

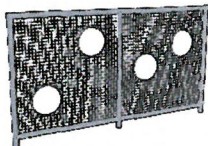
Reserve Management and maintenance: The reserve is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council. Maintenance of the reserve is managed by the South Waikato District Council.

Turf is maintained to keep the grass height between 35mm and 75mm.

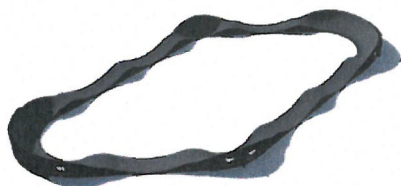
Lessees: Nil

Future development options:

- Providing signage at entrance access;
- Remove tall vegetation on Council's side of left boundary fence to improve visibility and re-landscape with lower plantings to look more like a reserve entrance may create better utilisation of the reserve;
- Install picnic table;
- Install a swing set with basket seat;
- Install a multi goal;



- Install a modular pump track;



- Planting of additional deciduous specimen trees to improve visual appeal;
- Planting of fruit trees to provide seasonal fruit for local residents;
- Continue to maintain the reserve at its current level of service.

Matarawa Park

Location: Matarawa Park is located between Edward Street and Baird Road, Tokoroa.

Access: Entrance can be gained from Edward Street where there is a formed entrance, with further access points on Margaret Street, Elizabeth Drive, Baird Road and Princess Beatrix Avenue.

Portfolio Designation: Neighbourhood reserve

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Lot 1 DPS 8446	2.9669	Recreation Reserve
Pt Lot 25 DPS 10766	2.5107	Recreation Reserve
Lot 42 DPS 7961	0.3225	Recreation Reserve
Pt Lot 68 DPS 6887	2.6705	Recreation Reserve

District Plan Zone: Rural

Natural and Physical features: The reserve is predominantly flat with areas of gentle rolling pasture. The reserve provides a potentially beautiful setting with mature trees, access to a running stream and views of rocky outlooks over the water. A metalled area for parking is provided at the main Edward street entrance. The boundary on the western side adjoins the Matarawa Esplanade Reserve system which connects to Lake Moananui to the south. The stream is 2-3 metres wide in places and narrows in at the northern end. The southern boundary runs along Edward Street.

110 kV overhead power lines on large monopoles runs through the Park. These lines are an essential consideration for any operation and maintenance projects and any planned development proposals accordingly.

Historical /Investment Background: The township of Tokoroa was established (circa) 1917 by the Matarawa Land Company, which is likely whom the suburb of Matarawa where the Park is located was named after.

In 1962, Pt Lot 68 DPS 6887 was declared to be a Public Reserve pursuant to the Reserves and Domains Act 1953. This was followed in 1963 by Lot 42 DPS 7961 being declared a public reserve for recreational purposes within the meaning of the Act. In that same year Lot 1 DPS 8446 was declared to be a public reserve for recreational purposes. Furthermore, in 1967 Pt Lot 25 DPS 10766 was declared to be a Public Reserve for recreational purposes.

The Park was named after the stream that runs on its western boundary. Matarawa Park was originally used for rugby league and softball but due to underutilisation since the early 1990's these activities were discontinued. Since 1994 various groups have looked to relocating to Matarawa Park, without success. These have included the Tokoroa Canine Obedience Club, a Scout's group, and organisations proposing a 9-hole golf course and mountain biking circuits. The toilet block located in the centre of Matarawa Park was demolished due to their intermittent use, poor aesthetic appeal, and vandalism and graffiti issues.

In 2016 a number of hazelnut tree varieties were planted to create a Hazelnut grove opposite the stream area of the reserve. The grove was an initiative put forward by the Waikato branch of the New Zealand Tree Crops Association as a means to provide a memorial for one of the Association's stalwarts, Mr Maurice Denton, a resident of the South Waikato who had passed away in 2013. A total of forty-four trees were planted by Tokoroa High School students.

A Macrocarpa memorial seat was also gifted by the NZTCA to be situated within the grove in 2019. A metalled path leading from Princess Beatrix Avenue into the Park to Edward Street was installed in 2017.

Purpose, Use and User groups: The purpose of the Reserve is to provide a large open space for passive and active recreational use, formal and informal. The current use of the reserve is informal; there are no formalised sport activities utilising this location. The general public use the park for walking and exercising dogs, and as a thoroughfare for walking along the stream bank.

Matarawa Park is classified as a dog exercise area.

Reserve Management and maintenance: The Park is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council. Maintenance of the Park is managed by the South Waikato District Council.

Turf is maintained to keep the grass height between 35mm and 75mm.

Hard surfacing to be kept clean, safe for users and weed free.

Litter control to be maintained to an appropriate level.

Lessee: Not applicable

Future development options:

- Add more hazelnut varieties to the Hazelnut grove;
- Plant low growing New Zealand native plants around the drain at the Elizabeth drive end of the reserve;
- Continue the installation of a metalled path on the western side of the reserve adjacent to the stream through to Elizabeth Drive and Baird Road entrances;
- Install bench seats along the stream;
- Work with the Waikato Regional Council to develop and implement a plan to eradicate overgrown Willow trees from within and alongside the stream area;
- Once Willow trees are removed develop riparian planted strips alongside the stream using appropriate New Zealand native plantings;
- Plant more specimen trees along the stream side to provide shade for walkers;
- Replace the timber sign with modern signage;
- Create a fenced dog park and install canine exercise equipment;
- Continue to maintain at current levels of service;
- Consider seeking part revocation under the Reserves Act 1977 to reduce the size of the Park at the southern end in order for Council to dispose of that land to the Crown through the Ministry of Housing and Urban Development for the development of social housing.

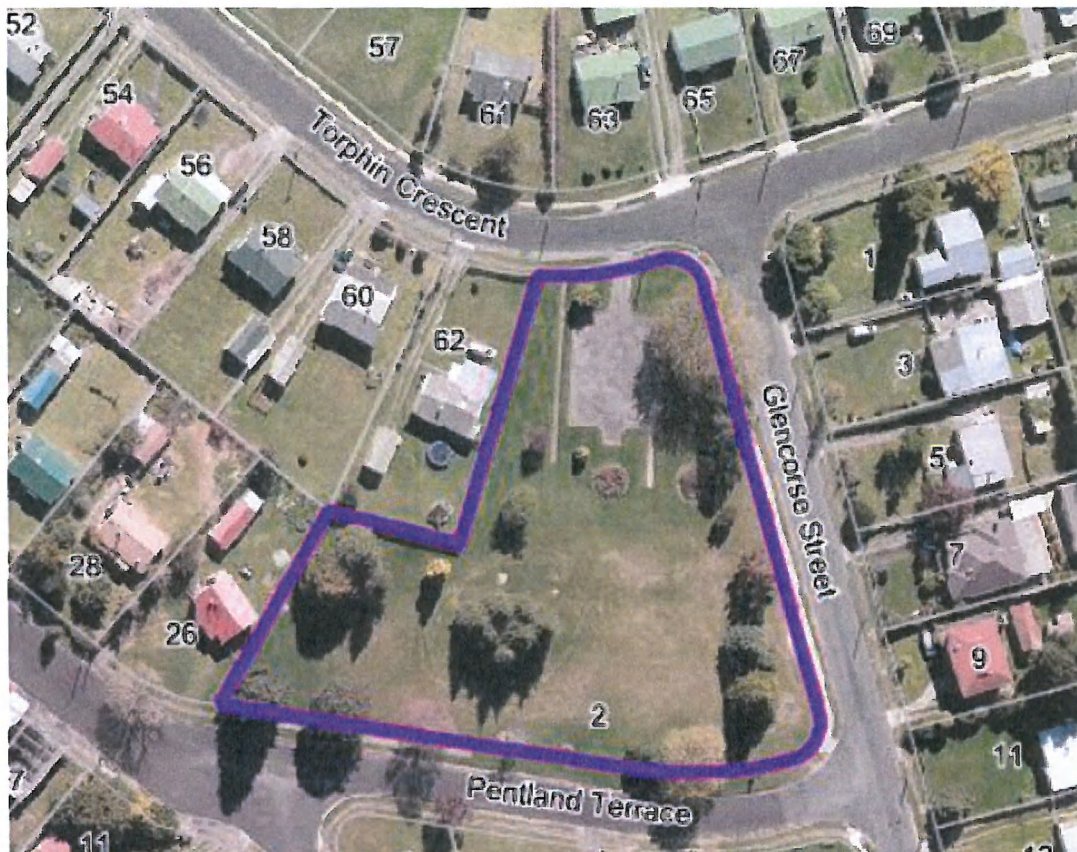
Maureen Seipolt Reserve

Location: Maureen Seipolt Reserve is located on the corners of Torphin Crescent, Glencorse Street and Pentland Terrace, Tokoroa in the middle of a residential area.

Access: Open access can be gained from Torphin Crescent, Glencorse Street and Pentland Terrace.

Portfolio Designation: Neighbourhood reserve

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Lot 302 DPS 1563	0.3596	Recreation Reserve

District Plan Zone: Residential

Natural and Physical features: A flat open space with two rose garden beds, the reserve is planted with mature deciduous and evergreen tree species, including a grove of Cedar trees. An asphalted carpark is located at the northern end of the reserve with access off Torphin Crescent.

Historical /Investment Background: The reserve is named after Maureen Seipolt, a former Tokoroa Borough Deputy Mayor and active member of the community.

The reserve was re- classified in 1989 as a Local purpose (community centre) reserve due to the Tokoroa Community Centre being positioned in the reserve. The Centre housed the local TCOSS organisation and a number of other groups but was burnt down in 1996 and was not replaced. The re- classification back to being a recreation reserve in 2020 reflected the current use of the reserve. In 1993 a number of *Camellia* were planted to commemorate the anniversary of Women’s Suffrage in New Zealand.

The perimeter of the reserve was fenced with timber bollards in 2018 to prevent vehicle damage to the turf that was occurring over the winter months.

In 2020 a picnic table was added to encourage greater use of the reserve.

Purpose, Use and User groups: The purpose of the Reserve and its current use is to provide an open green space for informal active and passive recreation for nearby residents.

Lessees: Not applicable

Reserve Management and maintenance: The reserve is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council. Maintenance of the reserve is managed by the South Waikato District Council.

Turf is maintained to keep the grass height between 35mm and 75mm.

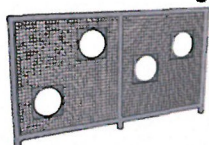
Garden maintenance includes maintaining of shrub and rose gardens.

Maintenance of park furniture includes to be kept in a clean and in a safe condition.

Hard surfacing to be kept clean, safe for users and weed free.

Future development options:

- Update sign;
- Install a Multi goal item;



- Underplant Cedar tree grove with bluebell bulbs;
- Continue to maintain the reserve at its current level of service;
- Consider seeking part or whole revocation under the Reserves Act 1977 to reduce the size of the reserve or to sell in its entirety for the development of housing.

Mountbatten Reserve

Location: Mountbatten Reserve is located at the end of Edinburgh Street, Tokoroa in the middle of a residential area.

Access: Access can be made from Edinburgh Street with additional pedestrian access via Fergusson Street.

Portfolio Designation: Neighbourhood reserve

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Lot 92 DPS 15359	0.2223	Recreation Reserve

District Plan Zone: Residential

Natural and Physical features: The reserve is a relatively large open grassed space surrounded by residential housing. The pedestrian access ways are both narrow walkways running in between neighbouring properties. A group of mature Maple (*Acer negundo*) trees are situated on the southern side of the reserve.

Historical /Investment Background: Lot 92 was part of a block of some 60 acres purchased for residential development by the Matamata County Council in 1964. It was declared a recreation reserve by the Matamata County Council in 1971.

It was vested in the Tokoroa Borough Council as constituted on 1 April 1975 by NZ Gazette 1975 page 641 and then vested in the South Waikato District Council under the Local Government (Waikato Region) Reorganisation Order 1989 [NZ Gazette 1989 page 2460].

Lot 92 originally contained a leg-in access from Mountbatten Place but the reservation over that strip was revoked in 2010 and the strip sold by Council to adjoining owners.

Purpose, Use and User groups: The purpose of the Reserve and its current use is to provide an open green space for informal active and passive recreation for nearby residents.

Lessees: Not applicable

Reserve Management and maintenance: The reserve is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council. Maintenance of the reserve is managed by the South Waikato District Council.

Turf is maintained to keep the grass height between 35mm and 75mm.

Hard surfacing to be kept clean, safe for users and weed free.

Future development options:

- Because the main body of this reserve had, and still has, frontage to Edinburgh Street it seems unusual to have been originally named Mountbatten reserve. That name became less relevant in 2010 when access from Mountbatten Place ceased. Council could consider the renaming of the reserve as Edinburgh Reserve to reflect current naming protocols, which is that generally a reserve will be named after the street or locality where it is sited;
- With the advent of a dairy store now being located nearby to the Fergusson Street access way consideration could be given to installing a swing set and picnic table for use by the store's customers, particularly for parents with children;
- Continue to maintain the reserve at its current level of service.

Papanui Reserve

Location: Papanui reserve is situated between Papanui Street and Dalmeny Street, Tokoroa.

Access: Vehicular/pedestrian access can be gained from Papanui Street with pedestrian access also available from Cramond Street.

Portfolio Designation: Neighbourhood reserve

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Pt Lot 807 DPS 1904	0.8203	Recreation Reserve
Lot 2 DP 376058	0.0921	N/A

District Plan Zone: Residential

Natural and Physical features: Surrounded by residential properties the reserve has a large open space with an undulating contour and dominated by groups of significant large rocks within the

reserve. The reserve is planted with both deciduous and coniferous tree species and has a NZ native border on the northern side of the reserve.

Historical /Investment Background: Lot 807 was vested in the Crown under s.13, Land Subdivision in Counties Act 1946, as recreation reserve subject to the Reserves, Domains and National Parks Act 1928 on a 1953 subdivision of land. It was then vested in the Matamata County Council in 1956, vested in the Tokoroa Borough Council as constituted on 1 April 1975.

The reservation over 252 square metres of encroachment was revoked in 1978 and that parcel was amalgamated with an adjoining residential holding.

The balance of Lot 807 was vested in the South Waikato District Council under the Local Government (Waikato Region) Reorganisation Order 1989.

Planting of native and exotic specimen trees have been completed in recent years. The Papanui Street frontage was fenced in 2020 with timber bollards to prevent unauthorised vehicular access.

Purpose, Use and User groups: The purpose of the Reserve and its current use is to provide an open green space for informal active and passive recreation for nearby residents.

Leasees: Not applicable.

Reserve Management and maintenance: The reserve is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council. Maintenance of the reserve is managed by the South Waikato District Council.

Turf is maintained to keep the grass height between 35mm and 75mm.

Garden maintenance includes maintaining re-vegetation areas (NZ Native species).

Lessee: Not applicable

Future development options:

- Install timber bollards along frontage to protect reserve from unauthorised vehicular damage;
- Install signage to encourage better use of the reserve;
- Install a picnic table within the reserve

Sloss Reserve

Location: Sloss Reserve is located off Sloss Road, Tokoroa.

Access: Access can be gained off Sloss Road with additional pedestrian access via Sloper Street.

Portfolio Designation: Esplanade reserve

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Lot 1 DPS 19261	0.703	Recreation Reserve
Lot 19 DPS 8459	0.3162	Recreation Reserve

District Plan Zone: Rural

Natural and Physical features: The reserve is a narrow strip of land in front of and behind the camping ground on Sloss Road. It is an amenity reserve, which is grassed and mown and provides access to the Whakauru stream, which runs through it. It is very appealing around the area by the stream providing a green and restful space. There are a number of mature trees such as Oaks and Poplars on the reserve, which give it a park like atmosphere. NZ native re-vegetation plantings are also planted on banks and on the stream edges. It is not easily visible from Sloss Road and access is not

obvious to the site. A metal path was constructed in 2011 to provide all weather access through the reserve.

Historical /Investment Background: Part of a larger block purchased by the Matamata County Council in 1960, Lot 19 was declared a recreation reserve by the County Council in 1963.

It was then vested in the Tokoroa Borough Council as constituted on 1 April 1975 and then vested in the South Waikato District Council under the Local Government (Waikato Region) Reorganisation Order 1989.

Lot 1 was vested in the Matamata County Council as recreation reserve, subject to the Reserves and Domains Act 1953 on a 1975 subdivision of land.

In 1983 the vesting in the County Council was cancelled and the reserve was vested in the Tokoroa Borough Council as recreation reserve subject to the Reserves Act 1977.

The reserve vested in the South Waikato District Council under the Local Government (Waikato Region) Reorganisation Order 1989.

Purpose, Use and User groups: The purpose of the Reserve and its current use is to provide an open green space for informal active and passive recreation for nearby residents. The general public use the park for walking and exercising dogs, and as a thoroughfare for walking along the stream bank. It is also used as a picnic spot by visitors.

Leasee: Not applicable.

Reserve Management and maintenance: The reserve is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council. Maintenance of the reserve is managed by the South Waikato District Council.

Turf is maintained to keep the grass height between 35mm and 75mm.

Hard surfacing to be kept clean, safe for users and weed free.

An additional area planted either side of the stream with native species is also maintained by Council from the end of the campground's southern boundary through to the entrance gate leading into the Tokoroa Memorial Sportsground:



This area is made up of Council owned fee simple land, part local purpose (esplanade) reserve and privately owned non-grazed farmland fenced off by the adjoining landowner.

A timber bridge over the stream was built within this area in 2011, along with a metalled path. Due to multiple washouts of the metal from the path from flooding events the path was concreted in 2018.

Lessees: Not applicable

Future development options:

- Continue to maintain at current level of service;
- Continue to plant native species along stream edges to help control erosion;
- Install bench seat alongside path;
- Install signage at the roadside.

St Andrews Reserve

Location: St Andrews Reserve is located on St Andrews Drive, Tokoroa in an urban setting, along a busy through road.

Access: Access can be gained from St Andrews Drive and Balmoral Drive.

Portfolio Designation: Neighbourhood reserve

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Lot 1983 DPS 9267	1.637	Recreation Reserve

District Plan Zone: Residential

Natural and Physical features: is a narrow strip of grass which runs the length of St Andrews Drive and is grassed, with large mature specimen trees providing a green and attractive park like environment. In recent years Spotted Elms, (*Ulmus carpinifolia* 'Variegata') European Beech (*Fagus sylvatica* 'Riversii') have been planted in the reserve, along with narrow form varieties of Tulip and Oak trees (*Liriodendron tulipifera* 'Fastigiatum' and (*Quercus robur* 'Fastigiata'). There is also a clump of rocks on the reserve. A culvert runs its length and has been lined with stones where it is most visible from the road. A small timber bridge connects the adjacent Strathmore School with St Andrews Drive.

At the northern end of the reserve through to Maraetai Road runs a narrow strip made up of three local purpose (plantation) reserves which are maintained along with the St Andrews reserve to the same turf specifications. This strip also contains mature trees, including Swamp Cypress (*Taxodium distichum*) and Pines. Pedestrian access to this strip can be gained via both Fife Place and Jedburgh Street and off Maraetai Road.



Historical /Investment Background: The reserve was vested in the Matamata County Council under s.35, Counties Amendment Act 1961, as recreation reserve subject to the Reserves and Domains Act 1953, on a 1965 subdivision of land.

It was then vested in the Tokoroa Borough Council as constituted on 1 April 1975, then subsequently vested in the South Waikato District Council under the Local Government (Waikato Region) Reorganisation Order 1989.

Purpose, Use and User Groups

The purpose of the Reserve and its current use is to provide an open green space for informal active and passive recreation for nearby residents. The general public use the park for walking and exercising dogs. It is also an amenity and drainage reserve and provides a pleasant visual barrier in an area comprising primarily of residential housing. It also provides easy access for residents and students to Strathmore School.

Leasee: Not applicable.

Reserve Management and maintenance: The reserve is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council. Maintenance of the reserve is managed by the South Waikato District Council.

Turf is maintained to keep the grass height between 35mm and 75mm.

Future development options:

- Continue to maintain at the current level of service.

Stanley Reserve

Location: Stanley Reserve is located on Stanley Street, Tokoroa.

Access: Access can be gained directly off Stanley Street or alternative access is available off Billah Street.

Portfolio Designation: Neighbourhood reserve

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Lot 1 DPS 1668	0.0276	Recreation Reserve
Lot 98 DPS 764	1.0011	Recreation Reserve

District Plan Zone: Residential

Natural and Physical features: The reserve is a large relatively flat area dominated by large mature Oaks and is completely surrounded by residential housing. Both entrances are relatively narrow. A grove of *Feijoa* trees were planted in recent years on the northern boundary to provide seasonal fruit for the local residents.

Historical /Investment Background: Both Lot 1 (that provides the entrance to Lot 98 from Billah Street) and Lot 98 were vested in the Crown under s.13, Land Subdivision in Counties Act 1946, as recreation reserve subject to the Reserves, Domains and National Parks Act 1928 in 1951 on a 1951 subdivision of land. They were vested in the Matamata County Council, then vested in the Tokoroa

Borough Council as constituted on 1 April 1975 and finally vested in the South Waikato District Council under the Local Government (Waikato Region) Reorganisation Order 1989.

Purpose, Use and User groups: The purpose of the Reserve and its current use is to provide an open green space for informal active and passive recreation for nearby residents. The general public use the park for walking and exercising dogs. It lends itself well to these recreational uses because of its size and contour.

Leasee: Not Applicable.

Reserve Management and maintenance: The reserve is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council. Maintenance of the reserve is managed by the South Waikato District Council.

Turf is maintained to keep the grass height between 35mm and 75mm.

Future development options:

- Continue to maintain at the current level of service;
- Erect signage at both entrances to encourage use;
- Landscape the entrances to provide more visual appeal;
- Install a barbeque unit, shelter and picnic table;
- Install a playground on the western side of the reserve;
- Install a metalled driveway into the reserve with metalled carpark to service the playground, (Gated, opened and closed daily by Security contractor).

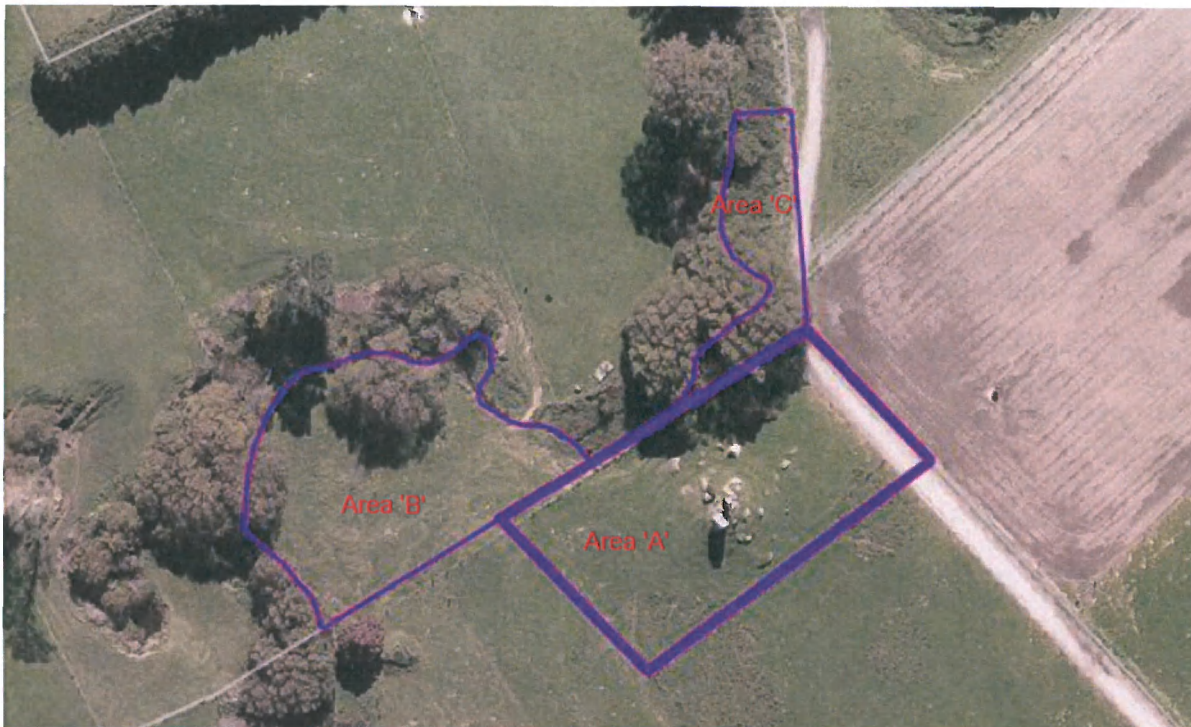
Te Tokotokoroa o Matarawa Historic Reserve

Location: The reserve is located on the western side of Tokoroa between Old Taupo Road and Princess Beatrix Avenue.

Access: Access to the reserve can be gained via a metalled track that comes off the main walkway thoroughfare from Princess Beatrix Avenue that leads to Baird Road opposite the Forestview High School.

Portfolio Designation: Neighbourhood reserve.

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Pt Lot 2 DP 24025	0.3169	Historic Reserve
Pt Lot 2 DP 24025	0.0953	Historic Reserve
Pt Lot 8 DP 23866	0.3537	Historic Reserve

District Plan Zone: Rural

Natural and Physical features: The reserve is contained on what is now farmland. The rectangular - shaped reserve (Area 'A') is a grass knoll that consists of rocks. The Part Lot 2 (Area 'B') is flat land, with the smaller Area 'C' consisting of stream bank containing mature willow trees.

Historical /Investment Background: The reserve is located on the edge of the Matarawa Stream. The site is part of the rich Māori history of Tokoroa and Te Kaokaoroa o Patatere region. The site was historically used by Māori as a Moa hunting base camp while the stream used for mahingā kai. The site is significant to Raukawa and associated hapū as it possesses both tangible and intangible cultural features (Statement provided by Raukawa Charitable Trust).

The rectangular shaped Part Lot 8 (formally Lot 3) area of land was donated to the Matamata County Council by the former land owners Leonard and Miriam Davey on certain conditions (see extract below, Figure 1), to subsequently come under the control of the Tokoroa Borough Council.

In 1992 a Licence to Occupy agreement was enacted between the Davey family and the South Waikato District Council for the two Lots located north of Lot 8. This included grazing as means of vegetation maintenance. The Licence to Occupy agreement was cancelled upon the request of the Davey family in 1994. The reserve is currently grazed by an adjoining land owner.

The reserve was gazetted in 1993 as an historic reserve subject to the Reserves Act 1977.

In 2015 a Memorandum of Understanding agreement was put in place between the SWDC and the Raukawa Settlement Trust for the Reserve, which included the following:

- Council will provide for an entrance-way at each end of the footpath of sufficient width to allow convenient wheelchair passage and will install a self-closing gate at South-western end of the footpath and at the entrance to the farmland containing the 'rocks'.
- Council will prepare and erect signs at each end of the footpath indicating the location of the Historic Reserves. Council and Raukawa will collaborate to design this signage, including appropriate narrative to provide members of the public with information relating to the history and importance of the site.
- Council will arrange for a survey of the land shown bounded by two purple lines on the plan appended hereto and will declare that land to be a public access way
- Council may grant licences for occupation of the Historic Reserves by adjoining landowners, but only on the terms and conditions set out in the draft Licence appended hereto as Appendix 1.
- Raukawa and Council will work together on a plan and funding options for the removal of trees and the erection of fencing on the banks of the stream within the site of the Historic Reserves, and on keeping the banks of the stream clear of unwanted vegetation.
- Council and Raukawa will continue to work together with regards ongoing management of the Historic Reserves, and may at some point in the future explore opportunities for joint management of the Historic Reserves and/or application of Section 33 RMA transfer of powers to the Raukawa Charitable Trust.

In 2015 Council completed the surveying work and installed a formed gravelled walkway leading from the sealed walkway connecting Princess Beatrix Avenue to Baird Road, used by the Forestview students to access the school. Kissing gates were installed either side of the farm race to access the reserve.

In 2019 the artefacts, which had been gifted to the South Waikato District Council by Mr and Mrs Davey in 1974, were formally gifted to the Raukawa Settlement Trust's ownership to be held at Raukawa House, located in Raukawa Way in the Tokoroa town centre. The collection, which was comprised of sixty-nine pieces of Taonga tūturu¹ to be known as "Te Toko Tokoroa o Matarawa Collection" was to be made available to view and for study purposes.

Purpose, Use and User groups: The purpose of the Reserve is to provide an open green space for passive recreation for residents and visitors to enjoy and to learn about early local history.

Leasee: A Licence To Occupy agreement is in place with an adjoining landowner for grazing purposes. The term of the agreement is set for 1 year.

Reserve Management and maintenance: The Reserve is managed by the South Waikato District Council in collaboration with the Raukawa Settlement Trust.

Future development options:

- Install signs made of corten steel within the areas 'A' and 'B' of the Reserve;
- Attach a sign advertising the Reserve on the metalled path entrance gate located on the Princess Beatrix Avenue-Baird Road walkway;
- Install Pou's to designate boundary corners of area 'A', and one Pou in the middle of area 'B'
- Clear willow trees and blackberry from Area 'B' stream area, plant with New Zealand native wetland species;
- Fence off stream areas and plant New Zealand native wetland species on stream edges and banks within area 'A';
- Install picnic tables within areas 'A' and 'B';
- Plant specimen New Zealand native trees within the Reserve;
- Install storyboards outlining the history of the Reserve.

¹ Taonga tūturu is one of 9 categories of protected New Zealand objects defined in the Protected Objects Act.

Taonga tūturu means an object that:

- (a) relates to Māori culture, history, or society; and
- (b) was, or appears to have been;
 - (i) manufactured or modified in New Zealand by Māori; or
 - (ii) brought into New Zealand by Māori; or
 - (iii) used by Māori; and
- (c) is more than 50 years old.

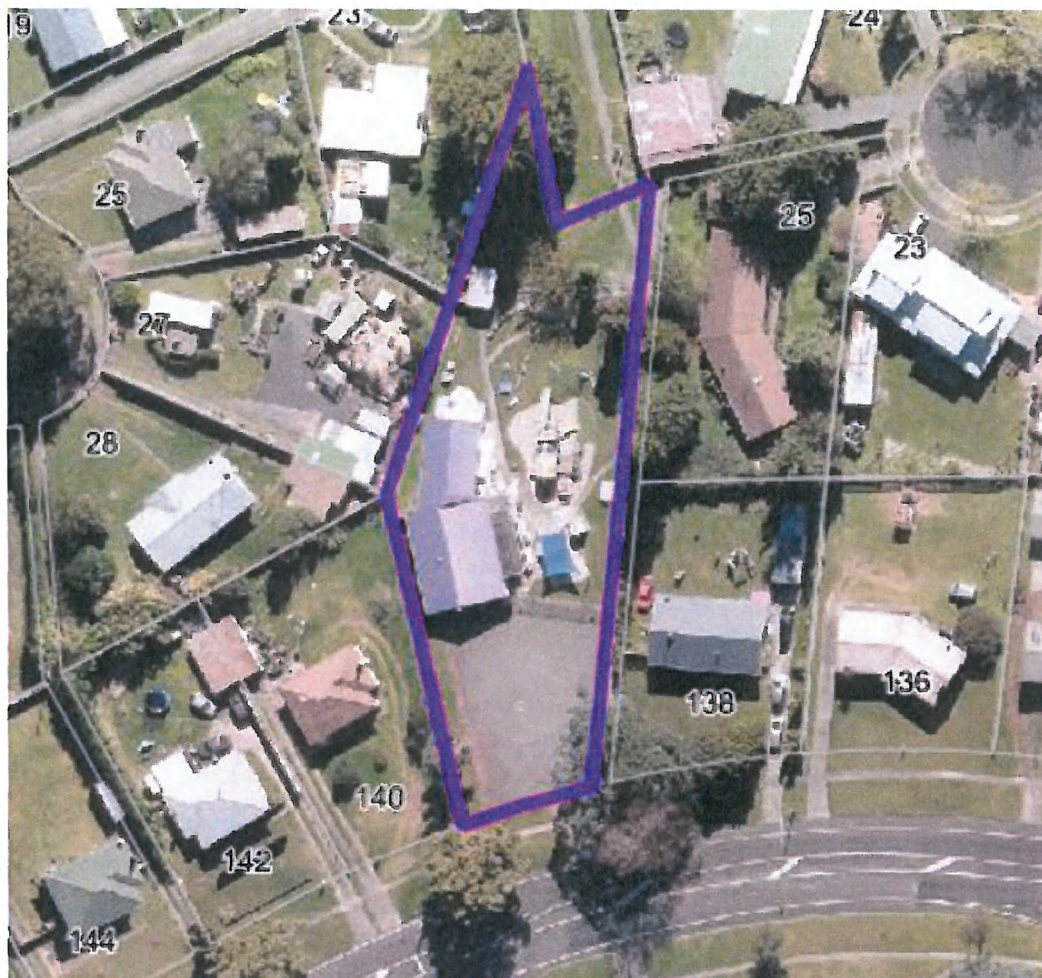
Tokoroa Playcentre

Location: Balmoral Drive, Tokoroa

Access: Vehicular and pedestrian access is from Balmoral Drive, Tokoroa.

Portfolio Designation: Neighbourhood reserve.

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Lot 30 DPS 10975	0.2018	Local purpose (Preschool) Reserve

District Plan Zone: Residential

Natural and Physical features: Flat land with carpark between Balmoral Drive and Glenkill Park.

Historical /Investment Background: Playcentre owned buildings on Council owned reserve land.

Purpose, Use and User groups: The purpose of the Reserve is to make provision for pre-school activities for the town's residents.

Reserve Management and maintenance: Council maintains the grassed strip adjacent to the carpark and beyond the northern fence. Turf is maintained to keep grass between 35mm and 75mm. The carpark is also maintained by Council. Grassed areas within the playcentre site itself are maintained by the leasee.

Hard surfacing to be kept clean, safe for users and weed free.

Lessee: A Lease agreement is in place East Waikato Playcentre Association Inc for a term of 33 years, which expires in May 2028 with no right of renewal.

Future development options:

- Maintain at current levels of service.

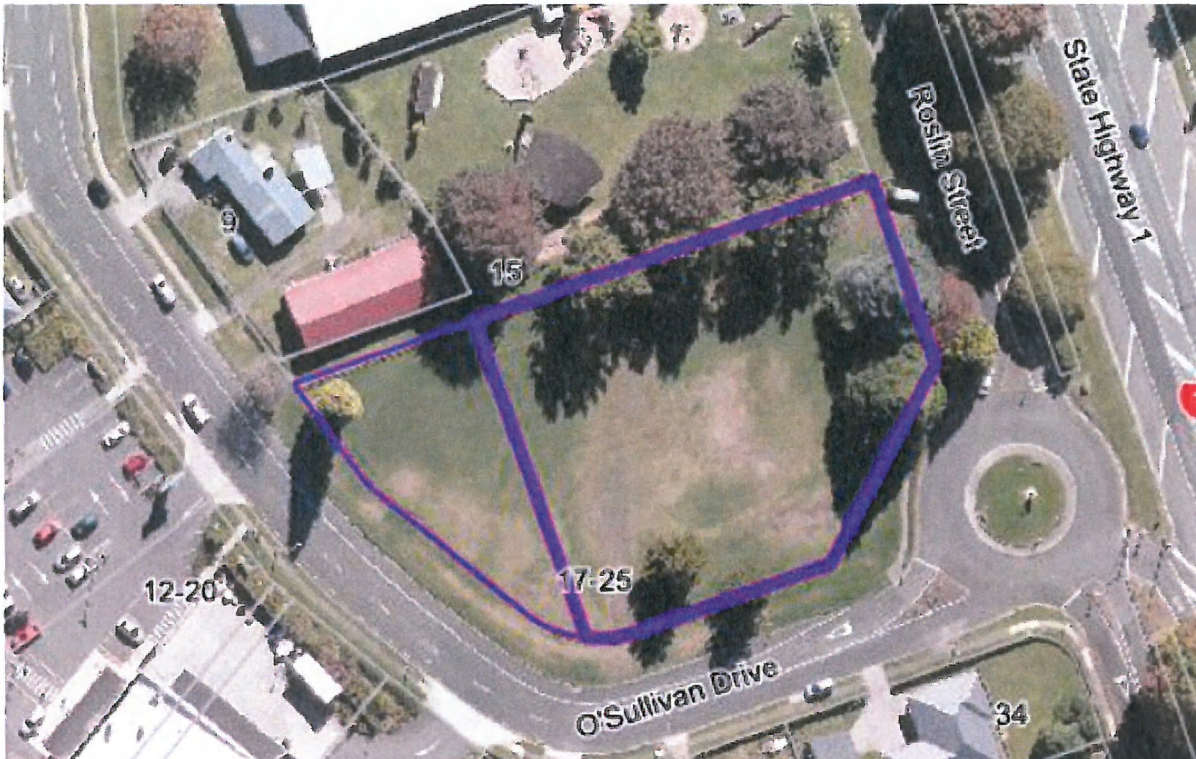
Tokoroa Skate Park

Location: The Park is located between Roslin Street and O'Sullivan Drive, Tokoroa, adjacent to the Tokoroa Youth Park.

Access: Access can be gained from Roslin Street and O'Sullivan Drive. A small carpark area is available on the Roslin Street side of the reserve.

Portfolio Designation: Civic reserve

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Lot 1 DPS 88996	0.3000	Recreation Reserve
Lot 1 DPS 90788	0.0891	Recreation Reserve

District Plan Zone: Business.

Natural and Physical features: Originally open flat green space developed into a skate park with a skate bowl, roll over, ramps and other associated skate items. The reserve contains three mature trees, a Himalayan Cedar, (*Cedrus deodara*), a Totara (*Podocarpus totara*) and a Northern White Cedar (*Thuja occidentalis* 'Pyramidalis') that were retained during the re-development of the site.

Historical /Investment Background: Both lots were part of three parcels that were part of a larger block purchased by the South Waikato District Council in 1995 from NZ Forest Products Limited. The

land was sold at a later date but was re-purchased by Council in 2015 for the purpose of constructing a new skate park.

In 2015 as part of the LTP consultation process the community highlighted that the option of rebuilding the skatepark in the current location on Logan Street was not a preferred option. As an outcome of this, the vacant site adjacent to the existing Youth Park on Roslin Street was purchased by Council. The design work started in the 2015-16 financial year and a Steering Group was established made up of the original submitter Evan Dickson, representatives from the South Waikato Sports & Leisure Board and other community and council representatives. Engagement with the community started in 2016, which included neighbouring property owners, youth, local schools, and the skate community. A master plan for the entire area, including the Tokoroa Youth Park, was commissioned to provide an overall layout that linked the surrounding environs and allowed staging of the park development, including the skate park, a basketball court, learn to ride and linking footpaths. Following this, an application was submitted to Trust Waikato for funding. A grant was received of \$100,000. A contract for the design and build of the skate park was put out for tender in late 2017, with Angus McMillian and Rich Landscapes the successful bidder, who had already had experience developing a number of skate parks previously nationwide. The design was completed through two community workshops in late 2017 and final design received in December 2017. Prior to a number of trees being removed for the development in 2017, Raukawa kaumatua undertook a site blessing and ground breaking ceremony, including attendance from the Mayor, Trust Waikato and stakeholders. Construction work began in Feb 2018 and was completed in June 2018. Planting of perimeter shrub gardens was undertaken by Council staff, in particular the Community Group. Planting of Crepe Myrtle (*Lagerstroemia*) and Golden Totara (*Podocarpus totara* 'Aurea') trees was also completed to provide colour and interest within the Park. The Tokoroa Host Lions were also engaged to compete seating and shade features within the Park. The Skate Park was officially opened on the 30th of June 2018 by her Worship the Mayor, Jenny Shattock, Q.S.M, J.P.

The basketball Court was designed by Rich Landscapes Limited to tie into the skate park design in 2019. It was agreed that the Tokoroa Host Lions would complete the physical works through a locally owned business, Tyson Bros. The court is due to be completed in 2020.

Purpose, Use and User groups: The purpose of the Reserve is to provide an area for children and youth to use for skating, skateboarding and biking. It is well used by its patrons and also attracts use from outside the District.

Reserve Management and maintenance: The reserve is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council. Maintenance of the reserve is managed by the South Waikato District Council.

Turf is maintained to keep the grass height between 35mm and 75mm.

Garden maintenance includes maintaining of shrub gardens.

Hard surface maintenance includes the surfaces are to be kept clean, safe and suitable for the intended use, and that kerbs, channels and paved areas are kept weed free.

Maintenance of park furniture and play equipment includes to be kept in a clean and in a safe condition.

Play- ground cursory inspections completed weekly (Parks Contractor) and in-depth inspections to NZS level bi-monthly (Council).

Litter control to be maintained to an appropriate level.

Lessee: Not applicable.

Future development options:

- Complete construction of basketball court including associated seating and fencing;
- Erect a large roofed shelter with picnic tables on the O'Sullivan Drive side of the reserve;
- Install fitness equipment for adults/parents;
- Install additional carparking.

Tokoroa Youth Park

Location: Tokoroa Youth Park is located on Roslin Street, Tokoroa.

Access: As well as accessing the Park from Roslin Street access can be gained on the western side of the Park via O'Sullivan Drive.

Portfolio Designation: Civic reserve

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Lot 2 DPS 90788	0.3596	Recreation Reserve

District Plan Zone: Business

Natural and Physical features: The Park is a small area with a large variety of play equipment, 5 Talking Poles, a flying fox and a performance stage. Its close proximity to State Highway 1 and the nearby South Waikato Pools complex make it more visible and accessibility to the travelling public than many of Tokoroa's other recreation reserves. Five timber picnic tables were installed in the North-eastern corner along with an electric barbeque and shelter. A toilet block was installed in 2010 in the north-western end of the Park. The Park contains a number of mature trees, including three Copper Beech (*Fagus sylvatica* 'Purpurea') trees situated on the southern side of the Park.

Historical /Investment Background: The Park was developed at the end of 2006 as a community project in conjunction with the N.O.W. ('No Opportunity Wasted') television show in order to provide a recreational space for young people. *No Opportunity Wasted* was a reality show that ambushed contestants and gave them a limited time (three days) and limited resources (usually \$3000) to ditch the excuses and "live life now". One of the various challenges presented was the building of giant community playgrounds.

Purpose, Use and User groups: The purpose of the Reserve and its current use is to provide an open green space for informal active and passive recreation for nearby residents. The main user groups for this reserve are youth, children and families. It is used heavily by this group of the community for recreation and as a picnic area by locals and the travelling public. It has the facilities to host small outdoor performances. The development of the adjoining land into a skate park in 2019 has also led to an increase in the use of the Park's facilities.

Leasee: Not applicable.

Reserve Management and maintenance: The reserve is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council. Maintenance of the reserve is managed by the South Waikato District Council.

Turf is maintained to keep the grass height between 35mm and 75mm.

Garden maintenance includes maintaining of shrub gardens and re-vegetation areas (NZ Native species).

Maintenance of park furniture and play equipment includes to be kept in a clean and in a safe condition.

Play- ground cursory inspections completed weekly (Parks Contractor) and in-depth inspections to NZS level bi-monthly (Council).

Hard surfacing to be kept clean, safe for users and weed free.

Litter control to be maintained to an appropriate level.

Future development options:

- Continue to maintain at the current level of service.

Trig Hill Reserve

Location: Trig Hill is located alongside industrial/commercial area off Manfield St.

Access: There is no public access available.

Portfolio Designation: Neighbourhood reserve

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Lot 1 DPS 83522	4.3378	Recreation Reserve

District Plan Zone: Rural

Natural and Physical features: The land is of moderate visual appeal being a steep hillside with a ridge on top. It is farming land and is currently held under lease for the grazing of stock. It provides a pleasant visual backdrop at the northern end of Tokoroa. The access strip from Manfield Street is particularly narrow at only 2.14 metres wide.

Historical /Investment Background: As Lot 1, DPS 26763 of 4.8010 hectares, this parcel was originally transferred to the Tokoroa Borough Council in 1979 and dedicated as a recreation reserve on a subdivision of the land.

The original area was acquired in 1979 as a reserve contribution vesting in the Tokoroa Borough Council on the subdivision of the area known as Harris Downs. In 1991, there was an exchange of land with an adjoining block, and in 1999 Council acquired an area of developed Esplanade Reserve in exchange for an area near the base of the Trig Hill Reserve.

Prior to 1986, the land was occupied under a Lease of Licence to Occupy with local residents. Since 1994 it was occupied by L and S Sayers, farmers of the adjoining land, under successive Licenses.

In 1991 part of the reserve was exchanged for other land by the Council (*NZ Gazette 1991 pg 3517*). The reserve was lot 5 DPS 61048 (0.4720ha) and was exchanged for lot 6 DPS 61048 (0.8188ha). This exchange resulted in a better balanced reserve in relation to the hill. This required the revocation of Lot 5 DPS 61048 reserve status under section 24 of the Reserves Act 1977. The land was exchanged to a H. Allen Mills & Son Ltd.

In 1999 the reservation status of Lot 2 DPS 83522 was revoked (*NZ Gazette 1999 pg 2013 and 1999 pg 3770*) and declared that the land may be disposed of by the Council in such manner and in such terms and conditions as the Council shall determine. The land was then transferred to W. Boyd and A. Boyd.

Purpose, Use and User groups: Although this land was acquired as a reserve contribution vesting by the Tokoroa Borough Council as a recreation reserve it has not yet been utilised as such and its primary use has been as grazing land leased to a neighbouring farmer.

Reserve Management and maintenance: Managed by The South Waikato District Council, the reserve is maintained by the leasee in accordance with the Licence to Occupy stipulations.

Lessee: A Licence to Occupy agreement is in place with the adjoining farm owner for grazing use. The agreement is based on a 3-year term.

Future development options:

- Retain the reserve in its current form and hold for some future use, with a continuation of leases or licenses for grazing;
- Consider the placement of a 'Talking Pole' or similar structure erected on or near the summit of the Reserve;
- Seek to revoke the reserve status to sell the land.

Whakauru Reserve

Location: The reserve is two lots separated by a private road at the end of West Parkdale Street, Tokoroa.

Access: Access can be gained through Kauri reserve, and via a grassed walkway off Devon Place.

Portfolio Designation: Esplanade reserve

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Lot 200 DPS 16198	1.0408	Local Purpose Reserve (Esplanade)
Lot 201 DPS 14341	0.6197	Local Purpose Reserve (Esplanade)

District Plan Zone: Rural

Natural and Physical features: The reserve is a long narrow grassed strip along the Whakauru Stream that provides a walkway along the banks of the stream from the wastewater treatment plant north.

Historical /Investment Background: Both Lots were Vested in the Matamata County Council as esplanade reserve, subject to the Reserves and Domains Act 1953, on a 1970 subdivision of land in Certificate of Title 11D/1172 under s.35(4), Counties Amendment Act 1961. They were vested in the Tokoroa Borough Council in 1975 and then vested in the South Waikato District Council under the Local Government (Waikato Region) Reorganisation Order 1989.

Purpose, Use and User groups: The reserve fulfils a purpose as a buffer zone between the residential area and the wastewater treatment plant, and provides protection for the stream.

Reserve Management and maintenance: The reserve is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council. Maintenance of the reserve is managed by the South Waikato District Council.

Turf within the Devon Place walkway leading into the reserve is maintained to keep grass height between 35mm and 75mm.

Turf within the the reserve is maintained to keep grass height between 35mm and 100mm.

Garden maintenance includes maintaining of shrub gardens, herbaceous perennials, bulb displays and re-vegetation areas (NZ Native species).

Lessee: Not applicable.

Future development options:

- Remove blackberry and plant low growing native species along the stream to control erosion of banks;
- In the planted border directly behind the houses replace aging plants and fill gaps with low to medium sized plantings;
- Install a metalled path;
- Install bench seats along the stream;
- Plant specimen trees within the reserve.

Whakauru Stream Reserves

Location: The reserve is adjacent to Chambers Street and straddles both the northern and southern sides of the Whakauru Stream. It comprises seven lots, the two southern lots are separated by Mansfield Street, with the first beginning at the railway crossing and finishing at the Manfield Street turn off. The second lot begins at the Manfield Street turn off and continues until 86 Chambers Street which is the property's right hand boundary line. The five northern lots consist of one on the left side of Manfield Street and four to the right of Manfield Street. The first begins at the railway crossing and finishes at Manfield Street and the remaining lots begin at Manfield Street turn off and continue until north of Hodgson Street.

Access: The reserves due to the terrain and vegetation are generally inaccessible.

Portfolio Designation: Esplanade reserves

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Lot 11 DPS 69694	0.165	Recreation Reserve
Lot 12 DPS 69694	0.115	Recreation Reserve
Lot 15 DPS 34149	0.225	Local Purpose Reserve (Esplanade)

Lot 1 DPS 87296	0.795	Local Purpose Reserve (Esplanade)
Lot 3 DP 505893	0.282	Local Purpose Reserve (Esplanade)
Lot 2 DPS 14584	0.180	Local Purpose Reserve (Esplanade)
Lot 5 DPS 83522	0.128	Local Purpose Reserve (Esplanade)

District Plan Zone: Rural

Natural and Physical Features: The Lots adjacent to Chambers Street and Mansfield Streets are sloping land down to the stream. The Lots adjacent to Chambers and Mansfield are planted in Willow trees and various other exotic /native tree species on either side of the stream banks.

Historical /Investment Background: Lots 11 and 12 were vested in the South Waikato District Council as recreation reserve, subject to the Reserves Act 1977, on a 1996 subdivision of land under s.239, Resource Management Act 1991.

Lot 15 was vested in the Tokoroa Borough Council as local purpose (esplanade) reserve, subject to the Reserves Act 1977, on a 1983 subdivision of land. Lots 11, 12 and 15 were then vested in the South Waikato District Council in 1989 under the Local Government (Waikato Region) Reorganisation Order 1989.

Lots 1 and 5 were acquired by the South Waikato District Council in 1999 in an exchange arising from a boundary adjustment of interests along the Whakauru Stream and Trig Hill Reserve.

Lot 2 was vested in the Matamata County Council as utility reserve, subject to the Reserves and Domains Act 1953, on a 1971 subdivision of land under s.35(4), Counties Amendment Act 1961. vested in the Tokoroa Borough Council in 1975. This strip is called 'Hodgson Street', a single lane formation giving access only to facilities owned by Tokoroa Club Incorporated.

Lot 3 was vested in the South Waikato Council as local purpose (esplanade) reserve, subject to the Reserves Act 1977, on a 2017 subdivision of land in Certificate of Title 52B/896 under s.239, Resource Management Act 1991.

Purpose, Use and User Groups: The purpose of the part section of land adjacent Baird Road and its current use is to provide an open green space for informal passive recreation for nearby residents.

Reserve Management and Maintenance: The reserve is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council. Maintenance of the reserve is managed by the South Waikato District Council.

Turf is maintained to keep grass height between 35mm and 75mm. Garden maintenance includes maintaining of Re-Vegetation areas (NZ Native species plantings).

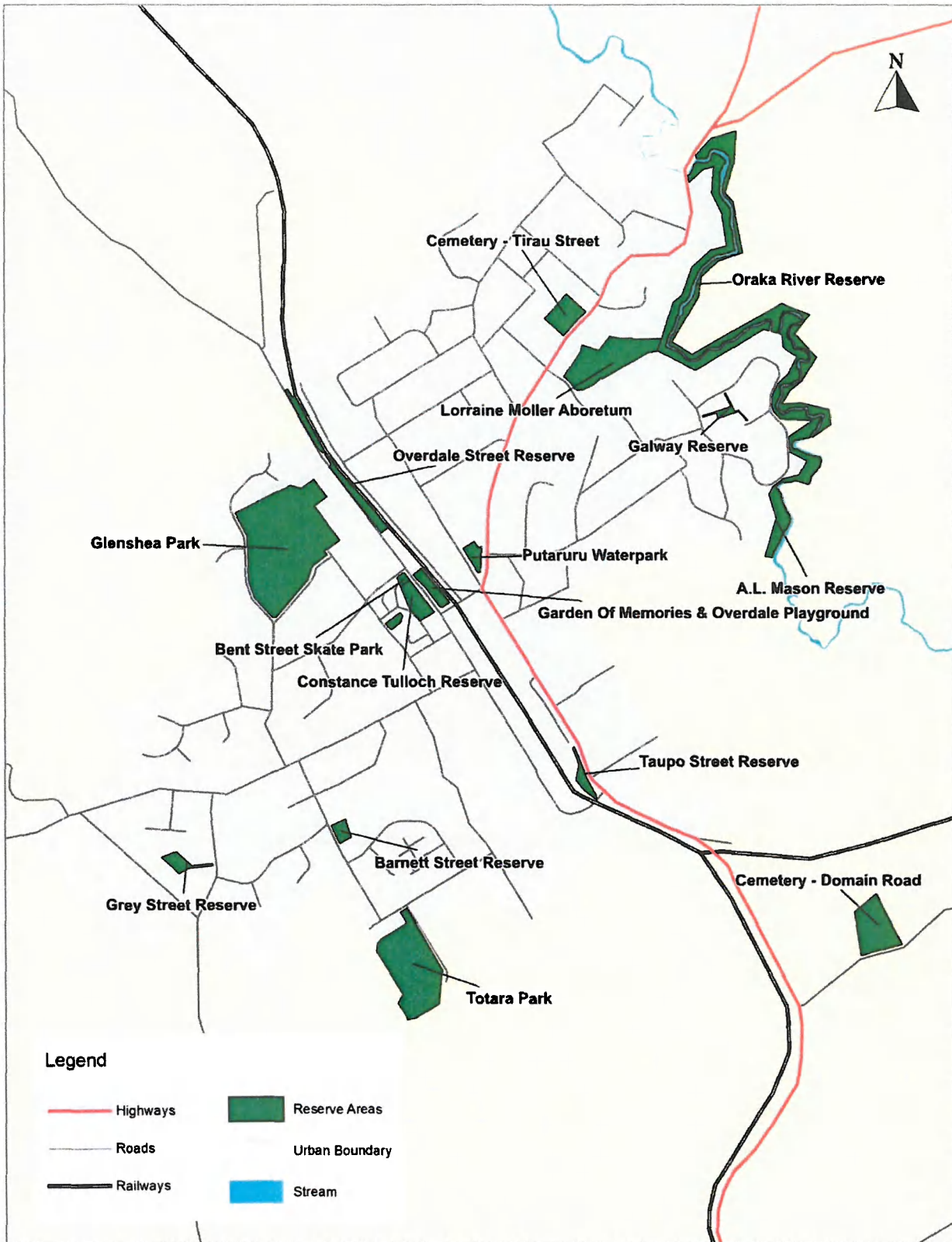
Future development options:

- Continue to maintain at the current level of service;
- Remove *Phormium tenax* planted close to the Chambers street footpath and replace with native groundcovers further away from path;
- Clear Willow, poor or failing condition trees and invasive weeds from stream areas and replant with New Zealand native plant species;
- Redevelop as a walkway.

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Putaruru Reserves Locations



Barnett Street Reserve

Location: The reserve is located on Barnett Street, Putāruru, in a residential area.

Access: Access can only be gained from Barnett Street

Portfolio Designation: Neighbourhood reserve

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Lot 2 DPS 30875	0.2548	Recreation Reserve

District Plan Zone: Residential

Natural and Physical features: The reserve is the approximate size of 2-3 residential sections and is flat with no landscape features or facilities other than a few trees. The north-eastern corner can get boggy and has been planted in New Zealand native wetland species.

Historical /Investment Background: Originally as Lot 45, DP 17362 the above parcel was created on the 1925 subdivision of land and vested in the Crown as recreation reserve. The reserve was vested in the Putaruru Borough Council in 1961. Council subdivided the land into three lots. The reservation was revoked over Lots 1 and 3 and the land sold.

In 2019 the playground module and litter bin situated within the nearby Grey Street Reserve were relocated to the Barnett Street Reserve and a swing set added due to the Putāruru Community garden Trust taking over the Grey Street reserve site for their operations.

A picnic table was installed in 2020.

Formerly the Barnett Street Reserve was a designated Dog exercise area, but once the playground was installed this was revoked and Totara Park, also located nearby, was designated as a Dog exercise area instead.

Purpose, Use and User groups: The main use of the reserve is as a playground.

Reserve Management and maintenance: The reserve is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council. Maintenance of the reserve is managed by the South Waikato District Council.

Turf is maintained to keep grass height between 35mm and 75mm. Garden maintenance includes maintaining of Re-vegetation areas (NZ Native species plantings).

Maintenance of park furniture and play equipment includes to be kept in a clean and in a safe condition.

Play- ground cursory inspections completed weekly (Parks Contractor) and in-depth inspections to NZS level bi-monthly (Council).

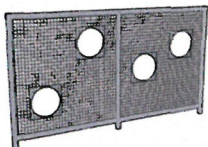
Hard surfacing to be kept clean, safe for users and weed free.

Litter control to be maintained to an appropriate level.

Lessee: Not applicable

Future development options:

- Continue planting to fill in gaps within the wetland area;
- Install timber bollards along the frontage;
- Install a barbeque unit and shelter;
- Install more picnic tables;
- Install a multi-goal item;



- Install concrete pad and urban streetball goal;



- Continue to maintain at current levels of service.

Bent Street Skate Park

Location: The Skate Park is located on the corner of Bent Street and Overdale Street, Putaruru, adjacent to the Jim Howland Service Centre of the South Waikato District Council.

Access: Access can be gained from Bent Street and Overdale Road.

Portfolio Designation: Civic reserve.

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Lot 3 DP 15810	0.0501	Recreation Reserve
Lot 4 DPS 87925	0.0434	Recreation Reserve
Lot 6 DPS 87925	0.0366	Recreation Reserve

District Plan Zone: Business

Natural and Physical features: The Skate Park has good road frontage with car parking. The Skate Park is at ground level and consists of large skate bowls. A large *Cupressus macrocarpa* tree was situated on the northern Bent Street boundary but was felled in recent years due to deteriorating health and associated safety concerns to members of the public. Mature exotic and New Zealand native trees are planted within the Park, including a row of *Podocarpus totara* 'Aurea' (Golden Totara) which was planted as a hedge between the skate bowl and the adjacent Rangiuru Home Units.

Historical /Investment Background: Lot 4, DPS 87925 and Lot 3, DPS 15810 were part of a larger parcel purchased by the Putaruru Borough Council in 1972, which was declared recreation reserve by Council by *NZ Gazette* 1973-page 2011. The reservation was revoked over part Lot 5, DPS 87925 which was transferred to the Rangiuru Trust Board.

Lot 6, DPS 87925 was part of a larger parcel purchased by the South Waikato District Council from the Crown through the State-Owned Enterprise Landcorp Investments Limited as a 'recreational' reserve.

Bent Street is named after a local farmer, Mr RA Bent who in the 1930s sold and later donated the land which became Glenshea Park to the Putaruru Town Board.

Purpose, Use and User groups: The purpose of the Reserve is to provide an area for the youth of Putaruru to use for skating, skateboarding and biking. It is well used by its patrons and also attracts use from outside the District.

Reserve Management and maintenance: The skate park is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council. Maintenance of the reserve is managed by the South Waikato District Council.

Turf is maintained to keep grass height between 35mm and 75mm.

Garden maintenance includes maintaining of shrub gardens and hedges.

Hard surface maintenance includes the surfaces are to be kept clean, safe and suitable for the intended use, and that kerbs, channels and paved areas are kept weed free.

Maintenance of park furniture and play equipment includes to be kept in a clean and in a safe condition.

Play- ground cursory inspections completed weekly (Parks Contractor) and in-depth inspections to NZS level bi-monthly (Council).

Litter control to be maintained to an appropriate level.

Lessee: Not applicable.

Future development options:

- The Skate bowl has over the years had plastering maintenance completed to fill in cracks or holes. The bowl is due for renewal in the 2021/22 financial year of the 2018-2028 Long Term Plan. This will involve public consultation in the 2020/21 to develop a design to best suit the active recreation needs of the present day within the whole site but also takes in the concerns of nearby residents. The viability of installing further skate elements in addition to the bowl will need to be determined and costed;
- Provide more seating and modern bins;
- Remove skatebowl and develop a skate park at an alternative site;
- Continue to maintain at current levels of service.

¹ V. Scheres, "Home of the Owl" page 55.

Buckland Street Reserve

Location: Buckland Street, Putaruru

Access: Access can be gained from Buckland Street and via the Charles Crescent access way.

Portfolio Designation: Neighbourhood reserve

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Lot 1 DPS 8360	0.1052	Local Purpose (Girl Guide Hall and Pump Station) Reserve

District Plan Zone: Residential

Natural and Physical features: Flat contoured section containing a mature Swamp Cypress tree, (*Taxodium distichum*)

Historical /Investment Background: Originally a road reserve which vested in the Crown on a 1925 subdivision of Land. In 1963 the Crown changed the purpose of the reserve from road to recreation and vested the land in the Putaruru Borough Council. In 1983 the reserve was classified local purpose (site of a Girl Guide hall and pump station).

The Putaruru Borough Council granted the Girl Guides Association a lease of the property for a meeting hall which was continued when the Borough Council was dissolved and the South Waikato District

Council was established in 1989. The Lease was last reviewed in 2017 and renewed to the Girl Guiding New Zealand organisation.

The reserve also contains a South Waikato District Council owned pump station.

Purpose, Use and User groups: Main users of the reserve are Girl Guiding New Zealand and SWDC staff. Pedestrians use the reserve as a thoroughfare from Charles Crescent to Buckland Street.

Reserve Management and maintenance: The reserve is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council. Maintenance of the reserve is managed by both Girl Guiding New Zealand and the South Waikato District Council.

Hard surfacing to be kept clean, safe for users and weed free.

Lessee: A Lease agreement is in place with Girl Guiding New Zealand. The agreement is based on a 20-year term and expires in 2037. Due to costs annually to maintain halls Girl Guiding New Zealand are intending to gift their hall to Council on condition they remain as one of the users of the hall for their meetings. This will give Council the opportunity to offer the use of the hall to other community groups.

Future development options:

- Crown lift trees on back fence line and create a shrub garden;
- Crown lift trees on the western side of the reserve;
- Construct a metalled driveway from Buckland Street entrance to the access way;
- Continue to maintain at the current levels of service.

Constance Tulloch Reserve

Location: Overdale Street, Putaruru

Access: Access can be gained from Overdale Street.

Portfolio Designation: Civic reserve

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Lot 1 DPS 87925	0.3173	N/A
Sec 14 Blk I Putaruru Village	0.2289	Legalities (Lot 1 & 6): Section 24 of the Conservation Act 1987 & Purpose is subject to Part IVA Conservation Act 1987.

District Plan Zone: Business.

Natural and Physical features: The reserve covers the area in front of the South Waikato District Council's Jim Howland Service Centre and Library. It comprises of an area of groomed lawn and mature trees on a sloping site, and shrub gardens located in front of the building. A water fountain is a feature on the site.

Historical/ Investment Background: The reserve was developed with the assistance of the local service clubs, the Putaruru Lions who in 1969 helped develop the grounds, including the parking area, gardens, picnic tables and in 1979 a rock wall lined path dedicated to Keith Barnes J.P, one their members.¹ The Putaruru Jaycees contribution was the fountain, which was erected to mark the club's 21st birthday in 1972. The fountain symbolises the origins of Putaruru in sawmilling and farming, combining a saw and a plough. The inscription reads "By Plough and Saw does Putaruru flourish"²

It is named after Mrs Constance Egmont Tulloch a well-known Putaruru resident who contributed significantly to the local community. In 1947 she was the first and only women member of the first Putaruru Borough Council. Her community service continued in the following years when she was also elected to represent the district on the Waikato Hospital Board, where she served for 24 years, 6 of whom as the Chair. She was awarded an MBE in 1961 for Social welfare services and ten years later received an OBE for services to the community in 1971.

In 2008 the Council building was renovated and re-painted. The gardens around the front of the building were redeveloped with the large camellia trees that were obstructing the view from the windows removed and replaced with new plantings, which included Liriope, Hydrangea, Agapanthus, Rosemary and Gardenia. The carpark garden borders were redeveloped in 2011, and the garden in front of the former toilet block that was converted for use by the Pride In Putāruru group were upgraded in 2012 using the same species. In 2017 the garden behind the fountain feature was replanted with Ilex 'Sky Pencil' and Erica 'Silver Beads'.

In 2019 three *Cornus controversa* 'Variegata' (Wedding Cake Tree) were planted on the front lawn to replace the large Evergreen Magnolia that had fallen after a storm event earlier in that year.

The front lawn area also has a Mature *Quercis robur* (English Oak) and a number of Camellia specimen trees that were removed due to deteriorating in health in 2020.

On the southern side of the carpark is a small stand of Betula (Birch) and New Zealand native trees including a mature *Podocarpus totara* and a Kawaka (*Librocedrus plumosa*).

In 2017 the Pride in Putāruru organisation provided funding for Council to install a picnic table in the area in front of their office at the southern end of the reserve.

Purpose, Use and User groups: The purpose of the Reserve and its current use is to provide an open green space for informal passive and active recreation for nearby residents, and to provide an attractive entrance to the South Waikato District Council's base in Putaruru.

Reserve Management and maintenance: The reserve is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council. Maintenance of the reserve is managed by the South Waikato District Council.

Turf is maintained to keep grass height between 35mm and 75mm.

Garden maintenance includes maintaining of shrub gardens, herbaceous perennials, and specimen shrubs.

Maintenance of park furniture includes to be kept in a clean and in a safe condition.

Play- ground cursory inspections completed weekly (Parks Contractor) and in-depth inspections to NZS level bi-monthly (Council).

Hard surfacing to be kept clean, safe for users and weed free.

Litter control to be maintained to an appropriate level.

Lessee: Not applicable.

Future development options:

- Crib back ivy from boundary border on southern end of the carpark and plant specimen *Camellia* bushes;
- Under plant the stand of Birch trees with Bluebell bulbs;
- Under plant the trees located on the front lawn area with Daffodil bulbs;
- Continue to maintain to current levels of service.

¹ V. Scheres, "Home of the Owl" page 116.

² Ibid.

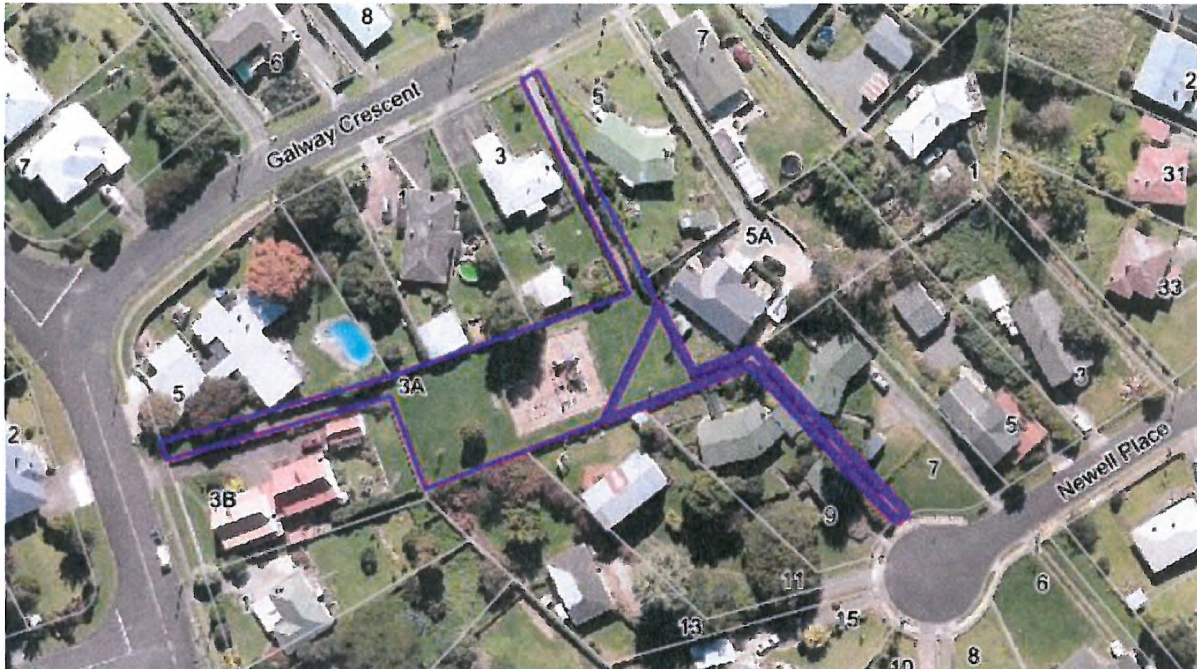
Galway Reserve

Location: The reserve is located on the northern eastern side of Putāruru between Galway Crescent, Bledisloe Avenue and Newell Place.

Access: The reserve has three access points on Galway Crescent, Bledisloe Avenue and Newell Place. Two of the entrances look like driveways to residential properties and it is not clear to visitors that this is a public park. The other access point is a walkway between neighbouring residential properties.

Portfolio Designation: Neighbourhood reserve

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Lot 13 DPS 6847	0.1371	Recreation Reserve
Lot 26 DPS 8104	0.0286	Recreation Reserve

District Plan Zone: Residential.

Natural and Physical features: The reserve is only big enough for a playground, and has a small flat area where parents can sit and supervise their children. There is no significant planting on the reserve, other than a few specimen juvenile trees. The surrounding boundary fences are in good order.

Historical /Investment Background: Both parcels were vested in the Putaruru Borough Council under Section 352(3) of the Municipal Corporations Act 1954 as recreation reserves in 1961 and 1963 respectively, on the subdivision of land in Certificate of Title 1748/11.

The current playground module and swing-set were installed in 2002, along with a stainless steel bin.

In 2016 a metalled path was installed from the Galway Crescent access way to the reserve, and planted either side with low growing shrubs and ground covers.

In 2017 a bench seat was installed next to the playground.

Purpose, Use and User groups: The purpose of the Reserve and its current use is to provide an open green space for informal passive and active recreation for nearby residents, in particular those with young families.

Reserve Management and maintenance: The reserve is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council. Maintenance of the reserve is managed by the South Waikato District Council.

Turf is maintained to keep grass height between 35mm and 75mm.

Garden maintenance includes maintaining of shrub gardens.

Maintenance of park furniture and play equipment includes to be kept in a clean and in a safe condition.

Play- ground cursory inspections completed weekly (Parks Contractor) and in-depth inspections to NZS level bi-monthly (Council).

Hard surfacing to be kept clean, safe for users and weed free.

Litter control to be maintained to an appropriate level.

Lessee: Not applicable.

Future development options:

- Install signage to better advertise the reserve to the public;
- Install a picnic table;
- Continue to maintain at current levels of service

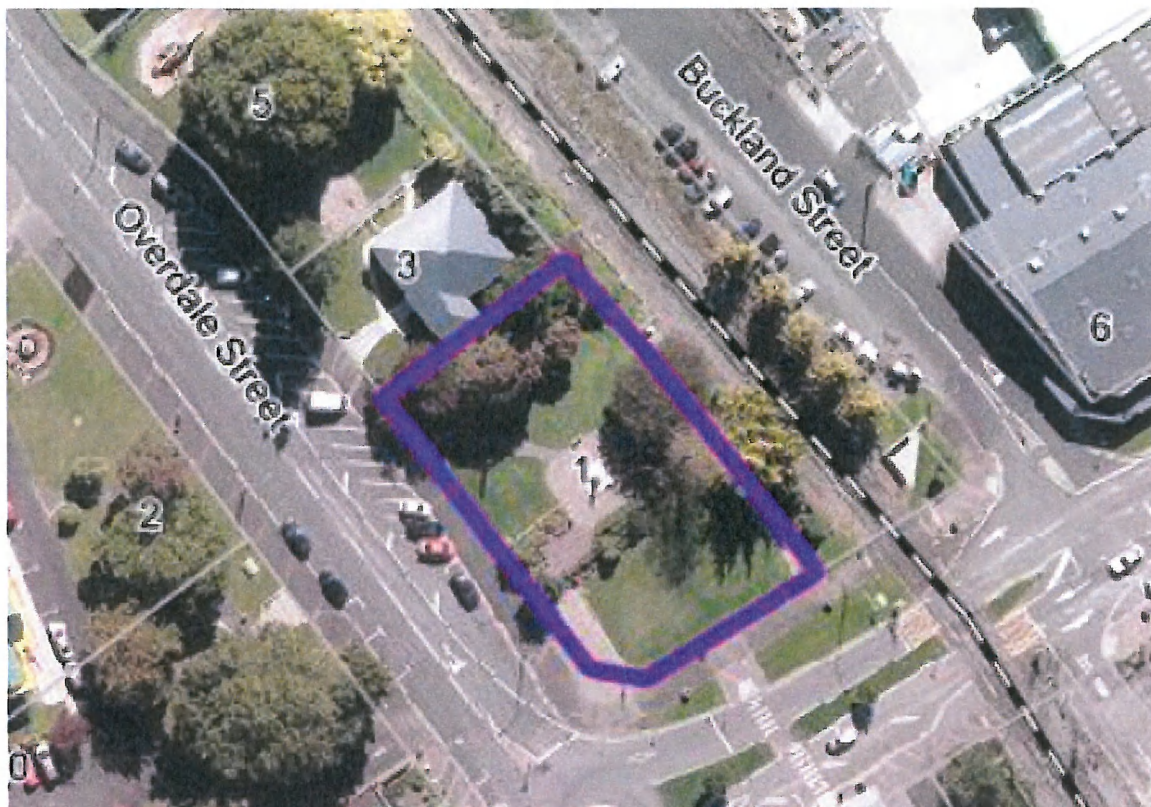
Garden Of Memories

Location: The reserve is situated on the corner of Overdale and Main Streets.

Access: Access is gained from both Overdale Street and Main Street.

Portfolio Designation: Civic reserve

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Lot 6 DPS 4338	0.1593	Local Purpose (Community facilities) Reserve

District Plan Zone: Business.

Natural and Physical features: The reserve is a memorial garden that has the landscape character of a groomed urban park and it inviting for residents to use. Different types of seating, border planting and exotic mature trees enhance the civic style. It is made up of two levels, a higher lawn area consisting of paving, the cenotaph, timber platform, seating and specimen trees, and the lower level is an open lawn area with perimeter planting with seating. It is located directly opposite the Constance Tulloch Reserve.

Historical /Investment Background: In 1943 the Town Board spent £600 developing a small reserve on the corner of Main and Overdale Streets. It became the Garden of Memories in 1946, when

the cenotaph, which was originally sited on Arapuni Street was moved at the request of the Putaruru RSA to a more "suitable situation in the town centre".¹

In 2007 the timber decking was replaced on the platform that was constructed in 1989 along with the cobblestone paving. The steel and timber seating was added in 1990 and have had the timber upgraded over the years.

In 2014 the large *Cryptomeria japonica* 'Elegans' (Japanese Cedar) situated on the upper lawn area was felled for safety reasons and a replacement *Cupressus sempervirens* 'Totem' tree planted instead as a memorial tree planted to commemorate 100 years since the Gallipoli campaign in World War One.

In 2017 The Pride in Putāruru organisation provided funding for Council to install two picnic tables, with one of each placed on the upper lawn and lower lawn areas.

On 20th March 2019 a Tulip tree (*Liriodendron tulipa* 'Fastgiata' was planted by Her Worship the mayor, Jenny Shattock Q.S.M, J.P to commemorate the fifty lives tragically taken in the Christchurch Mosque attack on 15th March 2019.

Purpose, Use and User groups: The purpose of the Reserve and its current use is to provide an open green space for informal passive recreation for nearby residents and the travelling public. Specifically the memorial garden site is an urban community park which is also used for Anzac Day commemorations

Reserve Management and maintenance: Turf within the Garden Of Memories as a high profile area is maintained to keep grass height between 25mm and 40mm with a catcher or mulching deck, and edges to be maintained by mechanical edging.

Garden maintenance includes maintaining of shrub gardens, herbaceous perennials, bulb displays and re-vegetation areas.

Maintenance of park furniture includes to be kept in a clean and in a safe condition.

Hard surfacing to be kept clean, safe for users and weed free.

Litter control to be maintained to an appropriate level.

Lessee: Not applicable.

Future development options:

- Continue to maintain at current levels of service.

¹. V. Scheres, "Home of the Owl" page 70

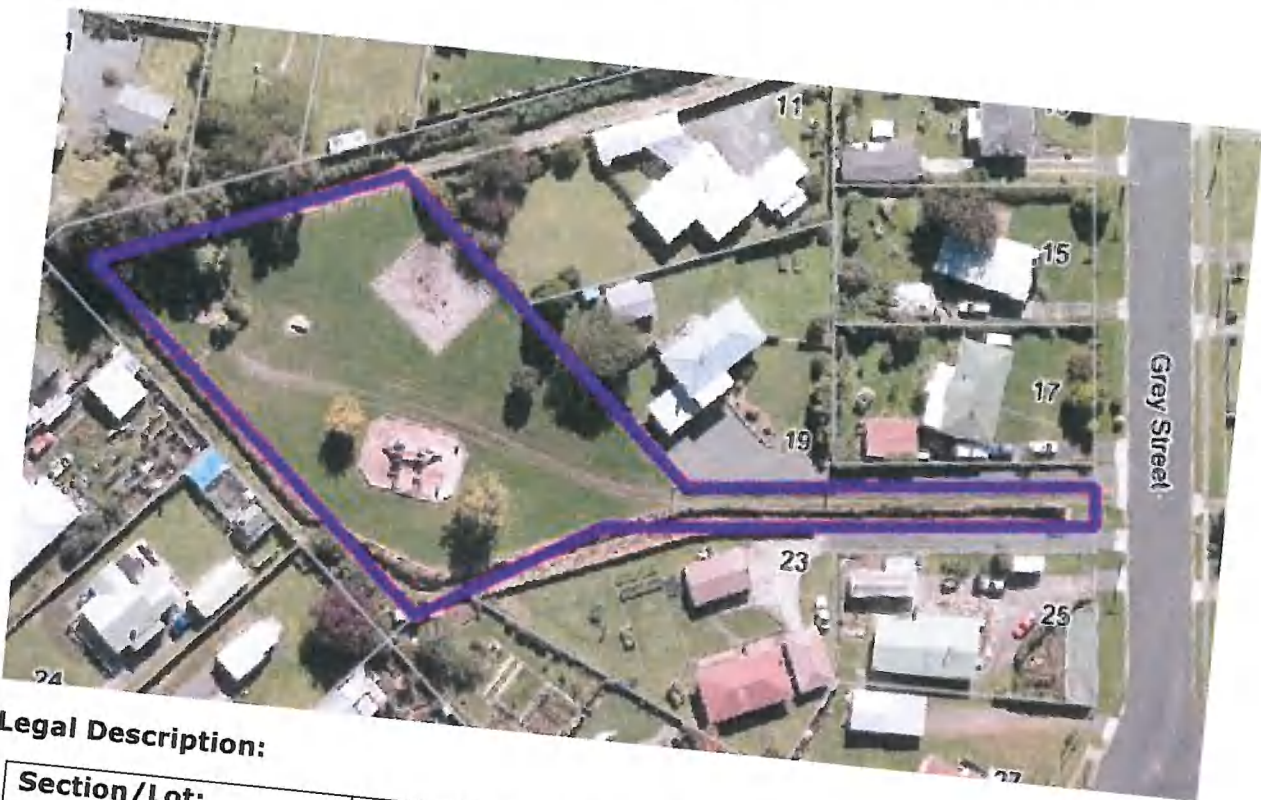
Grey Street Reserve

Location: The reserve is located off Grey Street on the south-eastern side of Putaruru

Access: Access to this reserve is from Grey Street, by way of a long driveway.

Portfolio Designation: Neighbourhood Reserve.

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Lot 11 DPS 5800	0.3483	Local Purpose (Community use) Reserve

District Plan Zone: Residential

Natural and Physical features: The reserve is a flat open area and provides vehicular access for Council staff to the pumping station at the rear of the site.

Historical /Investment Background: A timber/plastic modular playground was installed in 2007 to complement the existing steel swing set. A stainless steel bin was installed by the playground in 2008, and trees planted to provide shade for the playground. In 2019 The Putaruru Community Garden Group (PCGG) were looking to relocate to another site as they were running out of room where they were originally sited in Scotia Glen on land donated by the Ranguira Trust. After discussions with Council the Grey Street Reserve was agreed to as the most suitable site, with its flat land and good soil. This enabled Council to translocate the playground module to nearby Barnett Street Reserve which offered a more suitable option for siting a playground with better public visibility and access being available. A new swing set was purchased for the Barnett Street Reserve and the PCGG utilised the steel poles from the old swing set in Grey Street Reserve for their operations. The PCGG relocated and successfully developed the reserve and on the 2nd November 2019 held their Opening day to celebrate

being open to the public once more. The not-for-profit Group continues to provide food for the Putāruru community along with education. A metalled carpark area was installed next to the pump station.

Purpose, Use and User groups: The main users are the Putāruru Garden Group members who operate their community garden activities from the site including the growing of vegetables and fruit.

Reserve Management and maintenance: The reserve is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council. Maintenance of the reserve is managed by the South Waikato District Council and the Putāruru Community Garden Group.

Lessee: A Licence to Occupy Agreement is in place with the Putāruru Community Garden Trust for a term of three years, expiring in 2022 with three rights of renewal for the same term.

Future development options:

- Continue to support the PCGG in their operations in conjunction with permitted activities under the Reserves Act 1977.

While the site is close to the centre of town and is enclosed by residential houses on three sides, it relates more to the wider rural environment rather than to the urban centre of Putaruru. Farm fencing, ambiguous entry, carpark, and signage reinforce the rural landscape character.

The reserve can be accessed from Harry Martin Drive where visitors can walk through pasture lands with a view of the Kaimai Ranges running across the top of the vista. The reserve is a starting point for the Oraka Stream Walkway which runs along the valley floor through a labelled collection of maple, oak and dogwood trees, with some picnic tables for those wanting to take their lunch along. An existing track off Harry Martin Drive provides four wheel drive access to the gully floor area.

Running through the middle of the arboretum is a central storm water drain which collects water from a wide area of the surrounding residential homes. The drain is linked to the Oraka stream through a culvert situated at the base of the gully.

The channel is subjected to high volume discharges over the winter months but remains dry over the main summer periods.

Historical /Investment Background: In the 1980's the Putaruru Borough Council granted permission for the planting of forestry species for firewood cropping under a labour scheme. Large portions of the southern gully sidling (approximately 1 ha) were planted in *Eucalyptus* trees. These were coppiced in 1993 and multi leading trunks have developed over two years to heights 5 m plus (1996). This included plantings over the northern gully sidling comprised of *Cupressus macrocarpa* (approx. 6ha), *Acacia melanoxylon* (Blackwood) (approx 8 ha) and *Eucalyptus* (approx 4ha). Both the *Eucalyptus* and the Blackwood have been randomly felled and several remnants remain. The *Macrocarpa* had been left undisturbed as a large block of 500 trees. There was also an isolated block of dense Wattle, *Acacia baileyana* adjacent to Harry Martin Drive. Following the 1993 felling operation an estimated 60% of the gully was opened for grazing. A local resident Mr D Carter leased the area and ran dry stock on an informal basis with the Council.

In 1994/1995, the South Waikato District Council began to allocate funds for the development of the site and an informal committee was established to oversee the growth of the Arboretum.

In the late 1990's the name was changed from Lang's Gully to Lorraine Moller Arboretum. The Arboretum is named after Putaruru-born athlete and Olympic bronze medallist, Lorraine Moller. During the course of Ms Moller's distinguished sporting career, she participated in four Olympic events earning herself and her country a bronze medal for marathon. She won the 1984 Boston Marathon and has represented New Zealand in athletics from 1973 to 1996, competing in all distance events between 800m and

the marathon, as well as cross-country, road running and road relays.



A planting plan was drawn up and begun in the 1990's which promoted the inclusion of a wide range of tree species. Planting has continued over the years often involving school groups helping the Parks and Reserves team. The trees have been GIS mapped and labelled.

The main tree species planted include *Acer spp* (Maples), *Betula spp* (Birches), *Cornus spp* (Dogwoods), *Fagus spp* (European Beeches), *Magnolia / Michelia spp*, *Nothofagus spp* (NZ native Beeches) and *Quercis spp* (Oaks). New Zealand native trees have also been planted within the reserve.

Given the steep terrain the reserve has historically been best maintained by grazing of sheep by local farmers under lease. This means the trees when planted are staked and then protected with wire cages until mature enough to withstand damage.

In 2013-2014 the timber post and wire fencing was replaced along the frontage and within the reserve and gates installed to create separate paddocks in order for the reserve to be grazed more evenly. This included a rotating pipe gate being installed in the centre of the reserve to maintain ease of access by the public. Kissing gates were installed at either end of the reserve for entrance/exit from Harry martin Drive and the Oraka River Reserve.

Purpose, Use and User groups: The purpose of this reserve is to provide an area where an extensive variety of plants can be cultivated for scientific, educational, and ornamental purposes. It provides a unique site where the general public can see and learn about a variety of plant species as well as enjoy extensive views of the surrounding landscape. The walkway link to the Oraka Stream allows for recreational use by the public that is enjoyable, allowing a rural characteristic within a residential area to be accessible to all those who wish to walk there. The gully exists as a physical link for a wide segment of the north western residential areas of Putaruru.

The reserve is open for general public use as educational facility, exercise and/or picnic area and walkway to the Oraka Stream. The reserve is also used as a passive visual backdrop for residences along the north and south margins. The presence of the gully motivated many in purchasing their properties. It is used as a random pedestrian access for local residents wishing to link with the Oraka stream and walkway. School children also use the gully as an alternative to walking around the surrounding streets en route to school. Local residents use the gully as a wilderness playground, however its current utilisation is poor.

Reserve Management and maintenance: The reserve is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council. Maintenance of the reserve is managed by the leasee in accordance with the Licence to Occupy stipulations.

Maintenance of park furniture includes to be kept in a clean and in a safe condition.

Litter control to be maintained to an appropriate level.

Lessee: A Licence to Occupy Agreement is in place with a local farmer for a term of three years, expiring in 2022 with three rights of renewal for the same term.

Future development options:

- Blackberry continues to be an issue within the reserve and will need to be cut and sprayed to be eradicated;
- Replace Reserve name sign with modern signage;
- Install more picnic tables in flat areas beside the stormwater drain;
- Continue to maintain at current levels of service.

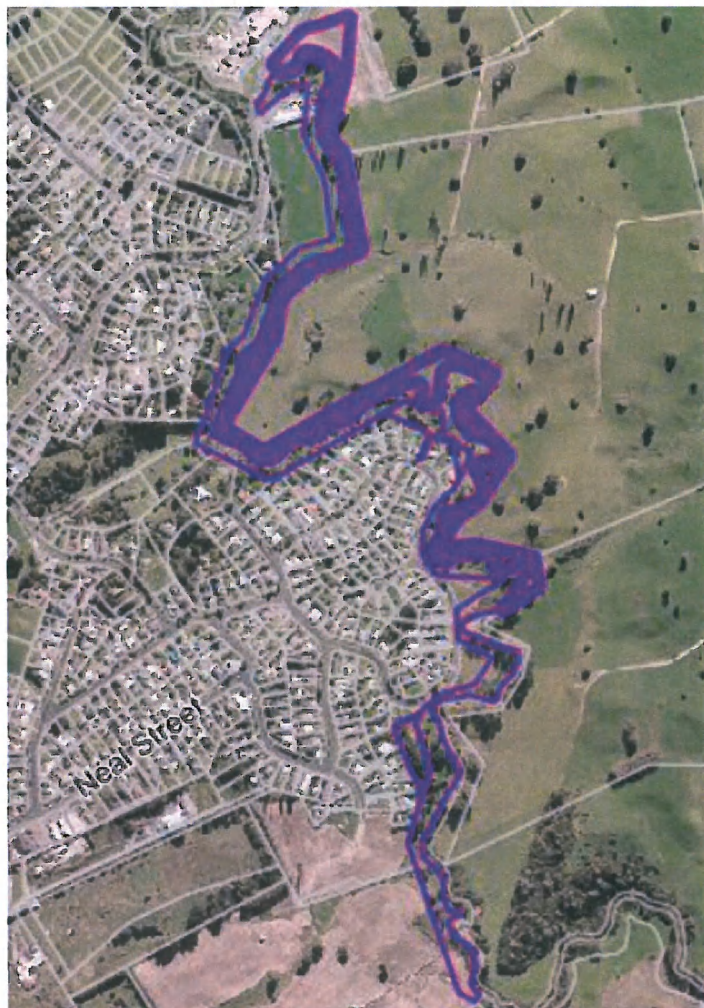
Oraka River Reserve including A.L Mason Reserve

Location: The reserve is located on the eastern side of Putaruru

Access: Access can be gained from Galway Crescent, State Highway One and Freyberg Crescent.

Portfolio Designation: Esplanade Reserve

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Section 102, Blk VI Patetere Nth SD	3.8319	Recreation Reserve
Section 103, Blk VI Patetere Nth SD	2.5293	Recreation Reserve
Section 1 SO 527561	0.0472	Recreation Reserve
Lot 9 DPS 7435	0.0111	Recreation Reserve

Lot 10 DPS 7435	0.2686	Recreation Reserve
Lot 23 DPS 7306	0.1224	Recreation Reserve
Lot 25 DPS 7306	0.3976	Crown land
Lot 26 DPS 7306	0.0296	Recreation Reserve
Lot 30 DPS 8104	0.2512	Recreation Reserve
Lot 39 DPS 14405	0.3475	Recreation Reserve

District Plan Zone: Rural

Natural and Physical features: The Reserve is an important urban stream walkway consisting of a narrow strip of land winding along the Oraka River on the outskirts of the Putaruru township to the east. It is aesthetically appealing, as the river terraces make an interesting landform, and it links into Lorraine Moller Arboretum, a key reserve for Putaruru. The main entrance to the reserve resembles a driveway to a residential property without signage. The area is grassed with many mature *Casuarina cunninghamiana* (She oak). It is a large area with residential properties adjoining the western boundary. The stream is relatively clear and has a swimming hole well used by local children.

This section also includes Rotary Grove/A.L. Mason Reserve, access to which is from the end of Freyberg Street. It is a very appealing grassed area with a number of mostly exotic mature specimen trees and is used as a neighbourhood picnic area. There is a short walkway which runs along the top of the site and back through the flat area along the stream, however this is not linked into the Oraka walkway along the stream bank. The boundary for the reserve runs through the middle of the stream.

Historical /Investment Background: The Putaruru Jaycees began the Oraka River Walk project in 1973 and was opened in the late 1970s. It was intended to link with the Rotary Club's A.L. Mason Reserve and eventually become a walkway that would extend the full length of Putaruru's eastern boundary along the Oraka Stream Reserve. During 2008 native planting along the stream bank commenced and additional plantings have been planted along the stream side and bank areas over the years since.

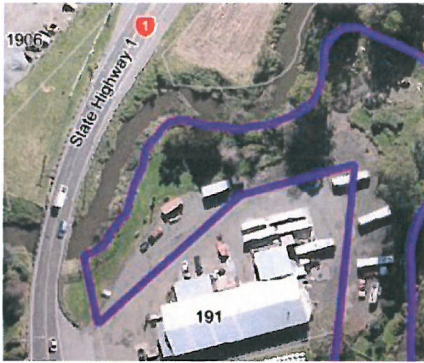
In 2006 through to 2012 sections of metalled paths have been installed to provide all weather use of the reserve.

In 2019 the metalled pathway directly adjacent the river on the western side of the reserve was closed and replanted with New Zealand native species due to constant eroding from the river flooding in recent years. An alternative metalled path was constructed higher above, which was also handrailed and gabion baskets used in certain sections to retain the bank area.

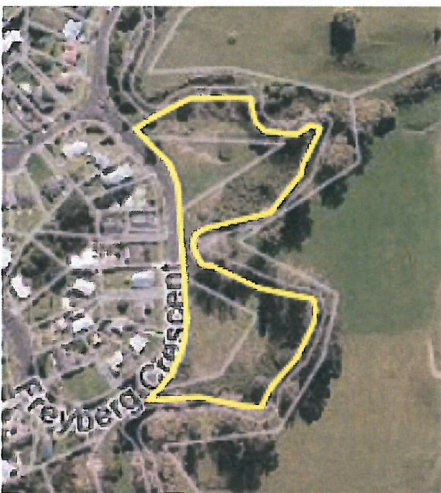
In 2015 the timber fence at the entrance to the A.L. Mason reserve was replaced with a timber post and rail and in 2018 an electric barbeque unit was installed within the reserve along with a picnic table and bin. A steel shelter was installed over the barbeque unit in 2019.

Purpose, Use and User groups: The purpose of the Reserve and its current use is to provide an open green space for informal passive and active recreation for nearby residents. It is used by walkers, joggers, children swimming, picnickers and as access to Putaruru College from students living on the eastern side of the town. It has potential use for kayaking.

Reserve Management and maintenance: The reserve is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council. Maintenance of the reserve is managed by the South Waikato District Council, although the area of grass at the northern most area of the Reserve near State Highway One is mown by the owner of the adjacent business who also utilises part of the reserve for car parking:



The area of land on the eastern side of the reserve from the A.L. Mason Reserve entrance north to the Newell Place entrance of the Reserve is maintained under a Licence to Occupy Agreement with a local farmer for grazing purposes. This includes Lots 10 and 30:



Maintenance of park furniture includes to be kept in a clean and in a safe condition.

Hard surfacing to be kept clean, safe for users and weed free.

Lessee: A Licence to Occupy Agreement is in place for the area including Lots 10 and 30 for grazing purposes. The term is for 12 months, expires in August 2020 with no right of renewal but licensee has first option if the land is still available.

Future development options:

- Continue to eradicate wild Privet, invasive weeds and plant stream banks and edges with New Zealand native plant species;
- Develop the northern most area of the reserve at the SH1 end by landscaping with New Zealand native species;
- Plant additional specimen deciduous trees for autumnal colour, shade and enhance the appearance of the walk;
- Continue to maintain the reserve at current levels of service.

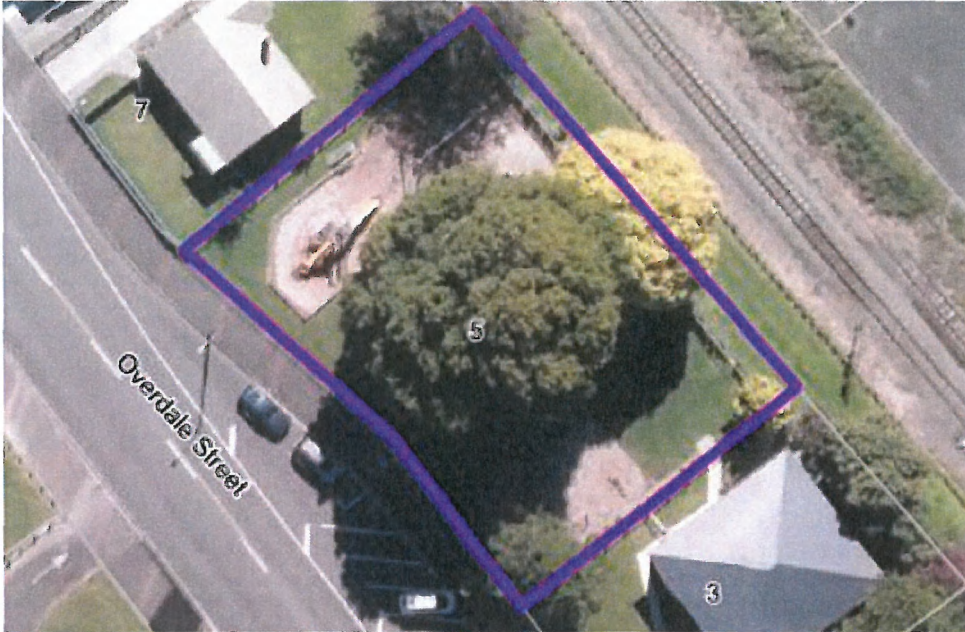
Overdale Playground

Location: Overdale Street, Putāruru.

Access: Access can be only gained from Overdale Street.

Portfolio Designation: Civic Reserve

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Lot 4 DPS 4338	0.1153	Local Purpose (Community facilities) Reserve

District Plan Zone: Business

Natural and Physical features: This reserve is a long narrow strip of land which adjoins the Garden of Memories and continues north until Marchant Street. It backs onto the railway line. The playground is a small area filled with the best selection of play equipment in Putaruru, and adjoins the Garden of Memories in the centre of Putaruru.

Historical /Investment Background: Originally part of an unformed portion of Overdale Street (then Overdale Road) stopped by the Borough Council in 1954 Parts of the stopped road have been disposed of.

The playground was first constructed by the Puatruru Jaycee organisation in 1956, (see commemorative plaque on page 131).

The reserve contains two mature trees, one an English Oak (*Quercis robur*) located in the centre of the reserve which was planted by the Putāruru Country Women's Institute in 1957,(see commemorative

plaque, page 131) and the other a Golden Elm (*Ulmus glabra* 'Lutescens') located at the rear of the reserve.



Figure 1: Putāruru Jaycee commemorative plaque

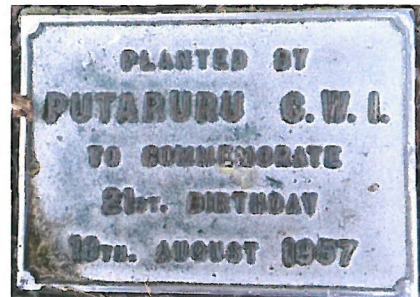


Figure 2: C.W.I commemorative plaque

In 2008 a steel/timber slatted bench seat was installed.

In 2010 the aging swing set and metal slide were removed and replaced with one large four bay swing set and a smaller two bay junior swing set.

In 2012 a platformed rotating "twirl-a- Bout" item was installed, and a drinking fountain was installed in 2014.

In 2016 the junior play equipment was replaced and in 2017 the older children's play equipment was replaced.

Another bench seat was installed in 2020 at the request of Putāruru High School students.

Purpose, Use and User groups: The purpose of the Reserve and its current use is as a utility and recreational reserve. The playground caters for both young children and pre-teens and is well used.

Reserve Management and maintenance: The reserve is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council. Maintenance of the reserve is managed by the South Waikato District Council.

Turf is maintained to keep grass height between 35mm and 75mm.

Garden maintenance includes maintaining of shrub gardens and hedges.

Maintenance of park furniture and play equipment includes to be kept in a clean and in a safe condition.

Play- ground cursory inspections completed weekly (Parks Contractor) and in-depth inspections to NZS level bi-monthly (Council).

Hard surfacing to be kept clean, safe for users and weed free.

Litter control to be maintained to an appropriate level.

Lessee: Not applicable.

Future development options:

- Install a picnic table;
- Continue to maintain at current levels of service.

Taupo Street Reserve

Location: The reserve is located adjacent to State Highway One and runs from the corner of SH1 and Princes Street north.

Access: From State Highway One (SH1)

Portfolio Designation: Neighbourhood reserve



Map:

Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Lot 2 DPS 67993	0.2689	Recreation Reserve

District Plan Zone: Business

Natural and Physical features: This reserve is a long strip of land planted in trees and shrubs.

Historical /Investment Background: Purchased by the South Waikato District Council in 1999 as recreation reserve from the Crown (ex -railway).

In 2008 the aging *Cryptomeria* trees were felled and replaced with two groups of *Liquidamber styraciflua* to provide vivid autumnal colour. These were under-planted in 2019 with Daffodils to provide additional spring colour.

Purpose, Use and User groups: The purpose of the Reserve and its current use is to provide an attractive entrance to Putaruru from the South.

Reserve Management and maintenance: The reserve is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council. Maintenance of the reserve is managed by the South Waikato District Council.

Turf within the reserve is maintained to keep grass height between 35mm and 75mm.

Garden maintenance includes maintaining of shrub gardens, herbaceous perennials, bulb displays and re-vegetation areas (NZ Native species).

Lessee: Not applicable.

Future development options:

- Continue to plant daffodil bulbs to naturalise within the mulched tree areas;
- Continue to maintain at current levels of service.

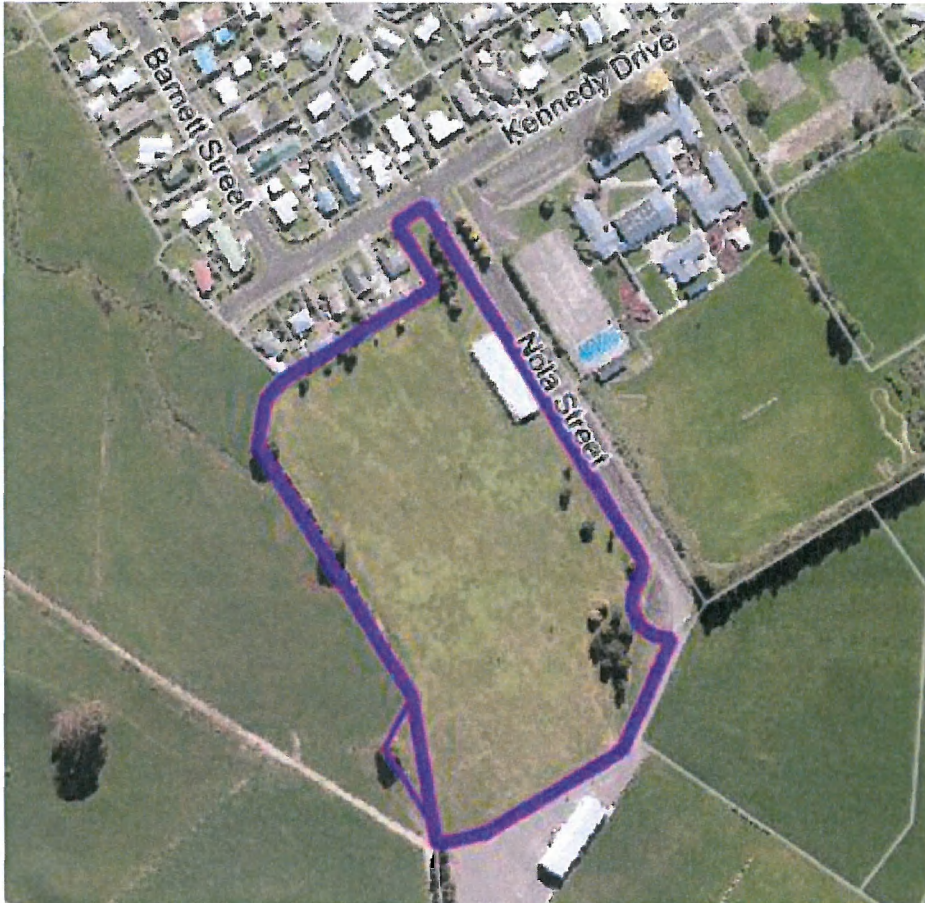
Totara Park

Location: The reserve is located on Nola Street, Putāruru.

Access: Access can be gained from Nola Street or Kennedy Drive.

Portfolio Designation: Neighbourhood reserve.

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Part Lot 1 DPS 26090	3.8068	Recreation Reserve
Lot 1 DPS 64289	0.0683	Recreation Reserve

District Plan Zone: Rural

Natural and Physical features: The open space, specimen trees and the view to the hills on the horizon and to Maungatautari over the western boundary are the most significant landscape features.

There is a memorial tree planted along the clubrooms as a memorial to the late John Eyre. His ashes were also placed there. Mr Eyre was a committee member of the Putaruru Rangers AFC since the late 1960's and was a very active member of the Club's executive for many years.

Historical /Investment Background: The reserve known as Totara Park was purchased in mid-1970 as part of the Nola Block and developed as a recreation reserve, the immediate need at the time being to provide an area for soccer and hockey fields.

Due to a need for more playing grounds land was acquired in the 1970's as a part of a subdivision expansion. The need for playing fields for sport in the district had become more and more urgent and after considering the possible development of a portion of the Putaruru Domain it was felt that the parts of the domain were better suited for industrial development. A decision was reached to apply to the Minister of Lands to uplift the recreation reserve of some 21 acres of domain land and to replace it with an area within Mr Nola's land (farmland that was bought by the County Council for subdivision purposes) to be set aside and developed for recreation. The swap also left the Borough with a balance payment of \$2000 cash to put towards park development. The combined playing areas of the primary and intermediate schools and the adjacent new recreation reserve was expected to more than satisfy sports needs for the foreseeable future.

The Nola Block also provided a winter home for the soccer club: Putaruru Rangers AFC. The remaining portion of recreation reserve in Kennedy Drive that was not sold to the rugby club was owned by Council. Providing two full-sized and one junior field, Totara Park was leased by the soccer club for six months of the year. In 1978 the club was able, with the appropriate community facility subsidy from the government and vast amounts of fundraising, to build its own clubrooms at Totara Park. It was used by several sporting codes, including the Putaruru Indoor Basketball Club which had formerly played at the fully booked high school gymnasium.

On a draft Parks and Reserves Strategic Recreation Plan prepared in 1994, recommendations were made for Totara Park to improve drainage, consider lighting improvements, and prepare a joint management plan for Glenshea Park, Totara Park and Putaruru Domain. A similar recommendation was made in the SWD Leisure Strategy prepared in 1999, that Council investigate rationalising Totara and Glenshea Parks. However, little progress has been made on this because of the changing nature of the fortunes of the main clubs involved.

In October 2001 the Putaruru District Services Memorial Club purchased the building from the Soccer Club which had fallen into recess, and has begun to rejuvenate soccer activities as well as undertake overdue maintenance on the building.

In 2019 the declining Putaruru Rangers relocated to Glenshea Park to utilise the better facilities available. Totara Park was then re-designated from a sportsground to a neighbourhood reserve.

In 2020 Council will be taking over ownership of the deteriorating former Clubroom building.

With the repurposing of the Barnett Street Reserve to a playground Totara Park was designated as a Dog Exercise Area excluding the field area being utilised by the Putaruru Rugby Club for their juniors.

Purpose, Use and User groups: The purpose of the Reserve and its current use is to provide an open green space for informal active and passive recreation for nearby residents and the adjacent Rugby Club. The general public use the park for walking and exercising dogs.

Reserve Management and maintenance: The reserve is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council. Maintenance of the reserve is managed by the South Waikato District Council.

Turf is maintained to keep grass height between 35mm and 75mm.

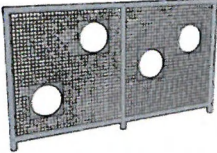
Garden maintenance includes maintaining of re-vegetation areas (NZ Native species).

Hard surfacing to be kept clean, safe for users and weed free.

Litter control to be maintained to an appropriate level.

Future development options:

- Additional planting to fill gaps in native re-vegetation border;
- Install timber bollards along the Nola Street frontage ;
- Install a Multi goal item at northern end;



- Install a full-size basketball court;
- Construct a skate park;
- Consider classifying 4 Nola Street land as Local Purpose reserve and utilise as a fenced dog park and install canine exercise equipment:



- Continue to maintain at current levels of service.

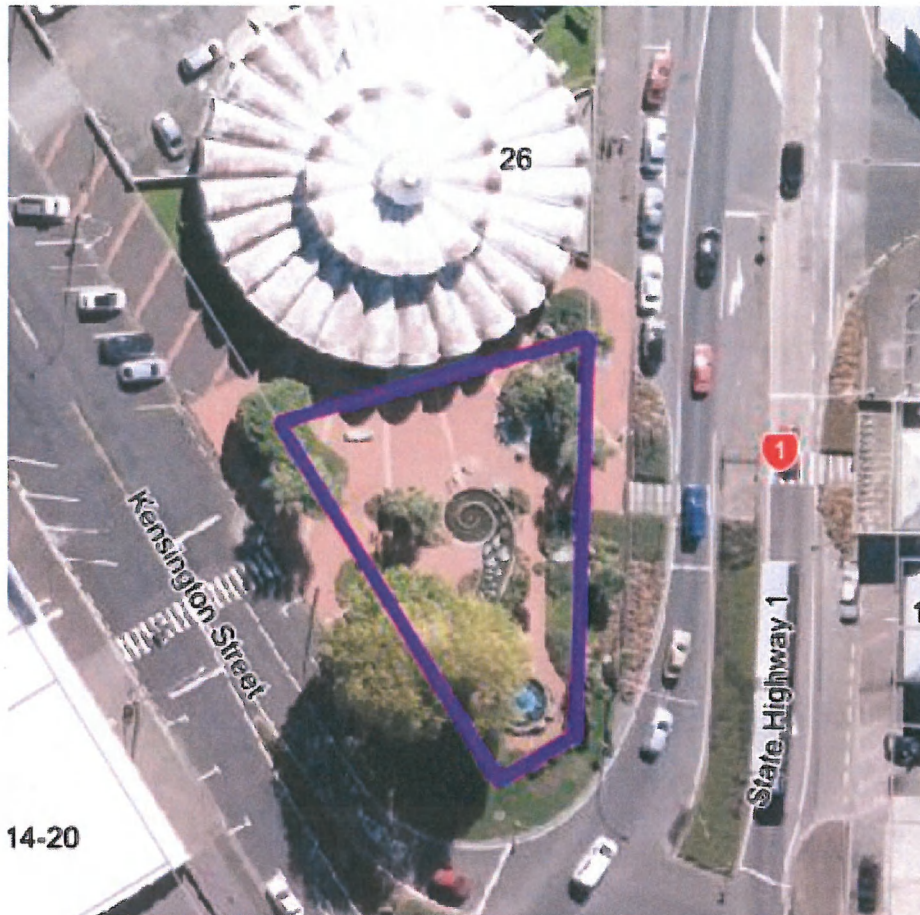
Water Park

Location: This small urban reserve is located in the centre of Putaruru, on the corner of SH1 and Kensington Street.

Access: Access is via SH1 and Kensington Street.

Portfolio Designation: Civic reserve

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Lot 1 DPS 88997	0.0704	Recreation Reserve

District Plan Zone: Town Centre

Natural and Physical features: The reserve is largely paved and features a koru shaped water feature that includes a water sculpture representing the Blue Spring where Putaruru's water comes from on the Te Waihou river. The Park is located adjacent to the former Post Office building.

Historical /Investment Background: Purchased by the South Waikato District Council in 2005 from LV & JC Edwards for \$310,000 for development as a park as part of the upgrades to the CBD area. The Park was developed in 2002 as a community project, with several hundred people from the Putaruru ward involved as volunteers. Many gave donations to the Parks development and these are commemorated in paving bricks. The paving includes several large mosaics depicting aspects of the Te Waihou, and there is a history board with information about the Park and the area.

In 2018 The Putāruru Concept Plan was developed, a culmination of a number of planning exercises commissioned by the Council on behalf of the Putāruru community with both the Pride In Putāruru (PIP) and the Putāruru Moving Forward (PMF) organisations playing a significant role. The Putāruru Concept Plan was endorsed by Council in July 2018.

The Plan set out a precinct approach to developing the town with Precinct 1, "A reason to stop and stay" incorporating the areas of State Highway One, Main Street and Kensington Street relating to attracting local and visitors to the town with a focus on providing opportunities for markets, festivals and artisan and boutique businesses. The Water Park location therefore is placed within the Precinct One area.

Purpose, Use and User groups: The purpose of the Reserve and its current use is to provide an open space for informal passive recreation for nearby residents and visitors, and to profile the Blue Spring's near Putaruru where, the pure water supply that feeds the town comes from.

Reserve Management and maintenance: The reserve is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council. Maintenance of the reserve is managed by the South Waikato District Council.

Turf is maintained to keep grass height between 25mm and 40mm, being a high profile site.

Garden maintenance includes maintaining of shrub gardens and perennials.

Maintenance of park furniture includes to be kept in a clean and in a safe condition.

Hard surfacing to be kept clean, safe for users and weed free.

Litter control to be maintained to an appropriate level.

Lessee: Not applicable.

Future development options:

As part of the 2018-28 Long Term Plan an issue was raised by Council staff regarding the annual costs of maintenance, particularly the cleaning of the water feature, pumps, general cleaning, and repairing /replacing damaged pavers. It had also been recognised, through various forums such as assessment from Visitor Solutions in 2015, that the lack of visibility of the water feature from the State Highway was a lost opportunity. Their recommendations included leveraging the theme of spring water and making a "statement" using the element of height thus creating visibility. Consequently, The Putāruru Waterpark Design & Refurbishment project was approved as part of the LTP 2018-28 with an allocated budget of \$400,000. A Steering group was formed comprising Council staff, PIP and PMF representatives to maintain progress of the project, review the deliverables and make joint project management decisions.

It was identified that existing features such as the mosaics, seating and pavers imprinted with the names of those who originally contributed to the Waterpark were still in good condition and therefore should be retained.

Council engaged a design partner, Gray Matter Limited, and working with them and the Raukawa Charitable Trust a "Matariki" theme and design has been developed that they believe will resonate with our district.

The theme draws on the whakapapa of rivers and streams in Māori mythology, which trace their origin to Matariki, through Matariki's daughters, Waitī and Waitā. The Raukawa Charitable Trust will help draw local stories and legends from local hapū about Matariki and her whānau, which can be recounted in the design and storytelling features of the Waterpark.

In September 2020 the Matariki theme was adopted by Council and community engagement was set aside to take place from the 14th-20th September to take advantage of being Maori Language Week. Council went out to public consultation with the following messaging and design:

"Our district is blessed with abundant water - it is this abundance of water that enables forestry, tourism, dairying and other agriculture to thrive here. Putāruru sits atop two major watersheds - the Waikato and the Waihou, with numerous local springs and streams contributing to these great river systems. The Waterpark will shift from focusing solely on the Waihou and will celebrate the Waikato, the Waihou and all their local tributaries. We intend to redesign the watercourse to name the awa - the streams and rivers that flow around Putāruru: the Pokaiwhenua, Little Waipa, Opouaru, Waioraka, Otawaiema, Waimakariri, Waiomou, Oraka, Waihirere, Waihou and Waikato - just to name a few. We want visitors and residents alike to realise the richness and diversity of our local awa.

Matariki is a star cluster, also known as the Pleiades. The reappearance of Matariki in the skies during winter heralds the start of the Māori new year. Matariki is a time of celebration and preparation, representing natural abundance, particularly around cultivated food. For this reason, it fits very well with the theme of food in this area of Putāruru.

Because Matariki is a celestial element resident in the cosmos, the theme will balance the entities of Ranginui – the heavens - with Papatūānuku – the Earth - using our district's water as the connection between the two".

- The proposed stages were:

Stage One – 2021 (numbers 1-6 relate to the concept design shown on page 137):

1. Replacement of broken and damaged pavers in courtyard.
2. Water Course: existing water channel removed, replaced with textured, coloured concrete in general colours of local rivers and streams. Names of streams and rivers etched into concrete.
3. Landscaping: gardens, artificial turf banks and edging. Reformat the space to make it work better and look more attractive visually, as well as be lower maintenance.
4. Play/balance and stepping logs to provide something for kids to do.
5. Relocation of drinking station to bring it into the actual park. Refurbish the existing seating/street furniture and add some more seating encouraging people to sit outside and eat.
6. Signage: update the signage, including stories related to the theme. Council is also investigating a mobile and web app that users can use to read, hear and watch stories related to the Waterpark and theme.

Stage Two - upon successful funding applications, this could take up to two years (numbers 7-9 relate to the concept design shown on page 137):

Elements relating to the Matariki theme – these require additional funding.

7. Anchor Feature – Ranginui: a sculpture/artwork in the form of a gateway, representing Ranginui – the heavens – and depicting Matariki.

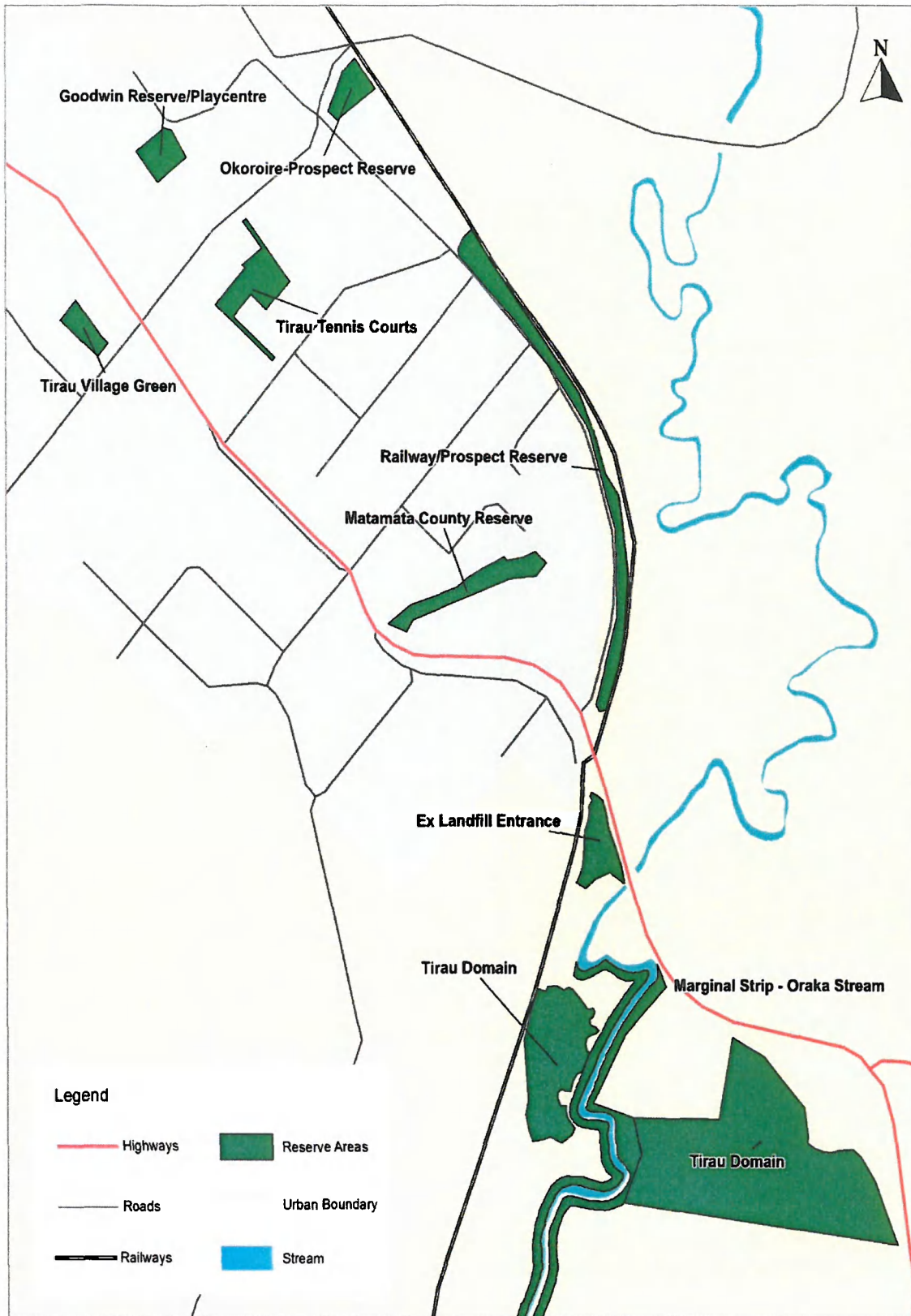
8. Anchor Feature – Papatuanuku: a sculpture/artwork or playable art feature emerging from the earth. Depicted as a rock here, but we will seek to commission an artwork or create a playable art feature based on public feedback.
9. Water Feature: install movement or time-activated fountains and bubble-jets along the water course – not enough to get drenched (unless you really want to), but fun to play in during summer.
 - Rename the Park as “Matariki Park”.



Tirau Reserves

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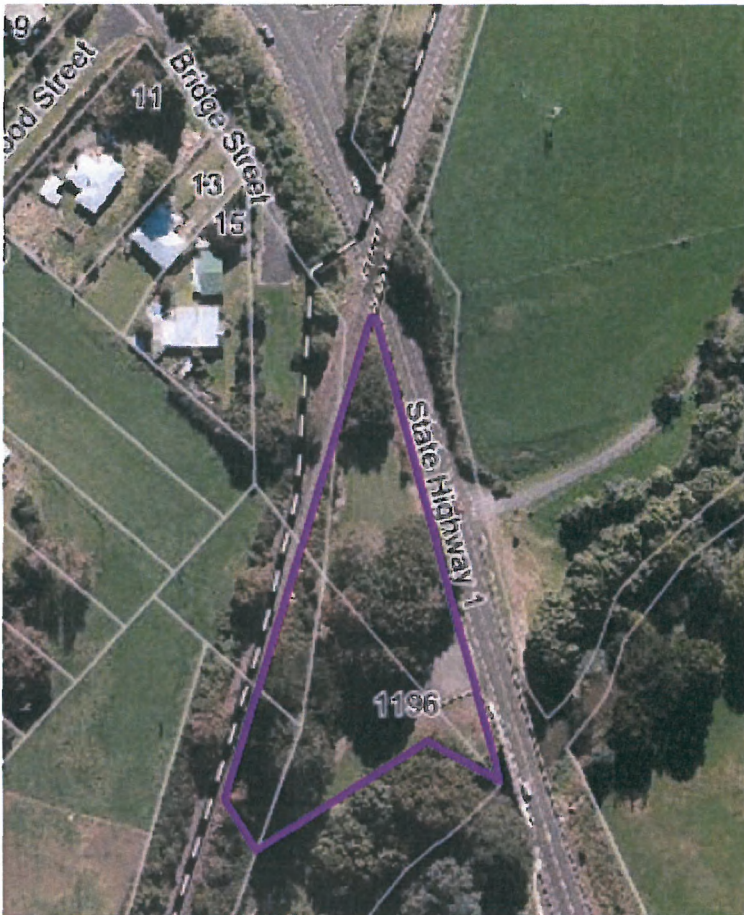
Ex Landfill Entrance

Location: The reserve is located on State Highway One

Access: The access to this reserve from SH 1 can be dangerous and therefore it is not suitable to use as for general access or as a lay-by. Access from Bridge Street is therefore recommended.

Portfolio Designation: Neighbourhood reserve

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
N/A	0.4885	N/A

District Plan Zone: Rural

Natural and Physical features: There are a number of English trees on it which are a feature of the reserve. These have been under-planted with Bluebell bulbs to naturalise within the area.

Historical /Investment Background: In 2019 a pedestrian ramp structure and metalled walkway was constructed to provide access over the railway line from Bridge Street to the Lower area of the Tirau Domain.

Flaxes were planted on the SH1 bank side of the reserve to provide a wider barrier to the edge for mowing operations.

Purpose, Use and User groups: The purpose of the Reserve is to provide an open space for informal passive recreational use and access to the Lower Tirau Domain for the town's residents. Use is mainly walkers and dog walkers using the Lower Tirau Domain area.

Reserve Management and maintenance: The reserve is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council. Maintenance of the reserve is managed by the South Waikato District Council.

Turf is maintained to keep grass height between 35mm and 75mm.

Garden maintenance includes maintaining of shrub gardens and naturalised bulb areas.

Hard surfacing to be kept clean, safe for users and weed free.

Lessee: Not applicable.

Future development options:

- Continue to under plant trees with bluebell bulbs;
- Continue to maintain at current levels of service.

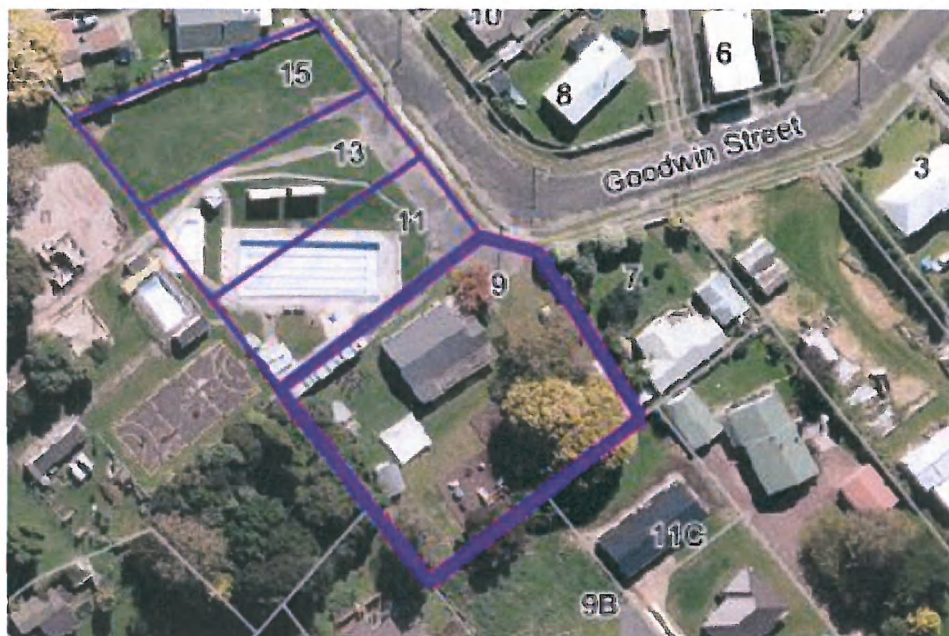
Goodwin Reserve

Location: The reserve is located on Goodwin Street with road frontage on the street.

Access: Access can be gained from Goodwin Street, with access also available from the Tirau Primary School.

Portfolio Designation: Neighbourhood reserve

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Lot 9 DPS 6985	0.0809	Recreation Reserve
Lot 10 DPS 6985	0.0809	Recreation Reserve
Lot 11 DPS 6985	0.0870	Recreation Reserve
Lot 12 DPS 6985	0.2152	Local purpose (Pre-school) Reserve

District Plan Zone: Residential

Natural and Physical features: Situated next to the playcentre is a large section approximately the size of two residential sections where the Tirau swimming pool is located. An open grassed area to the side is used for carparking.

Historical /Investment Background: Lot 12 was created as recreation reserve on a 1961 subdivision of land in Matamata County Council and vested in the Crown under s.13, Land Subdivision in Counties Act 1946. The reserve subsequently vested in the Matamata County Council by operation of s.44, Counties Amendment Act 1961 and passed to the South Waikato District Council in 1989 under The Local Government (Waikato Region) Reorganisation Order 1989. Classified in 2020 as a local purpose (Pre- school) reserve to denote its actual use.

Purpose, Use and User groups: The purpose of the Reserve is to both provide an open space for informal passive and active recreational use and to make provision for pre-school activities for the town's residents.

Reserve Management and maintenance: The reserve is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council. Maintenance of the swimming pool and adjoining carparking area is managed by the South Waikato District Council.

Turf is maintained to keep grass height between 35mm and 75mm.

Maintenance of park furniture includes to be kept in a clean and in a safe condition.

Hard surfacing to be kept clean, safe for users and weed free.

Litter control to be maintained to an appropriate level.

Grounds maintenance within the Local purpose (Pre- school) reserve site is managed by the East Waikato Playcentre Association Inc.

Lessee: A lease agreement is in place with the East Waikato Playcentre Association Incorporated for the Local purpose reserve (Lot 12), the term is for 33 years, expires in May 2038.

Future development options:

- Maintain at current levels of service.

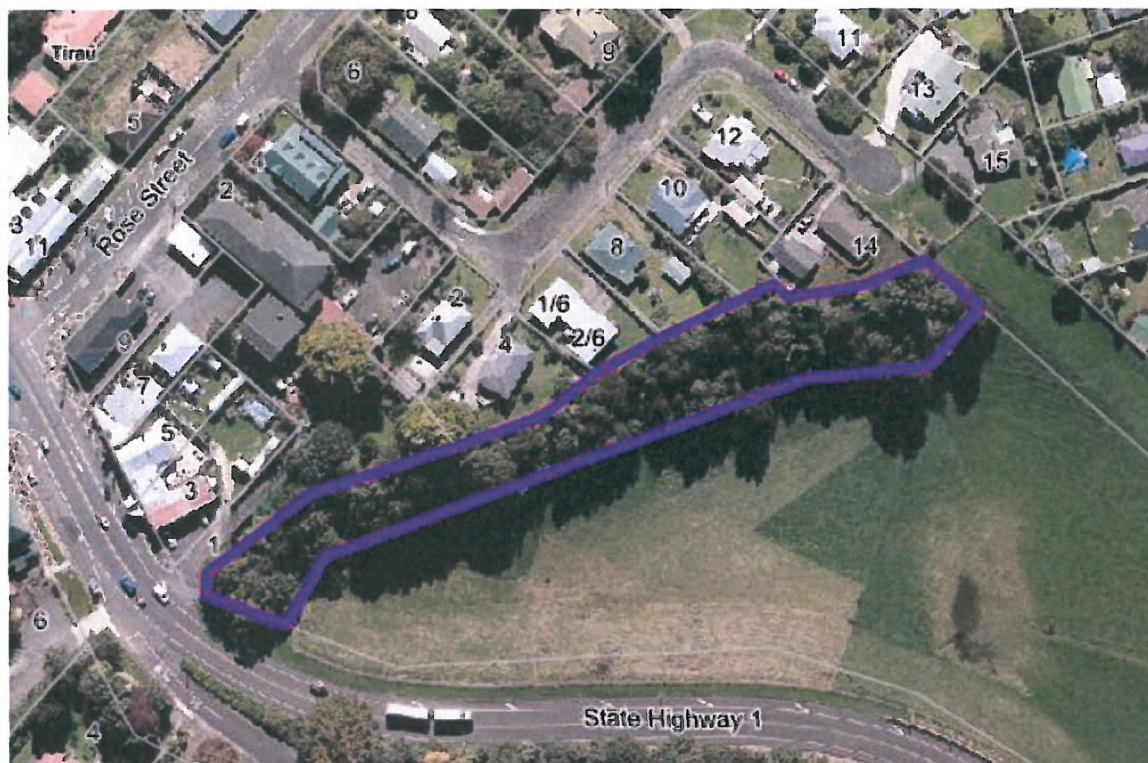
Matamata County Reserve

Location: The reserve is located between County Place and State Highway One, Tīrau.

Access: Parking and Access can be gained via County Place and pedestrian access is available from the SH1 end.

Portfolio Designation: Civic reserve.

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Lot 25 DPS 46481	0.4348	Local purpose (plantation) Reserve

District Plan Zone: Rural

Natural and Physical features: This strip comprises a long, tree-covered slope that serves as a buffer strip between residential and commercial holdings and adjoining rural land.

Historical /Investment Background: In 2006 mature *Eucalyptus* trees situated close to the boundary fence with adjoining property owners were felled. The reserve is mostly planted with New Zealand native tree species. A metalled track was constructed from end to end within the reserve by central government funded labour scheme workers in 2010. In 2020 the track was widened, timber edged and re-metalled.

Removal of deteriorating trees and replanting with native tree species has been undertaken as necessary over the years.

Purpose, Use and User groups: The purpose of the Reserve is to provide an area for active recreation, and an attractive entrance to Tirau for visitors entering from the South.

Reserve Management and maintenance: The reserve is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council. Maintenance of the reserve is managed by the South Waikato District Council.

Garden maintenance includes the maintaining of revegetation plantings.

Hard surfacing to be kept clean, safe for users and weed free.

Lessee: Not applicable.

Future development options:

- Continue to remove aging or deteriorating trees;
- Continue to replace with suitable New Zealand medium sized native tree species;
- Continue to maintain at current levels of service.

Okoroire-Prospect Reserve

Location: The reserve is located on Okoroire and Prospect Avenue.

Access: Access can be gained from Prospect Avenue and Okoroire Street.

Portfolio Designation: Neighbourhood reserve

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Lot 2 DPS 54082	0.2563	Recreation Reserve

District Plan Zone: Residential

Natural and Physical features: The railway line runs adjacent to the reserve. The reserve has good road frontage and a number of large mature shade trees. It is dominated by the skate board ramp and basketball pad. A mound on the western side covers up a very large old stump, which has been planted with flaxes species and Kowhai trees.

Historical /Investment Background: Lot 2 was created by the Crown on the 1990 subdivision of railway. Initially vested in the Matamata County Council under s.306(4), Local Government Act 1974

but vested in the South Waikato District Council by operation of The Local Government (Waikato Region) Reorganisation Order 1989.

In 2017 the metal framed picnic table were replaced with timber/steel tables.

In 2018 the existing sloping pad was levelled, enlarged and a replacement basketball goal installed. Also in 2018 fitness items were installed between the basketball pad and the picnic area, and timber bollards installed on the Okoroire road and Prospect Ave perimeter to prevent vehicle damage to the turf.

In 2019 the existing wooden skate ramp was demolished, a concreted pad laid and skate ramp and street spine equipment installed at the eastern side of the reserve.

In 2020 a drinking fountain will be installed within the picnic area and a car parking bay will be constructed on the Okoroire Road side of the reserve.

Purpose, Use and User groups: The purpose of the Reserve is to provide an area for active and passive recreation, users include local youths and children and locals and visitors stopping for a bite to eat in the picnic area.

Reserve Management and maintenance: The reserve is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council. Maintenance of the reserve is managed by the South Waikato District Council.

Turf is maintained to keep grass height between 35mm and 75mm.

Garden maintenance includes maintaining of shrub gardens.

Maintenance of park furniture and play equipment includes to be kept in a clean and in a safe condition.

Play- ground cursory inspections completed weekly (Parks Contractor) and in-depth inspections to NZS level bi-monthly (Council).

Hard surfacing to be kept clean, safe for users and weed free.

Litter control to be maintained to an appropriate level.

Lessee: Not applicable.

Future development options:

- Install another 1-2 tables within the picnic area;
- Continue to maintain at current levels of service.

Okoroire Road Reserve

Location: Okoroire road, on the eastern side of Tirau.

Access: From Okoroire road only, there is no designated entrance to the reserve.

Portfolio Designation: Esplanade reserve

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Lot 2 DPS 19474	0.5420	Local Purpose (esplanade) Reserve

District Plan Zone: Rural

Natural and Physical features: Undulating grazed land with a deep gully area leading down to the Oraka stream on the western side of the reserve.

Historical /Investment Background: Historically the reserve has been grazed by the adjoining farmer.

Purpose, Use and User groups: Main use is by farmer for grazing of stock and by locals accessing the reserve for swimming activities.

Reserve Management and maintenance: The reserve is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council. The reserve is maintained via grazing activities by the adjoining landowner.

Lessee: Informal agreement with adjoining landowner.

Future development options:

- Fencing of stream area on eastern side and riparian planting along stream edge;
- Continue to maintain at current levels of service.

Patetere Reserve

Location: The reserve is located adjacent to State Highway One on the northern entrance to Tirau.

Access: Access can be gained from Frances Street.

Portfolio Designation: Neighbourhood reserve.

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Part Lot 31 DPS 12235	0.4472	Local purpose (Utility) Reserve

District Plan Zone: Residential

Natural and Physical features: Sloping to flat land planted with mature trees.

Historical /Investment Background: Historically the reserve has been grazed with sheep by an adjoining landowner. Mature aging Pines have been removed over recent years.

Purpose, Use and User groups: The purpose of the Reserve is to provide an attractive entrance to Tirau from the northern approach.

Reserve Management and maintenance: The reserve is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council.

The entrance to the reserve from Frances Street is maintained by Council with the turf maintained to keep grass height between 35mm and 100mm.

The Reserve is maintained under a Licence to Occupy Agreement with a neighbouring landowner for grazing purposes.

Lessee: A Licence to Occupy Agreement is in place for the reserve for grazing of sheep only. The term is on a 12 month basis, and expires in November 2020 with no right of renewal but licensee has first option if the land is still available.

Future development options:

- Fell the aging Pine tree on the south-eastern side of the reserve and plant specimen trees along the southern fence line;
- Continue to maintain at current levels of service.

Railway-Prospect Reserve

Location: Prospect Avenue, Tīrau.

Access: Access can be gained from Prospect Avenue.

Portfolio Designation: Neighbourhood reserve.

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
N/A	N/A	N/A

District Plan Zone: N/A

Natural and Physical features: Flat to undulating grassed land planted with mature trees, the most significant feature is the water tower with its very interesting brick lined interior space. The tower is situated on the grass border between the road and the railway line.

Historical /Investment Background: The land is designated railway land, of which Council holds a lease agreement with KiwiRail for Council to maintain the land. Over recent years groups of Maple (*Acer*) species have been planted to provide additional autumnal colour.

Purpose, Use and User groups: The Reserve is as an amenity reserve but provides an open space for active recreational use for local residents including dog exercising.

Reserve Management and maintenance: The reserve is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council.

Council maintains the Turf to keep grass height between 35mm and 75mm.

Maintenance of park furniture includes to be kept in a clean and in a safe condition.

Litter control to be maintained to an appropriate level.

Lessee: Council has a lease agreement in place with Kiwirail Ltd to manage the strip for amenity purposes for a term of 9 years, expiring in 2018.

Future development options:

- Continue to maintain at current levels of service.

Station Street Reserve (Tirau Tennis Courts)

Location: Station Street, Tirau.

Access: The main driveway entrance is from Station Street with pedestrian access also available from Okoroire Street.

Portfolio Designation: Neighbourhood reserve.

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Lot 3 DPS 54358	0.4303	Recreation Reserve

District Plan Zone: Residential

Natural and Physical features: The land is developed for tennis with four courts, clubrooms and some car parking.

Historical /Investment Background: Lot 3 vested in the Matamata County Council as recreation reserve on the 1977 subdivision of part of the land in 1974.

The South Waikato District Council is the owner of the land, while the Tirau Tennis Club has its clubroom situated within the reserve.

In 2016 the court on the western side of the reserve was resurfaced with Astro-turf.

In 2020 timber edging was installed and metal laid in the accessway on northern side of courts and the accessway extended through to the Okoroire Road entrance.

Purpose, Use and User groups: The purpose of the Reserve is to provide an open space for active recreational use for nearby residents.

Reserve Management and maintenance: The reserve is administered by the South Waikato District Council. Maintenance of the reserve is carried out by Council and the Tirau Tennis Club.

The Club maintains the Astro-turf courts, lights and undertakes weed-spraying around the courts.

Council maintains the turf to keep grass height between 35mm and 75mm.

Hard surfacing to be kept clean, safe for users and weed free.

Metalled driveway is replenished as required.

Lessee: Tirau Tennis Club lease the land for use of tennis courts.

Future development options:

- Continue to maintain at current levels of service;
- Replenish metal on driveway entrance as required;
- Install a metalled carpark to reduce damage to turf;
- Replace Reserve name sign with modern signage;
- Resurface three courts on eastern side of reserve with Astroturf when required.

Tirau Reserve (Tirau Domain)

Location: The Tirau Domain is located on the corner of SH1 and the SH5 Rotorua-Tirau intersection less than one kilometre south of Tirau.

Access: Access is gained off State Highway One and pedestrian access can also be gained from Bridge Street via the Ex Landfill site into the lower Domain area.

Portfolio Designation: Neighbourhood reserve.

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Part Section 11 Blk II	0.7382	Recreation Reserve
Part Lot 1, Section 2, Blk II	0.9191	Recreation Reserve
Part Section 28, Blk II	2.4669	Recreation Reserve

SO 14068		Marginal Strip (DOC)
Part Lot 1 of Section 3, Blk II	1.4822	Recreation Reserve
Lot 100, DP 5043	0.7284	Recreation Reserve
Lot 3 DPS 13028	0.0865	Recreation Reserve
Part Lot 15, DP 5043	0.5792	Recreation Reserve

District Plan Zone: Rural

Natural and Physical features: The Tirau Domain has two underlying landscape characters. One is a cultural landscape character and the other is a rural, pastoral character.

The character of the site is dominated by its location at the intersection of State Highway One (SH1) and State Highway Five (SH5). The presence of the state highways reinforces the cultural impact on the sense of place, community usage and accessibility into what was once a well-used, typical rural town recreational and sports domain.

The site itself has a cultural landscape character grounded at the turn of the century and consolidated in the 1930s when the District banded together to develop the Domain as a model ground for community activities including basketball and football. The physical landscape character is derived from the shaping and levelling of the original landform to form community open space and sports fields. The Reserve was visited by the Queen of England when she came to New Zealand in 1953. An number of Oak trees were planted in her honour in the Reserve with a plaque that commemorates the occasion given by the Women's Division of Tirau.

Historical /Investment Background: The Tirau Domain is part of the Patetere Block over which Ngati Raukawa originally had Native Title. This Native Title to the land was investigated in June of 1880 and passed through the Court in order to pave way for its purchase. Earlier, in 1877 a partnership was made which resulted in the establishment of MacLean and Co. The object of this company was to purchase and improve the land and stock in the Waikato area. In 1881 the name of the company was changed to the Auckland Agricultural Company and by 1883 they had acquired 107,271 acres 1 rood and 34 perches which was purchased from the Government and included what would later become Tirau. Ninety-seven sections were offered for sale via public auction by the Auckland Agricultural Company and these sections represented the then Oxford Township (now Tirau). By 1897 the Auckland Agricultural Company's holdings were transferred to the BNZ Assets Realisation Board. Before 1915 the Tirau Reserve, as it is now called, was owned by the Agricultural Department and set aside for a stopover point for cattle drives. At one stage it was also used during WWII as a type of military camp or a collection point for troops. In its prime, before the advent of the motor car took people further afield, the District was close-knit, and the local Patetere Football and Tirau Old Girls Basketball Teams were solidly supported by the community. The enthusiasm of the District was shown when they banded together to develop a model ground at the Domain. In fact, minutes from the Tirau Old Girls Basketball Team in 1934 show that they were playing on the Domain Courts for that season and it appears the team began in 1931. The Patetere Football Club was a robust club for many years but had a period when not enough members were available to keep it going. It was revived for a short time during the 1980's. The pavilion at the Reserve is a tribute to them; and many representative players learnt how to play football at the Reserve for this Club.

Picnics and Sports days were also held at the Reserve after 1915. It was here parents joined in with running races, catching eggs, wheelbarrow races and other fun games.

The Reserve was used for numerous recreational activities such as school activities and athletics, rugby, tennis, cricket, croquet and later bowling. Due to diminished use and the Reserve's hazardous access-ways both the Patetere Football Club and the Tirau Bowling Club have gone into recess, the latter in early 2005, and the Tirau Tennis Club has relocated. The Bowling Club clubrooms and surrounds have reverted to Council stewardship.

The Rugby Club and grounds were purpose-built with great viewing and an excellent rugby field; at one stage the grounds had a crowd of 3,000 people on the terraces and originally there were four lights put in, although only 3 worked at any one time. In 1943 Bradbury's Illustrated Series (8th edition) describes the Domain:

"The Tirau Domain has been greatly improved. It is well sheltered by an outer hedge of lawsoniana, and by an inner hedge of loncere. Provision has been made for various outdoor games such as tennis, croquet, basketball, bowls e.g. In the recreation grounds are 7 terraces with seating accommodation for 3,000."

Until only recently part of the Reserve land was leased for grazing. One of the first lessees was Mr John Corcoran who leased Lot 2 of Section 12 and Lot 2 of Section 2 from the Agricultural Department in the 1930's, provided he "leaved the land in good English pasture".

The lack of urban reserves in Tirau has been identified as an issue in the past with Tirau residents having expressed a desire for more places to walk, push prams and take children to play as identified in the 2006 Local Area Concept Plan. South Waikato District Council, the Tirau community, Tirau Community Board (TCB) and the Domain Action Group (DAG) have been working together in recent years to provide safe access to the Domain and develop the reserve to provide facilities for local sports, recreational and community events.

In 2017 Council engaged Boffa Miskell, an environmental and design consultancy company to work with Council and the TCB to conduct community consultation and to present a design landscape plan for the domain. Following an extensive engagement exercise with the Tirau community to determine what the community wanted for the Domain, the most popular elements were incorporated into a concept landscape plan (refer next page):



The TCB then reviewed all the outstanding work required to provide pedestrian access throughout the Domain and set a number of priority elements that must be delivered before anything else, being considered necessary, rather than optional.

The draft landscape concept plan was presented to the community for further feedback in 2018 with the TCB's proposed prioritisation of the instalments of the various 22 elements within

the Reserve. The result showed 73% of submitters were in favour of the prioritisation presented by the TCB that would allow the Domain to open progressively and for its facilities to grow according to the needs of the community.

Council approved \$620,000 of funding in the 2018-28 LTP (Year 3: \$595,000, Year 4: \$25,000) to realise a portion of the concept plan.

The development of the Reserve has therefore continued with the main focus being around developing safer pedestrian access into the lower Domain area and planning for the construction of a walkway and bridge across the Oraka Stream to link the lower and upper areas. Access from Bridge Street was enhanced with the extension of the public footpath and, working with consent from Kiwirail, a ramp with an associated walkway was constructed to provide access from over the railway line through the Ex Landfill site into the Lower Domain area in 2019.

In 2019 the DAG group sourced and planted 100 Kauri trees on the bank beside the entrance walkway into the lower domain area.

Also in 2019 a litter bin and bag dispenser for Dog walkers were installed, along with a metal loop track in the lower Domain. An interim metal carpark was constructed along with the installing of perimeter timber bollards at the upper domain entrance until a sealed carpark within the Domain is constructed later. In 2019-20 planning and preparatory works begun on the pedestrian/cycling bridge to provide access over the Oraka stream that will connect the upper and lower Domain, with the construction of the bridge due to be completed in 2021.

Further planting of 340 native trees along the stream area in the Lower domain was completed by Council staff and volunteers in August, 2020.

Purpose, Use and User groups: The purpose of the Reserve is to provide an open space for active recreational use for nearby residents.

Reserve Management and maintenance: The reserve is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council.

Council maintains the turf to keep grass height between 35mm and 75mm.

Maintenance of park furniture includes to be kept in a clean and in a safe condition.

Hard surfacing to be kept clean, safe for users and weed free.

Litter control to be maintained to an appropriate level.

Metalled paths to be replenished as required.

Lessee: Not applicable.

Future development options:

- In line with the landscape plan the following planned elements were to be installed in the near future:
 - Upper Domain entrance: entry, car park, toilet;
 - Upper Domain field areas, paths and planting.

It is hoped that the budget will be sufficient to deliver all the packages above, but if projected costs increase during development, elements such as the standalone projects (hardstand for market stalls, playground) will be assessed by Council and the TCB and may be removed from scope.

- Consider installing a fenced dog park and associated canine exercise equipment in Upper Domain area;
- Consider installing a barbeque unit within the Upper Domain area;
- Install fitness equipment within the reserve;

- Set up the Park as a “Smart Playground”. This provides opportunity through digital apps to either turn a normal park’s open space into a digital fantasy land or make- believe scenarios where younger children use the play equipment to complete tasks under parent’s supervision holding the phone. This creates a means to connect physical activity and the use of screens, providing a fun way for young children to be active;
- Continue to maintain at current levels of service.

Tirau Village Green

Location: The reserve is located on Church Street about 20 metres from SH1 in the centre of Tirau.

Access: From Church Street, pedestrian access can also be gained from the BP site.

Portfolio Designation: Civic reserve.

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Lot 10 DPS 2046	0.1652	Recreation Reserve

District Plan Zone: Residential

Natural and Physical features: It has an urban park character with a predominantly flat area of mown and landscaped open space and contains a mature English Oak (*Quercus robur*) tree.

Historical /Investment Background: The site was originally held in fee simple by the Matamata County Council as site for a public hall, subject to the Public Works Act 1981.

Lot 10 appears to have been gifted to the Matamata County Council in 1964 by EC Litchfield, WHG Allen, Herbert Main, FD Ward, HW Tinkler, James Hetherington and Charles Chaytor, who appears to have been signatories for a Trust or Society.

Following a Tirau Community Board initiated desire for a "Village Green" to be developed within the Tirau township, in 2009 two sites were identified for consideration, one on Church Street that was Council owned that contained the Church Street Playground and another property that was privately owned on High Street. Colleen Priest, a Landscape Architect, was engaged to prepare possible development proposals for each site. As a result the Church Street site was chosen as the preferred site for a number of reasons, including existing ownership by Council and the relatively flat contour of the land. The site was to be developed to provide a turfed "green" for holding informal markets, festivals and other community activities, and an adventure playground. Council provided the majority of the funding required and Trust Waikato also contributed \$15,000 also towards the project. The existing play equipment was removed, clearing and levelling works commenced and by 2012 the construction work had been completed and the hot mixed paths were installed, a camellia hedge planted along with roses and groundcovers within a garden border on the western boundary, and an electric barbeque unit installed. In 2013 the playground equipment was installed, along with seats, tables, bins, bollards and fences.

In 2019 bollards were installed across the Church Road frontage to prevent vehicular damage to the Green.

In 2020 an additional picnic table was installed by the barbeque unit and an additional junior play module was installed, at the request of the Tirau Community Board.



Figure 1: Church Street site, 2012

Purpose, Use and User groups: The purpose of the Reserve is to provide a large open space for informal passive and active recreational use for nearby residents and the general public, especially for children.

Reserve Management and maintenance: The reserve is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council.

Council maintains the turf to keep grass height between 35mm and 75mm.

Garden maintenance includes maintaining of Rose and shrub gardens and hedges.

Maintenance of park furniture and play equipment includes to be kept in a clean and in a safe condition.

Play- ground cursory inspections completed weekly (Parks Contractor) and in-depth inspections to NZS level bi-monthly (Council).

Hard surfacing to be kept clean, safe for users and weed free.

Litter control to be maintained to an appropriate level.

Lessee: Not applicable.

Future development options:

- Set up the Reserve as a "Smart Playground". This provides opportunity through digital apps to provide make- believe scenarios where younger children can use the play equipment to complete tasks under parent's supervision holding the phone. This creates a means to connect physical activity and the use of screens, providing a fun way for young children to be active;
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- Continue to maintain at current levels of service.

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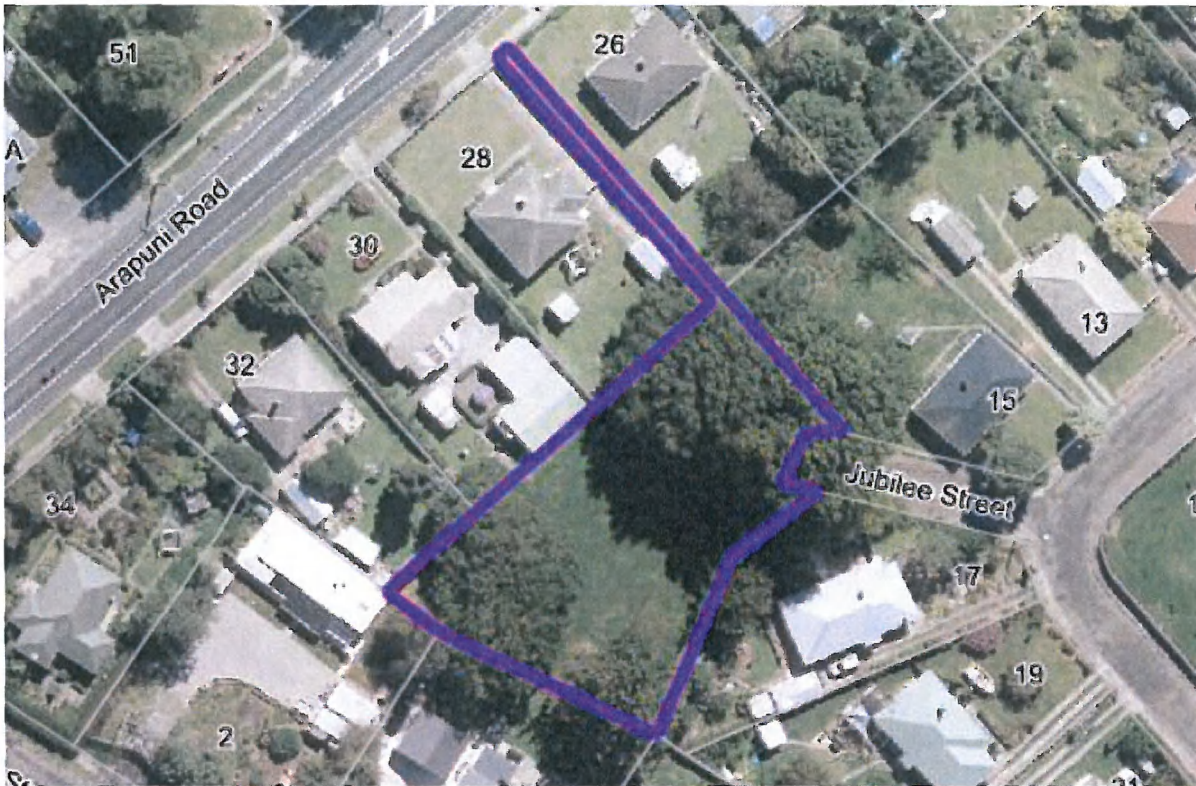
Jubilee Reserve

Location: Jubilee Reserve is situated at the end of Jubilee Street, Arapuni.

Access: Access can be gained from Jubilee Street off Sealy Crescent, with pedestrian access also available through the walkway from Arapuni Road.

Portfolio Designation: Neighbourhood reserve.

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Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Lot 68 DPS 64354	0.1526	Recreation Reserve

District Plan Zone: Arapuni Village

Natural and Physical features: The reserve is surrounded by residential homes and has a "neighbourhood park character", with a few mature trees and a central open grassed space.

Historical /Investment Background: Vested in Council as recreation reserve in 1994 on a Crown subdivision of land in Arapuni hydro-village, formerly being Crown land.

Mature trees were removed in 2019, and smaller growing *Acer* trees planted within the reserve. A shrub garden was created on the western side to enhance the reserve in 2019, and a seat installed.

Purpose, Use and User groups: The purpose of the reserve is to allow pedestrian access between residential streets and provide a large open space for informal passive and active recreational use for nearby residents and the general public.

Reserve Management and maintenance: The reserve is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council.

Council maintains the turf to keep grass height between 35mm and 75mm.

Garden maintenance includes maintaining of shrub gardens.

Maintenance of park furniture includes to be kept in a clean and in a safe condition.

Lessee: Not applicable.

Future development options:

- Continue to maintain at current levels of service.

Pioneer Reserve

Location: Pioneer Reserve is situated on Pioneer Crescent within a residential area.

Access: Access can be gained off Pioneer Crescent.

Portfolio Designation: Neighbourhood reserve.

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
Lot 78 DPS 64359	0.4221	Recreation Reserve

District Plan Zone: Arapuni Village

Natural and Physical features: the reserve is a large open grassed space with a group of mature New Zealand Beech (*Nothofagus*) trees and a children's playground.

Historical /Investment Background: Vested in Council as recreation reserve in 1994 on a Crown subdivision of land in Arapuni hydro-village, formerly being Crown land.

In 2008 a park name sign and bin were installed and in 2009 a three-bay swing set was installed adjacent to the existing modular playground. A seat was installed in 2010. In 2016 the aging modular playground was replaced with a new module and accompanying single rocker, spinner and springer play items. In 2018 a picnic table was installed behind the playground area.

Purpose, Use and User groups: The purpose of the reserve is to provide a large open space for informal passive and active recreational use for nearby residents and the general public, especially for children.

Reserve Management and maintenance: The reserve is administered solely by the South Waikato District Council.

Council maintains the turf to keep grass height between 35mm and 75mm.

Maintenance of park furniture and play equipment includes to be kept in a clean and in a safe condition.

Play- ground cursory inspections completed weekly (Parks Contractor) and in-depth inspections to NZS level bi-monthly (Council).

Hard surfacing to be kept clean, safe for users and weed free.

Litter control to be maintained to an appropriate level.

Lessee: Not applicable.

Future development options:

- Install a barbeque unit and shelter;
- Install a shelter over existing picnic table;
- Continue to maintain at current levels of service.

The Village Green

Location: Arapuni Road, Arapuni

Access: Vehicular and pedestrian access can be gained from Arapuni Road.

Portfolio Designation: Neighbourhood reserve.

Map:



Legal Description:

Section/Lot:	Area (ha):	Classification under Reserves Act 1977 as referenced in the NZ Gazette:
(Part) Lot 1 DP 313236	5.85 (approx.)	N/A

District Plan Zone: Electricity Generation

Natural and Physical features: A large grassed open space including a sports field and mature trees. Public facilities include the Community Hall, and the Arapuni Bowling Club's clubrooms/facilities.

Historical /Investment Background: The Village Green is part of the large 171,2000 hectare block of land owned by Mercury New Zealand Limited that is leased by Council to provide community facilities, a tennis court and village green. It is the central community open space for Arapuni, and also provides access to the Power Station swing bridge across the Waikato River which is of interest to tourists.

In 2018 a picnic table was installed adjacent to the turbine by the walkway to the swing bridge. Steel rugby posts were installed on the sports field to replace the goal posts removed due to their deteriorating condition a few years earlier.

In 2019 litter bins were installed on the eastern side of the Village Green to service visitors parking in the metalled area opposite the Bowling Club and next to the walkway leading to the swing bridge site. In 2020 the tall overgrown trees within the front border garden behind the rock wall were removed and the area replanted with smaller growing New Zealand native trees. The shrub gardens around the hall were also renovated and replanted. Also in 2020 the original seat donated by the Arapuni reunion Committee in 2002 was found stored within a private property and was refurbished and installed by Council next to the hall for the 50th anniversary of the hall in August 2020.

Purpose, Use and User groups: The purpose of the reserve is to provide a large open space for informal passive and sports facilities for active recreational for the Arapuni Community and general public.

Reserve Management and maintenance: The Village Green area is administered by the South Waikato District Council under lease and includes ground maintenance, maintenance of utilities servicing the land, fences and hard surfacing.

While the land is not subject to the Reserves Act 1977, Council intends to manage the holding as if it was so subject but within the constraints of the lease from Mercury NZ Limited.

Council maintains the turf to keep grass height between 35mm and 75mm.

Garden maintenance includes maintaining New Zealand native revegetation and shrub plantings.

Maintenance of park furniture includes to be kept in a clean and in a safe condition.

Hard surfacing to be kept clean, safe for users and weed free.

Litter control to be maintained to an appropriate level.

Metalled driveways to be replenished as required.

Lessee: Council is leasee to Mercury New Zealand Limited. The lease is for a term of twenty years which next expires in November 2030.

Future development options:

- Plant gaps within the New Zealand Native revegetation area;
- Upgrade the billboard garden next to the toilet block located on Arapuni Road;
- Upgrade the tennis court surface and goal;
- Continue to maintain at current levels of service.