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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Under section 41 of the Reserves Act (1977) every recreation reserve must have an operative management plan. The purpose of a management plan is to ensure that the development and implementation of objectives and policies for reserves enhances the long-term use of reserves without compromising their existing use. A management plan is a document that consists of some reserve history and current information with a list of management statements to guide consistent decision making regarding the future development, and management of a reserve.

In addition, the plan has to be continuously reviewed "so that the plan is adapted to changing circumstances or in accordance with increased knowledge; and the Minister may from time to time require the administering body to review its management plan, whether or not the plan requires the approval of the Minister" section 41 (4).

The purpose of this management plan is to provide Matamata-Piako District Council with an effective guide for managing active (sport) reserves in its district. The majority of these reserves are recreation reserves as well as some Council owned land managed as a reserve but not a reserve within the meaning of the Reserves Act (1977). Active reserves have been incorporated into one document to enable all management issues to be dealt with consistently.

The following reserves management planning objectives enable Matamata-Piako District Council to fulfil its obligations for reserves management and the provision of recreation opportunities for the community use within reserves:

- *To meet the legislative requirements of the Reserves Act (1977), and amendments, for the development and implementation of management plans for reserves*
- *To develop a compendium management planning document for active parks and reserves under the administration and control of Matamata-Piako District Council*
- *To provide residents of the district with the opportunity to have direct input into the development of reserves management plans through submissions*
- *To classify or reclassify all reserves according to their primary purpose in order to meet the recreation needs of the community on reserves*



2.0 RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLANNING PROCESS

The following table summarises sections 4.1 of the Reserves Act (1977) – Management Plans, and the process used to develop this management plan.

Reserves Act Obligation	Public Consultation	Description of Activity	Phase
Section 41 (5)	Optional	Council notifies the public that it is preparing a management plan and calls for submissions (1 month)	Management Planning
Section 41 (5)c	Mandatory	Public submissions are received and incorporated into a draft management plan	
Section 41 (6) a-c		A draft management plan is made available to the public for further comment (2 months)	
Section 41 (6) d		The draft management plan is edited to incorporate input from public submissions	
Section 41 (6) d		The final document is presented to Council for adoption	
Section 41 (6) e		Council adopts management plan and forwards to the Department of Conservation for Minister's approval	Implementation
Section 41		All policies come into effect and are enforceable by Council	
Section 41 (4)		The management plan is continually monitored and reviewed	



3.0 GENERAL POLICIES

Matamata-Piako District Council has developed a separate "*General Policies*" management plan that contains the common policies applicable across all of Council's parks and reserves, including those within this management plan.

This has been done so that these same policies do not have to be repeated in every management plan, and when a change needs to be made to the general policies, that it can be implemented simultaneously across all parks and reserves without having to be reviewed in each and every reserve management plan.

Where any issue on a reserve is addressed by both the *General Policies* and this management plan, then the policies in this management plan take precedence over the *General Policies*.

Issues covered in the *General Policies Reserve Management Plan* include:

- Abandonment of facilities
- Camping
- Car parking
- Circuses and side shows
- Community consultation
- Dumping facilities
- Encroachments
- Fencing
- Fire Control
- Fireworks displays
- Hazardous Substances
- Heritage conservation
- Liquor licenses
- Motor vehicles on reserves
- Naming of reserves
- Occupation agreements
- Park furniture
- Pest management
- Plaques and commemorative plantings
- Refuse and waste disposal
- Reserve lighting
- Signs
- Toilets
- Tracks
- Trees and tree management
- Use of reserves
- Utility operators
- Vandalism and graffiti



4.0 ACTIVE RESERVES OBJECTIVES, POLICIES AND MANAGEMENT INTENT

Management of active reserves shall, unless stated otherwise, be undertaken to achieve the following objectives:

- *To preserve, maintain, and manage active reserves for the welfare and enjoyment of reserve users, and the wider public*
- *To define and identify all active reserves as public open space*
- *To encourage shared use of existing facilities in preference for construction of new facilities, wherever possible*

Management statements have been provided for each site that gives effect to these objectives.

Throughout the Active Reserve Management Plan many improvements and actions have been identified in the management intent statements for each site. It is unreasonable to assume that Council will be able to fund or undertake all of these improvements or actions immediately. Some improvements and actions are dependant on other actions being undertaken first, and therefore need to be implemented in a staged or planned way.

In addition, Council must choose between competing priorities for allocating existing and future funding. Wherever improvements or actions are identified, these represent the aspiration of both the community and Council. However, in reality, Council will only be able to undertake what it can reasonably afford.

4.1 ACTIVE RESERVES MANAGEMENT POLICIES

The following policies relate specifically to active reserves

4.1.1 Sports Lighting

Lighting of sports areas has several benefits associated with them. Lighting enables use of sportsfields over longer periods of time, thus spreading the wear and increasing the capacity of each lit sportsfield area. Lighting of sportsfields also enables increased recreation opportunity through allowing participation after hours during the working week.

However there are some negative impacts associated with sports lighting. The capital cost of installing lighting is relatively high. Unless they are well maintained, they can also become a hazard to reserve users. Spillage of lighting can result in unwanted light pollution, and a nuisance to reserve neighbours. Lighting can encourage the overuse of the areas being lit.

Objectives

1 To allow sports lighting, provided that the adverse effects of lighting can be avoided, remedied or mitigated.

POLICIES	
1	Council may approve clubs installing sports lighting where there is evidence that the adverse effects of lighting can be avoided, remedied or mitigated.
2	A lighting plan must be submitted to Council for approval, which clearly identifies the type of lighting to be used, the location of each lighting structure, the area to be lit, and the times when lighting will be used. The plan can only be varied by agreement of Council.
3	A condition of approval includes an agreement that Council may undertake a three yearly safety audit of lighting structures, and that any defective items identified will be remedied to Council's satisfaction by the light owners within three months of notification of the defect.
4	Where a defect is not remedied within the three month period in (2) above, Council has the right to take any action necessary to protect the safety of reserve users, including the decommissioning and removal of some or all of the lighting structures.
5	Council has the right to determine when lighting can and cannot be used in the best interests of protecting the playing surface.

4.1.2 Sportsfield Allocation

Often allocation of sportsfields is based on historical use. However trends in participation can change over time, and it is necessary to reflect those changes in reallocation of fields amongst the various sports codes.

Objectives

- 1 To manage allocation of sportsfields so as to best meet the needs of all users.*
- 2 To configure sportsfields on individual active reserves so as to best utilise the space available.*

POLICIES	
1	Council and each sports code shall meet prior to the commencement of each playing season to determine the number of fields required for play.
2	Council may require each sports code to provide figures on current and projected future participation numbers to support the request for sportsfield allocation.
2	Where an agreement cannot be reached between Council and a sports code, then Council shall have the right to determine the number of fields allocated.
3	Council has the right to change the configuration of sportsfields on each individual active reserve to best utilise the space available.

4.1.3 Sportsfield Renovation

In order for Council to prepare grounds for different codes, and to improve soil and surface conditions, Council undertakes a renovation programme, usually on an annual basis. This work can include compaction relief, topping up of surface deformations, fertilising, pest control, and sowing of new grass. Some of this work means that play cannot always immediately be undertaken on the field, and grounds may need to be closed from as many as a few days to several weeks.

Objectives

1 To provide for periods during the year where sportsfield renovation can be undertaken when required.

POLICIES	
1	To allow for ground closure for up to 6 weeks on any particular ground to enable sportsfield renovation activities to be undertaken.
2	Council will provide sufficient notice to sports codes to enable scheduling of competition around the sportsfield renovation period.

4.1.4 Sportsfield Closure

From time to time, usually due to inclement weather or high wear, some or all sportsfields may have to be closed to prevent unacceptable damage occurring.

Objectives

1 To allow closure of sports fields where the condition is considered inadequate for usage, or where long term damage to the sportsfield may occur.

POLICIES	
1	Council will inspect all grounds to monitor for unacceptably high wear, and during periods of prolonged rainfall, or high winds.
2	Where Council has determined that a sportsfield needs to be closed, it shall immediately contact the relevant sports code or reserve users to inform them of its decision. Where play is expected to occur over the weekend, Council shall make its decision and inform the relevant sports code/reserve users by mid day on the preceding Friday.
3	Each sports code/reserve user shall be responsible for informing the affected clubs, players or reserve users, and placing any necessary cancellation notices through the public media as they see fit.
4	During the period of closure of a sports field, it shall not be let, hired or permitted to be used for games, whether organised or otherwise until Council has lifted the restriction on use.

4.2 MATAMATA WARD RESERVES

4.2.1 MATAMATA DOMAIN

This "Domain" is 4.8866 hectares in size, and is located in the central area of Matamata. Hohaia, Huia and Meura Streets form respectively the east, south and west boundaries of the reserve, whilst the Matamata Primary School is on the northern boundary. The site is generally level, and it has been developed for sports use.

Matamata Domain is comprised of four main elements. The largest element of the Domain is the grassed sportsfield area used for soccer and athletics. Tennis/netball courts are located in the south west corner, and the Sports Centre located in the north west corner of the Domain. In between these two areas, off Meura Street, is the main entrance and playground.

Matamata Domain is identified as a Reserve by the Operative District Plan. The two oak trees located at the Meura Street entrance, commemorating WWI soldiers, are identified as significant trees (register no. 197MA). The underlying zone is Residential.



Athletics track marked out on the grass area

History

The first Domain Board was appointed in 1907. In the same year the newly formed tennis club received permission to use an area in the south west corner. After World War I, commemorative trees were planted on the site. Then in the 1930's the site was completely resurfaced and leveled. As a part of the celebrations for the centenary of New Zealand, the Centennial Baths were constructed in the north west corner of the site.

In 1946 six first class tennis/netball courts were established on the existing site. The following year a new football field became available for soccer. A detailed history of the

site can be found in *Historic Matamata*.¹

Today the site continues to be used for netball, tennis, athletics and soccer, as well as for swimming, gym and squash in the Sports Centre.

Athletics

The Matamata Athletics Club uses the grassed sportsfields weekly during the summer months (late October to mid March). The Club use the soccer clubrooms and a small shed (located at the south end of the pool enclosure) for their meets and to store their equipment.

Soccer

The Matamata Swifts Football Club uses the grassed sportsfield during the winter months (March to October), and for Summer 5 a side once a week in the evenings from October - Mid December each year. The main soccer ground is north of the clubrooms. A second ground lies to the east of the clubrooms. The clubroom building is located adjacent to the tennis/netball courts on their north east corner. Insufficient lighting prevents night training at Matamata Domain, so the club trains at Pohlen Park.

Tennis/Netball

The hard court facilities are jointly used by the Matamata Tennis Club and the Matamata Netball Association. The hard surface includes 7 tennis and 2 netball courts. The courts are enclosed by a high mesh fence, and lighting enables night use. Both clubs share a clubroom facility (built in the 1980's) located between the courts and Huia Street. The courts are available to the public when not in use by either clubs.



The playground at the Meura Street entrance to the Domain Playground

This district playground contains a variety of mostly modular playground equipment, and associated bins, picnic tables and a drinking fountain.

¹ By the Matamata Historic Society

Sports Centre

The facilities within the Sports Centre include:

- 3 practice and 1 competition squash courts
- Squash clubrooms
- Separate changing facilities for squash and swimming
- A 25m indoor 6 lane pool
- An outdoor recreation/dive pool
- A 25m outdoor 8 lane pool
- A spa pool, and a heated plunge pool
- A 15 x 10m fitness gym
- Administration and front of shop facilities
- Carparking for the facility is located on the adjacent school grounds

The facility is run by Council's Community Facilities Operations Department.

Currently there are no plans to expand the Sports Centre. However, Council is undertaking the development of an Active and Leisure Strategy, which may provide some guidance on further development of the Sports Centre.

Matamata Primary School

A carpark for the Sports Centre is located on the grounds of the school. There is no formal agreement with the school for this use. The school uses the pool daily during term 1 and term 4. The school also has access to the carpark and it is used by parents to pick up and drop off their children.

MANAGEMENT INTENT

- That athletics, soccer, tennis and netball continue to be accommodated at the Domain
- That ancillary facilities are shared where ever possible, or added only if necessary
- That applicable leases are entered into by all users
- That squash and swimming continue to share the Sports Centre in the north west corner of the Domain
- That a district playground continues to be located at the Domain, and that it is upgraded as demand and use requires
- That the sealed pedestrian footpath bisecting the site be maintained, and no new footpaths be developed
- That signage be placed at the entrances to the Domain in accordance with Council's current signage strategy, including an information sign at the Meura Street entrance about the location of the various facilities/sportsgrounds at the Domain
- That carparking facilities continue to be provided offsite
- That an agreement for the use of school land for the Sports Centre carpark be formalised
- That lighting be permitted for night time use of the tennis/netball courts
- That an investigation be undertaken, and implemented if appropriate, into relocating junior soccer to another sports park in Matamata
- That the future of the Sports Centre be directed by Council's Active and Leisure Strategy

RESERVE NAME	CT No	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	PRIMARY STATUS	AREA	OWNERSHIP	CLASSIFIED AS (TYPE)
Matamata Domain	-	Section 1, Block XXIII, Matamata Township, situated in Block II, Tapapa Survey District	Set apart as a reserve for recreation purposes by Gaz. 1955 page 1266, pursuant to the Land Act 1948, and the Reserves and Domains Act 1953. Control & Manage by Gaz. 1955 page 1266	2,074 m2	Control & Manage	Not Classified
	-	Part Block XII, Matamata Township	Set apart as a reserve for recreation by Gaz. 1907 page 2181, pursuant to the Public Reserves Act 1881. Control & Manage by Gaz. 1989 page 2482	3.9866 ha	Control & Manage	Not Classified
	-	Part Block XXII, Matamata Township	Set apart as a reserve for recreation by Gaz. 1923 page 366, pursuant to the Public Reserves Act 1908, and managed by the Matamata Domain Board. Control & Manage by Gaz. 1923 page 366	4,640 m2	Control & Manage	Not Classified
	-	Part Block XXII, Matamata Township	Set apart as a reserve for recreation by Gaz. 1923 page 366, pursuant to the Public Reserves Act 1908, and managed by the Matamata Domain Board. Control & Manage by Gaz. 1923 page 366	1,120 m2	Control & Manage	Not Classified
	-	Part Block XXII, Matamata Township	Set apart as a reserve for recreation by Gaz. 1923 page 366, pursuant to the Public Reserves Act 1908, and managed by the Matamata Domain Board. Control & Manage by Gaz. 1923 page 366	1,166 m2	Control & Manage	Not Classified



Matamata Domain

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4.2.2 POHLEN PARK

This reserve is 5.9239 hectares in size, and is located in western part of Matamata. The reserve is bounded on the north, east and south sides by residential properties, and to the west by Neil Agar Reserve, and a developing residential subdivision.

The site is largely comprised of a large sportsfield area, with an indoor recreation facility and carpark located on the north west corner of the park.

Pohlen Park is identified as a Reserve by the Operative District Plan. The underlying zone is Residential.



The Headon Sports Stadium at Pohlen Park

History

In 1963 the Matamata Borough Council purchased 12 1/2 acres from the Farmers Auctioneering Company for \$13,000. It was located between Western and Smith Streets and was to serve as a recreation area and sporting grounds. The area was named Pohlen Park as a tribute to, Mr Joseph Pohlen, a pioneer and benefactor of the town. The development of the Park was handed over to the Pohlen Park Society which transformed a swampy wasteland into a well kept sports area by leveling the humps and hollows and sowing a special grass seed mixture.

The erection of Headon Sports' Stadium in 1974 in Pohlen Park was made possible by the generosity of Mrs E. M. Headon who donated \$17,500. As well, contributions came from the public and a \$10,000 grant from the Internal Affairs Department.

In 1985 the Pohlen Park Society handed back to the Matamata Borough Council the

responsibility of the administration of the whole complex.²

Headon Sports Stadium

This facility is currently used by:

- Matamata Basketball Association
- Matamata Netball association
- Matamata Gym Club
- Matamata Sub Association Indoor Bowls
- Matamata Badminton Club
- Other community groups from time to time

In addition, the stadium contains change rooms for sportsfield users.

Cricket

During the summer the sportsfield area is used by the Matamata Cricket Club, playing on 2 artificial cricket wickets. New club rooms are currently being built adjacent to the sports stadium.

Soccer

In the winter, the sportsfield is used by the Matamata Soccer Club. Sportsfield lighting is installed for night practice of soccer, including use by soccer clubs located at other sites in Matamata. There is just a single soccer field on the park.



Sportsfield lighting at Pohlen Park

Agricultural and Pastoral Society

The sportsfield area is also used by the Matamata Agricultural and Pastoral Society for equestrian events. The Society has a building located to the west of the sports stadium.

² From *Matamata – Growth of a Town* by Joan Stanley, 1985



New cricket wicket recently installed on Pohlen Park

MANAGEMENT INTENT

- That netball, badminton, bowling and basketball continue at the stadium
- That ancillary facilities are shared where ever possible, or added only if necessary
- That applicable leases are entered into by all users
- That soccer and cricket continue to use the sportsfield areas of the park
- That sportsground lighting be permitted for night time practice
- That a carpark be maintained on the existing site
- That pedestrian access be formalised between Pohlen Park and the adjacent Neil Agar Reserve
- That a playground be constructed on Pohlen Park
- That naming and directional signage be placed at the entrances to the reserve in accordance with Council's current signage strategy
- That communication lines and management practices be put in place to mitigate potential damage to sports turf following horse events held on the reserve
- That the post and wire fence between Pohlen Park and Neil Algar Reserve be removed and suitable contouring and landscaping be undertaken to provide a natural linkage between the two parks

- investigate relocating club rooms from another site, or establishing a new club room, to provide a facility for additional sporting clubs eg Fishing Club
- That Lot 46 DP 15621 and Lots 100 & 101 DP 13191 be investigated as to current status and reclassified as Recreation Reserve under the Reserves Act 1977 if required

RESERVE NAME	CT No	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	PRIMARY STATUS	AREA	OWNERSHIP	CLASSIFIED AS (TYPE)
Pohlen Park	-	Lot 11 DPS 8842	Subject to Section 35(4) of the Counties Amendment Act 1961, and classified under Section 16(11)(b) Reserves Act 1977	215 m2	Vested	Recreation
	1452/8 (Cancelled)	Lot 46 DP 15621	Subject to Section 13 of the Reserves and Domains Act 1953	5.1097 ha	Vested	Not Classified
	-	Lot 45 DP 15621	Subject to Section 17 of the Land Laws Amendment Act 1920 and then Section 44 of the Counties and Amendment Act 1961 and classified under Section 16(11)(b) Reserves Act 1977	4,932 m2	Vested	Recreation
	SA305/214	Lots 100 & 101 DP 13191	Subject to the Land Transfer Act	2,995 m2	Fee Simple	Not Classified



Pohlen Park

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4.2.3 SWAP PARK

This reserve is 7.7703 hectares in size, and roughly triangular in shape. It is located in the south eastern area of Matamata. The reserve is bounded to the east by Burwood Road, to the west by Firth Street (SH 26), and to the north and south by residential properties.

The reserve consists of large level area, although the southern half is on a slight terrace. The main features within the Park include the large flat area to the north, and to the south in the relatively narrow wedge section of Swap Park the helicopter pad, the Matamata South Water Treatment Plant and the BMX track.

At the southern end of the park is a Council owned house, and an area leased for a contractors yard.

Swap Park is in the Residential Zone of the Operative District Plan, and it is identified as a Reserve.



The large northern section of Swap Park, showing the terracing

History

Looking to the future, the Borough Council decided in 1984 to purchase from the New Zealand Railways the triangle of land between Burwood Road, Rata Street and the railway line in the southern part of the borough to provide further room for sports grounds and residential subdivision. The cost of the land was \$150,000.³

³ From *Matamata Growth of a Town* by Joan Stanley, 1985

BMX

The BMX track has no club associated with it, and it is used solely for informal use. Swap Park is otherwise land banked for future sports use.

Occasionally circus shows use Swap Park.



View of the BMX track in the southern half of Swap Park

MANAGEMENT INTENT

- That specimen trees be planted in appropriate areas of the reserve
- That signage be placed at the entrances to the reserve in accordance with Council's current signage strategy
- That a non competition BMX track continues to be maintained in its current location, and that it is upgraded as demand and resources allow
- Should the use of the park increase significantly, then investigations should be made to locate a carpark off Burwood Avenue for park users
- That the area containing the water treatment plant, house, and contractors yard be surveyed and subdivided from the remainder of Swap Park and kept as fee simple land
- That the remainder of the park be classified as Recreation Reserve under the Reserves Act 1977
- That Swap Park be considered as a venue for soccer and / or other sporting activities, including the development of associated facilities
- That ancillary facilities are shared where ever possible, or added only if necessary

RESERVE NAME	CT No	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	PRIMARY STATUS	AREA	OWNERSHIP	CLASSIFIED AS (TYPE)
Swap Park	CFR 25450	Lot 4 DP 306522	Seized in fee simple by Matamata-Piako District Council on 13.8.1997. Originally subject to the New Zealand Railways Corporation Act 1981	7.7703 ha	Fee Simple	Not Classified



Swap Park

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4.2.4 WAHAROA DOMAIN

This reserve is 5.2785 hectares in size. It is located in the south eastern area of Waharoa on the edge of the town. The reserve is bounded to the north by Mowbray Road, to the east and south by farm land, and to the west by Mills Street and an orchard.

The reserve consists of large level area, with a bowling green (now defunct) and clubrooms to the north of the reserve, a hard surface skateboard, toilet and athletics building in the south eastern part of the reserve. The area is grazed.

The Waharoa Domain is located in the Residential Zone of the Operative District Plan, and has been identified as a Reserve therein. Section 26 also contains some significant lime trees (register no. 88) in the bowling club area.



The athletic club storage building

History

Waharoa Domain was set aside by the founder, Mr Firth, for recreational purposes. Early athletic meetings were held there, and the Domain also provided for a riding school, football club and bowling club.

The Waharoa Athletic Club is the only current formal users of the Domain. Rugby occasionally use the domain. The riding school, soccer, and bowling clubs no longer use the Domain. The rugby club used to have a clubrooms on the site, but this was destroyed by fire several years ago.

A Domain Board no longer administers this reserve.

The sportsfield area is currently mown, and the surrounding area grazed.

Athletics

The Waharoa Athletic Club use the site during the summer months. They meet on Wednesday nights from the beginning of October through until the end of March. The club has a clubroom on the site. Regional athletic meets have been staged on the reserve in the past where two records were created for the woman's 1 mile race, and senior woman's shot put.

Rugby

There is a single rugby field occasionally used by the Waharoa-Walton Rugby Club.



Hard surfaced skateboard area

MANAGEMENT INTENT

- That athletics and rugby continue to use Waharoa Domain
- That ancillary facilities are shared where ever possible, or added only if necessary
- That applicable leases are entered into by all users
- That skateboarding be allowed on the designated area within the reserve
- That specimen trees be planted in appropriate areas of the reserve
- That signage be placed at the entrances to the reserve in accordance with Council's current signage strategy
- That the open ditch on the east side of the reserve be regularly maintained to prevent pooling of water

- That the existing (redundant) bowling clubrooms be utilised, where possible by other sports clubs, including relocation if required
- That investigations be made, and implemented where appropriate, into either the relocation of the bowling cub rooms off site or a new shared facility leasee be found for the rooms
- That appropriate areas of the reserve continue to be grazed until such time as a need for other recreation activities arises and this activity is no longer compatible with recreation uses
- That the entrance gates remain locked, with keys made available to reserve users

RESERVE NAME	CT No	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	PRIMARY STATUS	AREA	OWNERSHIP	CLASSIFIED AS (TYPE)
Waharoa Domain	-	Sections 26 & 27 Town of Waharoa	Originally subject to the Public reserves and Domains Act 1881 by Gaz. 1908 page 1526, and classified by Gaz. 1979 page 3843. Control and Manage by Gaz. 1961 page 918 and Gaz. 1989 page 2482	4.0468 ha	Control & Manage	Recreation
	-	Sections 28 Town of Waharoa	Originally subject to the Public Reserves and Domains Act 1908 by Gaz. 1916 pages 31 & 1121, and classified by Gaz. 1979 page 3843. Control and Manage by Gaz. 1915 page 3099, Gaz. 1961 page 918 and Gaz. 1989 page 2482	1.2317 ha	Control & Manage	Recreation



Waharoa Domain

WAHAROA

4.2.5 WALTON WAR MEMORIAL DOMAIN

Walton War Memorial Domain is 1.0726 hectares in size. It is located on Walton Road in the township of Walton, approximately 12 km north and west of Matamata. The reserve is bounded to the north by Walton Road, to the east by the railway line, and to the south and west by farmland.

Walton War Memorial Domain is a highly developed site. The sealed carpark has ornamental plantings on one side, a memorial and low brick wall on the other, and a small plunket rooms at its east end. Further within the relatively small reserve is a (closed) bowling green and clubrooms, an implement shed, and four tennis courts and associated clubrooms.

Walton War Memorial Domain is located in the Rural Zone of the Operative District Plan. The southern section of the site has a heritage designation with regards to the former Creamery (site ref. 83). The northern section has a designation for railway purposes (Designation no. 88). It is not otherwise identified in the Operative District Plan as a Reserve.



Entrance carpark, and brick wall with war memorial plaque

History

At a Special General Meeting of the Walton Hall Society on September 26 1958, it was decided to form a Domain Board to be known as the Walton War Memorial Domain Board.⁴ The Domain was developed on the site of the former Creamery.

⁴ From *Walton School 100 -1896-1996* Edited by John Murray, 1996



The tennis facilities of the Walton Tennis Club

A domain board no longer administers the site, and the only remaining active club on the site is the Walton Tennis Club.

Tennis

The Walton Tennis Club has clubrooms located adjacent to the 4 tennis courts.

MANAGEMENT INTENT

- That signage be placed at the entrance to the reserve in accordance with Council's current signage strategy
- That other sports and community groups be encouraged to utilise the existing unoccupied buildings. If this is not possible, then the buildings are to be demolished (they are not relocatable) and the site reintegrated into the rest of the Domain
- That the Walton Tennis Club continues to operate their facility at the reserve
 - That ancillary facilities are shared where ever possible, or added only if required
- That applicable leases are entered into by all users

RESERVE NAME	CT No	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	PRIMARY STATUS	AREA	OWNERSHIP	CLASSIFIED AS (TYPE)
Walton War Memorial Domain	SA645/263	Part Lot 3 DP 64	Set aside as a reserve for recreation and Domain Board appointed by Gaz. 1961 page 425, pursuant to the Reserves and Domains Act 1953. Classified by Gaz. 1981 page 2190. Control & Manage by Gaz. 1961 page 425	8,705 m2	Control & Manage	Recreation
	-	Section 22 Block VIII Wairere Survey District	Formerly closed road. Set aside for a war memorial pursuant to the Land Act 1948. Vested in the Chairman, Councillors and Inhabitants of the County of Piako by Gaz. 1957 page 2301, pursuant to the Reserves and Domains Act 1953. Classified by Gaz. 1981 page 2190. Control & Manage by Gaz. 1957 page 2301 and Gaz. 1961 page 425	1,265 m2	Control & Manage	Recreation
	SA1259/30	Part Lot 3 DP 64	Set aside as a reserve for recreation and Domain Board appointed by Gaz. 1961 page 425, pursuant to the Reserves and Domains Act 1953. Classified by Gaz. 1981 page 2190. Control & Manage by Gaz. 1961 page 425	756 m2	Control & Manage	Recreation



Walton War Memorial Domain

WALTON

4.3 MORRINSVILLE WARD RESERVES

4.3.1 MORRINSVILLE RECREATION GROUND

This site is 22.1761 hectares in size. It is located in the south western corner of Morrinsville. Morrinsville Recreation Ground is bounded to the north by the Thames Branch Railway Line, to the east by residential property and the end of Cureton Street, to the south by the Waitakaruru Stream, and to the west by Avenue Road South.

This large site caters for a wide range of recreation facilities and activities. At the end of Cureton Street is a large sealed carpark. Adjacent to the carpark is the Morrinsville Heated Pools, tennis courts, and the sportsfield areas for cricket and soccer. The south east corner of the site contains the Morrinsville campground. The western half of the area contains a polo field. A small skateboard bowl is located in the north east corner of the site.

The Morrinsville River Walkway runs along the Waitakaruru Stream on the south eastern boundary of the site.

The Operative District Plan identifies the Morrinsville Recreation Ground as a Reserve. The underlying zone is Rural. In the south east corner of the site is a significant linear stand of totara (register no 71). The margins of the Waitakaruru Stream are identified as a flood prone area.



Entry to the Morrinsville Heated Pools, located on the Morrinsville Recreation Ground

Morrinsville Heated Pools

The pools are open from mid November until mid March. The facility contains:

- A main pool (50m x 15.5m)
- A learners pool (15.5 m x 6.2m)
- A paddling pool (triangle in shape - 14.5 m long)

Council has identified the following upgrades to occur at the Morrinsville Pool with developments beginning in 2011/12:

- Refurbish the existing 50m pool and retain as an outdoor pool (heated and for seasonal use as present).
- Remove the existing learn to swim pool and refurbish the outdoor toddlers pool.
- Add removable/ relocatable activities such as rope swings and inflatable toys

Morrinsville Swimming Club

The club are based at the pool facility.

Agricultural and Pastoral Society

The society uses the area adjacent to the campground, and other areas of the ground excluding the pool and tennis facilities as required. They also have a building located adjacent to this area.

Tennis

The Morrinsville Tennis Club facilities include 9 courts, of which 3 are available for public use. Tennis are the sole occupiers of the facilities and clubrooms. There are no plans for developing the facilities further.

Soccer

There are 3 senior soccer fields, and 3 junior fields. The Morrinsville AFC has clubrooms adjacent to the swimming pool complex.

Cricket

There are 3 cricket blocks, and 2 cricket practice nets at Morrinsville Recreation Ground. The Morrinsville Cricket Association has clubrooms adjacent to the swimming pool complex.

Polo

The western area of the recreation ground is used by the Morrinsville Polo Club. The club also has sheds located next to the field. There are no plans at this stage for further development in this area.

Fire Brigade

The Fire Brigade train in the area south of the tennis courts. They use the ground a couple of times a week during their training period (October - end of Feb).

Campground

The campground is closed to the public, and only opened upon request. It is run by Council's Community Facilities Department. Caravan power points, an amenity block containing a kitchen, toilets and showers are provided.

Playground

There has been some recent debate as to whether the playground at Anderson Park is best located at its current site, or moved into a more central location on the Morrinsville Recreation Ground.

Morrinsville River Walk

The river walkway runs along the southern boundary of the park.

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)

In 2007 Council made an application to the Ministry of Justice for funding to undertake a CPTED assessment at the Morrinsville Recreation Ground. This application was approved and a CPTED assessment undertaken to:

- identify current and future uses for the reserve
- identify key problems & issues with the reserve (through stakeholder consultation)
- determine environmental factors contributing to crime
- develop prioritised solutions

Key priority issues were identified, and further funding was obtained to implement these priorities. Improvements included:

- Closing the railway corridor path and diverting pedestrian traffic along
- public streets
- Modifying the Cureton Street entry area
- General maintenance of the grounds
- Making the river walk safer
- Modifying the toilet design and relocating it

Implementing these recommendations almost immediately led to a reduction in crime, and has increased public usage of the park.



A clay cricket block on the Morrinsville Recreation Ground

MANAGEMENT INTENT

- That signage be placed at the entrances to the reserve in accordance with Council's current signage strategy , including an orientation sign adjacent to the carpark, explaining the types and locations of various recreation facilities and fields

- That suitable specimen trees be planted to ensure an even mix of sportsfield areas, and attractive open space amenity areas
- That polo, cricket, soccer, swimming and tennis continue their use of the Morrinsville Recreation Ground
 - That ancillary facilities are shared where ever possible, or added only if required
- That applicable leases are entered into by all users
- That the swimming pool be upgraded
- That the Agricultural and Pastoral Society continue to use the site for their shows
- That the Fire Brigade continue to use the site for practice
- That the camping area continues to be operated by Council on an as required basis
- That the Morrinsville River Walk be upgraded in accordance with Council's current track strategy, including formed entranceways from the park to the walkway
- That the edges of the stream be revegetated using suitable riparian native plants
- That consideration be given to establishing a collection of fruit/nut trees used by settlers to the area, including suitable interpretive material
- Where possible, existing buildings will be fully utilised by current and future users before considering erecting any new buildings on to the site
- That overnight self contained campervan use be allowed in the Cureton Street carpark
- The public toilets and a caravan dump point be located in the Cureton Street carpark area
- That public consultation be undertaken into changing the reserve name
- That use of the site by a community day centre group be encouraged
- That the Morrinsville Recreation Ground be classified as Recreation Reserve under the Reserves Act 1977
- That an investigation may be undertaken into relocating the Anderson Park playground to the Morrinsville Recreation Ground, and implemented if appropriate
- That the Coghill Gates be relocated to a more prominent location



The tennis courts at Morrinsville Recreation Ground

RESERVE NAME	CT No	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	PRIMARY STATUS	AREA	OWNERSHIP	CLASSIFIED AS (TYPE)
Morrinsville Recreation Ground	SA152/161	Part Lot 28 DP 2465	Transfer 108518 subject to the Lands Transfer Act	22.1761 ha	Fee Simple	Not Classified



Morrinsville Recreation Ground

MORRINSVILLE

4.3.2 TAHUNA DOMAIN

This reserve is 2.6605 hectares in size. It is located off the Tahuna-Ohinewai Road, in Tahuna, approximately 18 km north of Morrinsville. Further pedestrian access is gained off Rimu Street. The reserve is bounded to the east by residential properties, to the south by the Tahuna Golf Course, to the West by the Tahuna Primary School, and to the north by the Tahuna -Ohinewai Road.

Tahuna domain comprises a sportsfield area, and a tennis and bowls outdoor facility, clubrooms and associated buildings, and a public toilet.

The western boundary is defined by a shelterbelt planting.

The Operative District Plan identifies the site as a Reserve. The underlying zone is Rural.



The access to Tahuna Domain from Rimu Street

One part of Tahuna Domain (Lot 1 DPS 15845) is still officially administered by the Department of Conservation.

Tahuna Domain Management Committee

Council provides an annual grant to the Tahuna Domain Management Committee to assist with mowing of the area. The sports users of Tahuna Domain currently pay a rental to the Committee at a rate which fairly reflects the income of the various sports.

Tahuna Golf Club

The golf club utilise the lower southern area of the reserve to graze their sheep whenever they are hosting a golf tournament.

Bowling and Tennis

Tahuna Bowling Club has one bowling green (approximately 30m x 30m) located on the Domain. The Tahuna Tennis Club have three hard surface tennis courts on the Domain. Both clubs share clubroom facilities located beside the bowling green.

Rugby

Northern Rugby Club has one rugby field located on the Domain and clubrooms, located beside the tennis courts.

Tahuna Primary School

The school uses the reserve from time to time, especially for sports days.

MANAGEMENT INTENT

- That the public toilets be maintained
- That rugby, tennis, bowls, golf and the school continue their use of the Tahuna Domain
 - That ancillary facilities are shared where ever possible, or added only if required
- That applicable leases are entered into by all users
- That a formal arrangement is made between the Golf Club and the Rugby Club regarding usage of the lower southern area of the reserve. This will involve leasing the land to the Golf Club whilst allowing the Rugby Club certain grazing rights for their sheep
- That the Tahuna Domain Management Committee continues to administer the use of the reserve
- That Council seeks to "Control and Manage" Lot 1 DPS 15845 and that this land parcel is subsequently managed in accordance with this management plan

RESERVE NAME	CT No	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	PRIMARY STATUS	AREA	OWNERSHIP	CLASSIFIED AS (TYPE)
Tahuna Domain	-	Section 27 Village of Tahuna	Declared as a public domain by Gaz. 1923 page 522, pursuant to the Public Reserves and Domains Act 1908. Appointment of Domain Board by Gaz. 1923 page 1248. Classification by Gaz. 1980 2704	2.0234 ha	Control & Manage	Recreation
	SA1059/267	Lot 2 DPS 752	Declared a part of the Tahuna Domain and managed by the Domain Board by Gaz. 1954 page 1526, pursuant to the Reserves and Domains Act 1953. Classified by Gaz. 1980 page 2704	3,134 m2	Control & Manage	Recreation
	SA1102/86	Lot 1 DPS 752	Transferred as a public domain to Her Majesty the Queen subject to the Public Domains and National Parks Act 1928. Declared a part of the Tahuna Domain and managed by the Domain Board by Gaz. 1954 page 1526, pursuant to the Reserves and Domains Act 1953. Classified by Gaz. 1980 page 2704	2,023 m2	Control & Manage	Recreation
	-	Section 29 Village of Tahuna	Declared a part of the Tahuna Domain and managed by the Domain Board by Gaz. 1954 page 1526, pursuant to the Reserves and Domains Act 1953. Classified by Gaz. 1980 page 2704	1,012 m2	Control & Manage	Recreation

RESERVE NAME	CT No	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	PRIMARY STATUS	AREA	OWNERSHIP	CLASSIFIED AS (TYPE)
Tahuna Domain	SA1727/33 (Cancelled)	Lot 1 DPS 15845	Transferred as a Recreation Reserve to Her Majesty the Queen subject to the Reserves and Domains Act 1953	202 m2	Dept of Conservation	Not Classified



Tahuna Domain

TAHUNA

4.3.3 WISELEY RESERVE

This reserve is 1.7743 hectares in size. It is located off Rushton Road, in the north western area of Morrinsville. Further pedestrian access is gained off Wiseley Place. The reserve is bounded to the east and south by residential properties, and the west and north by farm land (rural residential).

The site is relatively undeveloped, with a small carpark, Morrinsville Fish and Game Club building, a swing set, and two artificial cricket wickets.

The Operative District Plan identifies the site as a Reserve. The underlying zone is Residential.



The swing set at Wiseley Reserve

The feasibility of building a Velodrome at Wiseley Reserve is currently being investigated. The project is being supported by the Morrinsville Wheelers Cycling Club.

Morrinsville Fish and Game Club

Their facilities are occasionally made available for other reserve users (e.g. toilets).

Cricket

The reserve is used for junior cricket only by the Waikato Valley Cricket Association. There are two artificial wickets on the park.

MANAGEMENT INTENT

- That signage be placed at the entrances to the reserve in accordance with Council's current signage strategy
- That the playground be upgraded as demand and use requires

- That Fish and Game continue to use Wiseley Reserve
- That ancillary facilities are shared where ever possible, or added only if required
- That applicable leases are entered into by all users

RESERVE NAME	CT No	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	PRIMARY STATUS	AREA	OWNERSHIP	CLASSIFIED AS (TYPE)
Wiseley Reserve	-	Lot 52 DPS 22226	Pursuant to Section 352(4) of the Municipal Corporations Act 1954, vested in the Mayor, Councillors and Citizens of the Borough of Morrinsville as Recreation Reserve subject to the Reserves and Domains Act 1954. Classified under Section 16(11)(b) Reserves Act 1977	1.4220 ha	Vested	Recreation
	-	Lot 12 DPS 50000	Pursuant to Section 306(3) of the Local Government Act 1974, vested in Morrinsville Borough Council as Recreation Reserve	3,523 m2	Vested	Not Classified



Wiseley Reserve

MORRINSVILLE

4.4 TE AROHA WARD RESERVES

4.4.1 BOYD PARK

Formerly known as Stanley Street Recreation Reserve, this large reserve is 27.7766 hectares in size. It is located on the corner of Stanley Avenue and Spur Street, through one of two accessways located on both aforementioned Streets, in the west side of Te Aroha. The reserve is bounded to the north by wetland and Te Aroha Hospital, to the east by the Waihou River, to the south by Spur Street, and the west by Stanley Avenue.

There are two very distinct areas of Boyd Park. Approximately two thirds of the reserve is wetland, and locally this area is known as the Howarth Memorial Wetland. The remaining one third is comprised of developed sportsfield areas and associated club and activity buildings. Boyd Park is the main sports ground for Te Aroha.

The Howarth Memorial Wetlands contains the Howarth Memorial Wetland Track, and a bird watching hut.

The Operative District Plan does not separately identify the site as a Reserve. However the wetland area is identified as a flood hazard area. The underlying planning zone is Residential.



The A.R. Johns Memorial Grandstand

The sportsfield area of Boyd Park has a high level of recreation development. A car park has been developed adjacent to Spur Street. Adjacent to the carpark are:

- Clubrooms housing tennis, squash and the College Old Boys Rugby and Sports Club
- 3 hard surface and 4 lawn tennis courts, and 3 squash courts
- The Te Aroha Netball Association clubrooms and 6 netball courts

The reserve also contains:

- 4 rugby fields
- 1 senior and 2 junior soccer fields. One of the rugby fields is also used on occasion for junior soccer
- The A.R. Johns Memorial Grandstand
- The "Show Shed" also containing the Small Bore Rifle Association facilities
- A public toilet
- Soccer club rooms
- Rugby change rooms

History

Boyd Park was originally part of a large block of land that incorporated the hospital. The area was formerly administered by the Te Aroha Domain Board and had been used as a golf course, motor camp, A & P showground, rugby field and a rubbish dump. Many of the Te Aroha's leading citizens had been involved in the administration of the area and the A.R Johns Memorial grandstand honours the last chairman of that board.

The Te Aroha Borough Council took over responsibility for the area in 1968.



View looking across Boyd Park to the tennis and netball facilities

Tennis and Squash

The Te Aroha Tennis and Squash Club share the use of the COBRAS' clubrooms adjacent to the tennis courts.

Netball

The COBRAS Netball Club has clubrooms adjacent to the court area beside Spur Street.

Basketball

The Te Aroha Basketball Club uses the Show Shed for their activities.

Gymnastics

The Te Aroha Gymnastics Club uses the Show Shed for their activities.

Rugby, Senior Soccer and Twilight Cricket

Boyd Park is the home ground for the College Old Boys Rugby and Sports Club (COBRAS), which includes teams for rugby, senior soccer, and twilight cricket.

The rugby grounds are located to the north east of the grandstand. Boyd Park is also the home ground to the Waihou RFC, although their clubrooms and training ground are at Waihou Recreation Reserve. The Thames Valley "Swamp Foxes" (2nd division team) also use Boyd Park as a satellite ground to their usual home ground in Paeroa.

The soccer fields are located at the western end of the park adjacent to Stanley Avenue.

Twilight cricket is played on Boyd Park in the summer months, on a mown strip wicket.

Junior Soccer

The Te Aroha COBRAS Junior Soccer Club has their clubrooms adjacent to the soccer fields, on Stanley Avenue.

Small Bore Rifle Association

The club uses the Show Shed.

Agricultural, Pastoral and Horticultural Association

The club uses the Show Shed for their activities.

Te Aroha Dog Obedience Club

The club uses the Show Shed, and the adjacent grassed area.

Te Aroha Fire Brigade

The Te Aroha Fire Brigade uses the Show Shed and the adjacent area during the summer.

Westpac Air Ambulance

Westpac Air Ambulance uses the area on the Spur Street Side of the netball courts.

Auckland-Waikato Fish and Game Society

The society has a lease with Council for managing the wetland area of Boyd Park.

A management plan was written for the reserve in 1984 by the Te Aroha Borough Council. The management policies contained within that plan have been considered and included, where relevant, in this management plan.

MANAGEMENT INTENT

- That signage and track improvements occur along the Howarth Memorial Wetland Track in accordance with Council's current track and signage strategies
- That the wetland area continues to be managed by the Auckland - Waikato Fish & Game Council in partnership with Council

- That signage be placed at the entrances to the reserve in accordance with Council's current signage strategy, including an orientation sign adjacent to the Spur Street Carpark, showing the features and layout of the sportsfield and wetland area of Boyd Park
- That the future of facility development be directed by Council's Active and Leisure Strategy
- That tennis, squash, netball, basketball, dog obedience, rugby, soccer, small bore rifle, A&P, fire brigade, and air ambulance continue their use of Boyd Park
 - That ancillary facilities are shared where ever possible, or added only if required
 - That clubrooms be constructed for the reserve user groups if there is sufficient demand. The preferred location is to the east of the netball courts on Spur Street
 - That the Te Aroha Small Bore Rifle Club be permitted to build an extension to the showground building, subject to planning approval
- That applicable leases are entered into by all users
- That Section 90, Block IX of the Aroha Survey District, be classified as Recreation Reserve under the Reserves Act 1977



The Boyd Show Shed

RESERVE NAME	CT No	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	PRIMARY STATUS	AREA	OWNERSHIP	CLASSIFIED AS (TYPE)
Boyd Park	SA24D/555	Section 113 Block IX Aroha Survey District	Declared a Recreation Reserve and vested in trust to the Mayor, Councillors and Citizens of the Borough of Te Aroha by Gaz. 1968 page 1707, pursuant to the Reserves and Domains Act 1953. Classified by Gaz. 1982 page 3715. Control & Manage by Gaz. 1968 page 1707	27.5186 ha	Control & Manage	Recreation
	SA38C/218	Section 90 Block IX Aroha Survey District	Seised in fee-simple pursuant to Section 306(4) of the Local government Act 1974	2,580 m2	Fee Simple	Not Classified



Boyd Park

TE AROHA

4.4.2 HERRIES MEMORIAL PARK

This reserve is 5.9694 hectares in size. It is located on the eastern bank of the Waihou River just upstream from the State Highway 26 traffic bridge in south eastern Te Aroha. The reserve is bounded to the north by SH 26 and Council buildings, to the east by residential property, and to the south and west by the Waihou River.

The park is roughly divided into the western area, which is used for grazing and includes a go-cart track and the eastern area, which is used for athletics, public rest rooms and children's playground.

Currently the river's edge is under utilised in terms of access, and opportunities for undertaking native vegetation restoration. A small stream also passes through the park.

The Operative District Plan only identifies Section 167 as a Reserve. All of Herries Memorial Park is identified as being in a flood hazard area. Further, the narrow part of Section 167 that joins Rewi Street, and all of Section 1A are a part of the Te Aroha Character Area. The Herries Memorial Park monument is recorded as a heritage site (site ref. 59). Herries Memorial Park also has a designation for water and soil conservation (designation no. 1). The underlying planning zone for Section 167 is Rural. For Section 1A the zone is industrial.



Playground at Herries Memorial Park

History

The land was originally donated to the people of Te Aroha by Mokena Hou. The Herries Memorial Park was established by funds left by Sir William Herries to the borough. Herries Memorial Park was named after Sir William Herries who was a Member of Parliament for the Tauranga Electorate from 1896 – 1923, and a Piako County Councillor.

Athletics

The Te Aroha Athletics Club has been using Herries Memorial Park for over 60 years. They use the park during the summer months, meeting each Tuesday night, and holding practices on Monday and Thursday afternoons for training purposes. The club also occasionally uses the park on Saturdays. Council currently maintains the sportsfield area and running track at a suitable standard for junior athletics. The club has clubrooms on the reserve.

Te Aroha Go-Kart Club

The go-kart club uses the lower southern part of the park from 1 October to 31 May each year. Generally meetings are held every third Sunday. An occasional practice is held on a Sunday between meetings. No meetings are held on the first Sunday in March so as not to conflict with Te Aroha Athletic Club's cross-country day.

Should the club numbers increase sufficiently, there are plans to extend the pits and track towards the river so that the club can host the NZ National Dirt Championships. In conjunction with the track extension, the club would like to extend the current carpark adjacent to the Council buildings down to the track.

A community group has expressed interest in developing a motocross track in the lower areas of the park.

A management plan was written for the reserve in 1983 by the Te Aroha Borough Council. The management policies contained within that plan have been considered and included, where relevant, in this management plan.



Grass athletics track at the park

MANAGEMENT INTENT

- That signage be placed at the entrances to the reserve in accordance with Council's current signage strategy
- That the stream and river banks be planted, where appropriate, using suitable native riparian plants
- That investigation be made, and implemented where appropriate, to plant the road reserve adjacent to Herries Park with native riparian species
- That the Te Aroha Go-Kart Club be allowed to continue with their current use of Herries Memorial Park
- That the Te Aroha Go-Kart Club be allowed to extend their track and carpark as planned, subject to Council being satisfied that there is sufficient demand for the track, and that expanded use of the track does not unduly impinge on other park users and neighbours. Prior to the expansion of the track, the go-Kart club shall obtain resource consent to ensure that all adverse effects such as noise, dust, parking etc shall be mitigated.
- That the sport activity of BMX riding be allowed to operate within agreed areas on the reserve, subject to this activity not unduly impinging on other park users and neighbours. Planning approval may need to be obtained prior to this activity being established.
- That the sport activity of Motocross riding be allowed to operate within agreed areas on the reserve, subject to this activity not unduly impinging on other park users and neighbours. Planning approval may need to be obtained prior to this activity being established.
- That applicable leases are entered into by all users
- That suitable access points be developed to allow easy access to the river's edge.
- That consideration be given, through future reviews of Council's track strategy, to develop a riverside track linking Herries Memorial Park with the wharf area on the other side of the SH 26 road bridge
- That Section 1A, Block IV of the Town of Te Aroha be classified as Recreation Reserve under the Reserves Act 1977
- That ancillary facilities are shared where ever possible, or added only if necessary

RESERVE NAME	CT No	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	PRIMARY STATUS	AREA	OWNERSHIP	CLASSIFIED AS (TYPE)
Herries Memorial Park	SA43A/930	Section 167 Block IX Aroha Survey District	Declared a reserve for recreation and to form part of Herries Memorial Park Domain and managed by the Domain Board by Gaz. 1926 page 3415, pursuant to the Public Reserves and Domains Act 1908. Vested in trust to the Borough of Te Aroha by Gaz. 1975 page 14, pursuant to the Reserves and Domains Act 1953. Classified by Gaz. 1982 page 3628	5.9020 ha	Control & Manage	Recreation
	SA109/179	Section 1A Block IV Town of Te Aroha	Diminishing of road land approved for municipal buildings and offices by Gaz. 1910 page 3823, pursuant to Section 182(2) of the Municipal Corporations Act 1908.	674 m2	Fee Simple	Not Classified



Herries Memorial Park

TE AROHA

4.4.3 WAIHOU RECREATION RESERVE

This reserve is 9.0193 hectares in size. It is located on Ngutumunga Road on the northern edge of the Waihou Township, approximately 5km to the west of Te Aroha. The reserve is bounded to the west and north by farm land, to the east by Ngutumunga Road, and to the south by residential property and Campbell Road.

Waihou Recreation Reserve is a large reserve, broken into 3 compartments by mature shelter belts that run in a more or less north to south orientation. The most western section of the reserve is leased for grazing. The middle section is used by Riding for the Disabled Te Aroha. The section of reserve closest to Ngutumunga Road contains several clubroom and storage buildings, as well as a carpark and sportsfield. A pedestrian access from Mackay Crescent leads to the reserve.

The Operative District Plan identifies the site as a Reserve. The underlying planning zone is Rural. Most of reserve west of the western shelterbelt has been identified in the Operative District Plan proposed reserve (designation no. 159).



Small clubrooms and storage sheds on the section of reserve adjacent to Ngutumunga Road

History

The Piako County Council became interested in acquiring a reserve for the township of Waihou in 1960, and Part Lot 20 was vested in Council as a Recreation Ground in 1962.

Waihou Recreation Reserve Management Committee

On the 6th of October 1980 the Piako County Council established the Waihou Recreation Reserve Management Committee, comprising "representatives from each of the user

groups, Council's Property Officer, and the Councillor for the Waihou Riding". The main objectives of the management committee are:

- (i) To ensure the continued maintenance and preservation of the reserve and its amenities
- (ii) To promote greater usage of the reserve
- (iii) To be responsible for the daily administration of the reserve through co-ordination of usage, and management of user agreements and apportionment of annual charges.
- (iv) To make recommendations to Council on desirable improvements to the reserve; on alterations required for the management plan or user agreements; and on other matters affecting the operation of the reserve.

Te Aroha Pony Club

Te Aroha Dressage Club

Riding for the Disabled Te Aroha

Te Aroha Hack and Harriers Club

Rugby

Waihou Rugby Football Club has its clubrooms adjacent to (and not on) the reserve. Although there are two rugby fields at the reserve, home games are actually played at Boyd Park.

A management plan was written for the reserve in 1980 by the Piako County Council. The management policies contained within that plan have been considered and included, where relevant, in this management plan.

MANAGEMENT INTENT

- That the Waihou Recreation Reserve Committee continues to administer the use of the reserve
- That specimen trees be planted in appropriate areas of the reserve
- That signage be placed at the entrances to the reserve in accordance with Council's current signage strategy
- That the riding for the disabled, pony, dressage, hack and harrier and rugby clubs continue their use of the Waihou Recreation Reserve
- That appropriate areas of the reserve continue to be grazed until such time as a need for other recreation activities arises and this activity is no longer compatible with recreation uses
 - That ancillary facilities are shared where ever possible, or added only if required
- That applicable leases are entered into by all users
- That the parcels of land that comprise Waihou Recreation Reserve be classified as Recreation Reserve under the Reserves Act 1977

RESERVE NAME	CT No	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	PRIMARY STATUS	AREA	OWNERSHIP	CLASSIFIED AS (TYPE)
Waihou Recreation Reserve	Part SA43D/147	Section 57 Block XVI Waitoa Survey District	Seised in fee simple by the Piako County Council pursuant to the Land Transfer Act 1948	1.8000 ha	Fee Simple	Not Classified
	Part SA16B/380	Sections 50 & 51 Block XVI Waitoa Survey District	Seised in fee simple by the Chairman, Councillors and Inhabitants of the County of Piako, pursuant to the Land Transfer Act 1948	9460 m2	Fee Simple	Not Classified
	SA94/177	Section 13 Block XVI Waitoa Survey District	Seised in fee simple by the Chairman, Councillors and Inhabitants of the County of Piako, pursuant to the Land Transfer Act 1954	2.9870 ha	Fee Simple	Not Classified
	SA28B/914	Part Lot 20 DPS 7681	Declared a recreation ground and vested in the Chairman, Councillors and Inhabitants of the County of Piako by Gaz. 1971 page 1692, pursuant to the Section 32 of the Public Works Act 1928.	1.2031 ha	Vested	Not Classified
	SA9A/708	Lot 18 DPS 7681	Vested in the Chairman, Councillors and inhabitants of the County of Piako as a recreation reserve subject to the Domains Act 1953. Reserves and Domains Act 1953. Classified by Gaz. 1981 page 1333	1,517 m2	Vested	Recreation

RESERVE NAME	CT No	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	PRIMARY STATUS	AREA	OWNERSHIP	CLASSIFIED AS (TYPE)
Waihou Recreation Reserve	SA1A/1334	Lot 19 DPS 7681	Vested in the Chairman, Councillors and inhabitants of the County of Piako as a recreation reserve subject to the Domains Act 1953. Reserves and Domains Act 1953. Classified by Gaz. 1981 page 1333	1.9171 ha	Vested	Recreation
		Lot 20 DPS 26461	Vested in Piako County as Local Purpose (Accessway) Reserve subject to the Counties Amendment Act 1961. Classified under Sec 16(11)(b) of the Reserves Act 1977	144 m2	Vested	Local Purpose (Accessway)



Waihou Recreation Reserve

WAIHOU

5.0 Schedule A - Reserves Classified Under Reserves Act 1977

Classification defines the primary purpose of a reserve or group of reserves. It also provides a strategic statement about the core direction for the management of a reserve or group of reserves, over the long term, without stating exactly how specific uses and values for each reserve of that class is to be managed.

In the Reserves Act, section 16, is the means by which reserves are classified. It "states that reserves are to be classified according to their principal or primary purpose" as well as detailing the process for classifying reserves. This is one of the following 3 ways:

(a) Gazetting under section 16 (1) (2C) (2D)

This is a standardised system where a published Gazette extract is registered with the District Land Registrar (DLR) and the Certificate of Title is noted and recorded on the digital cadastral database administered by Land Information New Zealand.

(b) Automatic classification under section 16 (11)

All reserves created before the commencement of the Reserves Act (1977) pursuant to part XXVII of the Municipal Corporations Act (MCA) (1933); part XXV of the MCA (1954) or part II of the Counties Amendment Act (1961) shall become automatically classified according to their principal or primary purpose.

(c) Classification by local authority resolution under section 16 (2A)

A local authority can, by resolution, classify a reserve in accordance with the original purpose for creating a reserve. Section 16(2B) of the Reserves Act requires notice of the classification to be sent, under delegation, to the Regional Conservator of the Department of Conservation. The local authority is also required by section 112 of the Reserves Act to register a copy of its resolution with the District Land Registrar (DLR) when holding title to the land. The means for doing this is section 116 (7) or (8) of the Reserves Act. If the reserve is vested in the Crown this responsibility lies with the Director General of Conservation. In these circumstances the Department of Conservation will, at the request of a local authority, complete any notice to the DLR.

The following land parcels included in this management plan have been classified in accordance with the requirements of the Reserves Act 1977:

Reserve Name	Legal Description	Classification
MATAMATA		
Pohlen Park	Lot 11 DPS 8842	Recreation
	Lot 45 DP 15621	Recreation
Waharoa Domain	Sections 26 & 27 Town of Waharoa	Recreation
	Sections 28 Town of Waharoa	Recreation
Walton War Memorial Domain	Part Lot 3 DP 64	Recreation
	Section 22, Block VIII Wairere Survey District	Recreation
	Part Lot 3 DP 64	Recreation

Reserve Name	Legal Description	Classification
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MORRINSVILLE		
Tahuna Domain	Section 27 Village of Tahuna	Recreation
	Lot 2 DPS 752	Recreation
	Lot 1 DPS 752	Recreation
	Section 29 Village of Tahuna	Recreation
Wiseley Reserve	Lot 52 DPS 22226	Recreation
TE AROHA		
Boyd Park	Section 113, Block IX Aroha Survey District	Recreation
Herries Memorial Park	Section 167, Block IX Aroha Survey District	Recreation
Waihou Recreation Reserve	Lot 18 DPS 7681	Recreation
	Lot 19 DPS 7681	Recreation
	Lot 20 DPS 26461	Local Purpose (Accessway)

6.0 Schedule B – Open Areas not Classified as Reserves

The following land parcels have not been classified in terms of the Reserves Act 1977. The intention is to classify many of these sites over time, and include them in Schedule A as resources allow. In the meantime, Council intends to manage these reserves as if they were reserves classified under the Reserves Act 1977.

Reserve Name	Legal Description
MATAMATA	
Matamata Domain	Section 1, Block XXIII, Matamata Township, situated in Block II Tapapa Survey District
	Block XII Matamata Township
	Part Block XXII Matamata Township
	Part Block XXII Matamata Township
	Part Block XXII Matamata Township
Pohlen Park	Lot 46 DP 15621
	Lots 100 & 101 DP 13191
Swap Park	Lot 4 DPS 306522
MORRINSVILLE	
Morrinsville Recreation Ground	Part Lot 28 DP 2465
Tahuna Domain	Lot1, DPS 15845
Wisely	Lot 12 DPS 50000
TE AROHA	
Boyd Park	Section 90 Block IX Aroha Survey District
Herries Memorial Park	Section 1A Block IV Town of Te Aroha
Waihou Recreation Reserve	Section 57 Block XVI Waitoa Survey District
	Sections 50 & 51 Block XVI Waitoa Survey District
	Section 13 Block XVI Waitoa Survey District
	Part Lot 20 DPS 7681

7.0 Schedule C – Active Reserves Excluded from this Reserves Management Plan

The following sites have been excluded from this plan because they are owned and managed by private trusts.

- Bedford Park
- Campbell Park

8.0 Schedule D - Reserves with Picnic Sites

The following reserves are recognised as providing formal picnic areas in accordance with the General Policies Reserve Management Plan:

District Picnic Areas

- Matamata Domain
- Morrinsville Recreation Ground

Other Picnic Areas

- Herries Park

9.0 Schedule E - Reserves suitable for Camping in Self Contained Motorhomes

The following active reserves are recognised as being suitable for informal camping in self contained vehicles subject to the restrictions imposed by the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2023:

- Boyd Park
- Herries Memorial Park
- Waihou Recreation Reserve
- Morrinsville Recreation Ground
- Pohlen Park

Firth Tower, Waharoa Aerodrome, and the gravel car park behind the Council Office in Te Aroha are also suitable sites, but fall outside the scope of this document. Some of these sites have separate Reserve Management Plans.

10.0 Schedule F - Reserves for Community Events

The following reserves are recognised as appropriate sites for the holding of community events such as fairs and festivals in accordance with the General Policies Reserve Management Plan:

- Matamata Domain
- Pohlen Park
- Swap Park
- Morrinsville Recreation Ground
- Tahuna Domain
- Boyd Park
- Herries Park
- Waihou Recreation Reserve

11.0 Schedule G - Reserves for Fireworks Displays

The following reserves are recognised as providing appropriate public fireworks display areas in accordance with the General Policies Reserve Management Plan:

- Matamata Domain
- Morrinsville Recreation Ground
- Boyd Park

12.0 Schedule H - Reserves for Commemorative Plantings

The following reserves are recognised as appropriate sites for the planting of commemorative trees and placement of associated plaques in accordance with the General Policies Reserve Management Plan:

- Morrinsville Recreation Ground