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Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Ōtorohanga District Council Hearings Panel will be held on the Ōtorohanga Reserve Strategy & Management Plan in Waikōwhitiwhiti (Council Chambers), Ōtorohanga District Council, 17 Maniapoto Street, Ōtorohanga on Tuesday, 8 July 2025 commencing at 10.00am.

Tanya Winter, Chief Executive

2 July 2025

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There are no reports.

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There are no reports.

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Apologies**Ngā hōnea**

That Hearings Panel receive and accept the apology from Peter Coventry and Kat Brown-Merrin for non-attendance.

Late items**Ngā take tōmuri**

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Item 38 Draft Ōtorohanga Reserves Strategy and Reserves Management Plan – Updated following consideration of submissions

To The Hearings Panel

From Sahndra Cave, Community Projects Lead

Type **DECISION REPORT**

Date 8 July 2025



1. Purpose | Te kaupapa

- 1.1. To receive an updated draft Ōtorohanga Reserves Strategy and Reserves Management Plan (ŌRSMP) and recommend its adoption by Ōtorohanga District Council (ŌDC).

2. Executive summary | Whakarāpopoto matua

- 2.1. This report seeks the endorsement of the Hearings Panel for the updated draft ŌRSMP, attached as Appendix 1, and recommends that the draft Plan be referred to ŌDC for adoption, subject to any further agreed changes.
- 2.2. The ŌRSMP provides a strategic blueprint for the future use, development, and management of reserves across the district. The draft Plan was informed by technical assessments, identification of constraints and opportunities, and extensive community and stakeholder engagement. Public consultation was carried out from November 2024 to January 2025, followed by hearings and further discussions with key user groups and affected parties.
- 2.3. In response to submissions, amendments have been made to better reflect community feedback—particularly in relation to the future configuration of Ōtorohanga Domain and Island Reserve. Key outcomes include consensus on the removal of the grandstand to optimise development of the reserve, the retention and expansion of existing buildings to meet the needs of multiple sports codes, and the future use of the netball courts area for ŌDC purposes and community benefit.
- 2.4. While the Plan sets a clear direction for future development, its implementation will be staged and dependent on funding availability. ŌDC has budgeted \$600,000 annually (2024–2027) for the implementation of concept plans, including projects identified in the draft ŌRSMP. However, the delivery of larger-scale initiatives will require further scoping, prioritisation, and significant external funding and partnerships.

3. Staff recommendation | Tūtohutanga a ngā kaimahi

That, having considered the feedback/submissions received on the draft Ōtorohanga Reserves Strategy and Reserves Management Plan and the consequential changes, the Hearings Panel refer the updated Draft Ōtorohanga Reserves Strategy and Reserves Management Plan to the Ōtorohanga District Council for adoption with the following changes (if any)...

4. Context | Horopaki

- 4.1. The draft ŌRSMP was ready for consultation in June 2024. However, at that time ŌDC delayed its release to explore the option of developing active recreation spaces (such as sports fields) on land on Ōtewā Road which is to be gifted to ŌDC for the establishment of a rural park. That process concluded the property was not suitable for sports fields, and that the ŌRSMP process should continue.
- 4.2. On 22 October 2024 ŌDC adopted the Draft ŌRSMP for consultation and public consultation took place from 1 November 2024 to 24 January 2025, followed by hearings on 11 February 2025.
- 4.3. On 25 February 2025 representatives of the Ōtorohanga Sports Club spoke at the public forum at the ŌDC meeting regarding the concept plans for Island Reserve.
- 4.4. At that meeting ŌDC resolved:

"...that further discussions be held with the relevant clubs and organisations to:

- a. Optimise the future configuration of the Ōtorohanga Domain, including the use of the Ōtorohanga Netball courts area; and,
- b. Optimise the future configuration of Island Reserve, having regard to the future of the grandstand and noting the establishment of new courts for Ōtorohanga Netball as a priority action.

Confirms that an updated draft ŌRSMP, reflecting matters raised, be referred to the Hearings Panel for consideration prior to its recommendation to Council for adoption. ..."

- 4.5. On 19 March 2025, ŌDC staff and consultants from Resilio Studio met with representatives from various sports codes to discuss the Island Reserve concept plans. A range of matters were considered at the meeting, including the future of the grandstand. There was general consensus among attendees that the grandstand should be removed to allow the reserve to be developed to meet club and community aspirations.
- 4.6. The group expressed a preference for expanding the existing buildings—namely the rugby clubrooms, Tigers building, and referees building—on a staged basis to accommodate additional

changing rooms and other facilities. This approach was favoured over constructing a new building for netball, as previously proposed in the earlier concept plan.

- 4.7. Representatives of Tigers also indicated a strong preference to remain in their existing building, rather than relocating to a newly constructed shared facility.
- 4.8. The future use of the existing netball courts was also discussed. By agreement, this area will be transferred to ŌDC. The adjacent clubrooms are considered suitable for designation as an alternative Emergency Operating Centre (EOC) and would be maintained accordingly. When not required for emergency purposes, the building would be made available for broader community use. Under this arrangement, part of the court area could be repurposed for parking to support both the building and wider Domain activities, while the remaining courts would serve as hard surface space for community use.
- 4.9. On 3 May 2025, a Kiwi House representative met with a representative from the Domain Sports Association to discuss the concept plans for the Ōtorohanga Domain. Following the meeting, both organisations agreed on a revised concept plan, which included repurposing the former campground area for shared parking to support both Kiwi House and the wider community, as well as accommodating two full-sized football fields within the Domain.

5. Discussion | He kōrerorero

- 5.1. Following the consideration of feedback, the draft ŌRSMP has been amended and is referred back to the Hearings Panel for consideration and endorsement. Subject to any further changes, the updated ŌRSMP can be referred to ŌDC for adoption.
- 5.2. The following pages were updated to reflect feedback:
 - a) Ōtorohanga Reserve/Village Green: page 9, 73, 78, 79, 105
 - b) Cultural Items: page 58
 - c) Ōtorohanga Domain: page 20, 108
 - d) Island Reserve: page 15, 16, 108
- 5.3. The adoption of the ŌRSMP does not automatically mean every action/project signalled will be progressed as a matter of course. This document should be treated as a blueprint – to guide the future development of local reserves - so any actions/projects to be led by ŌDC will need to be prioritised against available resourcing.

5.4. ŌDC's Long Term Plan (LTP) includes \$600K per annum (2024-2027) to support the implementation of Concept Plans, of which the ŌRSMP is a key project. In addition, some of the proposed larger projects will require further work to establish a clear scope (i.e. nature, extent, timing and cost) for consideration before any decisions can be made to proceed. Further, some projects (e.g. development of sports facilities) will need to be heavily supported by other groups/organisations (e.g. sports clubs) and are reliant on securing significant external (non-ŌDC) funding. These initiatives are unlikely to proceed until that funding is in place (noting some staging of development will be possible).

6. Considerations | Ngā whai whakaarotanga

Significance and engagement

- 6.1. Our urban parks and reserves are popular, well utilised spaces and therefore there is strong community interest in the development of a Reserves Management Strategy/Plan. The existing facilities used by sports groups including Netball, Football, Rugby and Cricket have some limitations, and these community groups are very keen to see the draft ŌRSMP developed to ensure their sports facilities are suitable for ongoing use.
- 6.2. Mana whenua have a deep relationship with the whenua (land), particularly the historically significant Huipūtea Reserve.
- 6.3. The development of a reserves strategy and management plan is major strategic undertaking and should reflect the aspirations of the entire community, including mana whenua, sporting groups and other stakeholders. It is a long-term blueprint to support the current and future recreational needs of the community. For this reason the development of the draft ŌRSMP has involved extensive partner and stakeholder engagement, along with opportunities for general community input. This engagement has well exceeded the minimum requirements of the Reserves Act 1977, pursuant to which the management plan has been developed.

Impacts on Māori

- 6.4. The ŌRSMP project includes the development of Huipūtea Reserve, a culturally significant site to Māori. Mana whenua have been leading this Kaupapa, with support from ŌDC. Also important to Māori is the health and wellbeing of the environment (land and water). The proposed ŌRSMP supports improving whenua (land) and wai (water).

Risk analysis

- 6.5. While not specifically recognised within ŌDC's top risks, the ability to progress the ŌRSMP aligns positively with ŌDC's desire to ensure overall programme delivery, maintain productive iwi relationships and develop/progress work on responding to climate change. Having key projects fully scoped and funding confirmed prior to progressing will be essential to limiting risks associated with delivering on the strategy and management plan.

Policy and plans

- 6.6. The development of the ŌRSMP aligns with several projects identified in the Ōtorohanga Town Concept Plan and the direction set in the 2021-31 Long-Term Plan.

Legal

- 6.7. The Reserves Act 1977 requires a reserve management plan covering every reserve (excluding local purpose and road reserves). Some Ōtorohanga Reserves have never had a management plan or, if they did, they are now out of date. This project addresses that shortcoming.
- 6.8. There are mixed land ownership issues affecting both Huipūtea Reserve and Island Reserve, with mana whenua, ŌDC and private ownership across Huipūtea Reserve and historical ownership issues affecting Island Reserve. Work on securing consistency of tenure will need to be progressed for both areas.

Financial

- 6.9. The development of the ŌRSMP has progressed as a priority project within the specific budget set in the current LTP. The proposed implementation programme has been costed at a high level. The detailed costings will be developed as the implementation plan progresses. It is anticipated there will be opportunities to obtain external funding for the development of some of our parks and reserves. For example, mana whenua may be able to obtain funding not available to ŌDC, for the development of Huipūtea Reserve. Sports Groups may also be able to obtain funding for the development of their facilities at our local parks and reserves.

7. Options analysis |

Option 1: That the Hearings Panel refer the updated Draft ŌRSMP to ŌDC for adoption

- 7.1. This is the preferred option given ŌDC has a stated commitment to the development of this Plan in conjunction with community, partners and stakeholders, and funding is in place to complete this work. Completing this Plan ensures that a priority project from the Ōtorohanga Town Concept Town is advanced.

Option 2: That the Hearings Panel defer referral of the updated Draft ŌRSMP for adoption by ŌDC

- 7.2. Deferring adoption could impact momentum and credibility with community, mana whenua, and other partners, particularly given the level of input already received and the clear direction previously provided.
- 7.3. This option may also risk misalignment with LTP timeframes and budget allocation processes.

Recommended option and rationale

- 7.4. The preferred option is Option 1: That the Hearings Panel refer the updated Draft ŌRSMP to ŌDC for adoption.
- 7.5. This is the logical option given the significant investment already made in this project and the high community expectation of its completion. Deferring adoption of the Draft ŌRSMP will not deliver any significant savings and taking this approach risks considerable reputational damage for ŌDC.

8. Appendices | Ngā āpitihanga

Number	Title
1	Updated draft Ōtorohanga Reserves Strategy and Management Plan

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ŌTOROHANGA RESERVES STRATEGY AND RESERVES MANAGEMENT PLAN

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Ōtorohanga Reserves Strategy

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PART 1: ŌTOROHANGA RESERVES STRATEGY

OVERVIEW

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CONTEXT

Ōtorohanga township is the largest urban area within the Ōtorohanga District, with a population of approximately 3,270 residents. The town has developed along the Waipā River, and is flanked by stopbanks to protect it from flooding effects of the river.

The stopbanks were established in the 1960s and are maintained by the Ōtorohanga District Council. The stopbank pathway named Te Ara a Waiwaiā i O-rāhiri was constructed in 2019, and forms an integral part of Ōtorohanga’s urban open space network.

Ōtorohanga’s local parks and reserves are a key asset for the community and it is important that they continue to reflect the needs and aspirations of the people that live, work and play here.

In order to do this, Ōtorohanga District Council has developed this Reserves Strategy for the town’s open spaces. This strategy provides direction for the parks and reserves and helps to identify what currently works, what needs to be changed and what the future direction for Ōtorohanga Reserves might look like.

Developing the Ōtorohanga Reserves Strategy (ŌRS) offers the opportunity to develop the town’s open spaces in a way that recognises the town’s unique cultural context, local ecology and vibrant community while supporting the need for amenity and recreation through Ōtorohanga.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the ŌRS is to establish a management strategy for all of Ōtorohanga’s urban parks and reserves to ensure that there is a coordinated approach to guide the development, renewal and adaptation of local open spaces, in a way that is responsive to the evolving needs of the community.

Information gathered through the ŌRS process informed the development of a Reserves Management Plan for these urban parks to meet the statutory meet the statutory requirements of the Reserves Act 1977.

This Strategy is aspirational and the plans presented are concepts so are not 'cast in stone'. Further processes, including community/stakeholder engagement, will be followed before any final decisions are taken on major projects. This will include providing information on how these projects will be funded and by whom. Until these processes are complete it can not be assumed that Council (rates) funding is a given.

METHODOLOGY



To ensure the ŌRS reflects the diverse voices across the community, engagement played a key role in developing this strategy. Organisations and communities engaged through this process include mana whenua, Waikato Regional Council and a range of other organisations with intersecting interests, including a project working group with representatives from the Local Board, Sport Waikato, mana whenua and local community members.

The approach taken for engagement and consultation for the ŌRS has sought to engage with project partners early in the process and regularly to ensure their ideas, concerns, aspirations and insights were factored into the strategy before key decisions were made.

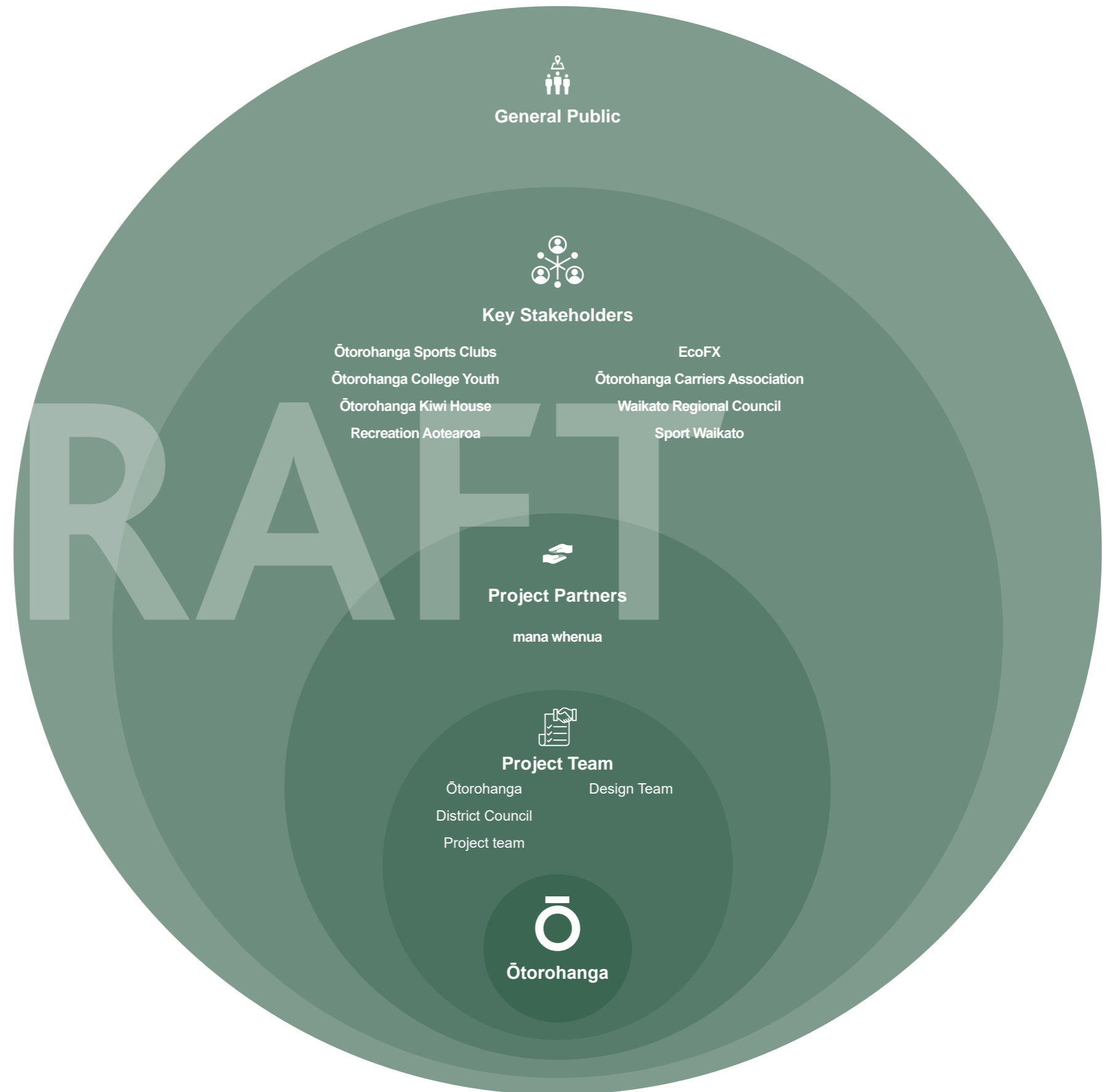
This diagram demonstrates the nested scales of influence and impact as well as the degree of participation each contributing organisation had through the development of the ŌRS.

DEGREES OF PARTICIPATION

Decreasing participation



Increasing participation



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The development of the ŌRS involved extensive engagement throughout this process, with two key public open day engagements – one during investigations to ensure that existing conditions, constraints and opportunities for all the parks had been captured and the second during the development of the strategy to ensure the concept for Ōtorohanga’s parks and reserves reflected the needs and aspirations of the local community.

The feedback received shaped the concepts and proposals for the Ōtorohanga open space network presented in the draft ŌRS and these were tested during a comprehensive engagement and consultation programme that ran from September 2023 – May 2024. The feedback and submissions received during this period have shaped this final version of the ŌRS. This feedback has also significantly shaped the management principles, objectives and policies outlined in Part 2 of this document, The Ōtorohanga Reserves Management Plan. The following provides an overview of input and feedback received through the process.

PROJECT WORKING GROUP

Five engagements including workshops, presentations and site visits

The project working group was made of representatives from Ōtorohanga District Council, Ōtorohanga Community Board, mana whenua, Sport Waikato and the local community. This group provided in depth information about all reserves throughout the strategy, identifying constraints and opportunities and providing feedback on the strategy as it developed.

MANA WHENUA

Five engagements including hui, site hīkoi and workshops

Input from mana whenua was primarily focused on the Huipūtea Reserve as an important cultural heritage site, alongside recognising, and where appropriate, celebrating mana whenua history, heritage and expression across parks and reserves in Ōtorohanga. Additionally, mana whenua expressed significant support for Te Taiao outcomes, particularly regenerating the local kahikatea ecosystems, improving water quality outcomes and linking conservation outcomes with community and schools

ŌTOROHANGA SPORTING COMMUNITY

*Three meetings with Rugby, Football, Netball and Cricket Sports codes;
Six engagements with Sport Waikato as part of the Project Working Group, including site visits, workshops and meetings alongside a detailed 7 page submission from Sport Waikato*

Feedback from the sporting community was gathered both through meetings with Sports Codes and more in depth engagement including a submission on the strategy, from Sport Waikato. This feedback was primarily focused on discussions supporting sports and active recreation outcomes in parks and reserves, and ongoing conversations about the supporting the development of an Ōtorohanga Sports Hub spanning across Island Reserve and The Domain. Sport Waikato expressed support for a range of sports, active recreation, play and walking and cycling outcomes identified within the strategy.

Follow up engagements were held with the sporting community which included refinement and confirmation of preferred options for The Domain Fields and Island Reserve

TIGERS SPORTS CLUB

One meeting, alongside discussions as part of wider workshops and public open days

The Tigers Sports club focused on Island Reserve, the Tigers Club were generally in favour of future development potential of the reserve as part of an Ōtorohanga Sports Hub, however were concerned that the club would be displaced through this process. All options developed for Island Reserve maintain space for Tigers Sports Club.

KIWI HOUSE

One meeting with the Kiwi House, providing feedback on the Draft Reserves Strategy and discussing the organisations future plans and aspirations regarding The Domain.

Kiwi House interests predominantly centred around The Domain, including the Domain Fields, Rotary Park and Bob Horsfall Reserve. Concerns were raised around balancing sports and active recreation land use with the Kiwi House’s interests in The Domain, with questions raised about the future of the land currently utilised as a Motorcamp and the future of the netball court space. Kiwi House support the conservation and biodiversity values of Rotary Park and Bob Horsfall Reserve including pest control, protecting native plant species and enhancing water quality.

Follow up engagement with Kiwi House helped form a preferred option for The Domain Fields which balances additional parking with enhanced fields

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YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

One engagement as part of the Taku Wairua programme at Ōtorohanga College involving an interactive site visit incorporating reflective feedback about parks and reserves around Ōtorohanga.

Input gathered through the youth engagement showed that youth from Ōtorohanga College Students generally appreciated their local parks and reserves, particularly aspects such as a connection to nature, good provision of play and informal recreation and access to sports facilities. Areas highlighted for improvement included the maintenance of park infrastructure such as paths, toilets and rubbish bins, more sporting facilities and a desire for better environmental outcomes in parks.

RECREATION AOTEAROA, ACCESSIBILITY SUBMISSION

Written submission, received online

Recreation Aotearoa provided feedback in the form of a submission on the Draft Reserve Strategy. This submission focused on ensuring recreation outcomes include opportunities for people with disabilities to participate, including accessibility in parks and playgrounds, and ensuring mechanisms are put in place for providing ongoing feedback to council on barriers to access.

COMMUNITY BOARD

Two meetings, alongside discussions as part of wider workshop

Feedback from the Community Board was focused on the development of a fitness and active recreation trail as part of the wider walking and cycling network. Community board members expressed the desire for a series of fitness stations with different exercise focuses.

ECOFX

One meeting

Conversations with EcoFX were focused on the parcel of land owned by the company adjacent to Huipūtea Reserve. EcoFX acknowledged the future development potential of the land as part of the reserve, and were open to conversations about relocating so long as suitable land was identified.

ŌTOROHANGA CARRIERS ASSOCIATION

One meeting

Conversations with the Ōtorohanga Carriers Association focused on the acknowledgment that the truck wash located in Huipūtea Reserve currently doesn't align with the land use of surrounding reserve, and expressed a willingness to shift to a suitable new location when it is identified.

KIWIRAIL

One meeting

Consultation with KiwiRail focused on the potential development of a crossing between Ōtorohanga Town Centre and Huipūtea Reserve. KiwiRail have indicated that a level crossing is not something that they support, and that an overbridge is preferred, referring to their current policy for no new level crossing other than in 'exceptional circumstances' and indicated a preference for a grade separated crossing. KiwiRail provided guidance for next steps, which is to assess the current risk and need for a crossing.

EXISTING OPEN SPACE NETWORK

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The following map provides an overview of the existing open space and park assets in the Ōtorohanga community

KEY

- Parks/Reserves
- Vegetation
- Notable Tree
- Walking and Cycling connections

- ① Ōtorohanga Domain
- ② Ōtorohanga Kiwi House
- ③ Rotary Park / Bob Horsfall Reserve
- ④ Ōtorohanga Museum
- ⑤ Island Reserve
- ⑥ Windsor Park
- ⑦ Reg Brett Reserve
- ⑧ Huipūtea Reserve
- ⑨ Ōtorohanga Memorial Park
- ⑩ Bert McKenzie/Road Reserve
- ⑪ Te Ara a Waiwaiā- Waipā River Park
- ⑫ Future Recreation Reserve (Westridge development)
- ⑬ Future Stormwater Reserve (Westridge development)
- ⑭ Te Kanawa Stream Reserve (flood mitigation)
- ⑮ Phillips Ave Wetland (flood mitigation)
- ⑯ Ōtorohanga Reserve/Village Green

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ŌTOROHANGA SPORTS HUB

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Ōtorohanga District Council is currently working with Ōtorohanga’s Sporting community and a range of partners and stakeholders to explore options for a sports hub across multiple parks and reserves including The Domain and Island Reserve.

WHAT IS A SPORTS AND RECREATION HUB?

A sports and recreation hub is a collection of facilities including buildings, fields, courts etc that work together as a “hub” where sports clubs and other organisations work in partnership, virtually and within physical infrastructure, to share expertise through a collaborative governance and management structure.

SPORTS AND RECREATION HUBS INVOLVE WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

A partnership is a collaborative relationship between organisations for mutual benefit. Partnership is about working together and requires an understanding that ALL partners are considered equal from the outset, regardless of the significance of resources they might bring to the partnership.

COMMON SPORTS AND RECREATION HUB ATTRIBUTES



- Partnerships, networks & collaboration
- Shared and/or co-located facilities
- Performance and management effectiveness
- Collective governance
- Improved viability
- Locally led sport and recreation outcomes
- Aligned cultures & purposes

ŌTOROHANGA SPORTS HUB

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Sport New Zealand provide step by step guidance for creating a sports hub.

The diagram to the right highlights which steps have been accomplished so far through the Ōtorohanga Reserve Strategy process and what would be needed to continue developing a sports hub for Ōtorohanga.

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Introduction

1

What is a Sport & Recreation Hub?

- What we have accomplished:**
- Socialised the idea of a Sports hub for Ōtorohanga
 - Established strong support for a Sports Hub across Ōtorohanga which includes Island Reserve, The Domain and potentially Ōtorohanga College

2

Forming partnerships

- What we have accomplished:**
- Started a conversation between different codes and other stakeholders across Ōtorohanga
 - Started a conversation with external stakeholders including but not limited to mana whenua, Kiwi House and Tigers Sports club
- Next Steps:**
- Formalise key participants for Ōtorohanga Sports Hub.

3

Locally led engagement

- What we have accomplished:**
- Engaged existing users to determine needs for sports codes across Ōtorohanga.
- Next Steps:**
- Develop an engagement strategy using the Locally Led Approach (LLA).
 - Engage other relevant stakeholders.

4

Governing and managing a Hub

- Next Steps:**
- Establish a Governance Structure.

5

Making Hubs sustainable

- Next Steps:**
- Establish a strategy for financial feasibility and sustainability with relevant stakeholders.

6

Programming, operating and monitoring a Hub

- What we have accomplished:**
- Developed a spatial plan for Island Reserve and The Domain that demonstrates a range of opportunities for distribution of Football, Netball and Rugby across Island Reserve, The Domain and potentially Ōtorohanga College.
- Next Steps:**
- Test financial viability for Sports Hub.
 - Develop detailed design brief for the Ōtorohanga Sports Hub across Island Reserve, The Domain and Ōtorohanga College. For example: more detail for new built facility for Netball and Tigers.

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Develop a Hub Facility

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ISLAND RESERVE

Island Reserve is a large open space, with an active recreation character. The reserve currently supports Rugby, Polocrosse stables and Squash with the historic riverbed used for grazing horses as part of the Riding for Disabled program. There are a range of facilities on site including the Rugby club room, The Tigers club room, a grandstand and stables. Polocrosse, and the Riding for Disabled program both have plans to move to more suitable grounds.

In the future, Island Reserve is envisioned as an open space that celebrates and supports the Ōtorohanga sporting community, with space for Rugby and Netball alongside enhanced circulation, informal recreation, nature play and ecosystem regeneration of the historic riverbed to provide amenity across generations. Careful consideration into parking and other infrastructure such as changing rooms will need to be undertaken as part of any upgrades to ensure the Reserve can support the increased capacity.

Plans for a multi-purpose sports-hub spanning across both Island Reserve and The Domain will assist in better supporting the Ōtorohanga sporting community's needs.

Island Reserve has a range of complex land ownership overlays that need to be resolved before further development can occur.



ISLAND RESERVE EXISTING CONDITIONS

KEY

ACCESS AND CIRCULATION

- Entranceway
- Road
- Gravel Surface
- Concrete/Pavement
- Limestone path
- Parking
- Short fence/bollards
- Medium fence

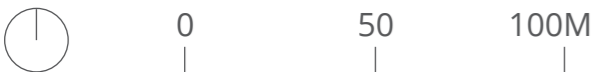
WATER AND VEGETATION

- Tree cover
- Open space
- Historic river alignment (Indicative)
- Overland flow path

FURNITURE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- Light
- Interperative signage
- Bench seat
- Rugby field
- Power pole

Scale: 1_2000@A3



ISLAND RESERVE CONCEPT DESIGN STAGE 1

- ① Restore and enhance area that once was the historic path of the Waipa River *
- ② Riparian enhancement planting*
- ③ Bridge/boardwalk connecting Island Reserve to wider walking and cycling network
- ④ Walkway enhancing connectivity within reserve
- ⑤ Netball Courts as part of consolidated sports hub
- ⑥ Half-court space for warm-ups, drills etc.
- ⑦ Two Rugby fields/multi-purpose fields
- ⑧ Multi-purpose areas for a range of uses including nature play, half courts, fitness, informal recreation
- ⑨ Potential for future expansion of Sports Club and Referees building to accomodate netball changing rooms and other sports code needs
- ⑩ Enhanced parking for approximately 220 cars to accomodate growth
- ⑪ Space for future expansion of parking

ACCESS AND CIRCULATION

- ➔ Park access
- ➔ Walking and cycling network
- Road
- Gravel Surface
- Concrete/Pavement
- Limestone path

WATER AND VEGETATION

- Existing tree cover
- Proposed additional tree cover
- Open space
- Riparian planting
- Historic riverway

FURNITURE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- Multi-Purpose area
- Exercise Circuit

* These outcomes link into the town-wide blue green network which provides direction for biodiversity and water quality outcomes throughout Otorohanga

Scale: 1_2000@A3



ISLAND RESERVE
CONCEPT DESIGN STAGE 2:
EXPANDED FIELD OPTIONS

- ① Restore and enhance area that once was the historic path of the Waipa River *
- ② Riparian enhancement planting*
- ③ Bridge/boardwalk connecting Island Reserve to wider walking and cycling network
- ④ Walkway enhancing connectivity within reserve
- ⑤ Netball Courts as part of consolidated sports hub
- ⑥ Half-court space for warm-ups, drills etc.
- ⑦ Two Rugby fields/multi-purpose fields and one football field
- ⑧ Multi-purpose areas for a range of uses including nature play, half courts, fitness, informal recreation
- ⑨ Potential for future expansion of Sports Club and Referees building to accomodate netball changing rooms and other sports code needs
- ⑩ Enhanced parking for approximately 220 cars to accomodate growth
- ⑪ Space for future expansion of parking

KEY

ACCESS AND CIRCULATION

- ➔ Park access
- ➡ Walking and cycling network
- Road
- Gravel Surface
- Concrete/Pavement
- Limestone path

WATER AND VEGETATION

- Existing tree cover
- Proposed additional tree cover
- Open space
- Riparian planting
- Historic riverway

FURNITURE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- Multi-Purpose area
- Ⓜ Exercise Circuit

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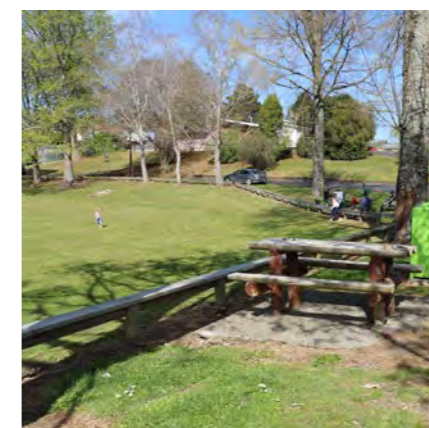


ŌTOROHANGA DOMAIN FIELDS PHOTO ESSAY

Currently the Domain fields have a family-friendly active recreation character with a sports focus, good provision for parking and generous seating lining the perimeter of the fields. Drainage has been an ongoing constraint, preventing the use of the fields during and after rainfall in the winter football season.

In the future, The Ōtorohanga Domain is envisioned as a family friendly open space that supports football and cricket across seasons. The Domain fields have the scale and layout to support community events such as festivals or concerts. Netball will be moved to Island Reserve as part of a consolidated sports hub, leaving space for a range of future uses.

Plans for a multi-purpose sports-hub spanning across both Island Reserve and The Domain will assist in better supporting the sporting community's needs.



ŌTOROHANGA DOMAIN FIELDS AND MUSEUM EXISTING CONDITIONS

KEY

ACCESS AND CIRCULATION

- ➔ Park access
- Road
- Gravel Surface
- Concrete/Pavement
- P Parking
- Short fence/bollards
- Tall fence

WATER AND VEGETATION

- Tree cover
- Open space
- Water
- Overland flow path

FURNITURE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- Public bathroom
- Light
- Bin
- Picnic table
- Drinking fountain
- Informative signage
- Cricket pitch
- Football feild
- Motorcamp
- Drain

Note: This Plan shows the layout for summer football fields, which are much smaller than a standard winter field.

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ŌTOROHANGA DOMAIN FIELDS CONCEPT DESIGN

- ① Existing football and cricket field remain
- ② Second smaller regulation size football field*
- ③ Drainage integrated into fields through underground detention
- ④ Motorcamp to be decommissioned and converted to parking for Ōtorohanga Kiwi House and the community
- ⑤ Ōtorohanga Netball Club to relocate to new facilities at Island Reserve, the old facilities will, by agreement, be taken over by the Ōtorohanga District Council. The Clubrooms lend themselves to being designated by the Council as an alternate Emergency Operating Centre (OEC) and maintained as such. When not used by the Council, the building is expected to be available for community use. Under this scenario, some of courts can be retained for parking associated with the use of the building and wider Domain use.

* Second field may require grading and retaining at northern end, further scoping required.

KEY

ACCESS AND CIRCULATION

- ➔ Park access
- ➡ Walking and cycling network
- ▬ Road
- ▬ Gravel Surface
- ▬ Concrete/Pavement
- P Parking

WATER AND VEGETATION

- Tree cover
- Open space

FURNITURE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- 🚻 Public toilet
- 🗑️ Bin
- 🪵 Picnic table
- 🚰 Drinking fountain
- 🏏 Cricket pitch
- ⚽ Football field
- 🚴 Exercise circuit

Scale: 1_1000@A3



The Domain is part of a Ōtorohanga Sportshub for Ōtorohanga. A key dependency for Football as part of this work includes partnering with Ōtorohanga College to provide facilities on school grounds. Partnering with the College can enable the development of a sand based pitch and remove requirements for drainage upgrades.



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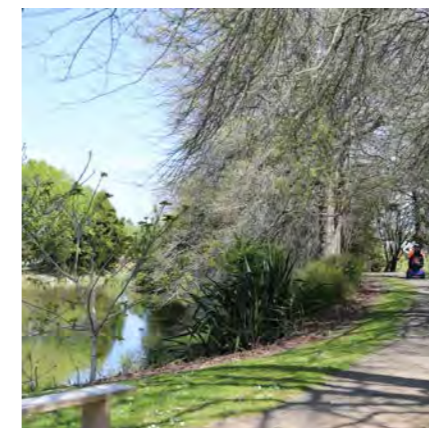
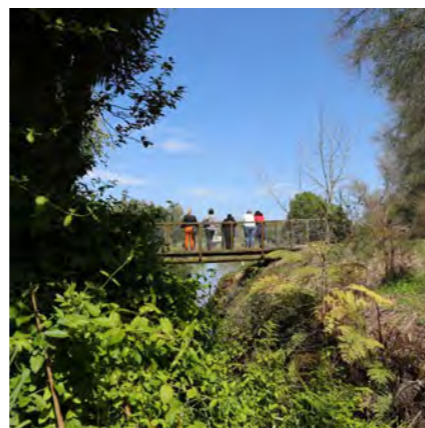
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HUIPŪTEA RESERVE PHOTO ESSAY

Huipūtea Reserve is a flat open space, with swathes of regenerating bush surrounding the lake and waterway. The area has long-standing heritage value for mana whenua, with a mature kahikatea tree holding particular significance.

Currently, Huipūtea Reserve is defined by its relationship to the lake and naturalistic planting. Water quality in the lake and historic river bed is poor due to conflicting land-use in the catchment. This has a significant impact on the environmental and heritage values inherent in the site.

In the future, this reserve is envisioned to be a place that highlights and, where appropriate, celebrates important cultural narratives and supports the ongoing regeneration of awa (stream/river), repo (wetland/lake) and ngahere (forest) ecosystems present throughout the site.



HUIPŪTEA RESERVE EXISTING CONDITIONS

KEY

ACCESS AND CIRCULATION

- Park access
- Road
- Gravel Surface
- Concrete/Pavement
- Limestone path
- Parking
- Short fence/bollards
- Medium fence

WATER AND VEGETATION

- Tree cover
- Significant Tree
- Open space
- Historic river alignment (Indicative)
- Overland flow path

FURNITURE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- Memorial/monument
- Public sculpture
- Power pole
- Light
- Rubbish bin
- Picnic table
- Bench seat
- Interpretive signage
- Bridge
- Drain

Scale: 1_2000@A3



HUIPŪTEA RESERVE CONCEPT DESIGN

- ① Huipūtea Kahikatea is highlighted and celebrated
- ② Pathways winding through regenerating Kahikatea ngahere and providing connection to Huipūtea Kahikatea tree
- ③ Opportunity for mahi toi following site-lines from Huipūtea Kahikatea
- ④ Historic awa alignment is highlighted and celebrated
- ⑤ Constructed wetland
- ⑥ Island and bank build out in Huipūtea lake to improve water flow and quality
- ⑦ Underplanting in existing forested areas
- ⑧ Pedestrian crossing between Huipūtea and Ōtorohanga town center
- ⑨ Pedestrian connection to Te Ara Waiwaiā

KEY

PATHS AND SURFACES

- ➔ Park access
- Path network
- Grassed open-space
- Road
- Gravel surface
- Concrete/Pavement
- P Parking
- Overland flow path
- Huipūtea lake

EXISTING VEGETATION

- Tree cover
- Significant tree

PROPOSED PLANTING

- Mix 1: Low height amenity planting
- Mix 2: Kahikatea mokopuna seedling planting
- Mix 3: Ngahere regeneration planting
- Mix 4: Awa regeneration planting
- Mix 5: Repo regeneration planting

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HUIPŪTEA RESERVE CONCEPT DESIGN

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KEY

PATHS AND SURFACES

- ➔ Park access
- Path network
- Boardwalk
- P Reconfigured Parking
- Grassed open-space
- Awa and Repo Planting
- Ngahere Planting
- Water bodies



HUIPŪTEA RESERVE CONCEPT DESIGN

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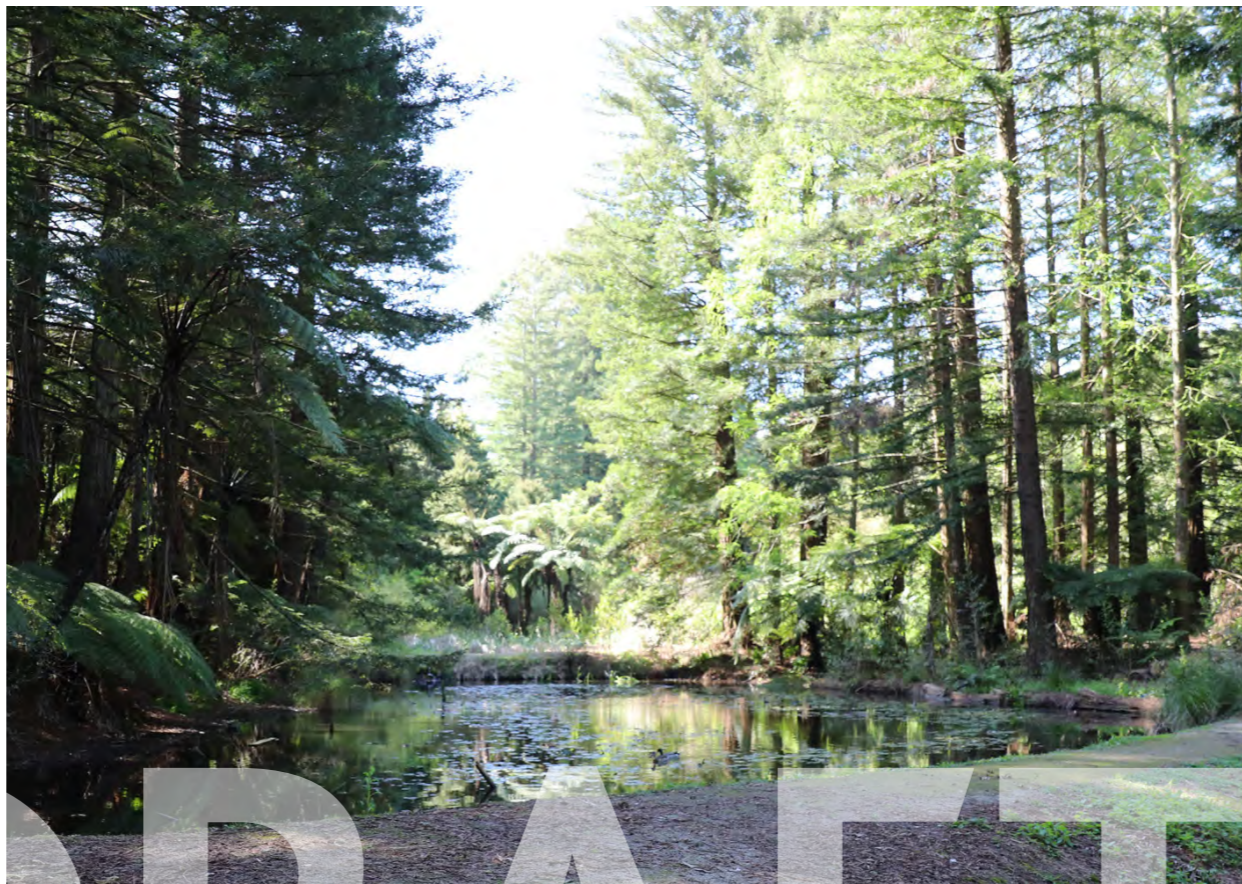
THE DOMAIN: ROTARY PARK & BOB HORSFALL RESERVE

Rotary Park is a forested area within the wider Ōtorohanga Domain that offers visitors a connection to nature and exercise. Mature redwood trees create a towering canopy, in the future, native ngahere regeneration of the understory will help support the local ecosystem for generations to come*.

Bob Horsfall Reserve is a predominantly forested area that supports a range of activities including mini golf, nature trails, mountain biking tracks and a sloped open area currently used for grazing. Netball courts are currently situated on a steep incline up from the Domain fields, with plans to relocate to Island Reserve as part of a consolidated sports hub, leaving space for a range of future uses.

In the future, Bob Horsfall is envisioned as an active recreation reserve with natural character that supports a diverse range of native species – ngahere regeneration of the understory and grazing area will help support the currently degraded ecosystem and enhance biodiversity*.

* This planting links into the town-wide blue green network which provides direction for biodiversity and water quality outcomes throughout Ōtorohanga. Future planting offers opportunities for education and community engagement helping to ensure long term success.



THE DOMAIN: ROTARY PARK &
BOB HORSFALL RESERVE
EXISTING CONDITIONS

KEY

ACCESS AND CIRCULATION

- Park access
- Road
- Gravel Surface
- Concrete/Pavement
- Parking
- Short fence/bollards
- Medium fence
- Tall fence
- Walking track
- Bike track

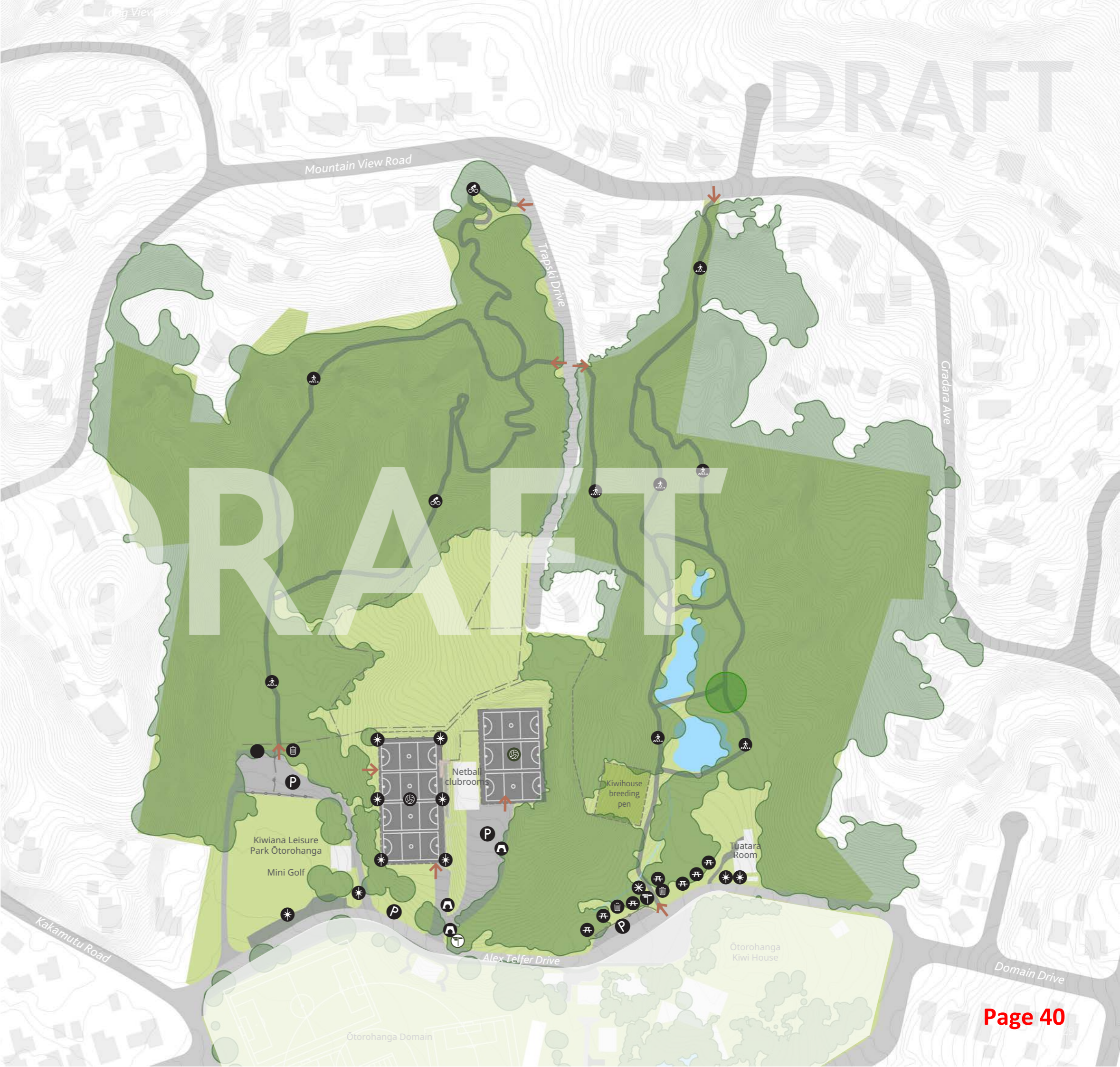
WATER AND VEGETATION

- Vegetation cover
- Open space
- Water
- Overland flow path

FURNITURE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- Public bathroom
- Light
- Bin
- Picnic table
- Drinking fountain
- Signage
- Netball Court
- Drain/culvert
- Public BBQ

Scale: 1_2000@A3



THE DOMAIN: ROTARY PARK & BOB HORSFALL RESERVE CONCEPT DESIGN

- ① Netball courts to be decommissioned at the Domain and new courts developed at Island Reserve (See Domain Fields Concept Design, P20 for further detail)
- ② Adaptive reuse of court space for a range of potential uses
- ③ Maintenance and enrichment planting to enhance existing vegetated areas*
- ④ Regenerate existing grazing area with indigenous species to enhance biodiversity*
- ⑤ Maintain and enhance existing mountain biking trail to promote safety and provide for additional recreational use
- ⑥ Maintain and enhance existing walking tracks for exercise and amenity

KEY

ACCESS AND CIRCULATION

- Park access
- Road
- Gravel Surface
- Concrete/Pavement
- Parking
- Walking track
- Bike track

WATER AND VEGETATION

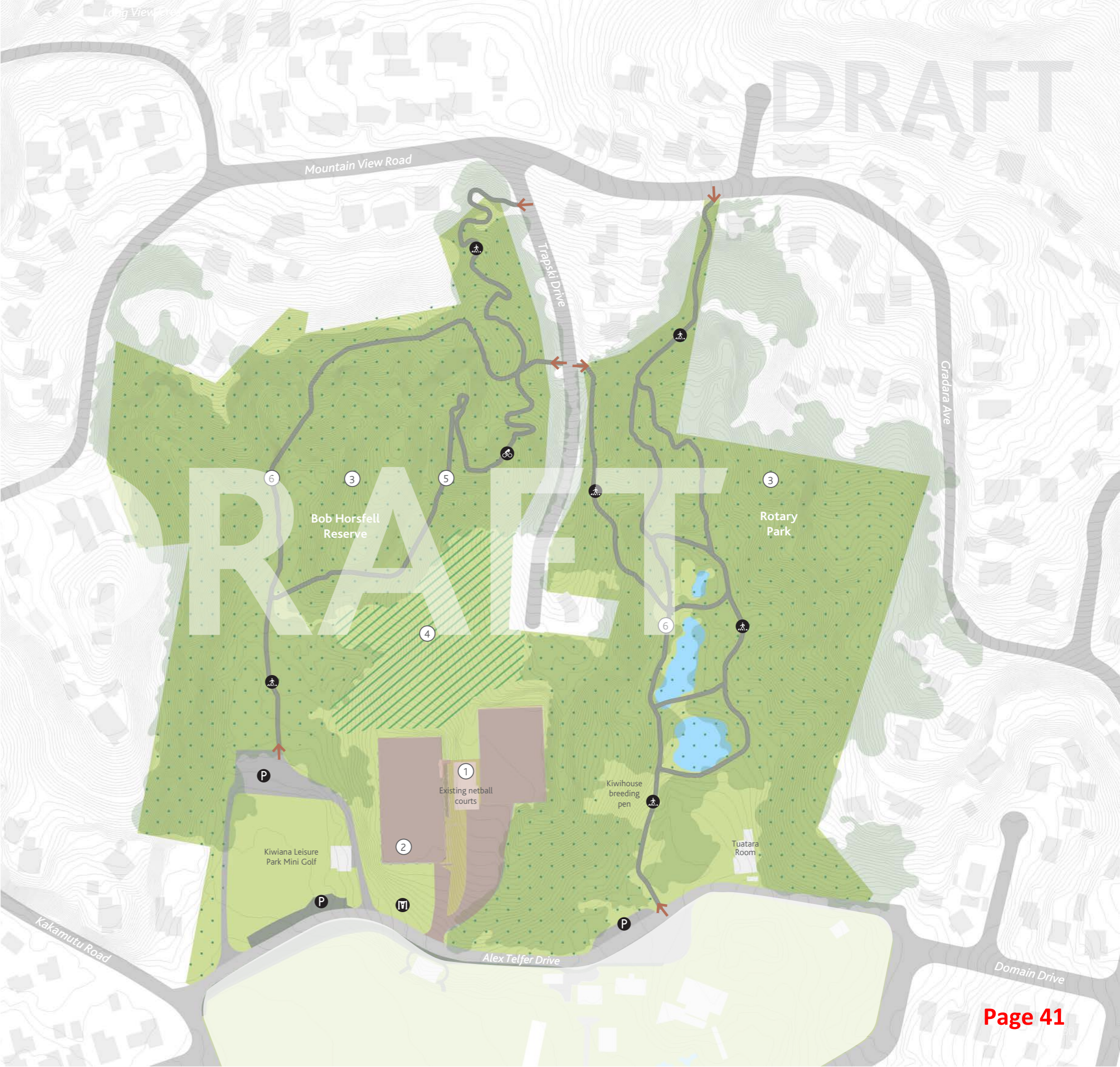
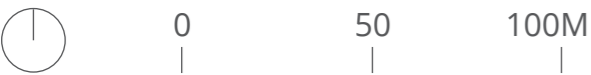
- Vegetation cover
- Enrichment planting*
- Ecological Regeneration*
- Open space
- Water
- Overland flow path

FURNITURE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- Rubbish bin
- Picnic table
- Signage
- Exercise circuit

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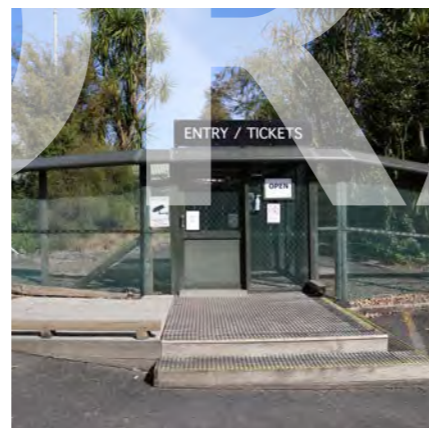


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ŌTOROHANGA KIWI HOUSE EXISTING CONDITIONS

KEY

ACCESS AND CIRCULATION

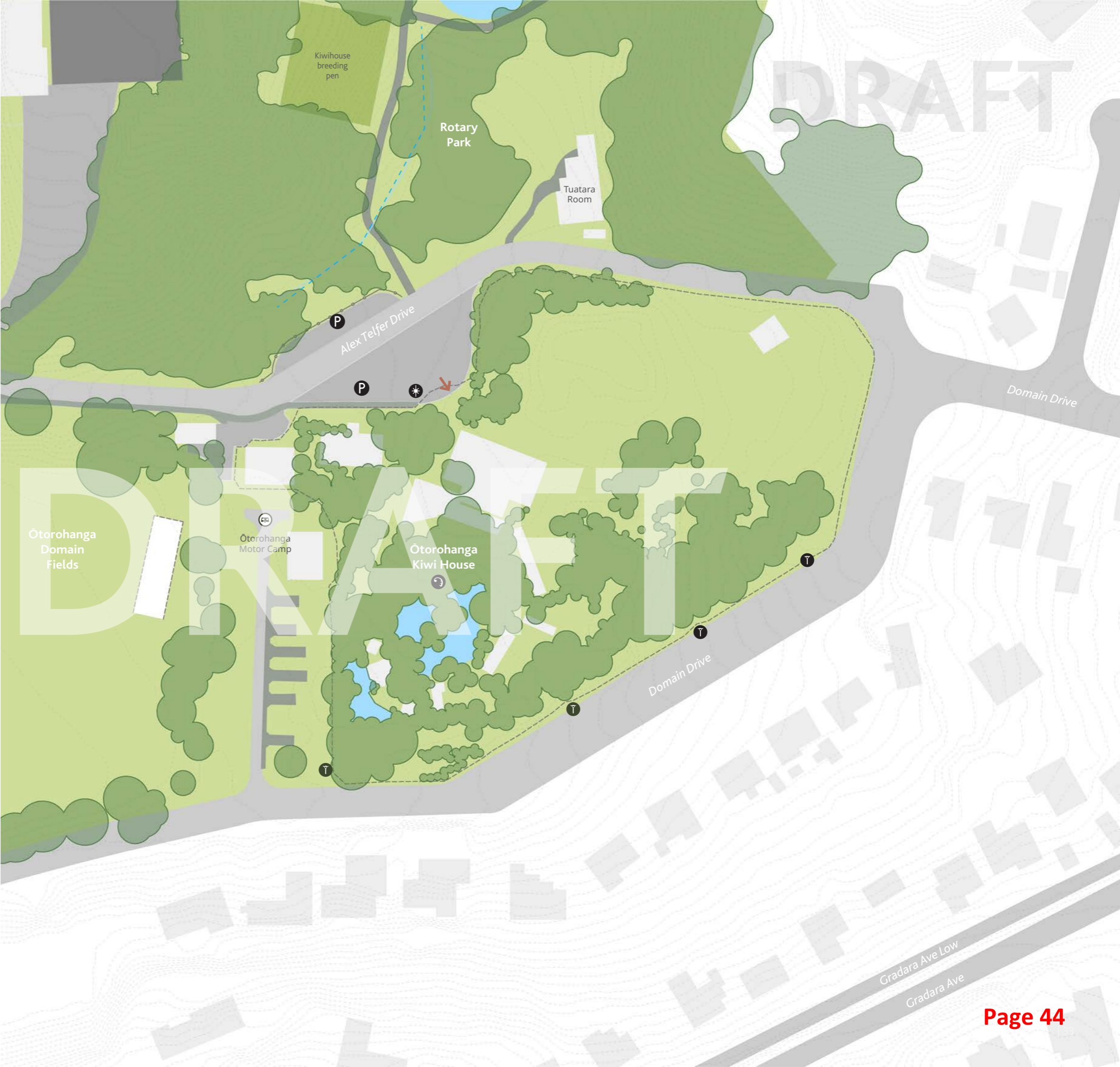
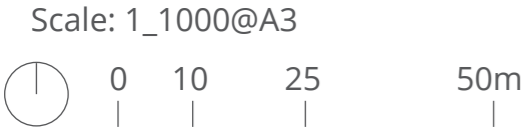
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- Road
- Gravel Surface
- Concrete/Pavement
- Parking
- Short fence/bollards
- Tall fence

WATER AND VEGETATION

- Vegetation cover
- Open space
- Water
- Overland flow path

FURNITURE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- Power pole
- Light
- Bin
- Conservation activities



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TE ARA A WAIWAIĀ WAIPĀ RIVER PARK

Te Ara a Waiwaiā is an informal recreation area that offers large swathes of open space along the Waipā awa and opportunities for exercise with a long walking track called Te Ara a Waiwaiā i O-rāhiri that stretches across Ōtorohanga atop the stopbank. Currently, the grassed open space is utilised for cut and carry, which helps to generate revenue for maintenance.

In the future Te Ara a Waiwaiā is envisioned as a biodiverse riparian park that supports local ecology, protects the town from flooding and connects visitors and locals to the Waipā awa through a network of formal and informal tracks. A mown grass path follows the awa, connecting to the existing stopbank walkway and staged planting will help to enhance biodiversity and resilience to flooding and erosion, helping regenerate the awa for generations to come.*

* This planting links into the town-wide blue green network which provides direction for biodiversity and water quality outcomes throughout Ōtorohanga. Any future planting along the stopbanks is to be undertaken in partnership with Waikato Regional Council to ensure flood mitigation measures are correctly adhered to.



TE ARA A WAIWAIĀ
WAIPĀ RIVER PARK
EXISTING CONDITIONS

KEY

ACCESS AND CIRCULATION

- ➔ Park access
- ▬ Road
- ▬ Gravel Surface
- ▬ Concrete/Pavement
- P Parking
- Short fence/bollards
- - - Medium fence
- - - Tall fence
- 🚶 Walking track
- 🌉 Bridge crossing

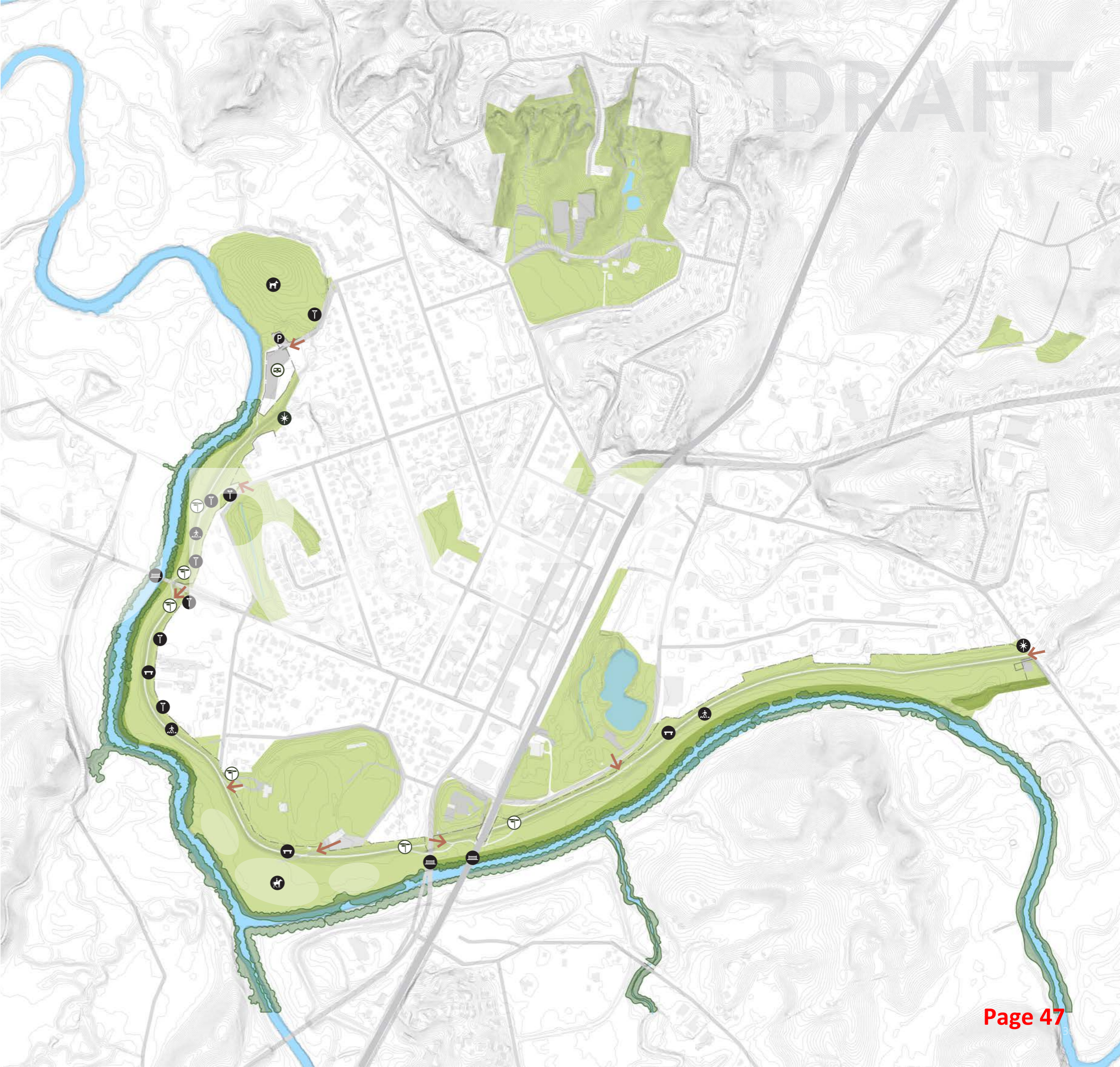
WATER AND VEGETATION

- 🌿 Vegetation cover
- 🌱 Open space
- 💧 Water
- 🌊 Overland flow path

FURNITURE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- ⚡ Powerpole
- 💡 Light
- 📶 Signage
- 🚐 Caravan Park
- 🪑 Seating
- 🐕 Dog Park
- 🏹 Polocrosse

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TE ARA A WAIWAIĀ WAIPĀ RIVER PARK CONCEPT DESIGN

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- ① Long Term staged riparian regeneration planting to enhance biodiversity, provide amenity and prevent erosion
- ② Mown grass path follows the awa, connecting to the existing stopbank walkway, Te Ara a Waiwaiā i O-rāhiri
- ③ Enhanced open space for a range of uses
- ④ Interpretive signage and/or mahi toi recognising and highlighting, where appropriate, mana whenua heritage
- ⑤ Additional fencing around large open space at the northern end of Te Ara a Waiwaiā as an off leash dog park

KEY





ACCESS AND CIRCULATION

-  Park Access
-  Access to Awa (River)
-  Existing stop bank walkway
-  Mown Path
-  Parking
-  Dog Park

WATER AND VEGETATION

-  Existing Tree cover
-  Open space
-  Existing restoration planting
-  Awa planting Stage 1
-  Awa planting Stage 2
-  Awa planting Stage 3

FURNITURE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

-  Exercise circuit station
-  Seating
-  Picnic Table
-  Rubbish bin

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TE ARA A WAIWAIĀ WAIPĀ RIVER PARK PRECEDENT IMAGES

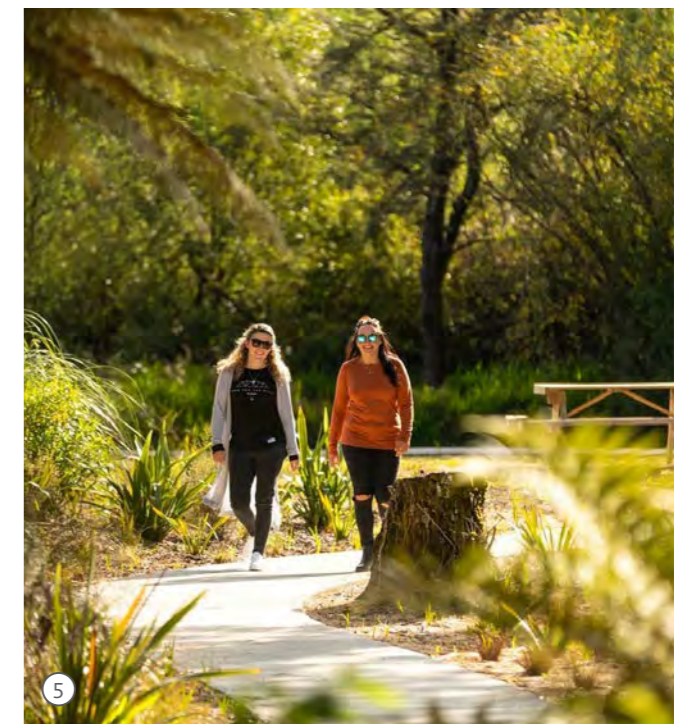
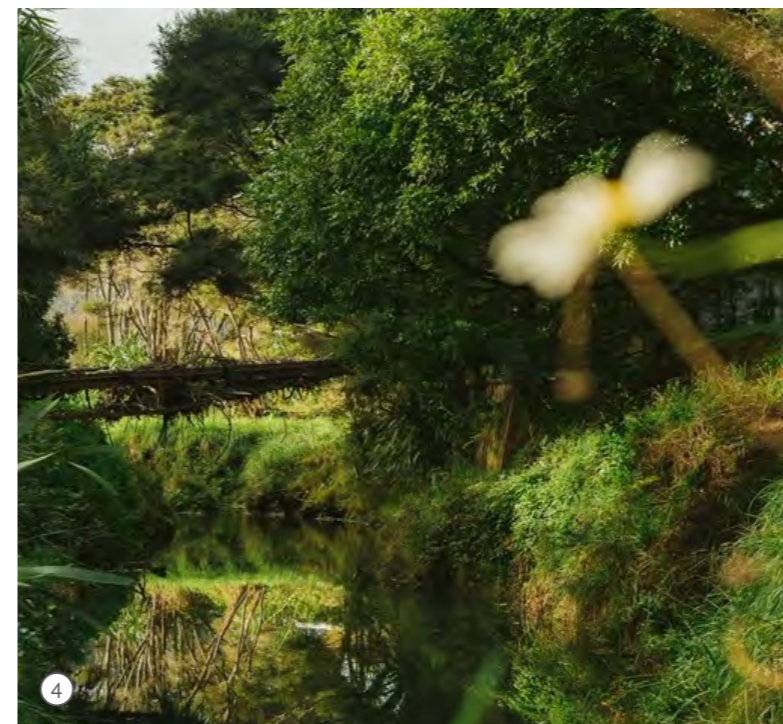
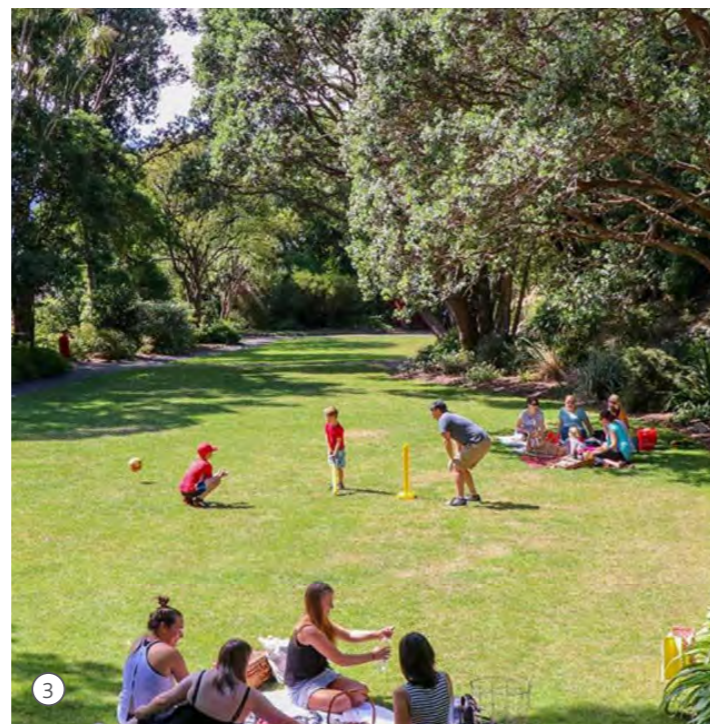
- ① Informal access to Waipā awa for swimming, picnicking and other activities
- ② Mown grass path follows the awa, connecting to the existing stopbank walkway
- ③ Enhanced open space for a range of uses
- ④ Future staged planting offers amenity and enhances riparian ecosystem
- ⑤ Enhanced path network offers a range of access and exercise opportunities



STAGED PLANTING

Planting along the Waipā awa is intended as a long-term intergenerational outcome to support the ongoing ecological health and resilience of the riparian floodplain, enhance biodiversity and provide amenity.

Planting for Te Ara a Waiwaiā–Waipā River will need to be undertaken in partnership with Waikato Regional Council to ensure the flooding capacity of the Waipa River flood plain is not reduced with consideration into potential changes in flow, velocities, frictional forces, height levels, and overall capacity of the flood scheme.

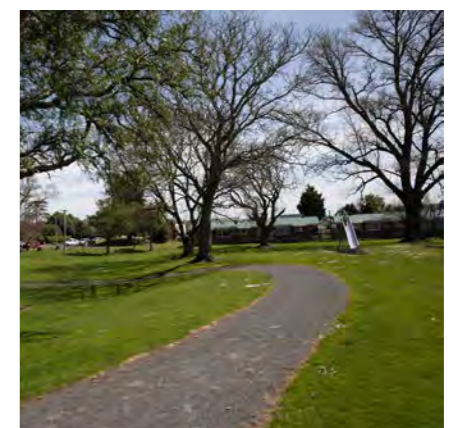
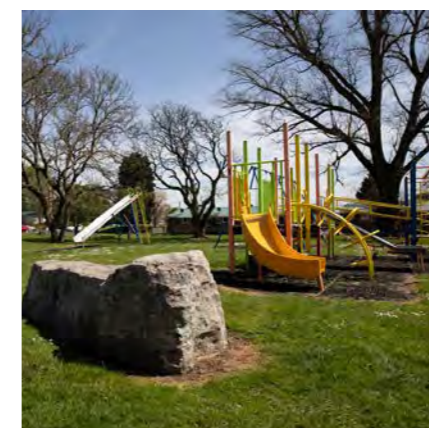
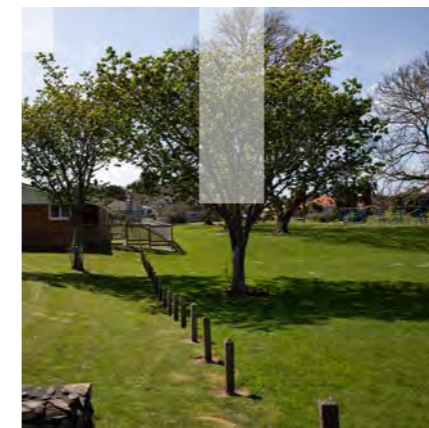


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WINDSOR PARK

Windsor Park is a well sized open space with mature trees that is surrounded by residential properties, lending it a neighbourhood park character. Situated a short distance from the town centre and away from busy roads, this park is currently underutilised.

In the future, Windsor Park is envisioned as a peaceful family-friendly open space with ample areas for informal recreation, rest and a range of play options for a range of ages to complement the facilities at Reg Brett Reserve.








WINDSOR PARK EXISTING CONDITIONS



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KEY









ACCESS AND CIRCULATION

-  Park Access
-  Road
-  Gravel Surface
-  Concrete/Pavement
-  Short fence/bollards

WATER AND VEGETATION

-  Tree/Vegetation cover
-  Open space

FURNITURE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

-  Memorial/monument
-  Light
-  Signage
-  Seating
-  Picnic Table
-  Rubbish bin
-  Playground
-  Drain/culvert

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WINDSOR PARK CONCEPT DESIGN

- ① Low amenity planting along senior citizen housing boundary
- ② Integrate Windsor park with wider walking and cycling network
- ③ Consolidate seating and bins
- ④ Pump track utilising undulating topography provides safe play opportunities for younger children
- ⑤ New consolidated playgrounds for ages 0-7 and 7-13
- ⑥ New Path enhancing connectivity
- ⑦ Interpretive signage and/or mahi toi recognising and highlighting, where appropriate, mana whenua heritage

KEY

ACCESS AND CIRCULATION

- Park Access
- Walking and cycling network
- Road
- Gravel Surface
- Concrete/Pavement

WATER AND VEGETATION

- Existing Tree cover
- Proposed specimen trees
- Open space
- Amenity planting
- Playground 0-7 and 7-13
- Consolidated park furniture

FURNITURE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- Seating
- Public toilet
- Proposed pump track

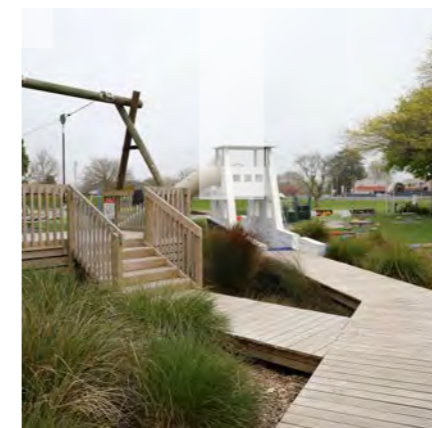
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REG BRETT RESERVE

Reg Brett Reserve is a recently upgraded recreation reserve with ample play opportunities for children and youth, alongside informal recreation areas and good public facilities. Reg Brett Reserve is well provisioned and utilised extensively by the local community.










REG BRETT RESERVE EXISTING CONDITIONS




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KEY















ACCESS AND CIRCULATION

-  Park Access
-  Road
-  Gravel Surface
-  Concrete/Pavement
-  Parking
-  Short fence/bollards
-  Medium fence

WATER AND VEGETATION

-  Vegetation/tree cover
-  Open space
-  Amenity planting

FURNITURE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

-  Powerpole
-  Light
-  Signage
-  Seating
-  Picnic table
-  Rubbish Bin
-  Memorial/monument
-  Public BBQ
-  Basketball court
-  Skate park
-  Pump track
-  Boardwalk
-  Astro turf
-  Shade structure

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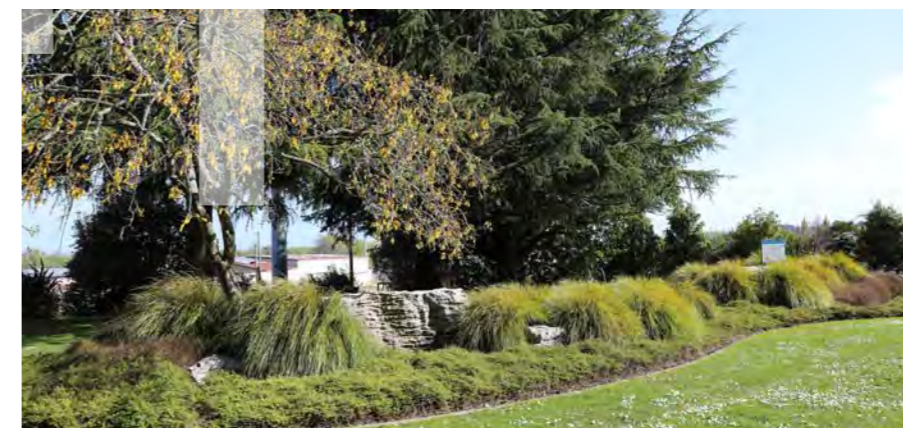




ŌTOROHANGA MEMORIAL PARK & BERT MCKENZIE/ ROAD RESERVE

Ōtorohanga Memorial Park is envisioned as an open space that is contemplative in nature, enhancing accessibility and the spaces surrounding the existing memorials on site including the War Memorial and Te Rohe Pōtae Memorial.

Bert McKenzie Road Reserve is a small reserve that is informal in nature. Similar to Ōtorohanga Memorial Park the reserve has contemplative aspects, including commemorative crosses used to mark ANZAC day, alongside a large kiwi sculpture that welcomes visitors into Ōtorohanga.






ŌTOROHANGA MEMORIAL PARK
& BERT MCKENZIE ROAD RESERVE
EXISTING CONDITIONS

KEY






ACCESS AND CIRCULATION

-  Park Access
-  Road
-  Gravel Surface
-  Concrete/Pavement
-  Parking
-  Short fence/bollards
-  Medium fence

WATER AND VEGETATION

-  Vegetation/tree cover
-  Open space
-  Amenity planting

FURNITURE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

-  Light
-  Seating
-  Picnic table
-  Rubbish Bin
-  Memorial/monument

Scale: 1_1000@A3



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ŌTOROHANGA MEMORIAL PARK CONCEPT DESIGN

- ① Accessible ramped path providing access from Ranfurly Street
- ② Additional amenity planting along back boundary and along Ranfurly St
- ③ Enhanced paved area to celebrate and highlight Te Rohe Potae Sculpture
- ④ Consolidated area for tables, seating and rubbish bins
- ⑤ Shift parking around new ramped path to enhance pedestrian access from Ranfurly St
- ⑥ Pedestrian access across Ranfurly St to increase accessibility from the Presbyterian Church and Community Centre

KEY

ACCESS AND CIRCULATION

- ➔ Park Access
- ➔ Walking and cycling network
- ➔ Pedestrian access
- Road
- Gravel Surface
- Concrete/Pavement

WATER AND VEGETATION

- Existing Tree cover
- Notable Tree
- Open space
- Proposed amenity planting
- Consolidated park furniture

FURNITURE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- ⌂ Seating
- ⌂ Picnic Table
- ♻️ Rubbish bin
- ★ Memorial/monument

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BERT MCKENZIE ROAD RESERVE
CONCEPT DESIGN




① Amenity planting along the back boundary to enhance biodiversity

KEY



ACCESS AND CIRCULATION

-  Park Access
-  Walking and cycling network
-  Road
-  Gravel Surface
-  Concrete/Pavement

WATER AND VEGETATION

-  Existing Tree cover
-  Open space
-  Proposed amenity planting

FURNITURE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

-  Memorial/monument
-  Sculpture

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WALKING AND CYCLING NETWORK MAP

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The Walking and Cycling network is a town wide strategy which helps to identify key connections between open spaces across Ōtorohanga.

Three projects have been identified through this process:

- ➔ Project 1: Closing the Loop
- ➔ Project 2: Safe Connections
- ➔ Project 3: Weaving Nature Through Town

KEY

- 🏫 Schools
- ➔ Walking and Cycling network

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WALKING AND CYCLING PROJECT 1: CLOSING THE LOOP

Te Ara a Waiwaiā creates a safe off-road connection that stretches across Ōtorohanga township, however current road connections between the parks and reserves that do not adjoin the Te Ara a Waiwaiā are fragmented and sometimes difficult for cyclists and pedestrians to navigate.

This project helps to create safe connections to the start and end of Te Ara a Waiwaiā, creating a safe and accessible town-wide loop. This of approximately 5km, qualifying the circuit for Park Run events.

KEY

-  Proposed connection
-  Existing offroad connection
-  Schools
-  Minor Walking and Cycling Improvements
-  Pedestrian Crossing
-  Kerb Build-out/Traffic Calming
-  Corridor Greening
-  Pinch-point Constraint

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WALKING AND CYCLING PROJECT 2: SAFE CONNECTIONS

Turongo street forms a direct access link between The Domain and Island Reserve, however currently the width of this road is underutilised with ample space to incorporate additional cycle and pedestrian infrastructure.

This project creates a pedestrian and cycle friendly connection joining The Domain to Island Reserve along Turongo St, while maintaining existing parking in key areas

KEY

-  Proposed connection
-  Schools
-  Pedestrian Crossing
-  Slow Streets/Traffic Calming
-  Corridor Greening
-  Dedicated Cycle Way
-  **1** **High level** of change to road layout and parking to allow for pedestrian and cycle access
-  **2** **Medium level** of change to the road layout and parking
-  **3** **Low level** of change to the road layout and parking including retaining truck parking

Scale: 1_5,000@A3








WALKING AND CYCLING PROJECT 3: WEAVING NATURE THROUGH TOWN

There are a range of areas with significant ecological potential across Ōtorohanga, including the forested area at the Domain, a riparian environment surrounding Waipā river and a lake/wetland at Huipūtea reserve. Currently these ecosystems are fragmented and lack connectivity.

Weaving nature through town creates accessible pedestrian corridors through the town that enhance the ecological connectivity through measures such as additional street trees, rain gardens and amenity planting.

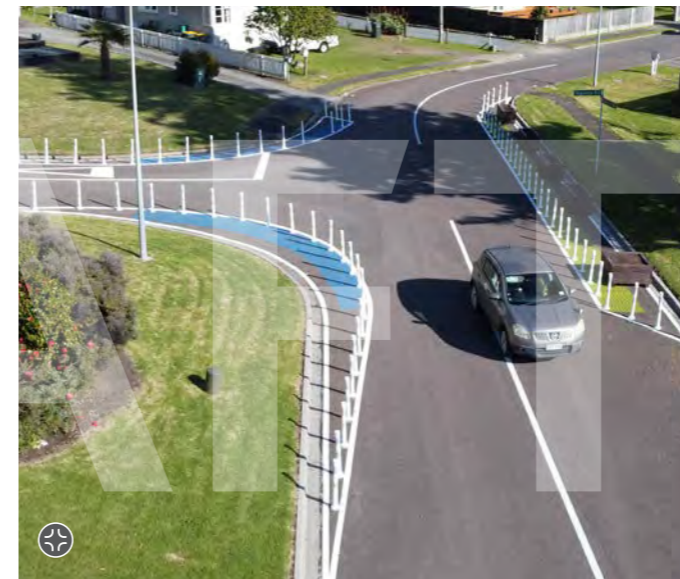
KEY

-  Schools
-  Minor Walking Improvements
-  Pedestrian Crossing
-  Kerb Build-out/Traffic Calming
-  Corridor Greening







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WALKING AND CYCLING PRECEDENT IMAGES



KEY

-  Walking and Cycling Improvements
-  Walking Improvements
-  Pedestrian Crossing
-  Kerb Build-out/Traffic Calming
-  Corridor Greening
-  Dedicated Cycle Way
- 1** **High level** of change to road layout and parking to allow for pedestrian and cycle access
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ŌTOROHANGA SIGNAGE STRATEGY

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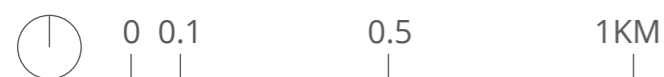
The Ōtorohanga Signage and Wayfinding Strategy emerged from feedback received during engagement around recognising and celebrating Mana Whenua heritage as a key theme across all of Ōtorohanga's parks and reserves. This picks up three threads explored through the Ōtorohanga Town Concept Plan, including:

- A signage Strategy for Ōtorohanga
- Arts, Culture and Heritage Strategy; and
- Ōtorohanga Naming Protocol

KEY

-  Parks/Reserves
-  Walking and Cycling Network
-  Opportunities for Interpretive Signage
-  Opportunities for Mahi Toi
-  Opportunities for Wayfinding
-  Existing features of cultural importance
-  Area with a range of sites of cultural significance for mana whenua

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SIGNAGE AND WAYFINDING

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GUIDING SIGNAGE



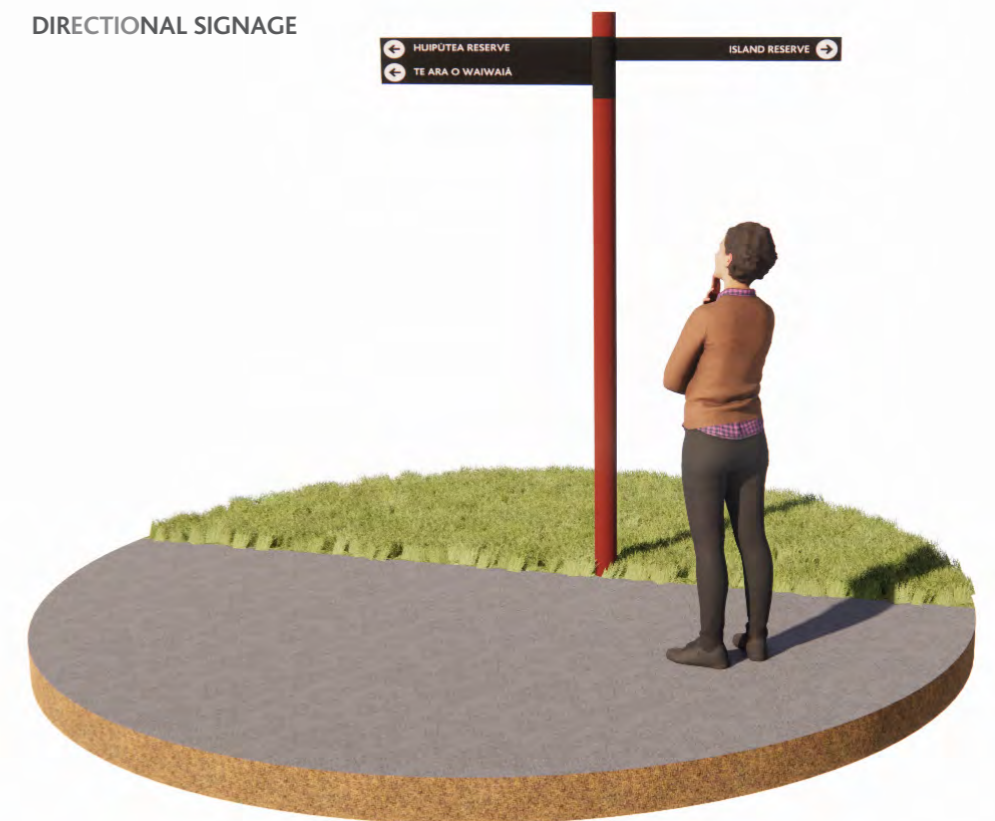
WAYFINDING SIGNAGE



INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE



DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE



CULTURAL EXPRESSION
AND MAHI TOI



The Ōtorohanga exercise circuit keys into the town walking and cycling network, with proposed exercise stations located at points along the network to encourage health and fitness.

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ŌTOROHANGA EXCERCISE CIRCUIT




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The Ōtorohanga exercise circuit keys into the town walking and cycling network, with proposed exercise stations located at points along the network to encourage health and fitness.

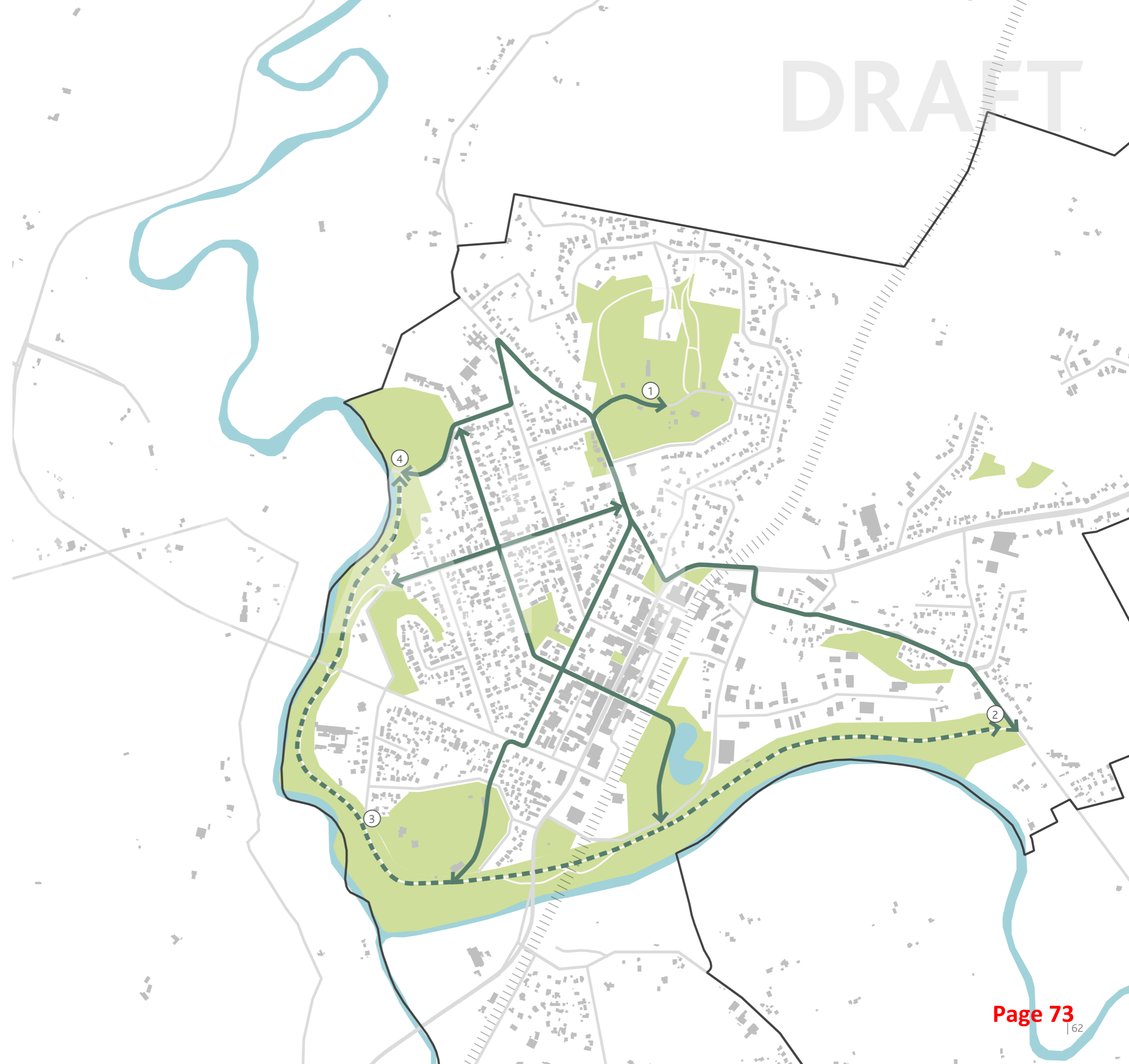
Potential themes for the stations include:

- ① **Agility** : focusing on exercises that improve speed, power and balance
- ② **Core**: focusing on exercises that support the core
- ③ **Upper body**: focusing on exercises that increase upper body strength
- ④ **Lower body**: focusing on exercises that increase lower body strength

KEY

-  Walking and cycling network
-  Parks & Reserves
-  Water bodies

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ŌTOROHANGA EXERCISE CIRCUIT



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BLUE-GREEN NETWORK

The Blue-Green network is a town wide strategy which helps to identify, support and enhance existing Ngahere (Forest), Awa (Riparian) and Repo (Wetland) ecosystems that interact with Ōtorohanga open spaces and streets.

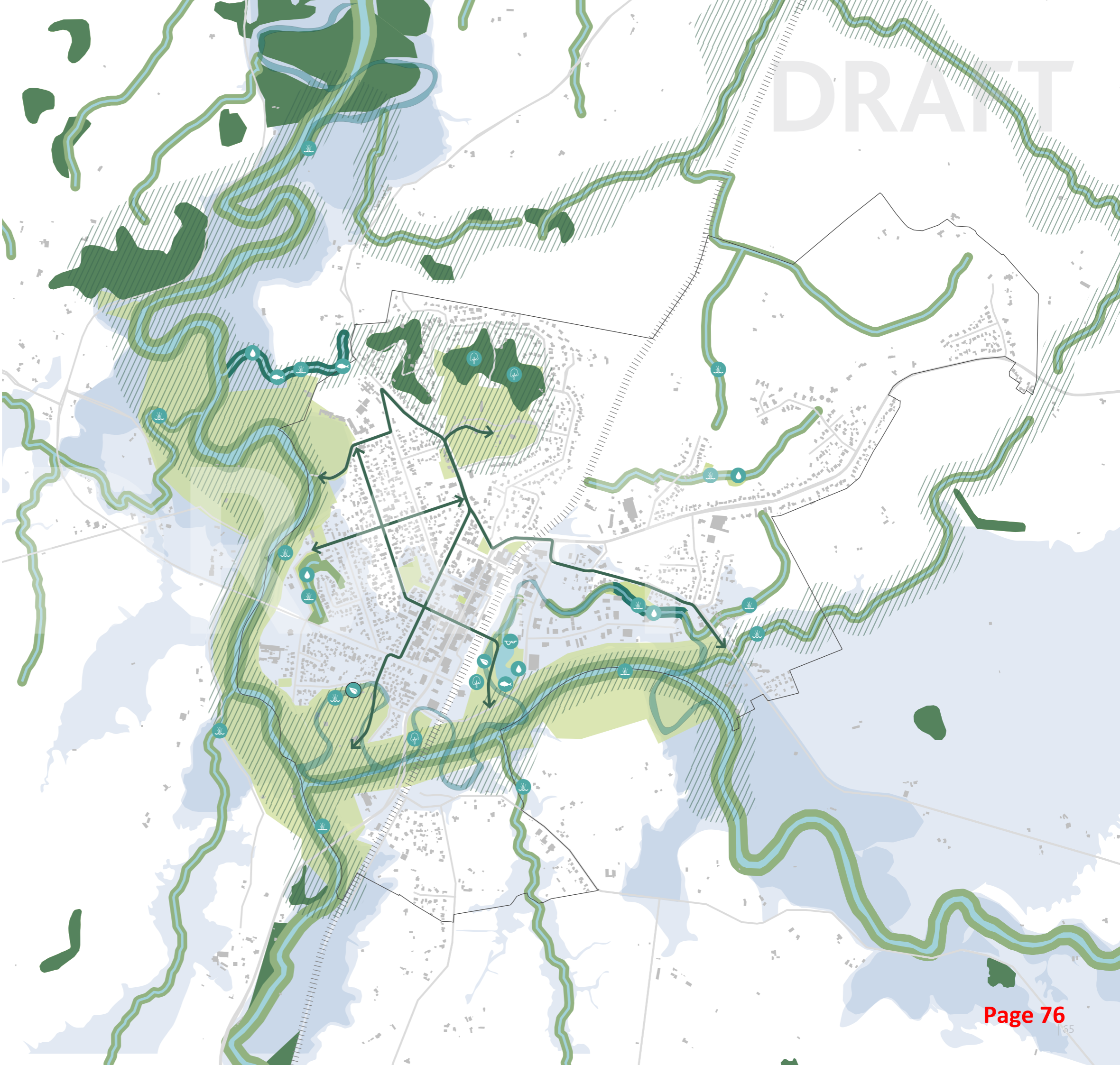
This includes opportunities for amenity planting and water sensitive design in urban areas, alongside regenerative planting in more naturalistic areas with the vision of supporting long-term ecosystem health across Ōtorohanga for generations to come.

KEY

- ||||| Rail Network
- Open Space
- Existing Ecosystem
- Waipa River
- Historic River Alignment
- Stream network
- ➔ Weaving Nature through Town
- High Priority Riparian Corridor Regeneration*
- Riparian Corridor Regeneration
- Green Belt Connecting Existing Ecosystems
- Enhance Ngahere (Terrestrial) Ecosystem
- Enhance Awa/Repo (Aquatic) Ecosystem*
- Monitor and improve water quality*
- Stabilise Banks*
- Daylight and Celebrate Historic River Alignment
- Remove Barriers to Fish Passage

* These outcomes are outlined in the Ōtorohanga District Comprehensive Stormwater Discharge Consent Renewal: Stage 1&2 Ecological Assessments for Ōtorohanga, prepared by Morpum Environmental for Ōtorohanga District Council

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NGAHERE REGENERATION

The Ngahere regeneration mix is reflective of species found in the historic lowland Kahikatea, Tawa and Pukatea forest ecosystems.

This includes specific species tailored to a range of contexts found within parks and reserves, including multi-layered underplanting for existing forested areas such as Bob Horsfall Reserve and Rotary Park, primary successional species for currently unplanted sites, and enrichment species to enhance diversity and support succession in recently established revegetating areas.



🌿 Opportunities for Ngahere Regeneration



NGAHERE PLANTING

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BOTANICAL NAME	MĀORI / COMMON NAME	LOW (>0.5M)	MEDIUM (0.5-3M)	TALL (<3M)
Primary Successional Species				
<i>Aristotelia serrata</i>	<i>Makomako</i>			
<i>Brachyglottis repanda</i>	<i>Rangiora</i>			
<i>Coprosma areolata</i>	<i>Mingimingi</i>			
<i>Coprosma virescens</i>	<i>Mingimingi</i>			
<i>Coprosma propinqua</i>	<i>Mingimingi</i>			
<i>Cordyline australis</i>	<i>Tī Kouka</i>			
<i>Carex lessoniana</i>	<i>Ruatahi</i>			
<i>Carex secta</i>	<i>Purei</i>			
<i>Carex virgata</i>	<i>Pukio</i>			
<i>Fuchsia excorticata</i>	<i>kotukutuku</i>			
<i>Hedycarya arborea</i>	<i>Porokaiwhiri</i>			
<i>Hoheria sexstylosa</i>	<i>Houhere, lacebark</i>			
<i>Kunzea robusta</i>	<i>Kānuka</i>			
<i>Knightia excelsa</i>	<i>Rewarewa</i>			
<i>Leptospermum Scoparium</i>	<i>Mānuka</i>			
<i>Melicytus ramiflorus</i>	<i>Mahoe</i>			
<i>Myrsine australis</i>	<i>Mapou</i>			
<i>Carpodetus serratus</i>	<i>Putaputaweta</i>			
<i>Elaeocarpus hookerianus</i>	<i>Pokaka</i>			
<i>Elaeocarpus Dentatus</i>	<i>Hinau</i>			
<i>Phormium tenax</i>	<i>Harakeke</i>			
<i>Plagianthus regius</i>	<i>Manatu / Ribbonwood</i>			
<i>Sophora microphylla</i>	<i>Kōwhai</i>			
<i>Veronica stricta</i>	<i>Koromiko</i>			

BOTANICAL NAME	MĀORI/ COMMON NAME	LOW (>0.5M)	MEDIUM (0.5-3M)	TALL (<3M)
Enrichment Planting				
<i>Alectryon excelsus</i>	<i>Tītoki</i>			
<i>Beilschmiedia tawa</i>	<i>Tawa</i>			
<i>Dacrycarpus dacrydioides</i>	<i>Kahikatea</i>			
<i>Dacrydium cupressinum</i>	<i>Rimu</i>			
<i>Melicytus micranthus</i>	<i>Swamp māhoe</i>			
<i>Nestegis cunninghamii</i>	<i>Black maire / Maire raunui</i>			
<i>Nestegis lanceolata</i>	<i>White Maire</i>			
<i>Laurelia novae-zelandiae</i>	<i>Pukatea</i>			
<i>Litsea calicaris</i>	<i>Mangaeo</i>			
<i>Prumnopitys taxifolia</i>	<i>Mataī , black pine</i>			
<i>Podocarpus totara</i>	<i>Tōtara</i>			
<i>Syzygium maire</i>	<i>Swamp Maire</i>			
Underplanting for existing canopy				
<i>Astelia fragrans</i>	<i>Kahakaha</i>			
<i>Blechnum novae-zelandiae</i>	<i>Kiokio</i>			
<i>Blechnum filiforme</i>	<i>Small kiokio</i>			
<i>Carex dissita</i>	<i>Forest sedge</i>			
<i>Carex lambertiana</i>	<i>Bush Sedge</i>			
<i>Carex solandri</i>	<i>Carex</i>			
<i>Cyathea dealbata</i>	<i>Ponga</i>			
<i>Cyathea medullaris</i>	<i>Mamaku</i>			
<i>Elatostema rugosum</i>	<i>Parataniwha</i>			
<i>Melicope simplex</i>	<i>Poataniwha</i>			
<i>Parsonia heterophylla</i>	<i>New Zealand Jasmine/ Kaihua</i>			
<i>Piper excelsum</i>	<i>Kawakawa</i>			
<i>Pseudopanax crassifolius</i>	<i>Horoeka / Lancewood</i>			
<i>Rhopalostylis sapida</i>	<i>Nikau Palm</i>			
<i>Rhabdothamnus solandri</i>	<i>Taurepo</i>			
<i>Streblus heterophyllus</i>	<i>Tūrepo</i>			

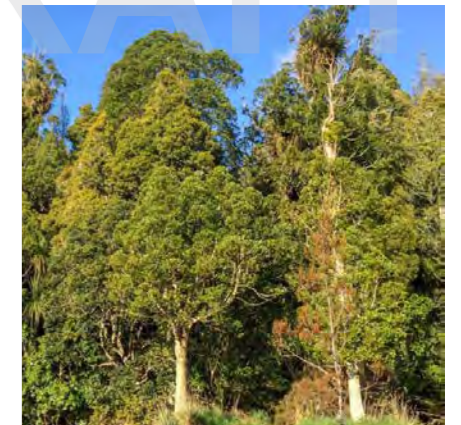
AWA AND REPO REGENERATION

Awa and Repo regeneration planting forms the interface between land and water ecosystems, filtering runoff from adjacent land uses and preventing erosion through root binding of the soil. This planting helps to form aquatic ecosystems by creating habitat and regulating light, oxygen levels and temperature of the water. Helping to create ecological connectivity along the stream and between habitats.

Repo mixes provide amenity and ecological value through diverse, resilient species which are tolerant to varying degrees of inundation such as sedges, rushes and select shrubs and trees. Repo regeneration helps to promote shade, stabilise banks and provide habitat for wildlife.

Awa regeneration mixes include a range of locally occurring native species that can tolerate both periodic inundation and drought. The Waipā mix is focused on single leader species that will enhance biodiversity along the Waipā Awa without impeding flood capacity in accordance with Waikato Regional Councils Guidelines. The stream and tributary mix includes a range of sedges, shrubs and grasses, helping to slow the flow of water and enhance in-stream habitat.

Opportunities for Awa & Repo Regeneration



BOTANICAL NAME	MĀORI / COMMON NAME	LOW (>0.5M)	MEDIUM (0.5-3M)	TALL (<3M)	NOTES
Waipa River					
Carpodetus serratus	Putaputaweta				Suitable for the Waipā Floodplain
Laurelia novae-zelandiae	Pukatea				
Beilschmiedia tawa	Tawa				
Hoheria sexstylosa	Houhere, lacebark				
Myrsine divaricata	Weeping Mapou				
Plagianthus regius	Manatu / Ribbonwood				
Leptospermum Scoparium	Mānuka				
Aristotelia serrata	Makomako				
Kunzea robusta	Kānuka				
Veronica stricta	Koromiko				
Cordyline australis	Cabbage Tree				
Streams and Tributaries					
Carex secta	Purei				Stream Margin
Carex virgata	Carex				
Machaerina articulata	Jointed Twig Rush				
Machaerina tenax	Tussock Swamp Twig Rush				
Elatostema rugosum	Parataniwha				Lower Stream Bank
Cyperus ustulatus	Giant Umbrella Sedge				
Carex geminata	Cutty Grass				
Dacrycarpus dacrydioides	Kahikatea				Lower & Upper Stream Bank
Laurelia novae-zelandiae	Pukatea				
Phormium tenax	Harakeke				Upper Stream Bank
Carpodetus serratus	Putaputaweta				
Coprosma tenuicaulis	Hukihuki				
Plagianthus regius	Manatu / Ribbonwood				
Hoheria sexstylosa	Houhere, lacebark				
Leptospermum Scoparium	Mānuka				
Beilschmiedia tawa	Tawa				
Coprosma propinqua	Mingimingi				
Wetland					
Typha orientalis	Raupo				Open Water
Cyperus ustulatus	Giant Umbrella Sedge				Wetland Margin
Carex secta	Purei				
Carex virgata	Carex				
Carex geminata	Cutty Grass				Lower Bank
Machaerina articulata	Jointed Twig Rush				
Machaerina tenax	Tussock Swamp Twig Rush				
Dacrycarpus dacrydioides	Kahikatea				Lower & Upper Bank
Melicytus micranthus	Swamp māhoe				
Syzygium maire	Swamp Maire				
Phormium tenax	Harakeke				Upper Bank

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WEAVING NATURE THROUGH TOWN

Weaving nature through town is a range of plant mixes that cater to urban environments, including amenity planting, specimen trees for parks and along roads and water sensitive design devices such as rain gardens and swales.

The amenity planting mix blends and softens hardscaped areas and provides transitions between paths and grass areas within the reserve. The combination of hardy groundcovers, grasses, flowering perennials, and shrubs provide seasonal interest as well as visual appeal along pathways, entrances, play areas and under specimen trees. The selection is hardy, low maintenance and lush all year round.

The water sensitive design mix is a range of hardy low shrubs, grasses, perennials and sedges that provide amenity value, help to filter pollutants from stormwater runoff and are tolerant of both temporary inundation and dry conditions.

Large specimen trees contribute to the overall amenity and character of the reserve by framing views while allowing for clear sightlines, providing shade and/or creating outdoor spaces. Parkland trees can be planted as single specimen trees or in small groupings, either with grass understory or in combination with low lying amenity planting.

Opportunities for weaving nature through town



BOTANICAL NAME	MAAORI NAME	LOW (>0.5M)	MEDIUM (0.5-3M)	TALL (<3M)	NOTES
Rain Gardens/ Swale Planting					
Arthropodium bifurcatum	Rengarenga Lily				
Blechnum penna-marina	Alpine hard fern				
Carex secta	Purei				
Carex virgata	Pukio				
Phormium cookianum 'Emerald Gem'	Wharariki / Emerald Gem (Dwarf)				
Coprosma areolata	Mingimingi				
Melicytus micranthus	Swamp māhoe				
Melicope simplex	Poataniwha				
Plagianthus regius	Manatu / Ribbonwood				
Elaeocarpus hookerianus	Pokaka				
Amenity Planting					
Arthropodium bifurcatum	Rengarenga Lily				Seasonal Flowering
Aristotelia serrata	Makomako				Seasonal Flowering
Brachyglottis repanda	Rangiora				Seasonal Flowering
Carex virgata	Carex				
Coprosma repens 'Poor Knights'	Coprosma 'Poor Knights'				
Coprosma areolata	Mingimingi				
Carpodetus serratus prostrata	Prostrate Putaputaweta				
Coprosma propinqua	Mingimingi				
Dianella nigra	Tūrutu				Seasonal Flowering
Kunzea robusta	Kānuka				Seasonal Flowering
Leptospermum Scoparium	Mānuka				Seasonal Flowering
Libertia grandiflora	Mikoikoi				Seasonal Flowering
Melicope simplex	Poataniwha				
Metrosideros perforata	White climbing rātā				Seasonal Flowering, Climbing
Muehlenbeckia astonii	Shrubby tororaro				Screening
Phormium cookianum 'Emerald Gem'	Wharariki / Emerald Gem (Dwarf)				Seasonal Flowering
Plagianthus regius	Manatu / Ribbonwood				Seasonal Flowering
Pratia angulata	Panakenake				Seasonal Flowering
Pseudopanax lessonnii 'Cyril Watson'	Houpara 'Cyril Watson'				Screening
Rhabdothamnus solandri	Taurepo				Seasonal Flowering
Sophora molloyi 'Dragons Gold'	Kōwhai / Dragons gold				Seasonal Flowering
Veronica stricta	Koromiko				Seasonal Flowering
Street Trees					
Alectryon excelsus	Tītoki				
Elaeocarpus hookerianus	Pokaka				
Hoheria populnea	Houhere, lacebark				
Hoheria sexstylosa	Houhere, lacebark				
Podocarpus totara	Tōtara				

PART 2: ŌTOROHANGA RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN

This Reserves Management Plan (RMP) covers the following urban parks and reserves across Ōtorohanga:

1. *Ōtorohanga Domain, including Rotary Park, Bob Horsfall Reserve, The Ōtorohanga Kiwi House*
2. *Ōtorohanga Museum*
3. *Island Reserve*
4. *Huipūtea Reserve*
5. *Windsor Park*
6. *Reg Brett Reserve*
7. *Ōtorohanga Memorial Park*
8. *Bert McKenzie Road Reserve*
9. *Te Ara a Waiwaiā - Waipā River Park*
10. *Westridge Future Recreation Reserve*
11. *Westridge Future Stormwater Reserve*
12. *Te Kanawa Stream Reserve*
13. *Phillips Ave Wetland Reserve*
14. *Ōtorohanga Reserve/Village Green*

Not all of these parks and reserves have been gazetted and classified as reserves under the Reserves Act 1977. While only reserves that have been classified are subject to the Act, all parks included in the Ōtorohanga Reserves Strategy (ŌRS) have been included to ensure guidance for the use, management, development, and protection is consistent across all of Ōtorohanga's open spaces.

Ōtorohanga Cemetery is classified as a local purpose reserve; however, this is not considered part of the Ōtorohanga township open space network and therefore has not been included in this RMP.

BACKGROUND

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WHAT IS A RESERVES MANAGEMENT PLAN?

The Ōtorohanga Reserves Management Plan (ŌRMP) has been developed in accordance with the statutory requirements outlined by the Reserves Act 1977. Any parks and open spaces that have been gazetted and classified as Reserves are required to have a Reserve Management Plan, as outlined in Section 41 of the Act.

The ŌRMP has been developed in parallel to The Ōtorohanga Reserves Strategy (ŌRS) and provides the Ōtorohanga District Council (ŌDC) with an outline of the principles, objectives and policies that guide the use, management, development and protection of reserves day-to-day and over time. The ŌRMP is subject to continuous review to ensure that the ŌRMP is able to remain responsive to changing community needs and will be updated as needed.

RELATIONSHIP TO THE ŌTOROHANGA RESERVES STRATEGY

The purpose of the ŌRS is to establish high-level direction for Ōtorohanga’s urban parks and reserves to ensure that there is a coordinated approach to guide the development, renewal and adaptation of local open spaces in a way that is responsive to the evolving needs of the community.

The ŌRS was developed through extensive engagement with mana whenua and a working group encompassing a range of organisations with intersecting interests, including representatives from the Community Board, Sport Waikato, local sports codes and local community members.

Alongside fulfilling the statutory provisions outlined in the Reserves Act 1977, The ŌRMP gives effect to the aspirations and vision for Ōtorohanga’s parks and reserves explored through the strategy, providing concrete management principles, objectives and policies to help guide their day-to-day management, future development and protection. This will help to ensure that the parks and reserves continue to reflect the needs and aspirations of the people who live, work and play in Ōtorohanga.

OVERVIEW OF THE STATUTORY CONTEXT

Alongside The Reserves Act 1977, Reserve Management Plans are required to take the following statutory documents into consideration: Te Tiriti o Waitangi/The Treaty of Waitangi, The Local Government Act 2002, Conservation Act 1987 and the Resource Management Act 1991.

Reserves Act 1977

The primary function of The Reserves Act 1977 is to preserve and manage formally gazetted and classified Reserve land through government bodies such as DOC or Local and Regional Councils for the purposes of public access and recreation, scenic preservation, heritage value and protection of wildlife and ecosystems. This Act determines the way in which administering bodies, such as ŌDC, manage and develop reserves through the Reserves Management Plan process.

The purpose of an RMP is to: "provide for and ensure the use, enjoyment, maintenance, protection, and preservation, as the case may require, and, to the extent that the administering body’s resources permit, the development, as appropriate, of the reserve for the purposes for which it is classified." The Reserves Act requires that the Reserve Management Plans are available to the public for consultation for a minimum of two months, and that the completed plan includes consideration of any feedback provided.

Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA)

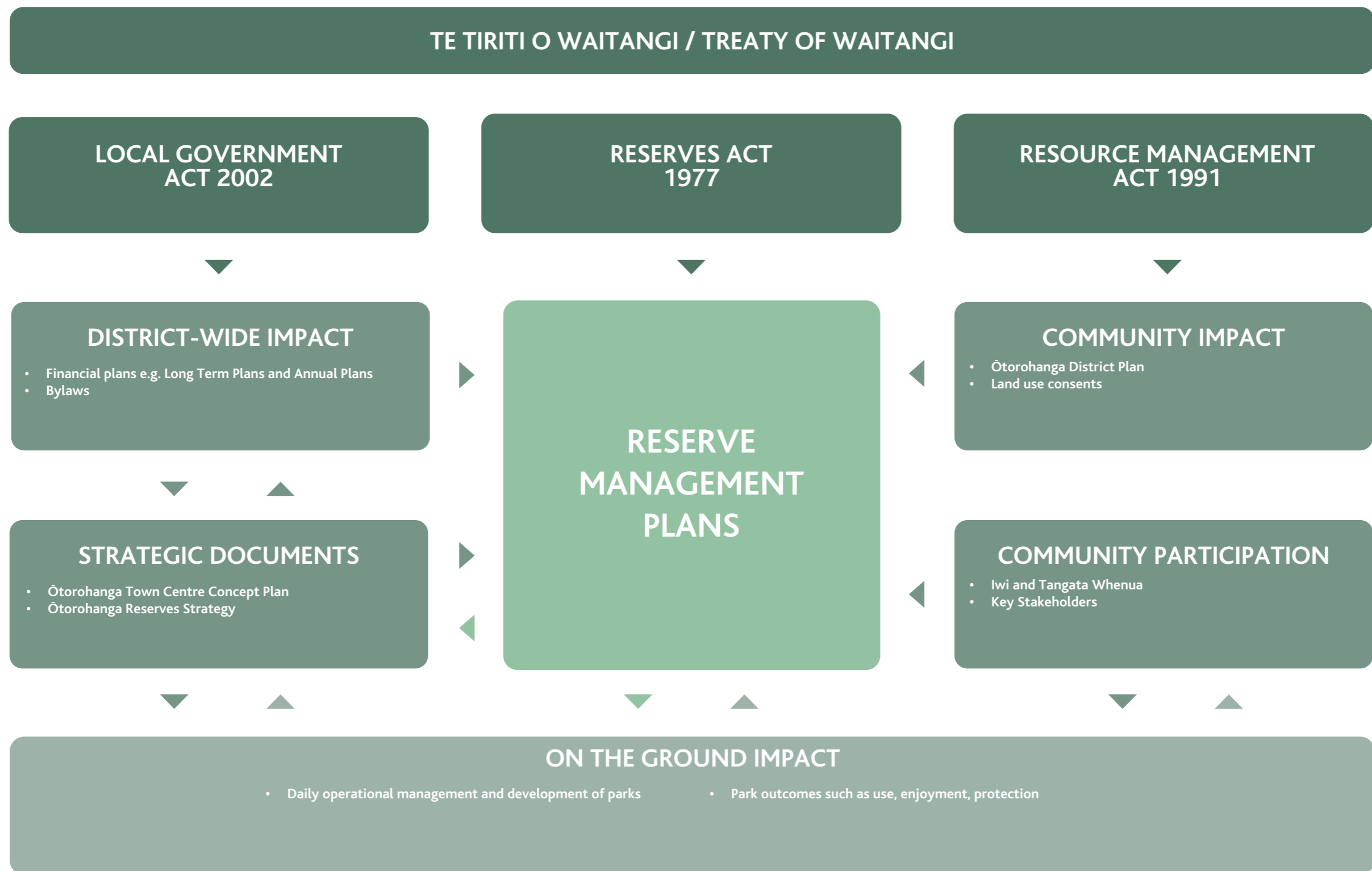
The RMA focuses on regulating the environmental pressures of development and protecting significant existing natural resources and landscape elements. As the administering body, ŌDC is required to incorporate the provisions set out in the RMA within local and regional planning documents (such as The Ōtorohanga District Plan).

Local Government Act 2002

The LGA is a statutory framework that outlines the purpose, powers, obligations and responsibilities of local authorities to their communities and the principles of The Treaty of Waitangi. The LGA outlines the requirements of local authorities as administering bodies of Reserves, including the management and development of parks and reserves as well as community and mana whenua engagement processes.

Treaty of Waitangi

The Reserves Act, the RMA and the Local Government Act are all required to take into account and give effect to the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi/The Treaty of Waitangi in the planning, development, management and use of reserves. This includes enabling rangatiratanga, kaitiakitanga and providing for the ongoing relationships of mana whenua to their customary lands, waters, wāhi taonga, wāhi tapu and other sites and landscape features of significance.



VISION

Ōtorohanga's urban parks and reserves provide an integrated network of accessible open spaces that enhance ecological function, celebrate heritage, mana whenua connection to place and provide space for a diverse range of active and informal recreational needs.

OVERVIEW OF ŌTOROHANGA'S OPEN SPACE NETWORK

Ōtorohanga's urban parks and reserves are a significant asset for the township and are generally well used and appreciated by the local community. Ōtorohanga's open spaces provide a diverse range of recreation opportunities, with spaces for playing sports, playgrounds for kids and youth, walking and mountain biking trails, places to connect to nature and commemorative spaces to reflect on historical events. With a growing population, parks and reserves play an important role in continuing to shape the town's identity and culture by providing a diverse range of spaces for community recreation, connection, amenity, and contemplation.

Part two of the RMP provides an overview of all of Ōtorohanga Township's parks and reserves, detailing the legal description of the reserves, classifications under the Reserves Act 1977 and the open space typologies that form the framework for the overarching management principles, objectives and policies. These principles, objectives, and policies capture the breadth and variety of open spaces across the township and help identify future development and management requirements.

See Section 6 for a detailed overview of the Legal Classification of Ōtorohanga's parks and reserves.

MANAGEMENT CONSTRAINTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Constraints, challenges and opportunities can be physical, social and/or intangible. Constraints and challenges are not necessarily 'bad' in and of themselves, but represent characteristics intrinsic to the Ōtorohanga's parks and reserves that need to be acknowledged, understood, and reframed as opportunities that provide parameters to determine the scope and scale of any proposed changes.

A **constraint** typically represents a non-negotiable condition that can not be 'solved' and must be worked with, whereas a challenge is a parameter that can be managed or overcome and, in some instances, reconciling forces can reframe problems into solutions.

An **opportunity** can serve as a catalyst for a project or may help to leverage other related projects. An opportunity may be inherent to the existing condition, or manifested by reframing a challenge as an opportunity for action.

Constraints identified within the ŌRS predominantly fit into the following categories:



EXPRESSION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

Constraints and Challenges

While a range of parks reflect historic heritage, there is currently little recognition of the long Māori history in Ōtorohanga. There are a range of sites within parks and reserves that have significant heritage value for mana whenua; however, this is not reflected clearly or understood by the wider community.

Opportunities

Protect, reveal and, where appropriate, highlight Ōtorohanga's heritage through naming, interpretive signage, planting species for customary use, mahi toi and other forms of cultural expression.



SAFETY AND ACCESSIBILITY

Constraints and Challenges

As a town located along State Highway 3, a key concern is ensuring safe connections for all members of the local community in open spaces and along roads.

Opportunities

Create a walking and cycling network that enables safe pedestrian and cycling connections both on and off-road between parks and reserves. Additional opportunities exist to maximise existing parks to ensure that there are a range of recreation and play opportunities for all ages and abilities in safer low traffic areas.



SPORTS AND ACTIVE RECREATION CAPACITY

Constraints and Challenges

As a growing town, the Ōtorohanga sporting community is currently experiencing limitations in terms of grounds capacity and management across multiple reserves.

Opportunities

Collaborate with regional networks such as Sport Waikato to consolidate and coordinate resources and facilities across multiple parks and maximise sports offerings for both organised and family sports.



FLOOD PROTECTION

Constraints and Challenges

As a town with a history of significant flooding, many parks and reserves play an important role in protecting and mitigating flooding effects. Because of this, there are important technical requirements and constraints on any kind of adaptation or development of these areas.

Opportunities

Work with regional authorities, such as the Waikato Regional Council, to ensure that parks and reserves are developed to protect and enhance resilience to flooding while providing quality ecological and recreational outcomes.



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Constraints and Challenges

Water quality and ecosystem health have been identified as an important concern across open spaces in Ōtorohanga, particularly within parks and reserves that offer a more tangible connection to nature.

Opportunities

Enhance ecosystems and water quality in both parks and reserves and within the wider environment through measures such as naturalising overland flow paths and waterways; riparian and wetland planting along rivers, streams, lakes and wetlands; managing existing ecosystems through enrichment planting and supporting local community initiatives to play an active role in the management of their environment.

RESERVE CLASSIFICATION

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Ōtorohanga’s reserves fall under four different classifications: Local Purpose, Recreation, Historic and Conservation.

Due to the historic realignment of the Waipā River and the creation of the stopbank to prevent flooding, many of the Reserves are made up of multiple complex parcels, some of which intersect more than one reserve. As a result, some reserves have multiple parcels with differing classifications under the Reserves Act 1977.

Only the parcels that are classified are subject to the statutory conditions outlined in the Act. For the parcels within Ōtorohanga’s parks and reserves that are not classified, this Plan provides guidance for ŌDC on the development, management, maintenance and use of parks and reserves, but is not subject to the same statutory conditions.

See Section 6 for a detailed overview of the Legal Classification of Ōtorohanga’s parks and reserves.

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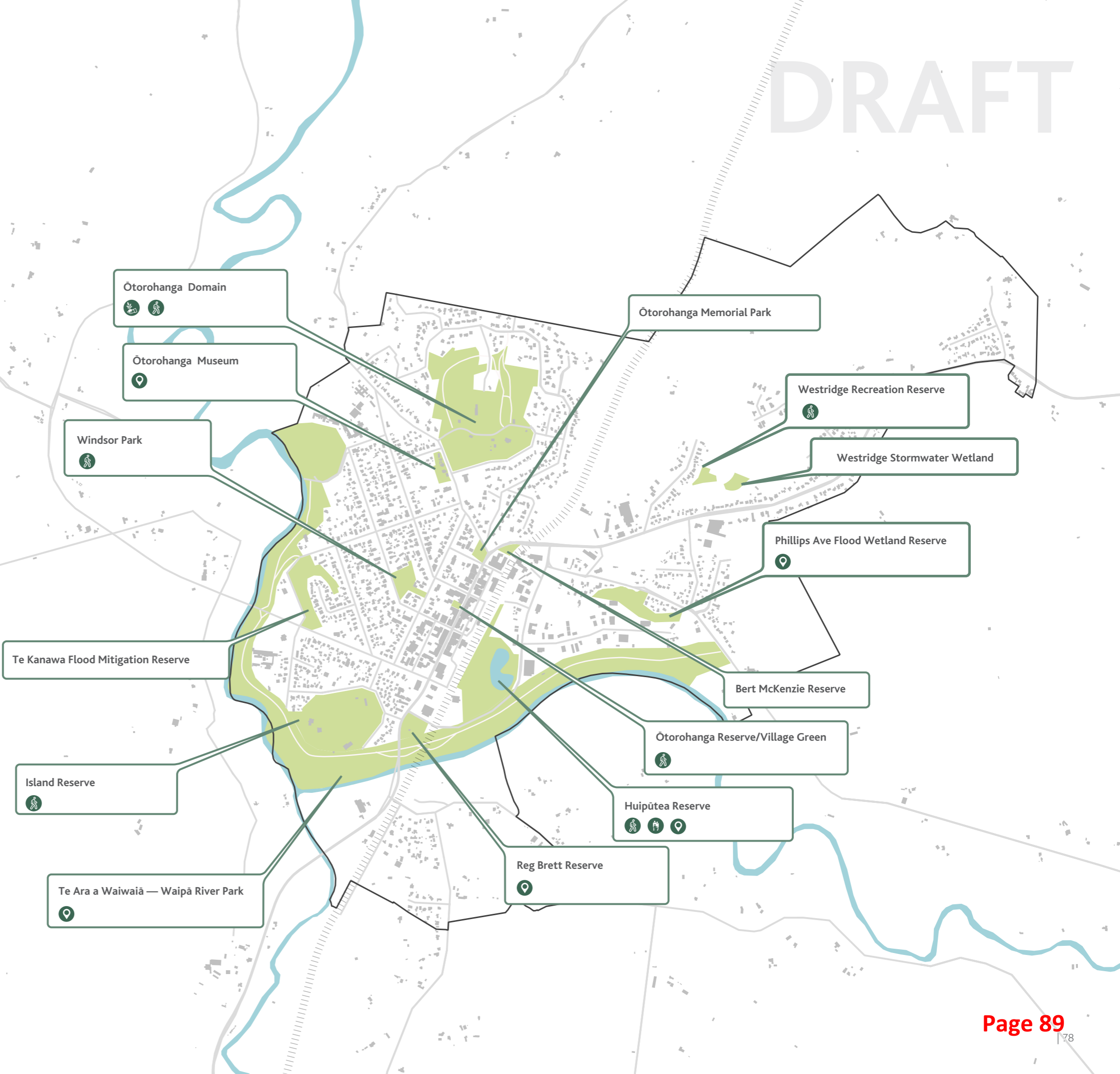
RESERVE CLASSIFICATION*

- Local Purpose
- Recreation
- Historic
- Conservation

LAND USE

- Open Spaces
- Water Bodies

Scale: 1_15 000 @A3



OPEN SPACE TYPOLOGIES

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For the purpose of this RMP, open space typologies have been identified to help describe the primary function and use of each reserve or park. Identifying typologies for each park or reserve helps to add an additional layer of detail beyond the general category of use suggested by the classification process and helps to identify management principles, objectives and policies relevant to each open space.

This is a non-statutory tool that will assist Ōtorohanga District Council in identifying the management, maintenance and development needs of each park and reserve, whether or not they are classified currently. Ōtorohanga's parks and reserves fall under the following typologies:

- Landscape and Ecology
- Culture and Heritage
- Informal Recreation
- Sports and Active Recreation

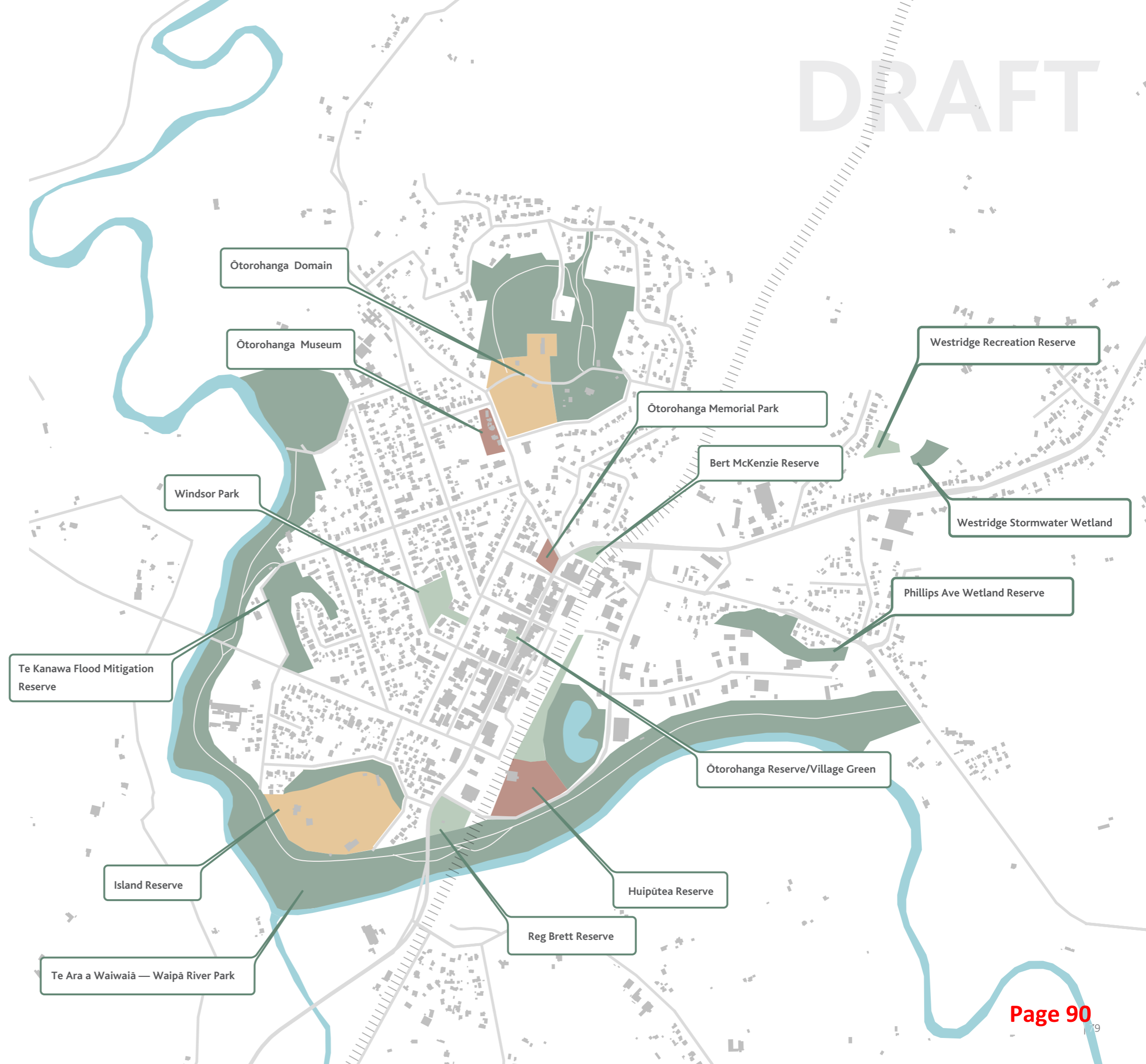
Some reserves, such as The Domain and Huipūtea Reserve contain multiple typologies.

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PARK TYPOLOGIES

- Informal Recreation
- Sports & Active Recreation
- Landscape & Ecology
- Culture & Heritage

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GOVERNANCE

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GOVERNANCE MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES

- Provide governance and operational frameworks that support and enable leadership and decision-making for developing and managing Ōtorohanga’s parks and reserves.
- Ensure mana whenua partnership in the planning, naming, design and ongoing management of any park or reserve with a cultural landscape or heritage features.
- Support and provide for mana whenua kaitiakitanga/guardianship and local community tiakitanga/stewardship of natural resources within parks and reserves.

OBJECTIVE - ENABLING RESERVE MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

- Ensure that governance structures and frameworks provide for reserve operation, management and development.
- Policy: Ensure that future reserve development is undertaken with regard to established governance structures and frameworks*

OBJECTIVE - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN RESERVES

- Support and provision for kaitiakitanga/guardianship for mana whenua and tiakitanga/stewardship for the local community in managing natural resources within parks and reserves.
- Policy: Work with mana whenua to explore opportunities to integrate kaitiakitanga/guardianship processes into the management of parks and reserves.*
- Policy: Work with local community groups to regenerate the ecological integrity of Ōtorohanga’s parks and reserves, foster ongoing relationships, and support community tiakitanga/stewardship in managing Ōtorohanga’s parks and reserves.*

OBJECTIVE - MANA WHENUA ENGAGEMENT

- Ensure that mana whenua are engaged as partners in developing and managing reserves, particularly reserves with cultural heritage value.
- Policy: Work with mana whenua to identify sites or features of significance in the Ōtorohanga’s parks and reserves.*
- Policy: Work with mana whenua to establish plans for protecting, managing, and, where appropriate, enhancing and celebrating cultural heritage features or landscapes within parks and reserves.*
- Policy: Ensure that mana whenua are engaged as partners from the inception of any projects that develop reserve land that contains sites or features with cultural heritage significance.*

ACCESSIBILITY AND SAFETY

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ACCESSIBILITY AND SAFETY MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES

Provide a range of passive and active recreation outcomes that are accessible to people of all ages and abilities across the Ōtorohanga open space network.

Ensure that the development of new playgrounds and exercise equipment considers a range of ages and abilities.

Ensure that accessibility and safety are key considerations in the development of parks and reserves.

Ensure that parks and reserves with night operations incorporate adequate lighting surrounding facilities and infrastructure.

Ensure accessible park and reserve facilities are navigable and clearly signposted for a range of needs.

OBJECTIVE - ACCESSIBLE OPEN SPACES

Ensure the provision of a range of accessible passive and active recreation options across Ōtorohanga’s open space network.

Policy: Ensure a broad range of active and passive recreation parks and reserves provide access to diverse needs and abilities.

Policy: Investigate accessible options in the development of future playgrounds, sports facilities, exercise equipment, signage, entrances, paths and accessways.

Policy: Investigate retrofitting opportunities for accessible paths, facilities, and other infrastructure in parks and reserves where possible and practical.

Policy: Ensure the provision and co-location of accessible parking to entrances and accessible facilities in parks and reserves.

Policy: Ensure that parks and reserves include legible signposting for entrances and facilities.

OBJECTIVE - SAFETY IN OPEN SPACES

Ensure parks and reserves provide opportunities for safe recreation for all ages, abilities and needs.

Policy: Ensure that the development of new parks includes consideration of passive surveillance where possible and practical.

Policy: Ensure that parks with nighttime recreational facilities include adequate lighting

Policy: Provide for traffic calming measures in and around parks and reserves.

Policy: Provide safe and accessible connections within and between parks and reserves for pedestrians and cyclists.

LANDSCAPE AND ECOLOGY MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES

Protect and enhance terrestrial, riparian, wetland and aquatic ecosystems in parks and reserves through pest management, maintenance and regeneration planting.

Enhance Ōtorohanga’s ecological function and integrity by using parks and reserves to connect and extend existing ecosystems and protect existing canopy cover.

Work with local schools to explore how curriculum outcomes can be integrated with active kaitiakitanga/guardianship and tiakitanga/stewardship principles and the ongoing ecological regeneration of Ōtorohanga’s parks and reserves.

Select plant species that support and encourage the return of endemic fauna.

Ensure that all steps have been taken to ensure flood mitigation measures are prioritised in the planning, design and management of Ōtorohanga’s parks and reserves, including planting along riparian corridors where appropriate.

Explore options for protecting and enhancing water quality at a catchment scale through the implementation of water-sensitive design devices, connecting to wider blue-green networks, and enhancing riparian and wetland planting in parks and reserves.

Where appropriate, naturalise and daylight existing streams and overland flow paths in parks and reserves.
Ensure that any planting and maintenance undertaken within the Waipā River riparian zone is done in consultation with the Waikato Regional Council and is consistent with best-practice flood mitigation guidelines.

Allow for other recreational outcomes without detracting from the park or reserves landscape or ecological integrity.

OBJECTIVE - COMMUNITY AND ECOLOGY

Parks and reserves to facilitate and integrate recreational, community, and education initiatives that support and enhance the local ecology and foster a sense of community ownership.

Policy: Work with local schools to explore opportunities to develop educational programs that integrate conservation and ecological regeneration outcomes, including planting and pest management in parks and reserves.

Policy: Work with local community groups to engage in tiakitanga/stewardship of their local ecologies through ecological management, pest control and regenerative planting.

Policy: Support and enable recreation outcomes that connect park visitors to ecological functions within parks and reserves.

OBJECTIVE - WATER QUALITY

Water quality outcomes are considered at the catchment scale to protect and enhance water quality in parks and reserves.

Policy: Where possible, allow for the naturalisation and daylighting of streams, tributaries and overland flow paths in parks and reserves to enhance water quality, slow down water flow and disperse volume.

Policy: Enable the implementation of water-sensitive design devices to assist in stormwater dispersal and filtration.

Policy: Investigate measures to address water quality issues in parks and reserves at a catchment scale.

LANDSCAPE AND ECOLOGY

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OBJECTIVE - ENHANCE ECOLOGY IN OPEN SPACES

Support future biodiversity outcomes through enhanced connectivity and regenerative planting in parks and reserves.

Policy: Provide for regenerative planting in parks and reserves to enhance ecological function.

Policy: Select plant species for regenerative planting that are appropriate to Ōtorohanga’s ecological context to support endemic biodiversity.

Policy: Provide for eco-sourcing plant species for regenerative planting projects.

Policy: Collaborate with Waikato Regional Council to prioritise riparian planting along tributaries leading to the Waipā River to enhance riparian ecology in flood mitigation reserves and enhance water quality outcomes.

Policy: Provide for enrichment planting in existing forested areas to enhance biodiversity and provide for successional processes.

Policy: Enable the removal pest plant species, including plants that are toxic to endemic fauna such as Rhododendron, from parks and reserves.

OBJECTIVE - PROTECT EXISTING ECOSYSTEMS

Support the protection and management of existing forest, riparian, wetland, and aquatic ecosystems.

Policy: Ensure that the existing tree canopy in parks is protected and maintained.

Policy: Enable vegetation to be maintained through pruning and where consistent with the maintenance and management of ecological values.

Policy: Ensure that existing riparian, wetland, aquatic, and terrestrial ecologies are protected from the adverse effects of development, management, and use.

Policy: Provide for recreational activities compatible with ecological values.

Policy: Provide for pest control and management in parks and reserves.

OBJECTIVE - FLOOD MITIGATION AND RESILIENCE

Manage parks and reserves in a way that recognised the ecological benefits of riparian habitat, while ensuring that flood risk has been minimised and, where possible, mitigated in accordance with best-practice guidelines.

Policy: Enable opportunities for planting along riparian corridors as a flood resilience measure.

Policy: Ensure that recreational activities in flood plains are compatible with flood mitigation functions.

Policy: Ensure appropriate stormwater measures are implemented in parks and reserves to reduce flooding pressure.

Policy: Ensure that any development or management within local purpose parks is done in accordance with best practice advice around flood mitigation and in consultation with Waikato Regional Council where appropriate.

HISTORY AND CULTURAL HERITAGE

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HISTORY AND CULTURAL HERITAGE MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES

Protect and, where appropriate, reveal and enhance Ōtorohanga’s cultural landscapes and heritage features.

Protect and enhance viewshafts and site-lines to key cultural landscapes and heritage features in the wider area.

Provide for customary naming in parks and reserves where appropriate.

Protect and maintain existing historic monuments , memorials and other structures of heritage value.

Provide for activities appropriate to the historic and heritage value of the open space.

Provide signage, including wayfinding signage, that explores cultural heritage features, historical events and narratives where appropriate.

Provide for mahi toi and cultural tohu/markers, taonga and other forms of expression in Ōtorohanga’s parks and reserves.

OBJECTIVE – MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF HERITAGE STRUCTURES AND LANDSCAPES

Ensure the ongoing maintenance and protection of existing cultural heritage and commemorative features and structures.

Policy: Provide for the protection and maintenance of existing historic monuments, memorials, architecture and other constructed elements.

Policy: Provide for compatible recreation activities appropriate to the historic or heritage value of the open space.

OBJECTIVE – PROTECTING MANA WHENUA HERITAGE SITES AND FEATURES

Ensure mana whenua cultural heritage sites and features in parks and reserves are respected and protected

Policy: Support the protection, and where appropriate, preservation and enhancement of cultural heritage features and landscapes in partnership with mana whenua.

Policy: Ensure that the management, use and development of parks and reserves does not impinge on cultural heritage features, sites and protocols.

OBJECTIVE – EXPRESS CULTURAL VALUES

Ensure that parks and reserves acknowledge, respect and celebrate cultural heritage, narratives and values through mahi toi, tohu, interpretive signage and other forms of expression, as and where appropriate.

Policy: Explore opportunities for customary naming of parks and reserves in collaboration with mana whenua where appropriate.

Policy: Collaborate with mana whenua on opportunities to convey information about heritage, traditions, and narratives through wayfinding, signage, mahi toi, tohu, and other forms of cultural expression across all parks and reserves.

Policy: Collaborate with mana whenua to provide for customary gathering practices of natural resources in parks and reserves.

SPORTS AND ACTIVE RECREATION

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SPORTS AND ACTIVE RECREATION MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES

- Provide diverse active recreation opportunities for people of all ages, abilities and needs.
- Ensure that Ōtorohanga’s parks and reserves provide facilities appropriate for sports and active recreation.
- Encourage and facilitate the sharing of sporting facilities between codes to maximise the use of facilities and grounds.
- Integrate walking and cycling connections between and through reserves as a part of an active recreation network.
- Allow for other recreational outcomes where appropriate without detracting from the park or reserves’ Sports and Active Recreation function.

OBJECTIVE – DIVERSE AND COMPLEMENTARY ACTIVE RECREATION OFFERINGS

- Ensure parks and reserves offer a range of complementary recreation opportunities alongside sports grounds to cater to a range of uses for a diverse range of ages, abilities and needs.
- Policy: Explore options for future development in sports and active recreation reserves that co-locate compatible activities for a range of ages and abilities.*

OBJECTIVE – FACILITATE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT FOR SPORTS AND RECREATION

- Develop multi-use facilities within parks and reserves that cater to a diverse range of organised, social and family sports and recreation activities.
- Policy: Explore future development, management and use opportunities for reserves that provide for a range of organised, social and family sports and active recreation outcomes.*
- Policy: Explore the implementation of safe walking and cycling connections through and between parks and reserves as a part of active recreation offerings.*

OBJECTIVE – MAXIMISE EXISTING FACILITIES

- Maintain and enhance existing facilities to maximise offerings for a range of sports codes and active recreation activities.
- Policy: Work with the Ōtorohanga Sporting Community and Sport Waikato to identify existing and future capacity and needs.*
- Policy: Facilitate opportunities for sharing facilities and grounds between codes to optimise use and function in parks and reserves.*
- Policy: Ensure that sports and active recreation grounds and facilities are managed and maintained to a high level to maximise use.*

INFORMAL RECREATION

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INFORMAL RECREATION MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES

- Provide for a diverse range of informal recreation activities.
- Ensure that parks and reserves provide appropriate facilities for informal recreation.
- Allow for complementary recreational outcomes where appropriate.

OBJECTIVE - DIVERSE AND COMPLEMENTARY INFORMAL RECREATION OFFERINGS

- Enable a range of informal recreation activities across Ōtorohanga that cater to local community needs.

Policy: Ensure future development across parks and reserves integrates a range of opportunities for play for children and youth including playgrounds, informal play, nature play, pump tracks and skate parks.
- Policy: Ensure that parks and reserves in Ōtorohanga cater to a diverse range of informal recreational outcomes for all ages.*
- Policy: Ensure that parks and reserves cater for a range of complimentary informal recreational activities.*

VISION

Island Reserve celebrates and supports sports and active recreation while providing for informal recreation, accessibility, cultural heritage and ecosystem regeneration to provide amenities across generations.

CLASSIFICATION

The park's primary purpose under the Reserves Act is as a Recreation Reserve.

OVERVIEW OF ISLAND RESERVE

Island Reserve is a large, relatively flat open space with several stands of mature trees with an active recreation character. The majority of the reserve is open, with an active sports focus. The historic alignment of the Waipā River is still clearly visible through a depression in the landscape running along the reserve's northern boundary. This area is currently fenced and used for horse grazing for the Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA). The southern end of the reserve is bounded by the Waipā stopbank, which was constructed after significant flooding and the subsequent river realignment in the 1960s. Due to this realignment, the parcels within the reserve are complex and do not follow socially understood reserve boundaries, reflecting its multiple phases of use and shifts in ownership.

The reserve currently supports Rugby, Squash and the Tigers Sports Club, alongside the Riding for Disabled Association (RDA). There are a range of facilities on-site, including the Sports club room, The Tigers club room, a grandstand and stables. Car access into the reserve is provided from three points along the east, southeast and western boundaries, with formal and informal parking around these entrances. The infrastructure and facilities give the sense of being developed incrementally and as such, encroach on a relatively high proportion of the usable space, limiting alternative field arrangements and the establishment of additional facilities. The RDA plans to move to more suitable grounds in the future as part of a combined equestrian hub, which provides opportunities to reassess the reserve's use, management, and function as part of the ŌRS.

See Section 6 for a detailed overview of the legal classification of Island Reserve.

MANAGEMENT CONSTRAINTS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR ISLAND RESERVE

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HISTORIC RIVER ALIGNMENT

Constraints and Challenges

The historic river alignment running along the northern perimeter of the reserve is currently used for grazing for RDA. This land use does not take into account the underlying landscape patterns, ecological health, and cultural heritage value of this area.

Opportunities

Opportunities exist to regenerate the historic river alignment into a wetland environment, which would help improve flood resilience, enhance ecology, celebrate cultural heritage, and provide opportunities for amenity and informal recreation.



LAND TENURE AND OWNERSHIP

Constraints and Challenges

As a result of the realignment of the Waipā River, land tenure and ownership within Island Reserve is complex and multifaceted, with multiple parcels intersecting with the road and the adjacent Te Ara a Waiwaiā.

Opportunities

Opportunities exist to work with multiple landowners, partners, stakeholders, and interested parties, including mana whenua, Ōtorohanga District Council, Tigers Sports Club and sports codes, to find a collaborative solution to managing, protecting and developing the reserve.



CULTURAL EXPRESSION

Constraints and Challenges

As a historic settlement site for mana whenua, there is currently little recognition of the cultural heritage value of Island Reserve.

Opportunities

Opportunities exist to explore mana whenua heritage and expression through interpretive signage, mahi toi and the renaming of the reserve 'Ōrahiri Island Reserve' in reference to the historic Te Reo Māori name for the area.



BALANCING AND CONSOLIDATING RECREATIONAL USE

Constraints and Challenges

Island Reserve does not have enough capacity to host all of Ōtorohanga's active sports codes, balancing a wide range of uses, providing space for Rugby, Squash, grazing and grounds for the RDA, stables and access for polocrosse to practise along Te Ara Waiwaiā Waipā River Park and clubrooms for Tigers Sports Club.

Opportunities

With Polocrosse and RDA planning to move to a more suitable location, opportunities exist to further develop the sports and active recreation offerings at Island Reserve to enhance capacity for Rugby, Netball and Football.



INEFFICIENT USE OF SPACE

Constraints and Challenges

Island Reserve's park infrastructure, including grounds, parking, pathways and buildings, have been developed over a long period in response to a range of shifting needs and interests; in the present, this has led to capacity pressures in some areas and 'leftover', underutilised land in others.

Opportunities

Changing use within the reserve presents an opportunity to create a cohesive reserve-wide plan to ensure that infrastructure is fit for purpose and facilitates the needs of all partners and stakeholders into the future.



ACCESSIBILITY AND CONNECTIVITY

Constraints and Challenges

Island Reserve currently has a lack of accessible pathways for pedestrians and cyclists.

Opportunities

Explore opportunities to provide additional path infrastructure to improve accessibility and amenity within including a bridge crossing from Orahiri Terrace and along the historic river alignment to enhance access to the reserve. Explore opportunities to enhance pedestrian and cycle connectivity to Te ara Waiwaiā Waipā River Park and the wider open space network.

MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES FOR ISLAND RESERVE

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Provide multi-purpose spaces and facilities for multiple sports codes including, but not limited to, rugby and netball.

Ensure that any planning and development for the reserve includes engagement with relevant partners and stakeholders including, but not limited to, mana whenua, Sport Waikato, all participating sports codes and Tigers Sports Club.

Ensure that any development undertaken provides for the necessary facilities, infrastructure and maintenance to accommodate additional sports and recreation needs, including car parking, additional paths and accessways, toilets, lighting, fencing, changing rooms and field and court maintenance.

Explore opportunities to incorporate the reserve as part of an Ōtorohanga Sports Hub to share resources, coordinate maintenance and management and maximise sport and active recreation opportunities for the Ōtorohanga sporting community.

Enhance the ecological function of the overland flow path and piped water course that follows the historic alignment of the Waipā River by daylighting and naturalising the watercourse and undertaking regenerative planting appropriate to the riparian/wetland landscape conditions.

Provide additional path infrastructure to improve accessibility and amenities, including a bridge crossing from Orahiri Terrace and along the historic river alignment to enhance access to the reserve.

Recognise the long mana whenua history and heritage of the historic river alignment, and where appropriate, expression through interpretive signage, mahi toi and other forms of cultural expression.

Investigate re-naming the reserve 'Ōrahiri Island Reserve' in reference to the historic Te Reo Māori name for the area.

Enhance pedestrian and cycle connections between Island Reserve, Te ara Waiwaiā Waipā River Park and the wider open space network.

Ensure that any development recognises Tigers Sports Club's long-standing history in the reserve and provides space equal to or larger than the current club room.

Explore a range of complementary informal and active recreation opportunities in underutilised areas of the reserve.

OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES FOR FOR ISLAND RESERVE

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OBJECTIVE - PROTECTING THE HISTORIC
WAIPĀ RIVER ALIGNMENT

To ensure the protection and regeneration of the historic waterway by removing grazing, naturalising the watercourse and planting with species appropriate to ecological conditions.

Policy: recognise and protect the ecological and cultural heritage value of the historic river alignment.

Policy: Ensure that land use in the historic river bed is compatible with ecological function and cultural heritage values.

Policy: Develop the historic river bed as an ephemeral wetland, including regenerative planting to support ecological function and water quality.

OBJECTIVE - ACCESS AND
COMPLEMENTARY USE

To improve accessibility and use of the reserve for people of all ages, abilities and needs by incorporating accessible pathways and complementary active and informal recreational activities.

Policy: Enable the development of accessible walkways along the Historic Waipā river alignment adjacent to Orahiri Terrace to provide walking tracks around the reserve that are accessible for all ages and abilities.

Policy: Explore the development of a range of complementary accessible active and informal recreational outcomes to utilise and activate spaces surrounding sports grounds, including but not limited to, playgrounds, exercise equipment, half courts and pump tracks

OBJECTIVE - ŌTOROHANGA SPORTS HUB

Support and facilitate the development of netball facilities and expanded rugby facilities at Island Reserve as part of a Ōtorohanga Sports Hub to share resources and maximise sports and recreation offerings.

Policy: Develop Island Reserve as part of the Ōtorohanga Sports Hub alongside The Domain to share resources, coordinate maintenance and management and maximise sport and active recreation opportunities.

Policy: Enable the development of multi-purpose grounds and facilities to maximise the use of different sports codes.

Policy: Enable the development of new netball courts at Island Reserve.

Policy: Work with partners and stakeholders including, but not limited to, mana whenua, Sport Waikato, any relevant sports codes and Tigers Sports Club to ensure the development of sports and recreation facilities is consistent with the community’s needs.

Policy: Ensure that any development of Island Reserve provides the appropriate infrastructure and facilities necessary for the increased capacity.

Policy: Enable the consolidation and development of existing buildings and park infrastructure to accommodate future use and capacity of Island Reserve as part of a Sports Hub.

VISION

The Domain is a family-friendly open space that supports a diverse range of sports, active recreation, ecological regeneration and conservation related activities, including football and cricket across seasons as part of a Sports Hub for Ōtorohanga. Rotary Park, Bob Horsfall Reserve and the Kiwi House foster a connection to the landscape and nature, providing a large ecological patch overlooking Ōtorohanga, which supports a diverse range of native species.

CLASSIFICATION

Under the Reserves Act, this reserve's primary purpose is Recreation, with multiple small parcels of land adjacent to Trapski Road classified as Conservation Reserves.

OVERVIEW OF THE DOMAIN

The Domain is a large recreation reserve, encompassing The Domain fields, Ōtorohanga Kiwi House, Rotary Park, Bob Horsfall Reserve and The Ōtorohanga Museum. The Domain fields are family-friendly, active recreation areas with a sports focus. Good parking is provided on adjacent streets, and deciduous trees and low seating line the perimeter of the fields. Rotary Park is a forested area situated on a relatively steep incline up the northeastern side of the wider Ōtorohanga Domain, offering visitors a connection to nature and exercise. The park's paths wind up and around a series of small lakes and through a towering canopy of mature redwood trees. Bob Horsfall Reserve is a predominantly native regenerating forested area on the northwestern slopes of The Domain. The reserve supports a range of activities, including mini golf, nature trails, mountain biking tracks, and a sloped open area currently used for grazing. Netball courts are currently situated on a steep incline up from the Domain fields, however the location of the courts creates a sense of isolation from the other sporting activities and restricts access, use and future development. Future plans to relocate the netball courts to Island Reserve as part of an integrated Sports Hub will require decommissioning or repurposing the area currently used for the courts.

The area leased to the Ōtorohanga Kiwi House is a long-term arrangement and so is not a consideration as part of this RMP.

See Section 6 for a detailed overview of the legal classification of The Domain.

MANAGEMENT CONSTRAINTS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE DOMAIN

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CAPACITY

Constraints and Challenges

Capacity for the netball courts has been identified as an important issue for the sports community at The Domain, however the location of the courts on a steep incline offers a significant constraint to growth and development.

Opportunities

Opportunities exist for the netball courts to be relocated to Island Reserve as part of a consolidated Sports Hub alongside Rugby.



DRAINAGE

Constraints and Challenges

Drainage has been identified as a key concern for The Domain fields, limiting use during the winter season. As a key site for organised and social football and cricket.

Opportunities

Opportunities exist to improve cross-seasonal use through upgrading The Domain fields by installing drainage and underground detention is an important management step to increase the use of the fields across seasons.



ECOLOGICAL REGENERATION

Constraints and Challenges

The Domain has a long history of fostering opportunities for the local community to connect to nature with the conservation focus of the Ōtorohanga Kiwi House and a significant forested area in Bob Horsfall Reserve and Rotary Park.

Opportunities

Opportunities exist to enhance these important ecological areas through pest management and further regenerative underplanting.



GROUPS MAINTENANCE

Constraints and Challenges

Walking tracks running through Rotary Park and Bob Horsfall Reserve are slippery and require maintenance.

Opportunities

Opportunities exist to improve access through Rotary Park and Bob Horsefall Reserve by upgrading and re-gravelling walking tracks and mountain biking paths

MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES THE DOMAIN

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MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES

Provide for football and cricket at The Domain.

Explore opportunities for incorporating underground stormwater detention to improve surface water and drainage for The Domain fields and enable year-round use of the fields for football and cricket.

Provide clear wayfinding signage for key facilities like public toilets in The Domain fields.

Explore opportunities to incorporate The Domain fields as part of an Ōtorohanga Sports Hub alongside Island Reserve to share resources, coordinate maintenance and management and maximise sport and active recreation opportunities for the Ōtorohanga sporting community.

Decommission the netball courts and facilities in Bob Horsfall Reserve and explore other uses for the land.

Maintain and enhance the walking and mountain biking tracks in Rotary Park and Bob Horsfall Reserve to maximise access, enjoyment and use.

Maintain and enhance the understory of the forested area of Rotary Park and Bob Horsfall Reserve with native species appropriate to the local terrestrial ecology.

Explore options for regenerative planting in the area currently utilised for grazing on the northern boundary of the netball courts in Bob Horsfall Reserve.

Ensure leased land within The Domain is compatible with the reserve’s recreation typologies.

OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES FOR THE DOMAIN

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OBJECTIVE - ENHANCING ECOSYSTEM FUNCTION

Recognise Rotary Park and Bob Horsfall Reserve’s ecological value and function as regenerating forests and enable the ongoing management, conservation, and enhancement of these open spaces.

Policy: Enable the ongoing maintenance, management and regeneration of forested areas in Rotary Park and Bob Horsfall Reserve through enrichment planting and pest management.

Policy: Support and enable partnerships with community groups and local schools to undertake regeneration efforts, including maintenance, pest control and planting.

Policy: Retire and regenerate land currently being grazed along the northern boundary of the netball courts in Bob Horsfall Reserve.

OBJECTIVE - IMPROVING DRAINAGE ON THE DOMAIN FIELDS

Enable the consistent use of The Domain fields for Football and Cricket across seasons through the implementation of drainage systems and underground detention.

Policy: Investigate the development of underground water detention systems to manage surface flooding on The Domain fields during winter.

OBJECTIVE - SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DOMAIN FIELDS AS PART OF A SPORTS HUB

Support and facilitate the development of The Domain fields and facilities for football and cricket as part of the Ōtorohanga Sports Hub to share resources and maximise sports and recreation offerings.

Policy: Develop The Domain fields as part of an Ōtorohanga Sports Hub alongside Island Reserve to share resources, coordinate maintenance and management and maximise sport and active recreation opportunities.

Policy: Continue to provide quality space and facilities for Football and Cricket at The Domain fields as part of a wider Sports Hub.

Policy: Enable the development of football and cricket grounds on The Domain fields to improve year-round use.

OBJECTIVE - DECOMMISSIONING NETBALL FACILITIES

Enable the safe decommissioning of the netball courts in Bob Horsfall Reserve and explore potential future uses for the space.

Policy: Support and enable the shift of netball facilities from The Domain to Island Reserve.

Policy: Ensure the netball courts in Bob Horsfall Reserve are safely decommissioned.

Policy: Investigate potential future uses and development of the netball courts for a variety of purposes.

VISION

Huipūtea Reserve is an open space that reveals, celebrates, and protects important cultural narratives and supports the ongoing regeneration of the site's awa (stream/river), repo (wetland/lake) and ngahere (forest) ecosystems.

CLASSIFICATION

Huipūtea Reserve is made up of many parcels, with a Recreation Reserve classification surrounding the Huipūtea Lake and an historic Reserve classification in the area surrounding the Huipūtea kahikatea Tree.

OVERVIEW OF HUIPŪTEA RESERVE

Huipūtea Reserve is a flat open space, with swathes of regenerating bush surrounding the lake and waterway and a large open space on the western edge along the railway. Huipūtea Reserve is characterised by its relationship to the lake and naturalistic planting.

The park is frequented by people walking dogs, with the track around the lake providing a gentle loop track and connection to nature. The area has long-standing heritage value for mana whenua, with a mature kahikatea tree holding particular significance, as evidenced by its listing as wāhi tapu by Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga. The historic river alignment also holds importance for mana whenua as a historic settlement site.

Water quality in the lake and historic river bed is poor due to conflicting land use in the catchment which has a significant impact on the environmental and heritage values inherent in the site.

See Section 6 for a detailed overview of the legal classification of Huipūtea Reserve.

MANAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS FOR HUIPŪTEA RESERVE

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SURROUNDING LAND USE

Constraints and Challenges

Currently, the surrounding land use, including the Truck wash and EcoFX have been recognised as lacking compatibility with the recreation, heritage and ecological focus of the reserve.

Opportunities

Opportunities exist to find more suitable alternative locations for these facilities and organisations and develop the areas as part of Huipūtea Reserve.



ENHANCING WATER QUALITY AND ECOLOGICAL FUNCTION

Constraints and Challenges

Water quality has been identified as having impacts on both ecological function and cultural heritage values at Huipūtea Reserve.

Opportunities

Opportunities exist to enhance water quality, riparian habitat and aquatic ecosystem function within the site through regenerative planting, stream naturalisation and introducing a treatment wetland



ACCESS TO ŌTOROHANGA TOWN CENTRE

Constraints and Challenges

Indirect access to Huipūtea Reserve from the town centre has led park users to establish unsafe railway crossing practices in an area with no formal crossing.

Opportunities

Opportunities exist to formalise this crossing with either an on-grade crossing or an overbridge to ensure direct connection and safety.



CULTURAL HERITAGE

Constraints and Challenges

As a site with significant cultural heritage value for mana whenua, there is currently little in the way of recognition of this heritage within the reserve or connections to other areas of importance.

Opportunities

Opportunities exist to protect, enhance, and, where appropriate, reveal this heritage, particularly in relation to the Huipūtea kahikatea tree and the historic Waipā River alignment, which intersects through the centre of the reserve. Additional opportunities exist to formalise connections to Te Ara Waiwaiā and the Waipā River through interpretive signage and providing a pedestrian crossing across Huipūtea Drive.

MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES FOR HUIPŪTEA RESERVE

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- Recognise and provide for Huipūtea Reserve as a site of significance for mana whenua.
- Enable the development and use of Huipūtea Reserve in accordance with the cultural heritage and values identified by mana whenua.
- Ensure land use within the reserve is compatible with cultural heritage and ecological recreation purposes.
- Ensure that any future development in Huipūtea Reserve provides for the ongoing protection of the Huipūtea kahikatea Tree.
- Ensure any future development surrounding the Huipūtea tree is accessible for all ages, abilities and needs.
- Support and provide for additional planting of culturally and ecologically significant species surrounding the Huipūtea kahikatea tree and throughout the reserve.
- Protect and enhance existing forest habitat through enrichment planting with species appropriate to the forest/riparian conditions.
- Protect and enhance the ecological function of the watercourse following the historic Waipā River alignment through enhanced regenerative planting.
- Explore opportunities to develop a constructed wetland system connecting outflows from the watercourse following the historic Waipā River alignment and Huipūtea Lake into the Waipā River.
- Explore opportunities for bank realignment and the addition of an island in Huipūtea Lake to increase water circulation and protect and enhance the ecological function.
- Explore alternative land tenure and decommissioning of the truck wash and EcoFX building.
- Explore opportunities for safe and accessible pedestrian connection between the reserve and important landmarks and features in the surrounding area, including Ōtorohanga Town Centre and Waipā River.
- Explore opportunities to install a pedestrian railway crossing to connect Huipūtea Reserve to the town centre.

OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES FOR HUIPŪTEA RESERVE

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OBJECTIVE – CULTURAL HERITAGE

Recognise and provide for Huipūtea Reserve as a site of cultural significance.

Policy: Ensure that the use, management and development of Huipūtea Reserve is undertaken in partnership with mana whenua.

Policy: Protect and enhance cultural heritage values in Huiputea Reserve, as Identified by mana whenua.

Policy: Provide for the collection and propagation of seeds from Huipūtea kahikatea by mana whenua.

OBJECTIVE – RESERVE MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

Ensure any development within the reserve is consistent with the cultural heritage values and ecological function of Huipūtea Reserve.

Policy: Enable future development and use of Huipūtea Reserve that is compatible with the cultural heritage values and protocols identified by mana whenua.

Policy: Enable future development and use that is compatible with water quality and ecological function outcomes within Huipūtea Reserve.

OBJECTIVE - CONNECTIVITY, ACCESSIBILITY AND SAFETY

Enhance access and connectivity opportunities both within Huipūtea Reserve, and connecting to key areas in the wider township.

Policy: Ensure that development surrounding important cultural heritage features including Huipūtea kahikatea tree is accessible for people of all ages and abilities.

Policy: Investigate opportunities to develop a pedestrian connection across the rail line, linking Huipūtea Reserve to Ōtorohanga Town Centre.

Policy: Investigate opportunities to develop a pedestrian crossing connecting to Te Ara a Waiwaiā–Waipa River Park across Huipūtea Drive.

OBJECTIVE – WATER QUALITY

Ensure the maintenance, protection and regeneration of water bodies within Huipūtea Reserve.

Policy: Explore opportunities to address water quality at a catchment scale.

Policy: Enable the further naturalisation of the overland flow path following the historic Waipā river alignment through planting and daylighting the lower portion as a constructed wetland.

Policy: Investigate the development of an island and bank build-out on Huipūtea Lake to enhance water flow.

Policy: Enable the development of regenerative planting along Huipūtea Stream to increase bank stability, provide habitat and reduce turbidity in Huipūtea Lake.

OBJECTIVE – ECOLOGICAL FUNCTION

Ensure the maintenance, protection and enhancement of terrestrial, wetland and riparian ecosystems within and connecting to Huipūtea Reserve.

Policy: Ensure that future development in Huipūtea reserve provides for the ongoing protection of the Huipūtea kahikatea tree.

Policy: Ensure that any development or upgrades surrounding the Huipūtea kahikatea tree avoids disturbance to the rootzone and surrounding area

Policy: Enable further enrichment planting in the understory of the regenerating native forested area surrounding Huipūtea Lake.

Policy: Enhance species richness and density of riparian planting around Huipūtea Lake, Huipūtea Stream and the overland flow path following the historic Waipā river bed.

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LEGAL DESCRIPTION	RESERVE CLASSIFICATION	AREA (M2)	OVERLAPPING PROPERTY BOUNDARIES Y/N	COMMENTS
HUIPŪTEA RESERVE				
Section 1 SO 59683	Recreation		N	
Lot DPS 66823	Recreation	30000	N	
Section 3 SO 58728		1490	N	
Lot 1 DPS 62786 (Maori Freehold Land)			N	
Lot 3 DPS 62786 (Huipūtea Tree)	Historic		N	
Part Section 179 Block IV Orahiri SD		2463	N	
Closed Road Survey Office Plan 44171		481		
Closed Road Survey Office Plan 44171			N	
Closed Road Survey Office Plan 44171			N	
Closed Road Survey Office Plan 44171		2195	N	
ISLAND RESERVE				
River Bed			N	
Part Orahiri Y3 Block	Recreation	32551	N	
Section 5 SO 41666	Recreation	2147	N	
Part Allot 2 Block VIII Otorohanga MAORI TNSP	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	8815	Y (Waipā River Park)	
Section 2 SO 61511	Local Purpose : Esplanade	24140	Y (Waipā River Park)	
Section 8 SO 41666	Local Purpose : Esplanade	10168	Y (Waipā River Park)	
River Bed Survey Office Plan 41666	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	4350	Y (Waipā River Park)	
Part Orahiri Y3 Block	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	24661	Y (Waipā River Park)	
River Bed Survey Office Plan 41666	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	4249	Y (Waipā River Park)	
River Bed Survey Office Plan 41666	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	5564	Y (Waipā River Park)	
Section 3 SO 41666	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	3389	Y (Waipā River Park)	

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THE DOMAIN				
Lot 1 DPS 89897 (Domain fields, Bob Horsfall Reserve & Rotary Park)	Recreation	125031	N	
Lot 1 DPS 89501 (Kiwi House)		15196	N	
Lot 3 DPS 60013 (Mountain View Road entrance to Rotary Park)	Recreation	436	N	
Lot 2 DPS 40758 (Mountain View Road entrance to Rotary Park)	Recreation	415	N	
Section 88 Block IV Orahiri SD (Mountain View Road entrance to Bob Horsfall Reserve)		1475	N	Conservation
Section 89 Block IV Orahiri SD (Bob Horsfall Reserve)	Recreation	769	N	
Section 90 Block IV Orahiri SD (Bob Horsfall Reserve)	Recreation	857	N	
Section 91 Block IV Orahiri SD (Bob Horsfall Reserve)	Recreation	862	N	
Section 92 Block IV Orahiri SD (Bob Horsfall Reserve)	Recreation	908	N	
Section 93 Block IV Orahiri SD (Bob Horsfall Reserve)	Recreation	981	N	
Section 94 Block IV Orahiri SD (Bob Horsfall Reserve)	Recreation	936	N	Conservation
Section 95 Block IV Orahiri SD (Bob Horsfall Reserve)	Recreation	898	N	Conservation
Section 96 Block IV Orahiri SD (Bob Horsfall Reserve)	Recreation	931	N	Conservation
Lot 2 DPS 27668 (Bob Horsfall Reserve)	Recreation	466	N	
Lot 3 DPS 27668 (Bob Horsfall Reserve)	Recreation	556	N	
Lot 4 DPS 82843 (Bob Horsfall Reserve)	Recreation	1610	N	
Part Lot 35 DP 17789 (Bob Horsfall Reserve)	Recreation	14594	N	
Section 102 Block IV Orahiri SD (Rotary Park)		802	N	Crown Land
Section 103 Block IV Orahiri SD (Rotary Park)		943	N	Crown Land
Section 104 Block IV Orahiri SD (Rotary Park)		926	Y (Interacts with Residential Property)	Crown Land
WAR MEMORIAL PARK				
Allot 1 Block XXII Otorohanga MAORI TNSP		1052	N	
Allot 2 Block XXII Otorohanga MAORI TNSP		1110	N	
WINDSOR PARK				
Allot 4 Block XVII Otorohanga MAORI TNSP	Recreation	4371453	N	
Allot 15 Block XVII Otorohanga MAORI TNSP	Recreation	4482458	N	
Lot 1 DPS 59999	Recreation	406	N	
Allot 16 Block XVII Otorohanga MAORI TNSP	Recreation	2322	N	
Allot 17 Block XVII Otorohanga MAORI TNSP	Recreation	2360	N	
Part Orahiri M1 Block	Recreation		N	

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Lot 3 DPS 59999	Recreation	263	N	
Part Allot 14 Block XVII Otorohanga MAORI TNSP	Recreation	66	N	
BERT MCKENZIE RESERVE				
REG BRETT				
Part Section 107 Block VIII Orahiri SD		5330	Y (Waipā River Park)	
Part Orahiri X2 Block	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	7958	Y (Waipā River Park)	
Part Section 109 Block VIII Orahiri SD	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	5689	Y (Waipā River Park)	
WESTRIDGE RECREATION RESERVE				
Lot 222 DP 589746	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	3853	N	
WESTRIDGE DRAINAGE RESERVE				
Lot 229 DP 589746	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	3812	N	
TE ARA A WAIWAIĀ				
Section 1 SO 21322 (Dog Park)		38445	N	
River Bed Survey Office Plan 25706 (Dog Park)			N	
Section 1 SO 42617	Local Purpose : Esplanade	16946	N	
Lot 5 DPS 9726 (Caravan Park)		9343	N	
Lot 9 DPS 46514		488	N	
Part Allot 6 Block XVIII Otorohanga MAORI TNSP	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	1381	Y (Interacts with Bowling Club)	
Part Allot 7 Block XVIII Otorohanga MAORI TNSP	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	2183	N	
Part Allot 11 Block XIII Otorohanga MAORI TNSP	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	334	N	
Section 1 SO 61511		6540	N	Esplanade
Part Allot 4 Otorohanga MAORI TNSP	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	4806	N	
Part Allot 3 Block XIV Otorohanga MAORI TNSP	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	1017	N	
Part Allot 3 Block XIV Otorohanga MAORI TNSP	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	405	N	
Part Allot 2 Block XIV Otorohanga MAORI TNSP	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	1836	N	
Section 2 SO 61511		24140	Y (Island Reserve)	Esplanade
Part Allot 1 Block XIV Otorohanga MAORI TNSP	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	2481	N	
Part Allot 5 Block IX Otorohanga MAORI TNSP	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	1391	N	
Part Allot 4 Block IX Otorohanga MAORI TNSP	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	1520	N	
Part Lot 4 DP 23593	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	984	N	
Part Lot 3 DP 23593	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	1421	N	
Part Allot 2 Block IX Otorohanga MAORI TNSP	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	5610	N	
Lot 7 DPS 1318	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	759	N	

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TE ARA A WAIWAIĀ				
Part Lot 1 DPS 4487	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	1217	N	
Part Lot 2 DPS 4487	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	20	N	
Part Lot 3 DPS 4487	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	405	N	
Part Lot 4 DPS 4487	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	698	N	
Lot 5 DPS 4487	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	809	N	
Lot 5 DPS 1318	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	794	N	
Section 8 SO 41666	Esplanade	10168	Y (Island Reserve)	
Part Allot 2 Block VIII Otorohanga MAORI TNSP	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	8815	Y (Island Reserve)	
River Bed Survey Office Plan 41666	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	4350	Y (Island Reserve)	
Section 9 SO 41666		278	N	Esplanade
Part Orahiri Y3 Block	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	24661	Y (Island Reserve)	
River Bed Survey Office Plan 41666	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	4249	Y (Island Reserve)	
River Bed Survey Office Plan 41666	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	5564	Y (Island Reserve)	
Section 3 SO 41666	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	3389	Y (Island Reserve)	
Section 7 SO 41666	Local Purpose : Flood Protection	534	N	
Lot 8 DPS 1368	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	971	N	
Part Lot 7 DPS 1368	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	721	N	
Part Lot 6 DPS 1368	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	455	N	
Allot 1 Sec 1 Block VI Otorohanga MAORI TNSP	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	860	N	
Allot 2 Sec 1 Block VI Otorohanga MAORI TNSP	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	1366	N	
Lot 5 DP 36304	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	999	N	
Part Lot 4 DP 36304	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	865	N	
Part Lot 3 DP 36304	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	579	N	
Part Lot 2 DP 36304	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	238	N	
Section 6 SO 41666	Local Purpose : Flood Protection	746	N	
Part Section 109 Block VIII Orahiri SD	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	5689	Y (Reg Brett Reserve)	
Part Orahiri X2 Block	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	7958	Y (Reg Brett Reserve)	
Part Section 107 Block VIII Orahiri SD		5330	Y (Reg Brett Reserve)	
Part Section 106 Block VIII Orahiri SD		12660	N	
Section 105 Block VIII Orahiri SD	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	35360	N	

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TE ARA A WAIWAIĀ				
Closed Road Survey Office Plan 44171			N	
Allot 1 Block III Otorohanga MAORI TNSP	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	1105	N	
Allot 2 Block III Otorohanga MAORI TNSP	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	1227	N	
Part Allot 3 Block III Otorohanga MAORI TNSP	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	735	N	
Part Allot 4 Block III Otorohanga MAORI TNSP	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control		N	
Part Allot 5 Block III Otorohanga MAORI TNSP	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control		N	
Closed Road Survey Office Plan 12253/1			N	
Part Orahiri 1No17B Block	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	26583	N	
Section 4 SO 58728		3690	N	
Closed Road Survey Office Plan 44171		2195	N	
Part Orahiri 1No18A Block	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control		N	
Part Orahiri 1No18A Block	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control		N	
Part Orahiri 1 (Roadway) Block	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control		N	
Part Orahiri 1No18B Block	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	19172	N	
Part Orahiri 1No18A Block	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	14720	N	
Part Orahiri 1No18B Block	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control		N	
Part Orahiri 1B (Roadway) Block	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control		Y (interacts with industrial area)	
Part Kohitane 1 Block	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	1361	Y (interacts with industrial area)	
Part Kohitane 2 Block	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	13167	Y (interacts with industrial area)	
Part Orahiri 1No25C2B Block	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control		N	
Part Orahiri 1No19 Block	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	26557	Y (interacts with industrial area)	
Orahiri 1No26 Block	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	20234	N	
River Bed Survey Office Plan 44049		20029	N	
Lot 3 DPS 82851			N	
Part Otorohanga and Orahiri (1F4A and 1No1) A Block	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control		N	
Part Lot 2 DP 31964	Local Purpose : Soil/River Control	1672	N	

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TE KANAWA FLOOD MITIGATION RESERVE				
Part Allot 7 Block XIII Otorohanga MAORI TNSP			N	
Part Allot 8 Block XIII Otorohanga MAORI TNSP			N	
Part Allot 9 Block XIII Otorohanga MAORI TNSP			N	
Part Allot 11 Block XIII Otorohanga MAORI TNSP		3665	N	
Part Allot 12 Block XIII Otorohanga MAORI TNSP			N	
Part Allot 13 Block XIII Otorohanga MAORI TNSP			N	
Part Allot 14 Block XIII Otorohanga MAORI TNSP			N	
Lot 1 DP 388902		2012	N	
Lot 23 DPS 19006		1697	N	
PHILLIPS AVE WETLAND				
Lot 30 DPS 79728	Local Purpose : Drainage	14785	N	
Lot 1 DPS 82851			N	
ŌTOROHANGA MUSEUM				
Section 1 SO 520303	Local Purpose: Community Facilities		N	
ŌTOROHANGA RESERVE/VILLAGE GREEN				
Lot 1 DPS 76702	Recreation		N	

PART 3: ŌTOROHANGA RESERVES ACTION PLAN

The following Action Plan identifies individual projects and actions in support of the Ōtorohanga Reserves Strategy (ŌRS), identifying next steps, dependencies, strategic questions and technical enquiries necessary to implement the actions outlined through the ŌRS.

The purpose of the action plan is to assist in the implementation of the Reserves Strategy, and ensure that the Council, Community Board and other agencies and organisations can allocate the appropriate resources and funding to undertake these projects in a coordinated and integrated manner.

High-level cost estimates have been suggested for each project, where practical and applicable. It is important to note that the costs are indicative only and are subject to change. More detailed costs should be developed prior to the commencement of an action alongside any further detailed design and engagement, and may be subject to Council's procurement policies and processes.

Cost estimates are organised into five price brackets:

\$ = <\$100,000

\$\$ = \$100,000-500,000

\$\$\$ = \$500,00 - \$1,000,000

\$\$\$\$ = \$1,000,000 - \$5,000,000

\$\$\$\$\$ = \$5,000,000 +

Huipūtea Development Plan											
Huipūtea Reserve	Huipūtea Reserve is a place that highlights and, where appropriate, celebrates important cultural narratives and supports the ongoing regeneration of awa (stream/river), repo (wetland/lake) and ngahere (forest) ecosystems present throughout the site	Work with mana whenua to further develop the overall design for Huipūtea Reserve, including opportunities for cultural expression, planting and ecological outcomes and staged implementation	EcoFX moving	How might the cultural heritage values inherent to Huipūtea Reserve be meaningfully connected to cultural heritage features and narratives across Ōtorohanga?	Work with EcoFX to find an alternative location						
			Truck Wash moving		Work with Ōtorohanga Carriers Association to find an alternative location for the Truck Wash						
			Installing Rail crossing		Work with KiwiRail to find a solution to establish a safe crossing between Ōtorohanga Town Centre and Huipūtea Reserve						
			Installing Huipūtea Drive Crossing		Investigate opportunities to enhance water quality at a catchment scale to address water quality before it reaches Huipūtea Reserve and test water quality in the lake and historic riverbed	•	•	•		\$\$\$\$\$	mana whenua, Ōtorohanga community, EcoFX, Ōtorohanga Carriers Association, Kiwi Rail, Waka Kotahi
					Test soil to investigate the levels of contaminants due to historic land uses to determine the best ecosystem types and/or remediation strategies for Huipūtea Reserve						
					Integrate the reserve with wider plans for the Walking and Cycling, Signage and Wayfinding and Blue Green network, see Open Space Network for more detail						

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PROJECT	DESIRED OUTCOMES	NEXT STEPS	DEPENDENCIES	STRATEGIC QUESTIONS	TECHNICAL ENQUIRIES	TIMEFRAME				COST*	PROJECT PARTNERS AND KEY STAKEHOLDERS
						Short term: 2024- 2026	Medium term: 2026- 2030	Long term: 2030 - 2040	Ongoing: 2040+		
ŌTOROHANGA SPORTS HUB											
Sports Hub	Ōtorohanga Sports Hub is a collaborative partnership bringing together a range of sites, sports codes and organisations to share resources, expertise, management and facilities across Island Reserve, The Domain and Ōtorohanga College	Develop a comprehensive strategy for a Sports Hub in Ōtorohanga	Resolve distribution of sports codes across potential sites	What is the best outcome to maximise services and facilities for all Sports codes across Island Reserve, The Domain fields and Ōtorohanga College	Work with Sports Codes, Sport Waikato, Ōtorohanga College and other interested parties to develop a comprehensive brief and strategy for the Ōtorohanga Sports Hub - See https://sportnz.org.nz/ resources/the-hub-guide/ for more information	•	•			Further detail required	Ōtorohanga Sports Clubs, Sport Waikato, Ōtorohanga community, Ōtorohanga College
Island Reserve	Island Reserve celebrates and supports the Ōtorohanga sporting community and provides opportunities for informal recreation, play and ecosystem regeneration of the historic riverbed, providing amenity across generations	Work with mana whenua and Sports Clubs to develop a detailed brief for the design concept through to a detailed design for the chosen option for Island Reserve, including requirements for additional facilities for Netball and Tigers	Resolve underlying land ownership across parcels in Island Reserve Developing sports hub	How does Island Reserve contribute toward Ōtorohanga Sports Hub?	Investigate and determine land ownership and use within Island Reserve Confirm the location of the fitness trail in relation to the stopbank, taking offsets into account Integrate the reserve with wider plans for the Walking and Cycling, Signage and Wayfinding, Fitness Trail and Blue Green network, see Open Space Network for more detail	•	•			\$\$\$\$\$	mana whenua, Sports Codes, Ōtorohanga community, Tigers Sports Club
The Domain Fields	The Ōtorohanga Domain fields are a family friendly open space that supports soccer and cricket across seasons with the capacity to support larger community events	Develop a detailed design for the proposed development of the reserve	Developing sports hub		Investigation into options for underground stormwater detention to improve drainage Investigate the need for regrading and retaining along the northern edge of the second field Confirm the location of the fitness trail in relation to The Domain fields Integrate the reserve with wider plans for the Walking and Cycling, Signage and Wayfinding, Fitness Trail and Blue Green network, see Open Space Network for more detail	•	•			\$\$	mana whenua, Sports Codes, Ōtorohanga community, Ōtorohanga Kiwi House

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PROJECT	DESIRED OUTCOMES	NEXT STEPS	DEPENDENCIES	STRATEGIC QUESTIONS	TECHNICAL ENQUIRIES	TIMEFRAME				COST*	PROJECT PARTNERS AND KEY STAKEHOLDERS	
						Short term: 2024- 2026	Medium term: 2026- 2030	Long term: 2030 - 2040	Ongoing: 2040+			
PARKS AND RESERVES — DETAILED INVESTIGATION REQUIRED												
The Domain — Rotary Park and Bob Horsfall Reserve	Rotary Park and Bob Horsfall Reserve combine active recreation with a connection to nature, providing amenity while supporting native biodiversity with the potential to form a regional scale Significant Ecological Area	Work with Netball to develop a strategy for the use of the area currently occupied by netball courts and facilities and explore decommissioning these facilities. Work with Ōtorohanga College and the local community to establish a direction and programme for conservation initiatives, including enrichment planting, maintenance and pest control	Developing sports hub	What is the best use for the Netball Courts and associated facilities if Netball moves to Island Reserve?	Develop a plan for the decommissioning and disestablishment of the Netball Courts and new land use for the area					\$\$\$\$	mana whenua, Ōtorohanga community, Netball, Kiwi House, Domain Football Club	
			Resolving land use for netball courts	Is there any persons or organisations that have the time interest and capacity to help drive ecological and community outcomes Rotary Park and Bob Horsfall Reserve?	Investigate the feasibility of converting the existing Netball Courts into overflow parking for The Domain, Kiwi House, Rotary Park and Bob Horsfall Reserve	•	•					
			Broader community buy-in and support		Develop a detailed management plan for the ecological restoration of Rotary Park and Bob Horsfall Reserve including the area currently grazed behind the netball courts							
Te Ara o Waiwaiā — Waipā River Park	Te Ara a Waiwaiā is a biodiverse riparian park that supports local ecology, protects the town from flooding and connects visitors and locals to the Waipā awa through a network of formal and informal tracks	Develop a plan for the detailed design and implementation of a secondary mown grass track network, access to the Waipā river and staged implementation for planting	Broader community buy-in and support	How does existing and previously planned signage work for Te Ara Waiwaiā relate to and integrate with wider wayfinding and signage strategy?	Investigate staged planting with Waikato Regional Council and Community					\$\$\$\$	mana whenua, Ōtorohanga community, Waikato Regional Council	
				Is there any persons or organisations that have the time interest and capacity to help drive ecological and community outcomes Te Ara Waiwaiā?	Investigate formalising the off-leash dog park area							
				What additional functions can the land along Te Ara a Waiwaiā support to serve community needs and aspirations?	Confirm the location of the fitness trail in relation to the stopbank, taking offsets into account		•	•	•			
					Integrate the reserve with wider plans for the Walking and Cycling, Signage and Wayfinding, Fitness Trail and Blue Green network, see Open Space Network for more detail							

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PARKS AND RESERVES — STRAIGHTFORWARD IMPLEMENTATION												
Windsor Park	Windsor park is a peaceful family-friendly open space with ample areas for informal recreation, rest and range of play options for younger children to complement the facilities at Reg Brett Reserve	Develop detailed design and implementation plan for Windsor Park that includes a new playground, an updated path network, pump track and a site-specific staged planting plan for implementation	DRAFT		Integrate the reserve with wider plans for the Walking and Cycling, Signage and Wayfinding and Blue Green network, see Open Space Network for more detail	•	•			\$\$-\$\$\$	Ōtorohanga community, mana whenua	
Ōtorohanga War Memorial Reserve	Ōtorohanga Memorial Park is an accessible open space that provides space for reflection and directs visitor’s focus toward The War Memorial and Te Rohe Pōtae Memorial	Develop detailed design and implementation plan for Ōtorohanga War Memorial Reserve, including accessible ramped access from Ranfurly, track realignment to highlight Te Rohe Pōtae Memorial and amenity planting			Changes to parking and vehicle access and parking on Ranfurly Street.	Transport assessment for Ranfurly street					\$\$	mana whenua, Ōtorohanga community, World War Veterans
					Arboricultural investigations for working in and around tree roots	Arborist assessment of trees	•	•				
						Integrate the reserve with wider plans for the Walking and Cycling, Signage and Wayfinding and Blue Green network, see Open Space Network for more detail	•	•				
Bert McKenzie Road Reserve		Develop a site specific planting plan for Bert McKenzie/ Road Reserve						•				\$
Ōtorohanga Kiwi House		Ōtorohanga Kiwi House is currently functioning well for the community and has its own governance and strategic direction			Develop a plan and guidance for the decommissioning the existing motor camp and Kiwi House establishing parking and stormwater mitigation in this area	•				-	Ōtorohanga community, mana whenua, Ōtorohanga Zoological Society	
Reg Brett Reserve		Reg Brett Reserve is currently functioning well for the community								-	Ōtorohanga community, mana whenua, Waikato Regional Council	

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ŌTOROHANGA OPEN SPACE NETWORK											
Ōtorohanga Walking and Cycling Network	The Walking and Cycling network opens up key connections between open spaces across Ōtorohanga, ensuring that access across the town is safe and accessible	Develop detailed design to confirm spatial arrangement, feasibility, construction and operational needs for each of the three key projects	A railway crossing connecting Ōtorohanga Town Centre to Huipūtea Reserve needs to be resolved with KiwiRail	RAILWAY	Transport review and management plans as part of the next phases of design					Further detail required	Waka Kotahi, mana whenua, Waikato Regional Council, Ōtorohanga community, Business owners, Youth/ rangatahi, KiwiRail
Ōtorohanga Signage Strategy	Ōtorohanga Signage Strategy provides a coordinated approach to signage across the township, including interpretive signage, cultural expression and wayfinding helping people to navigate around Ōtorohanga township and between open spaces	Develop a comprehensive signage strategy for Ōtorohanga, including Te Reo Māori naming for Parks and Reserves, interpretive signage, cultural expression and wayfinding helping people to navigate around Ōtorohanga township and between open spaces			Develop a comprehensive Wayfinding and Signage Strategy for Ōtorohanga	•	•	•		Further detail required	mana whenua, Waikato Regional Council, Ōtorohanga community
Ōtorohanga Fitness Trail	Ōtorohanga exercise circuit keys into the town walking and cycling network, creating a 5.7km loop,with exercise stations located at points along the network to encourage health and fitness	Develop and implement a Fitness Trail for Ōtorohanga utilising the walking and cycling network with four or more stations focussing on specific exercises			Investigate the implementation of exercise stations along Te Ara a Waiwaiā, Island Reserve and The Domain.	•	•	•		Further detail required	mana whenua, Waikato Regional Council, Ōtorohanga community
					Work with Waikato Regional Council to ensure exercise Stations along the stopbank maintain the integrity of the stopbank and comply with flood control guidelines						
					Work with local suppliers and fabricators to construct equipment						

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ŌTOROHANGA OPEN SPACE NETWORK												
Ōtorohanga Blue-Green Network	Ōtorohanga blue green network supports and enhances existing Ngahere (Forest), Awa (Riparian) and Repo (Wetland) ecosystems that interact with Ōtorohanga open spaces and streets. Including amenity planting and water sensitive design in urban areas, alongside regenerative planting openspaces such as Bob Horsfall Reserve, Rotary Park, Te Ara a Waiwaiā and the flood mitigation reserves on Phillips ave and Te Kanawa Stream.	Encourage and support Ōtorohanga residents to play an active role in the care, protection, restoration and regeneration of their parks, reserves and streets Work with local schools to identify opportunities to incorporate conservation into curriculum outcomes and upskilling initiatives Work with local nurseries and initiatives to investigate eco-sourcing plants for regenerative planting from local seed banks Develop detailed planting plans for parks and reserves.	community buy-in and support	Is there any persons or organisations that have the time interest and capacity to help drive ecological and community outcomes Rotary Park and Bob Horsfall Reserve? How can we effectively engage the community with conservation efforts?	Work with Waikato Regional Council to ensure any planting within the Waipā river flood zone is designed and implemented according to best Investigate opportunities to improve water quality outcomes through blue green infrastructure as part of the walking and cycling network and amenity planting	•	•	•	•	Further detail required	mana whenua, Waikato Regional Council, Ōtorohanga community, Ōtorohanga Schools, Youth/rangatahi	

Information only reports

Ngā pūrongo mōhiohio anake

There are no reports.

Public excluded

Take matatapu

There are no reports.

Closing prayer/reflection/words of wisdom

Karakia/huritao/whakataukī

The Chairperson will invite a Member to provide the closing words and/or prayer/karakia.

Meeting closure

Katinga o te hui

The Chairperson will declare the meeting closed.