

MINUTES of a hearing by the Infrastructure Subcommittee (to hear, consider submissions make recommendations on the Natural Reserves Management Plan) held in the Council Chambers, District Office, 15 Galileo Street, Ngaruawahia on **TUESDAY 30 OCTOBER 2018** commencing at **2.36pm** and continued on **THURSDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2018** commencing at **1.06pm**.

Present:

Cr DW Fulton (Chairperson)
Cr JD Sedgwick
Ms L Te Aho (Waikato-Tainui Representative)

Attending:

Mrs LM Wainwright (Committee Secretary)
Mrs RJ Gray (Council Support Manager)
Mr E Parata (Asset Management)
Ms M Russo (Corporate Planner)
Mr D Whyte (Submitter)
Mr L Koppens (Submitter)
Mr M Moore (Submitter)
Mr E Hamilton (Contract Reserves Planner)
Mr B Wolfe (Ecological Planner)
Mr D McDougall (Open Spaces Team Leader)
Ms M May (Parks & Facilities Manager)

APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

All members were present.

CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA ITEMS

Resolved: (Crs Sedgwick/Fulton)

THAT the agenda for a hearing of the Infrastructure Subcommittee to hear, consider submissions and make recommendations on the Proposed Natural Reserves Management Plan held on Tuesday 30 October 2018 be confirmed and all items therein be considered in open meeting.

CARRIED on the voices

INF1810/01

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest.

HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS

The Chairperson introduced the members of the hearing panel and welcomed all parties.

The following submitters presented their evidence in relation to the Proposed Natural Reserves Management Plan:

1. Mr Whyte (submissions 25, 26 and 27)
2. Mr Koppens (submission 27)
3. Mr Moore (submission 30).

The meeting adjourned at 3.49pm and resumed at 4.13pm.

REPORT

Hearing of Submissions to the Natural Reserves Management Plan
Agenda Item 4.1

Resolved: (Crs Fulton/Sedgwick)

THAT the report from the General Manager Service Delivery be received;

AND THAT pursuant to section 41(6)(d) of the Reserves Act 1977 the Hearings Panel hear and consider all submissions, including late submissions, received to the draft Natural Reserves Management Plan.

CARRIED on the voices

INF1810/02

The meeting adjourned at 5.45pm and reconvened on **THURSDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2018** at **1.06pm**.

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Submission on Ohinewai Reserve, Waikare (pg 42) By Ohinewai Area Committee (OAC)

Executive summary

The Ohinewai Area Committee manages the Ohinewai Hall. This hall has significant utilization rate, with approximately 175 bookings last year. The operational costs of the all are covered by booking fees, and other fees. However as the hall is used, and now over 20 years old, it needs regular capital investment to keep it up to the high standard it currently is. This capital investment is covered by income produced by leasing the Ohinewai Reserve out to local farmers. If the council removes this income source from the OAC, the capital expenditure required will have to be sourced from the WDC. This clearly is not advantageous to any of the parties involved. There is also no community drive to have the 'improvements' suggested by the WDC to the reserve. There are alternative locations in the Ohinewai area, either WDC reserves currently without management plans or significant archeological sites that WDC would be much better investing into. So hence OAC does not support the proposed reserve management policy for the Ohinewai Reserve.

Proposed Reserve Management Policy by Waikato District Council for Ihineai Reserve:

1. To ecologically enhance the habitat.
2. To have no stock in the reserve and to replace with native plantings.
3. Ongoing regular pest control.
4. Monitor fencing and undertake stock proofing repairs if required.
5. Coordinate improvements with Department of Conservation and RiverCare.

Proposed Development:

- Install access road and car parking.
- Consider walkways to lake and swamp reserve.

Background

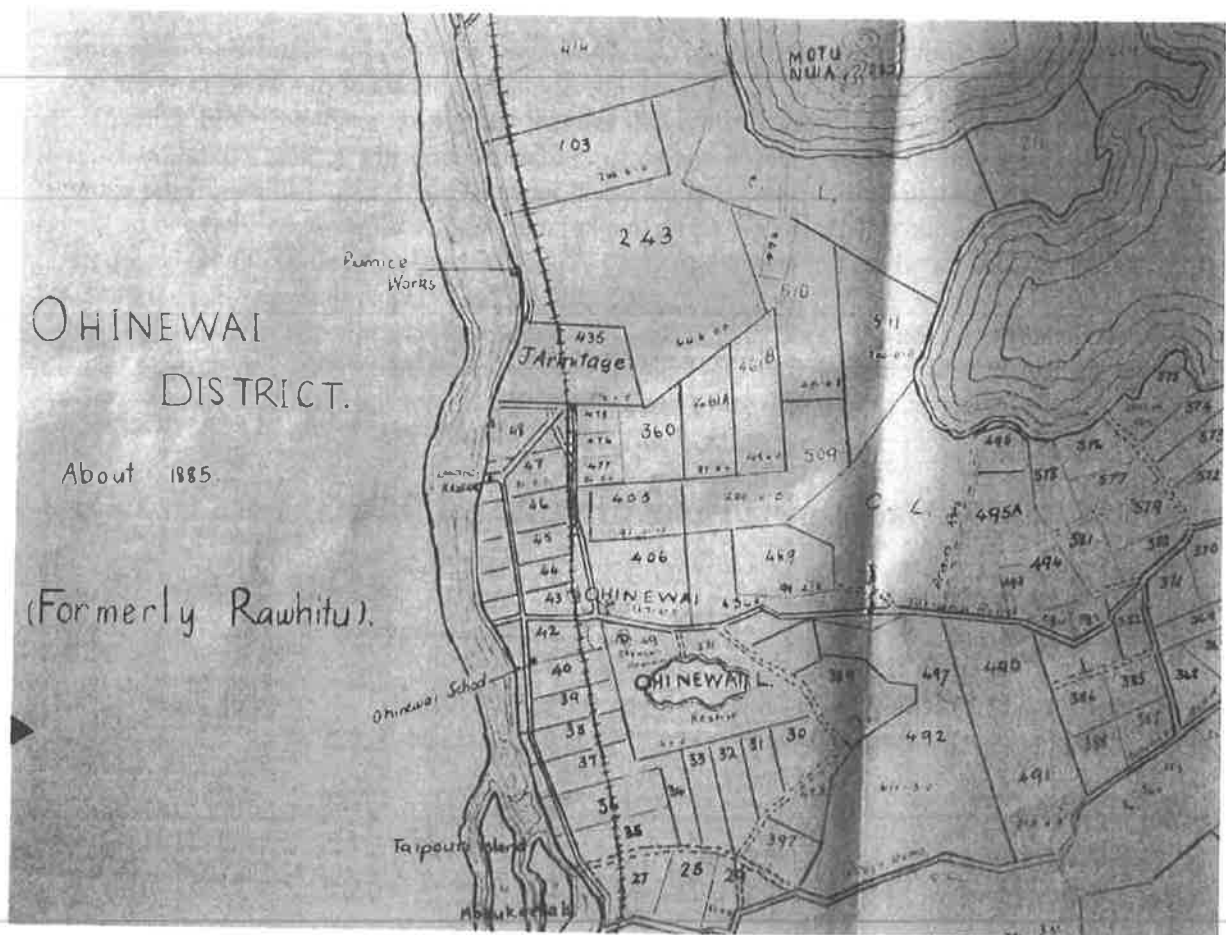
Ohinewai Domain has been in existence since the late 19th Century when European land was divided after the Waikato land wars. As the map shows over the page, the land around Ohinewai Lake, was set aside for a Domain and Reserve.

The extremely comprehensive book produced for the centennial of Ohinewai School and District in 1983 does not mention this land at all. All sorts of land and activities are mentioned that currently now has a different land use, but not this part of the area. Thus we can infer that due to the low lying nature, or some other reason, this area has not been valued as a community asset by the local Ohinewai area.

In more recent times, the Ohinewai Reserve had become weedy, poorly maintained fences and thus was not adding a lot of value to the farmers who were renting the reserve for farming purposes. However in recent years, there has been an investment in time, materials and effort to clean up the weeds, improve the fencing, and bring the reserve land up to a good farming standard. Thus it is now an asset that is leased out for cattle grazing at a good commercial rate. The expectation is that the lessees maintain the pasture, fences and any other infrastructure in its current standard. This lease is currently managed by WDC.

As pointed out, the Ohinewai Reserve is not currently used as a public space. This is not only because the area looks like private land, at the roadside. But the overbridge over SH1, is narrow and

effectively prevents people walking or biking across the SH, so people in the housing in Ohinewai area west of SH1 would be unlikely to use the facility even if it was developed.



There has not been a request made to the Ohinewai Area Committee to have access made to the Domain by anyone in the local community. There is also an issue near the Domain where people park their cars to sleep, drop their litter, etc. To have access into the Domain itself may bring this problem down to the Lake, which is of concern as to who will look after the Domain and ensure nothing disreputable occurs away from the public eye.

The Hall

The Ohinewai area built a community Hall, starting in 1913, and this Hall served the community well over multiple decades. Investments were made into carbide generators, to generate light, to tar sealing of the parking area. However, eventually the Hall after 70 years of use, was becoming tired. And significant community effort went into building a new Hall.

This new Hall was opened in 1994. As part of the fund raising, the community asked the Council to place a small levy per ratepayer (currently \$24) to pay off the loan required to complete the Hall. This loan was paid off approximately 3 years ago, but the community requested that this levy remain in place, so that the Hall could continue to be invested into.

The Hall is used extensively by the community. It had approximately 175 bookings over the last year, some of these bookings were not just single day bookings, but over a complete weekend, or

consecutive number of days. This level of booking means that the Hall is in use more than 50% of the days of the year!

There is also a healthy range of people and organisations that use the Hall. This includes sports and recreational groups, religious group, the local school, businesses that service the local farming community, individuals and families celebrating events.

Thus the Hall is in very regular use, across a wide range of people and organisations.

Ohinewai Area Committee

The Ohinewai Area Committee (OAC) is a community group that, similar to a community board, but has the flexibility and informal attitude that works better in this area. It has two main focuses, firstly to manage the Ohinewai Hall and secondly to interface with the Council to ensure Council services are used to upkeep the area.

The OAC has four income streams:

- Hall hireage;
- Leasing of the small paddock behind the Hall;
- Community Rates levy;
- Leasing the Domain land.

There is a positively reinforcing cycle, as the Hall is well maintained and it is sort after by the community. Because the Hall is used by the community, it has high level of running expenses. Thus the income produced from the first three income streams, Hall hireage, leasing of small paddock and community rates levy are used for the running of the Hall. Thus the direct expenses of cleaning, electricity etc. are covered.

The OAC is committed to strategic infrastructure upgrades to keep the Hall in excellent condition. The money for this comes from the leasing of the Ohinewai Reserve / Domain to local farmers. This income has been saved up and used to invest in capital improvements.

The reality is that the Hall is now over two decades old and has had extensive use. It requires an injection of capital to keep the high standard. Examples of significant capital investment over the last three years:

- New Air Conditioning Units \$23,870
- Gutter replacement \$1,237
- Replacement of ceiling in meeting area & new cost effective LED lighting \$2,820
- Donations to Ohinewai School swimming pool, tennis court electricity costs, provision of a defibrillator.

Further capital investment and community support will continue into the future.

Financial impact of proposed reserve management plan:

The impact of the proposed management plan would remove a significant income source from the Ohinewai community. Although we do have reserves that would last for a handful of years, they would quickly become consumed. Thus we would end up with the following problems:

- Reduce / stop capital improvement to the Hall. The Hall is one of the few places in the surrounding area that is well maintained, easy to access being next to SH1 off-ramps, and great value for money. However, if the capital investment isn't made due to lack of funds,

the Hall would start to feel old and the on-flow effects of loss of rental would be felt. We don't want to end up in a situation like the Huntly Hall.

- Increased financial requests to Council and, therefore, rate payers. Currently the OAC is able to run its finances in a self-contained way, thus the Council does not need to provide additional financial support. If the main income stream of the Domain lease was to disappear, the OAC would need to apply to the Council for funding.
- New financial cost to Waikato District Council of building and maintaining the roadway, parking area, rubbish provision, toilets, signage and tracks proposed, this would be an ongoing cost for the council, likely to increase over time as use of the area increases.

If the Ohinewai Domain remained as is, rented for grazing under the aegis of the Council and the Ohinewai Area Committee, then we would be able to retain financial independence.

Non-Financial Impact of proposed reserve management plan:

Concerns and questions about the proposed change to the Domain are:

- Because of its semi-remote location, currently it doesn't have an issue with vandals, littering, rubbish dumping etc. Who would maintain it once the public had access to it?
- Have there been any requests by the public to access this land? This is a rural community and the local community utilise existing facilities without having to utilise this Domain land for their recreation. Especially with the paddock available to the Hall.
- There are a number of public accessible lakes in and around the Huntly area, why does the Ohinewai Lake and Domain need to be changed to be the same as these when it doesn't appear to be required/requested?
- The OAC were not made aware of any issues with the cleanliness of the water at the Lake. How serious is this? There is riparian planting, the Lake is fenced off, there are other cattle run farms nearby – is the Domain usage causing the issues?
- If the grazing was maintained, then new fencing would need to be put in place to keep the cattle and the public separated, especially round Health & Safety issues.
- A road would need to be provided for the public to have true access down to the Lake.
- If the land was planted out, who would maintain the quality of the land thereafter – currently this is all handled by the leasee.
- Current issues with the people stop along Tahuna Road next to the Domain to sleep, litter and create a nuisance – we expect that some of the activities there would transfer to a less visible spot of the Domain.
- Currently the wildlife at the Ohinewai Lake enjoy an uninterrupted life due to the riparian planting and it currently being fenced off. Our expectation is that if people had access to the Lake, this existence would change for the wildlife where they could be caught, harmed, etc.

It appears that this is an “All or Nothing” exercise, rather than an exercise at looking at the community needs as well. The amount of proposals in the Management act seems very excessive to that required.

Recommendation:

Therefore it is the Ohinewai Area Committee recommendation that the Ohinewai Reserve is removed from the reserve management programme, and that that reserve is moved back to a 3 yearly contract with farmers, thus maximize the farmer investment into the pasture / fences / infrastructure and the financial return to the Ohinewai community.

Alternatives:

As the reserve management plan indicates, the Ohinewai Recreation Reserve is of low to medium ecological value. This is because it is farmed land, in good condition, and has been cleared of native vegetation for decades and maybe even a century.

Therefore we strongly believe that if investment is to be made in reserve type areas in the Ohinewai area, that the following options, as marked on the map over the page, would be far better for the environment / ecosystem / cultural heritage of the area. And as such would make a far better investment.

Points 1a & 1b: Southern Lake Waikare Reserve (1a) and North lake Waikare Reserve

These two Council reserves are between the Lake, and Waikare Road. Waikare Road is part of the scenic drive network, due to the picturesque lake, along the eastern lake boundary. Both of these reserves have parking sites already existing, and have stock exclusion. Both have native bush covering, and provide habitat for native birds (fantails and wood pigeons and possibly more) and have a considerably higher ecological value than the Ohinewai Reserve.

Work has been done in at the Southern reserve in removing pest trees, and the northern site gives wonderful views across the lake. So these two areas could be improved by the council if they want to improve the ecosystem and / or provide amenities to the public. They are currently not signposted, or marked on maps. So the public will not be aware of them, unless they are inquisitive. And being on the scenic drive, will likely attract those who are interested in exploring and taking the road less travelled.

Point 2: Archaeological sites #1

In the early 1980's it was planned for a massive opencast mine in the Ohinewai area. As part of this planning a comprehensive archaeological survey was undertaken as there was a cluster of archaeological sites here. These included shell middens containing fresh water mussels, charcoal and fired stones - these shell middens were substantial being 400m long. Associated with this was some earthworks and pits in good condition. The size of the site is indicative of long term occupation. And it was noted in the report that occupation sites like this are rare in the Waikato as most sites are associated with hills, not the flat land. So preservation of this site should be given important consideration.

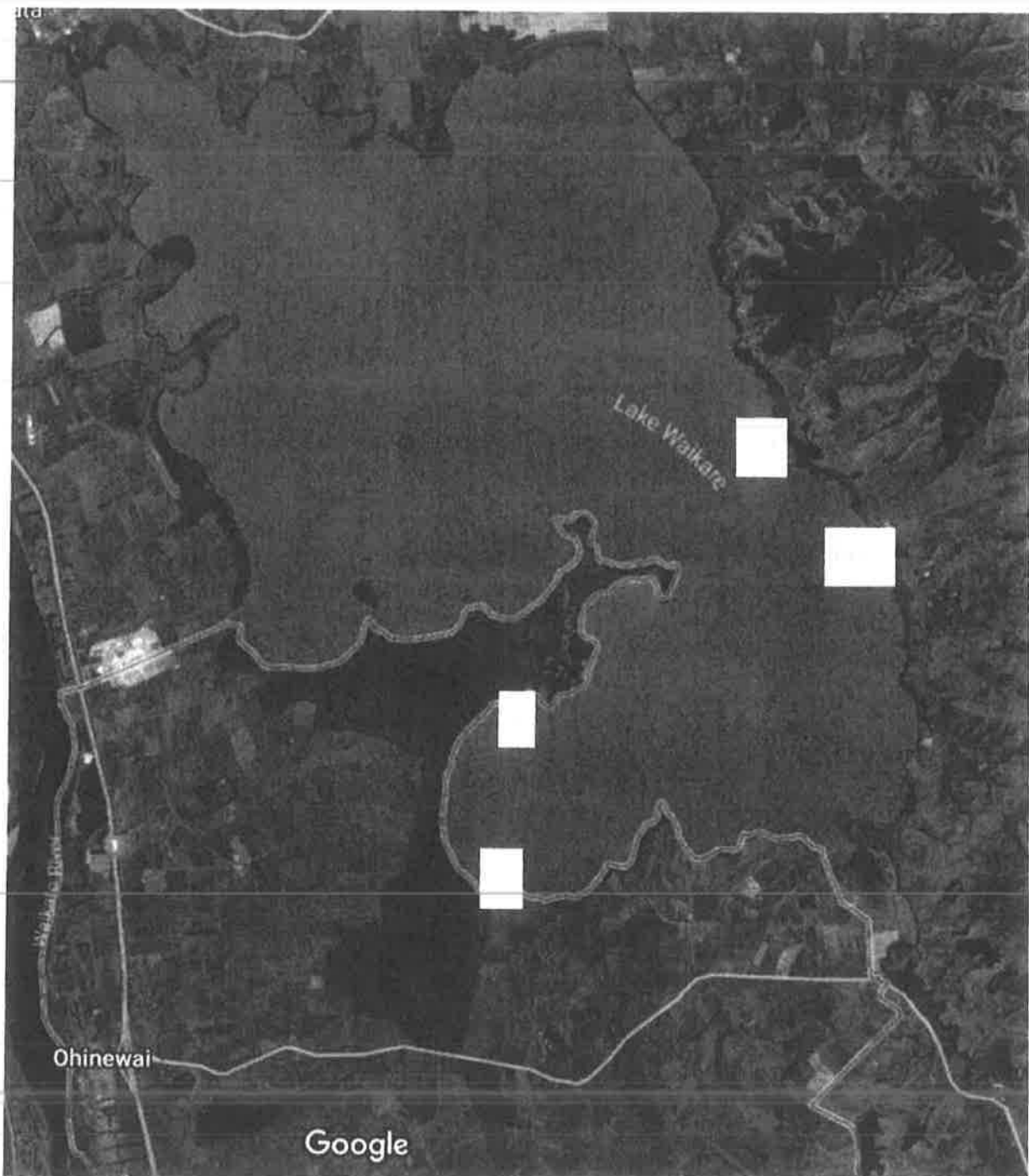
Thus in terms of preserving historical heritage for future generations, this foreshore area could be protected and enhanced for future analysis.

Point 3: Archaeological sites #2

This is an area that has had small level of terracing undertaken, and was likely a garden area. Thus may be another site that would benefit from more intensive management.

Signed by the current Ohinewai Area Committee:

Chairperson:	Peter Brown	
Secretary/Treasurer:	Catherine Maher	
Elected members:	Joy Dugdale	David Whyte
	Bruce Bateup	Bruce Holmes
	Doug Dodds	John Hill
	Graham Dwight	Neil Dwight
	Lyn Welch	



Historical and Archaeological information sources, copies held at the Waikato University Library.

Lumsden K. 1983 *Paddle-steamers, Pen-nibs and Pasturelands. A centennial History of Ohinewai School and District.* Copy held at Waikato University Library.

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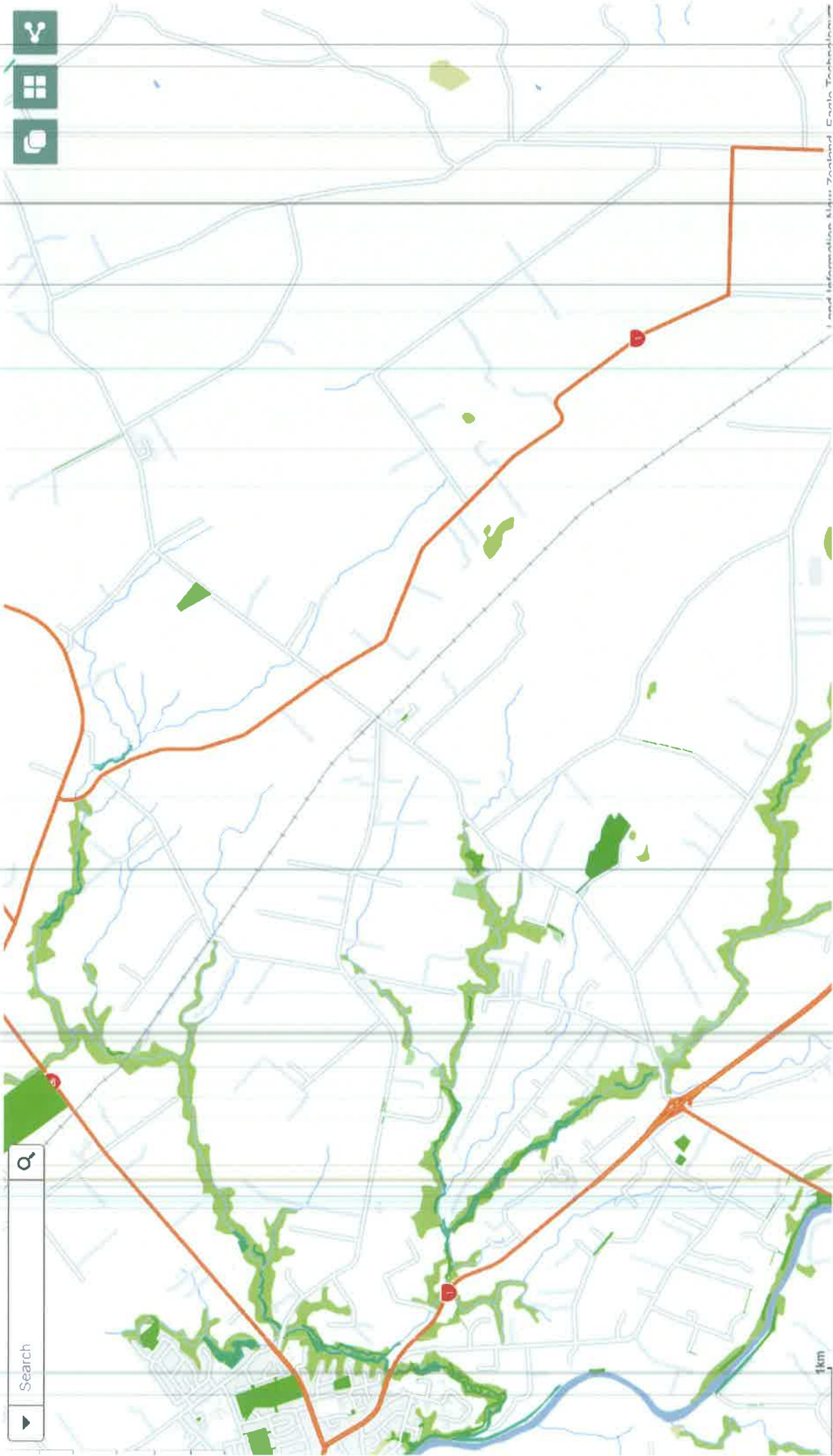
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Natural Reserves Management Plan

Submission form (please provide feedback by **Monday 1 October 2018**)

Name/Organisation Fairymede C.A.V.O

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Postal address NDI Rongia Postcode 3295

Email francescane@yorker.co.nz

Would you like to present your submission to Council at the Hearing? Yes No

Does your property boundary a reserve listed in the draft Natural Reserve Management Plan?
 Yes No

The name of the reserve I am submitting on is Tataru Grove Reserve

Comments: (You may like to include if you support/don't support the proposal, any suggested changes and reasons why)

The reserve (Tataru Grove) has been well used and looked after by the local residents. It has a great potential for use as a seed collection place. We appreciate the regular mowing by the council. Introducing potential off road car park would increase traffic and so interfere with the natural regeneration of the reserve. Fresh and bright introduce just (rain, fall, ferns) as nothing might become an issue.
Kind regards
francescane

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Name/Organisation C. B. FENWICK

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Would you like to present your submission to Council at the Hearing? Yes No

Does your property boundary a reserve listed in the draft Natural Reserve Management Plan?
 Yes No

The name of the reserve I am submitting on is TOTARA GROVE RESERVE

Comments: (You may like to include if you support/don't support the proposal, any suggested changes and reasons why)

OFF-STREET PARKING APPEARS UNNECESSARY BECAUSE OF LOW USAGE OF THE RESERVE & LIMITED TRAFFIC. TAKING RESERVE SPACE FOR PARKING WILL UNNECESSARILY TAKE UP SPACE

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Natural Reserves Management Plan

Submission form (please provide feedback by **Monday 1 October 2018**)

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Would you like to present your submission to Council at the Hearing? Yes No

Does your property boundary a reserve listed in the draft Natural Reserve Management Plan?

Yes No

The name of the reserve I am submitting on is *Totara grove Reserve*

Comments: (You may like to include if you support/don't support the proposal, any suggested changes and reasons why)

*The reserve @ Totara grove has been well used and looked after by the local residents. It has a great potential for use as a seed collection place. Wd appreciate the regular mowing by the council. Introducing potential off street car park would increase traffic and so interfere with the natural regeneration of the native bush and might introduce pest (rats, ^{wild} cats, possum) as littering might become an issue kind regards
Françoise*

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Natural Reserve Management Plan – Submission Hearing Report

Hearing: Tuesday 30 October 2018

Hearing Panel: Cr DW Fulton (Chairperson)

Cr JD Sedgwick

Ms L Te Aho

From: Eric Hamilton – Contract Reserves Planner

Thirty two written submissions were received by Council in relation to the draft Natural Reserve Management Plan (“Natural RMP”).

Three people gave verbal submission on behalf of five submissions. Their responses were taken into account when reviewing the draft plan.

After the verbal submissions, the hearing panel then reviewed the draft Natural RMP based on the submissions. The following amendments to the plan have been detailed.

Point 1.

All reserves: new section after the Reserve Management Policy section. This new section is to include any actions that are not policy, and should be undertaken by Council as good practice for the reserve. The following points are proposed where management action is required.

Management Actions:

- a. Install signage to natural reserves where appropriate pedestrian access is provided.
- b. Ensure adequate fencing is installed and maintained as determined by Council Parks Officers.

Point 2.

Proposed development – new statement to be added

All proposed development will only be undertaken when funding is allocated and designated to this project. Funding for proposed development will be sought through the long-term planning process.

Discussion on point “a”: it was noted from a submission that all of the natural reserves do not have information signage identifying them as a Council reserve. This needs to be undertaken to ensure that the public are aware that the area is a Council reserve.

Discussion from staff on point “a”. Only install signage where appropriate. Not all reserves should have signage due to some reserves having poor access and parking.

Discussion on point “b”: many of the reserves identified that boundary fences were to be maintained in the policy section – this is not a policy but a management action and has been removed from policy to this section.

Discussion from staff on point “b”. Fencing will only be maintained where it is currently installed. It is the responsibility of the adjoining landowner to manage their stock and ensure they do not enter into Council reserves.

2.1.1 Kariotahi Gap Domain Otatau

- i. Inclusion of Management Actions, otherwise no change.

2.1.2 Ridge Road Scenic Reserve

- i. Inclusion of Management Actions
- ii. Removed proposed development actions.

Discussion on point “ii”. A submitter identified that public parking and access to this reserve was off a busy road with no potential to establish parking in this location. The proposal to develop upgraded access and a bush walk was not seen as appropriate till such time that more appropriate off road parking was available for public to access this site.

2.1.3 Shipherd Bush Reserve, Puni

- i. Inclusion of Management Actions
- ii. Amend and re-write proposed development section as follows

Proposed development

- Develop car parking at reserve entrance on Shipherd Road
- Explore options for a recreational walking loop trail to be built through the reserve.

2.1.4 Stan Denize Scenic Park, Otatau

- i. Inclusion of Management Actions
- ii. Remove Proposed Development section

Discussion on point “ii”. The section of Bothwell Park Road between Robertson Road and the reserve is a Council road. The proposed development of repairing the road was not seen as being appropriate for Parks and Facilities to undertake.

The following questions were raised:

- A. Is this a Roothing activity rather than a Parks activity to upgrade the road?
- B. Can parking not be provided at the start of Bothwell Park Road and the public walk into the reserve?

2.1.5 The Elbow Landing Reserve, Aka Aka

- i. Inclusion of Management Actions
- ii. Management Action - new action to be added “Maintain exotic pecan tree species on the reserve”
- iii. Proposed development – Remove upgrade to the boat ramp, this activity has been undertaken.

Discussion on point “ii”. The pecan trees on this reserve were identified as having some significance to the NZ Tree Crop Association in that they are over 20 years old and are well

established, therefore there is merit in that these trees are maintained as part of the reserve setting.

2.1.6 Tramway Road Metal Dump Reserve, Puni

- i. Inclusion of Management Actions
- ii. Reserve Management Policy – remove policy with regards to stock. Review policy 3 “Formalise licence agreement with adjacent landowner for their continued use of northern grass portion of this reserve” with staff. Staff identify that the re-planting of this reserve has a low priority.

Discussion on point “ii”. All grazing of a reserve should have a formal licence to occupy.

2.1.7 Tribhoun Girdar Scenic Reserve, Buckland

- i. Inclusion of Management Actions
- ii. Reserve Management Policy – remove Policy 5 in reference to a stock proof audit
- iii. Amend and re-write proposed development section as follows

Proposed development

- Review options for developing car parking at reserve entrance on Buckville Road
- Explore options for a recreational walking loop trail to be built through the reserve.

2.1.8 Whangarata Scenic Reserve, Tuakau

- i. Inclusion of Management Actions
- ii. Reserve Management Policy – remove policy 2 (stock), review meaning of policy 3 (consider value of pest control) and remove policy 4 to be a management action.

Discussion on point “ii”. Need to review with Council staff on what was defined in regards to “Consider value of ongoing regular pest control”. Note this has been removed.

2.2.1 Taniwha Scenic Reserve, Waerenga.

- i. Inclusion of Management Actions
- ii. Add to Management Actions – “Review service access only to this reserve”
- iii. Proposed Development – remove two points.

Discussion on point “ii”. Public do not need vehicular access to this reserve. They should be able to access reserve by walking on marked route along road alignment.

Discussion on point “iii”. The proposed development of repairing the road was not seen as being appropriate for Parks and Facilities to undertake.

The following questions were raised:

- A. Is this a Roding activity rather than a Parks activity to upgrade the road?
- B. Can parking not be provided at a certain point on McGovern Road and the public walk into the reserve?

2.3.1 Glen Afton Esplanade Reserve, Glen Afton

- i. Inclusion of Management Actions
- ii. Reserve Management Policy – remove policy 1 (stock), move policy 2 (under planting with tree species) to Management Action, review meaning of policy 3 (consider value of pest control), re-write policy 5 to read “Allow for a portion of reserve land”
- iii. Proposed development – review additional car parking, this needs to be defined as to what number of vehicles a carpark may be established for and what standard of car park.

Discussion on point “iii”. Management plan should define what type and level of carpark service is being proposed, e.g. basic carpark providing for up to 25 vehicles.

2.3.2 Hartis Avenue Reserve, Huntly

- i. Inclusion of Management Actions
- ii. Proposed development – review proposed development of a boardwalk loop being able to be built on this land area.

Discussion on point “ii”. Parks staff are asked to respond to: if a boardwalk can be built on this land area, and is a picnic area appropriate for this location.

2.3.3 Ohinewai Reserve, Waikare

- i. Inclusion of Management Actions
- ii. New management action – Review “Prefer a 3 year grazing licence to occupy, to allow for progressive natural enhancement of the reserve”. See staff comment below.
- iii. Reserve Management Policy – Amend policy 2 to read “To have no stock in the reserve and progressively replace with native plantings”. Remove policy 4

Discussion on points “ii & iii”. Hearing panel would prefer to see grazing continue on a 3 yearly licence cycle, allowing for land areas to be removed from grazing at the end of each cycle and natives established over time. Staff comment – the area is identified as a Significant natural area and the agreement with DoC and RiverCare is to progressively replant with natives.

There is a need to review the grazing licence for this land area and how and where the grazing income is spent by either local community facilities or on this reserve land. This grazing fee was only to be used by the Ohinewai Community Hall to pay a loan back to Council. This has now been paid, and any reserve grazing fees should be going straight back to the parks, not local community.

2.3.4 Pukemiro Reserve, Pukemiro

- i. Inclusion of Management Actions, otherwise no change.

2.3.5 Rayner Road Natural Reserve, Huntly

- i. Inclusion of Management Actions
- ii. New management action – “maintain plant weeds along boundary areas in grazed portion of reserve”
- iii. Reserve Management Policy – new policy - “Ensure a formal licence agreement is in place for the grazing portion of this reserve”

2.4.1 Hakarimata Walkway Reserve, Ngaruawahia

- i. Inclusion of Management Actions
- ii. Reserve Management Policy –

2.5.1 Brockett Reserve, Waingaro

- i. Inclusion of Management Actions, otherwise no change.

2.5.2 Maunsell Sawamp Verge, Port Waikato

- i. Inclusion of Management Actions.
- ii. Proposed Development – review provision of access bridge from accessway on 10A Ashwell Drive into reserve

Discussion on point “ii”. The Hearing Panel noted that the bridge at the access point at 10A Ashwell Drive may not meet H&S requirements. Council therefore has an obligation to ensure that this meets all safety requirements and should review this bridge as a future upgrade / development. This is identified as a potential risk to Council.

2.5.3 Naike Esplanade, Naike

- i. Inclusion of Management Actions, otherwise no change.

2.5.4 Ocean View Road Reserve, Port Waikato

- i. Inclusion of Management Actions.
- ii. Reserve Management Policy – Re word policy 4 “Require vehicular access to adjoining private properties to follow unformed road section of Ocean View Road”
- iii. Proposed Development – reword this to read “Promote dune protection through signage to discourage people accessing the beach with vehicles through this reserve”

2.5.5 Te Akau South Esplanade, Te Akau

- i. Inclusion of Management Actions.
- ii. Reserve Management Policy – remove policy 5

Discussion on point “ii”. With regards to policy 5 “promote the reserve through additional signage in conjunction with other initiatives” This is covered under the Management Actions of requiring information signage on all reserves. Noting that some of these reserve

areas can not be accessed except via the sea and that fencing on them is not possible either due to the reserve being on dunes / in coastal environment.

2.5.6 Waingaro Bush Reserve, Waingaro

- i. Inclusion of Management Actions, otherwise no change.

2.6.1 Aroaro Bay Reserve, Raglan

- i. Inclusion of Management Actions, otherwise no change.

Note: review closing of section of unformed road "Cross Street" and incorporating into reserve. From staff – this is not possible as No. 9 Cross Street legal access is over this road. Check: why some parcels of this land area are not highlighted – cross check with Neighbourhood RMP

2.6.2 Lorenza Bay Recreation Reserve

- i. Inclusion of Management Actions.
- ii. Reserve Management Policy – remove policy 2 (stock in reserve)

2.6.3 Okete Nature Reserve, Raglan

- i. Inclusion of Management Actions, otherwise no change.

2.6.4 Raglan Reservoir, Raglan

- i. Inclusion of Management Actions.

2.6.5 Ruapuke Beach Esplanade, Raglan

- i. Inclusion of Management Actions.
- ii. Proposed Development – remove point in regard to fence repairs, this is covered as a management action. Coastal walkway – remove reference to provision of "safe fishing platforms".

Discussion on point "ii". Coastal walkway with safe fishing platforms – Council is not in the market for providing fishing platforms. These areas are used by fishing people who need to be aware of and understand the dangers of fishing in this environment, Council should not be providing structures where there is an element of risk involved of those who may use these platforms. The provision of fishing platforms is identified as a risk to Council.

2.6.6 Totara Grove Reserve, Waitetuna

- i. Inclusion of Management Actions.
- ii. Proposed development – remove proposal for picnic area and bush path. Re-word second proposal from "potential for off street parking to be created" to "Review provision of limited off-street parking for day visitors and maintenance purposes"

Discussion on point "ii". There were several late submissions on this reserve, all not wanting any development or other public use of this reserve area.

2.6.7 Waterworks Wildlife Refuge Plantation Reserve, Raglan

- i. Inclusion of Management Actions, otherwise no change.

2.7.1 Narrows Reserve, Tamahere

- i. Inclusion of Management Actions, otherwise no change.

2.7.2 Crawford's Quarry, Tamahere

- i. Inclusion of Management Actions.
- ii. Amend name of reserve to Tamahere Reserve. Amend background information – include information "formerly known as Crawfords Quarry,". Delete information – "Regal Haulage" Do not occupy part of this land area.
- iii. Reserve Management Policy – No. 4 in relation to improving pedestrian access around the site – review that all access meets required safety measures.

Discussion on point "ii". Hearing panel noted that submitter identified that this reserve has been known in the community as Tamahere Reserve for many years and there was evidence of previous Council signage supporting evidence of this. Crawford's Quarry was seen as an unknown.

Discussion on point "iii". Policy 4 provides reference to improving pedestrian access into this reserve. Council needs to ensure that all existing access structures have been built to a required code / compliance levels to ensure that public safety is not an issue. Council also needs to ensure that all structures are built within the boundary of the reserve, and to remove any that may encroach onto adjoining land. The boardwalk structures are identified as a risk to Council.

2.8.1 Blunt Road Natural Reserve, Te Kauwhata

- i. Inclusion of Management Actions.
- ii. Reserve Management Policy – remove No.4 – (improve access and parking) remove.
- iii. Proposed development – Amend first point to "Review potential to build walkway / raised boardwalk loop, "provide parking" – remove.

Discussion on point "ii" – these are two management or development actions.

Discussion on point "iii" – hearing panel identified that development of parking area was not required there is sufficient road width to accommodate many vehicles with outside visitor numbers likely to be low, and many people walking to / through site. The development of any loop walkway should be well researched prior to any development as this area has low to medium values.

2.8.2 Holmes Bush Reserve, Te Kauwhata

- i. Inclusion of Management Actions.
- ii. Proposed development – remove “repair stock proof fence” this is a management action. Amend “develop public access and parking” to “Review parking option in conjunction with Te Araroa trail access points, and identify walkway access over easement route with signage”.

Discussion on point “ii” – as identified through a submission, as there is currently no parking on site, there is the potential to use parking for adjacent Te Araroa Trail, and then to provide a clearly marked trail to the easement alignment to get to this reserve.