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# Objectives and Policies

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*"At the present time, the once barren gum lands are dotted with pleasant homesteads, surrounded by smiling orchards, pleasant vineyards and grasslands."*

## *An Old Identity*

Part Two of this Reserve Management Plan identifies the matters arising from the investigation of the Context and Background in Part One, appropriate to be translated into Objectives and Policies. These Objectives and Policies are required to effectively guide the future development and management of the reserves.

A table of Works and Concept Plans are included in Part Three of this Reserve Management Plan.

## 1.0 Vision Statement

The Henderson Ward Local Reserves will be managed to enhance and protect the ecological, social and cultural values of the reserves whilst providing opportunities for recreation, use, access, education and enjoyment for the surrounding local communities.

## Ecological and Environmental Values

## 2.0 Vegetation, Soils and Fauna

The pre-European vegetation of Henderson consisted of a broad area of scrubland, between the Waitemata Harbour and the Waitakere Ranges. There were also patches of mature kauri forest that led to the milling industries that were located in the Henderson area.

Very little indigenous vegetation remains in the Henderson area, which has undergone significant modification as a result of human impact. However, there are patches of regenerating vegetation, as well as two reserves supporting regionally and locally threatened native species

The high level of human impact has however created a perfect environment for weed species such as wattle. Other species such as gum and North American pines dominate the vegetation structure. Any patches of indigenous vegetation remaining in the reserves are considered significant.

Some Henderson Ward Reserves contain adjacent coastal habitat, patches of coastal forest, estuarine floodplain, and lowland forest patches. The majority of the reserves however are landscaped with areas of mown grass and both native and exotic specimen tree planting. Exotic plant pests are common throughout the parks.

Birds sighted on the reserves were, mynah birds, blackbirds, thrush, welcome swallows, blackbirds, sparrows, chaffinch, fantails, magpies, red billed sea gulls, black billed gulls, tui, wax eye, dove, mallard duck and pukeko. It is noted that some exotic species on the reserves support fauna habitat, through providing alternative food sources.

Terrestrial vegetation has the potential to provide important habitat for invertebrates and potentially lizards. Several lizards may be present locally including the green gecko.

There have been sightings of long tailed bats in the urban Henderson area. Bats are known to forage in urban areas, in particular, streams, scrub, grassland, orchards and vineyards. Large trees, including non native trees are used by bats as day and night roosts while they rest between foraging.

### **Objective**

*To restore, protect and enhance urban ecosystems, in particular those that support threatened species, and to extend and connect areas of vegetation to support invertebrate, bird, lizard and bat habitat.*

### **Policy 2.1**

*To restore, protect and enhance areas of regenerating indigenous vegetation on the reserves, in particular those that support threatened species.*

### **Implementation**

- Prioritise reserves with regenerating vegetation for restoration planting and weed control, in conjunction with the following list;

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**High Priority Reserves:**

Astelia Grandis Reserve

Paremuka Esplanade

Paremuka Wetland

Jack Colvin Park

Lake Panorama

Gloria Park

**Medium Priority Reserves**

Matipo Reserve

Lavelle Reserve

Cron Reserve

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- Refer to the document Paremuka Stream restoration and Management Plan for planting and restoration for the reserves along the Paremuka Stream.
- Undertake weed control and removal of weed species that are threatening to the local ecosystem, in accordance with priorities in the Waitakere City Council Weed Strategy.
- Undertake indigenous revegetation in identified reserves to enhance existing vegetation, and to provide a buffer zone to protect areas of significant and outstanding vegetation.
- Develop detailed planting plans for buffer zones and enhancement areas that comply with Waitakere City Councils Native to the West – Lowland Ecosystems.
- Ensure planting plans retain and form view shafts to the Ranges where visible on the reserves.
- When planting beside pathways, select species that will not form a trip hazard, and require to be sprayed or pruned.
- In coastal areas where significant view shafts are visible to the water from residential areas, low growing species should be planted at the top of slopes, and taller species at the foot of slopes.
- Seek the involvement of the local community to assist in vegetation management of the reserves, both weed control and planting.

- Ensure, wherever possible, all new restoration planting is derived from propagated ecosourced species appropriate to the site, in accordance with Waitakere City Councils ecosourcing policy.
- Liaise with the community in order to minimise the illegal pruning of trees on the reserves .

**Policy 2.2**

*To establish ecological corridors, and develop lineal natural habitats in the reserves, that links the Waitakere Ranges to the Waitemata Harbour through the Henderson urban area.*

- Connect patches of indigenous vegetation on reserves, through ecological linkage planting, and lineal planting, also utilising tributaries to major streams that run through the reserves. (refer ecological linkage opportunity maps in Part Three).
- Develop detailed planting plans for ecological corridors and enhancement areas that comply with Waitakere City Councils Native to the West – Lowland Ecosystems.
- Ensure planting plans retain and form view shafts to the Waitakere Ranges where they are visible on the reserves.

**Policy 2.3**

*To ensure a programme is implemented that controls and manages weed infestation on the reserves in identified areas, in accordance with the Waitakere City Council Weed Strategy and the Regional Pest Management Strategy.*

**Implementation**

- Prioritise reserves with weed species for weed control, in conjunction with the above list of high priority reserves.
- Incorporate areas of weed infestation in the Henderson Ward Reserves, as outlined in the Waitakere City Council Weed Strategy and undertake weed control in these areas, and removal of weed species in accordance with priorities outlined in the strategy.
- Discourage and remove areas of garden encroachment and organic waste dumping from neighbouring properties, also investigating the possibility of signage in appropriate locations highlighting the threats of garden waste dumping.



- Establish a programme of native restoration and ongoing maintenance in areas of weed control, to inhibit the possibility of weed species regenerating.
- In addition to the Waitakere City Council Weed Strategy, the Auckland Regional Plant Pest Management Strategy may be referenced to aid in identifying weed pests.
- Encourage the use of non-chemical control of weeds where practicable.
- Ensure that the public are notified by signs or public notice where weed control is being carried out, particularly in areas of high usage.

**Policy 2.4**

*To identify, extend and protect networks of vegetation that supports invertebrate, bird, lizard, bat and other fauna habitat.*

**Implementation**

- Ensure protection of large trees on reserves and undertake bat surveys prior to removal of pine or other large trees on reserves.
- When selecting species for revegetation, select species with nectar and fruiting flowers as a food source for birds.
- Provide for refuges for skink and lizard habitat through the retention of patches of scrubby areas on the reserves.
- Undertake planting of native trees under older exotic specimen trees.
- Undertake under planting of specimen trees on the reserves to form an under canopy for fauna habitat, where appropriate.

**Policy 2.5**

*To monitor contaminated sites caused by past landuse practices.*

**Implementation:**

- Create an inventory of known contaminated sites, such as Corban Reserve.
- Monitor levels of contamination on site where practicable, in liaison with Auckland Regional Council.
- Investigate options, and experiment with appropriate methods for planting on contaminated and boggy sites, such as mounding. Liaise with aftercare in regard to this.

### 3.0 Landscape Values

The landform of the Henderson area underlying the built urban form is gentle and rolling. The overall landscape is dominated by the wide expanse of the Waitemata Harbour, and the wide mouth of the Henderson Creek. The built environment of Henderson is divided by natural elements, such as the Swanson, Oratia, and Opanuku streams, the Whau River, and infrastructure features, such as State Highway 16.

The urban area of Henderson exists between the two streams, just before the convergence to the Henderson Creek. Some remaining pockets of orchards and horticultural sites remain in the Henderson that reflects the past landuse, discussed in section 6.2.1. These areas are under pressure from subdivision.

The reserves in Henderson are of importance within the urban environment. There is potential to reflect the essence of Henderson that is evident in the landscape form. Layout and pattern of urban form, past land use and development is integral to this. The pockets of vineyards amongst suburban developments, the reflection of historical notable features and elements in street and reserve names, the historical industrial area and restored heritage buildings that survive today, the railway lines, all contribute to the essence of Henderson.

There are a number of buildings and utility services located within the reserves. These are generally public facilities including clubrooms, halls and toilets, sewer pumping stations, cell phone towers and equipment and telephone lines. As the provision of such facilities in the reserves has the potential to adversely affect the reserve character, these should be located so they do not detract from the recreation and amenity values of the reserves.

**Objective**

*To protect and enhance the landscape values of the Henderson reserves and ensure that the potential adverse effects of structures and physical processes on the landscape are avoided, remedied or mitigated.*

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**Policy 3.1.**

*To protect and enhance the character and landscape values of the Henderson reserves.*

**Implementation**

- Investigate reflecting Henderson sense of place characteristics in future design of the reserves, utilising elements such as, Oratia and Opanuku Streams, Waitakere Ranges and foothills, orchards, horticulture and vineyards.

**Policy 3.2**

Ensure *that* utility services are only located on the reserve if required for some function of the reserves, and that any adverse visual effect is mitigated through provision of works to benefit the reserve and its users.

**Implementation:**

- Ensure, where possible, that existing poorly located utility services are better integrated into the reserves environment, through design techniques such as planting, if unable to be relocated.
- Ensure that utility services are only located in reserves if required for some function of the reserves.
- Do not allow any telecommunication towers or aerials (including cell sites) on the reserves unless they are for the exclusive benefit of the reserves and have no adverse effects on the reserves environment.
- Ensure any proposal to install services as mentioned above includes consultation with Te Kawerau A Maki and Ngāti Whatua.

**Policy 3.3**

*To ensure that the existing buildings on reserve land are maintained to a standard that does not lower the character and amenity value of the reserve.*

**Implementation:**

- Ensure damage, vandalism and graffiti is cleared from facades of buildings on reserves, working in conjunction with leaseholders.

**Policy 3.4**

*To ensure that any new structures or additions to existing structures are designed to complement the open space and natural character of the reserves. Ensure that any new structures or addition to existing structures are approved through an appropriate Waitakere City Council process, and as listed below.*

**Implementation:**

- Any proposal for addition of or extension to a building or structure within a reserve must meet the following criteria;
  - The need for the structure to be within the reserve, in terms of the structure serving the purpose for which the reserve is classified under the Reserves Act 1977.
  - The need for the structure to be sited in the location identified;
  - The protection of archaeological or heritage areas from disturbance
  - The protection of public views into the reserve;
  - The maintenance of the reserves character;
  - The contribution of the structure to the quality and experience of the reserve;
  - The public benefit obtained from the structure;
  - A minor impact on the immediate neighbourhood;
  - An ability to meet relevant District Plan requirements;
  - An ability to meet the objectives and policies of this plan;
- Utilise appropriate design guidelines and building materials, including utilising permeable and semi-permeable paving options wherever possible so as to reduce the quantity of stormwater runoff.
- Allow for the proposed McLaren Park Community Facility on Corban Green if it abides with the objectives and policies of this Reserve Management Plan.
- Allow for the proposed extensions to the Lions Club White House Building on Lloyd Morgan Park.
- No further buildings are to be allowed on Lloyd Morgan Park.
- Allow for the future extension of the Kiwi Trikers building on Corban Reserve.

**Policy 3.5**

*To ensure that new/and or upgraded structures within the park and new park facilities are designed in a manner that takes advantage of sustainability initiatives such as energy efficiency, renewable energy, water reuse and recycling, waste minimisation and other sustainable building initiatives.*



- Identify and incorporate opportunities for energy efficiency and water efficiency to reduce the resource requirements for buildings and structures of the park.
- Identify and incorporate opportunities for renewable energy (such as solar and wind power) to contribute towards meeting the energy needs for the park facilities.
- That all opportunities are taken to reduce, reuse and recycle waste that is generated in the parks.

## Social Values

### 4.0 Recreation and Use

The Henderson Ward Local Reserves offer both formal and informal recreational opportunities. This ranges from passive recreational opportunities such as walkways, picnic areas and playgrounds, to bases for formal sports clubs.

#### **Objective**

*To increase the use and enjoyment of the reserves and their recreation opportunities in a way that is consistent with the purposes and values of the reserves.*

#### **Policy 4.1**

*To ensure that local and neighbourhood parks are developed and managed to serve the surrounding communities.*

#### **Implementation**

- Encourage the multiple use of local parks wherever possible, providing facilities that caters for a range of ages and abilities, including children, youth and the elderly.
- Allow for the exercise of dogs in parks as governed by Waitakere and national By-laws controlling dogs in parks.
- Ensure consultation with local residents and local businesses over developments in reserves

#### **Policy 4.2**

*Ensure that the town centre reserves are developed and managed a way that serves the interests of the local community, and both enhances and contributes to the amenity and function of the town centre.*

- Develop and manage these reserves with a town centre emphasis.
- Develop linkages through these reserves to facilitate access and views to the town centre.
- Recognise and protect the significant heritage and cultural values of the town centre reserves.
- Recognise and reflect the sense of place of the town centre through careful design detailing of the town centre reserves that reference both local and wider landscape elements, such as streams and ranges and historical land use, vineyards and orchards....
- Develop and manage the town centre reserves in a way that recognises the interests of the business and residential communities.

#### **Policy 4.3**

*To support partnerships between council and the local community in developing and managing local and neighbourhood reserves.*

#### **Implementation**

- Designate areas for public planting in larger reserves working with Keep Waitakere Beautiful, local businesses, schools, residents or other community groups.
- Encourage public involvement in restoration of habitat particularly around waterways to encourage guardianship of local reserves.
- Involve the community in planting days and events in reserves.
- Encourage and develop new partnerships with the community to develop and manage the reserves.
- Ensure that the local community is consulted on the facilities and any change in purpose when new concept or development plans are submitted for local or neighbourhood reserves.
- Encourage local involvement in painting murals on fences or other structures and the provision of plants and furniture in the parks as appropriate.

#### **Policy 4.4**

*To recognise and protect the open space qualities of the reserves and their value in providing passive use for the local community.*

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### Implementation

- Undertake a programme of specimen tree planting to improve the amenity value of the reserves to provide shade in the open grass areas.
- Ensure that future developments in and around the reserves do not reduce their capacity to provide quiet open space for passive use.
- Retain open space areas in reserves through restriction of buildings into open space areas in reserves.
- Continue to work in conjunction with Keep Waitakere Beautiful in regard to potential Trees for Babies sites. Prepare planting plans to ensure planting does not encroach detrimentally into open space areas.

### Policy 4.5

*To ensure safety and sight lines are provided for reserve users in all Henderson reserves.*

### Implementation

- Ensure that appropriate levels of park user safety are maintained.
- Implement “Safer Design for the Green Network – Design Guidelines to ensure that buildings facilities and plantings are designed and maintained in a way that minimises safety concerns and maximises surveillance”.
- Ensure that vegetation above .5 m high is kept to at least 0.5 from the edge of the concrete path for the convenience and visibility of users wherever possible. Where planting abuts the path, this may be achieved by planting low plants, ground covers and grasses as necessary.
- Assess lighting requirements and install at areas of high vandalism if considered appropriate.
- Maintain all play equipment in accordance with NZS 5828 and Council Safety Standards and ensure all buildings comply with the building code.
- Follow CPTED guidelines for the future design and management of parks, in conjunction Safe Waitakere.
- Allow for sun shelters to be installed above play equipment.
- Provide shade by way of trees/structures at open space areas.
- Provide all accessible seating in locations that encourages the supervision of children i.e. ensure seating faces playgrounds.

- Consult principles of Ipted when developing walkways and facilities around water.

### Policy 4.6

*To increase the use and range of recreation facilities.*

### Implementation

- Encourage clubs leasing land and buildings to enter into joint arrangements in accordance with the Community Assistance Policy, to enable the efficient use of facilities by a range of groups to include youth, older people, women and all cultures, where practicable.
- Provide for facilities such as picnic areas, tables, BBQs and seating for visitors to the reserves in appropriate area without impacting on the open space values.

## 5.0 Access, Parking and Circulation

Most reserves in the Henderson Ward provide pleasant shortcuts between residential streets, and contain formed pathways that provide that linkage. Linkages through reserves from residential areas to town centres have the potential to be strengthened in this Reserve Management Plan.

### Objective

*To minimise obstacles to free access, parking and circulation without compromising the values of the reserves.*

### Policy 5.1

*To improve pedestrian and cycle access to and between the reserves.*

### Implementation

- Improve and strengthen pedestrian linkages to outlying streets and within the reserves in order to create walkway circuits and offer a variety of walkway experiences.
- Install cycle racks in parks as required.
- Strengthen the pedestrian links between the town centre reserves.
- Identify neighbours that are encroaching over reserve boundaries and impeding public access. Work with them in order to clarify boundary issues and guarantee public access to reserve land.



- Improve and upgrade pedestrian access and entrances to reserves from surrounding streets.
- Investigate the use of signs or other signifiers (such as walkway tiles) to identify access points and link the reserves with adjacent streets and footpaths.

**Policy 5.2**

*To facilitate public access between and within the reserves to provide logical linkages and passive recreational opportunities.*

**Implementation**

- Support the development of pedestrian, cycle and skate linkages between parks.
- Develop and support linkages that meet the needs of the local community.

**Policy 5.3**

*To provide for a variety of car park locations while managing vehicle parking so as not to compromise the character of the reserves.*

**Implementation:**

- Provide additional formal carparking at those reserves with high usage recreational facilities only as required and as according to Council's Code of Practice.
- Provide formal parking in appropriate streets adjoining the reserves, as necessary, and at high usage areas.
- Utilise permeable surfaces for new car parking, or for the upgrading of existing car parks or roads within the reserves and ensure that such works are in keeping with the character of the area. Ensure these are designed in a manner that also caters for all levels of accessibility.
- Undertake amenity planting where possible, to mitigate the adverse visual effects of car parking, and to provide shade in car parking areas.
- Implement soft engineering solutions and planting to mitigate the effects of any additional surface water flow resulting from the creation of car parking or roading within the reserves, where appropriate.
- Prevent public parking in amenity grass/open space areas through appropriate design techniques.
- Ensure placement of disabled parking enhances reserve access for disabled park users.

**Policy 5.4**

*To incorporate on main park signage relevant information for the level of mobility required for park access through:*

**Implementation**

- Indicating if there are surface changes of footpaths in the reserves.
- Indicating if there are stairs and gradient changes in the reserves.

## 6.0 Park Furniture

**Objective**

*To ensure that there is a range of park furniture and facilities to enhance the recreational and social use of the reserves, while protecting the character of the reserves.*

**Policy 6.1**

*Park furniture, including litterbins, seats, signs, playgrounds and barbeques will be provided at an appropriate level to cater for local community use.*

**Implementation:**

- Where possible, signs will be amalgamated in order to reduce the overall number of signs and all signs will be in accordance with the WCC Code of Practice, Parks Guidelines.
- All signage in reserves should comply with policy 4.5 below.

**Policy 6.2**

*To adopt a unified approach to the design of site furniture, facilities and signs ensuring that the design and location of park furniture will be provided in a way that minimises visual impact on the reserves.*

**Implementation**

- The design of park furniture should be in accordance with Council's Parks Code of Practice Design Guidelines.
- Apply high standards of design and materials to all site furniture and facilities.
- Ensure signage is placed sensitively in the reserves in terms of visual impact, and access.

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## 7.0 Community Values

The reserves in the Henderson contribute greatly to the sense of place for the communities that surround them. The reserves contribute to community identity and belonging, and through their function, play an important role in the overall fabric of the city. The reserves also play an important role in contributing to the values of lives in the city, through providing attractive areas of green relief. Potentially, the reserves are places for people to meet, to engage with views, to engage with ecological values, and are places where a community spirit can be gained.

### **Objective:**

*To encourage community empowerment, promote community ownership, and to increase opportunities for people to value, connect to, and enjoy nature on reserves.*

### **Policy 7.1**

*To encourage community stewardship and ownership of the reserves, to strengthen a sense of place in communities.*

### **Implementation:**

- To help facilitate community groups in areas where these are minimal, where the reserves have significant values, when undertaking projects on parks.
- Encourage community stewardship and ownership of reserves in projects on parks.
- Establish art projects in key reserves in conjunction with community groups where possible.
- Work with local schools in regard to potential reserve developments in key areas.
- Investigate development of the reserves in a manner that caters for all community groups and people of all abilities.

### **Policy 7.2**

*To increase opportunities for people to value, experience, connect to and enjoy nature on reserves.*

### **Implementation:**

- Involve the local community in programmes of weed control and restoration programmes on the reserves.

- Utilise the green network community planting on parks programme and economic incentives programme.
- Encourage ecological restoration programmes in conjunction with local schools.

### **Policy 7.3**

*To provide for short term special events in appropriate locations.*

### **Implementation:**

- Provide for events for all cultural groups  
Proposals for special events will be assessed against the following criteria:
  - Events must be of public interest and value;
  - There must be no conflict with the reserves values
  - There must be no permanent occupation or utilisation of any part of the reserve;
  - There must be no conflict with any other Waitakere City Council policies, including bylaws;
  - At the conclusion of the event, the reserve shall be reinstated to its condition prior to the event.
- There must be full compliance with all the conditions Council attaches to any permit allowing the short term special event, otherwise a Resource Consent application will be required.
- Investigate the use of Corban Reserve and Starforth Reserve for events, markets and festivals purposes.

## 8.0 Cultural Values

### **Policy 8.0**

*To ensure that future developments in the reserves cater for the needs of the diverse ethnic groups in the Henderson community*

### **Implementation**

- Acknowledge the needs of local ethnic groups when providing recreation facilities and signs in reserves.
- Provide a range of facilities in reserves that cater for different ethnic groups.
- Ensure that public consultation regarding future developments in parks reaches diverse ethnic groups.



- Ensure that reserves retain the flexibility to provide recreational opportunities for a range of user groups.

**Policy 8.1**

*Utilise interpretation signs, artwork and other indicators to promote and enhance recreation, ecological and cultural values in the reserves as appropriate.*

**Implementation**

- Ensure signs reflect the aspirations of the local community.
- Ensure signs are in languages appropriate to parks users.
- Develop interpretative signage or other indicators to describe the historical values of the reserves.
- Investigate the use of signs as botanical labels and to indicate traditional usage in revegetated and enhanced reserve areas.
- Ensure that signs and indicators do not detract from the natural recreational values of the reserves.

planting, fencing and power undergrounding.

- Provide District Plan protection for all identified and recorded archaeological sites.
- Develop a strategy for the appropriate interpretation of Maori cultural values and implement this strategy in a staged way over time.
- Support the meeting of iwi objectives in reserves, where they do not contradict the objectives and policies of this Plan.
- Support any activities that raise awareness of tangata whenua issues, such as kaitiakitanga, tribal history of the area.
- Support the use of historical cultural and ecological interpretation, such as signage or artwork with information of historical relevance, or explaining the traditional uses of certain plants.
- Support the use and enjoyment of the reserves for any activities consistent with Maori culture, such as Hangi and Kapa Haka as appropriate and where they meet the policies and objectives of this Plan.

**Policy 9.2**

*Provide for the customary use of native flora by Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngati Whatua and local Maori groups.*

**Implementation**

- Implement planting programmes, in consultation with Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngati Whatua, that include plants for customary use such as for arts, rongoa (medicinal), ceremonial and food purposes.
- Support the implementation of pa harakeke planting, ie appropriate flax collection for customary use, especially weaving.
- Ensure that any cultural harvesting of plants is consistent with the Draft Cultural Harvesting Protocols.

**Policy 9.3**

*Involve Iwi in the design and management of reserves.*

**Implementation**

- Consult with Iwi in the design and management of the Reserves, in particular with regard to proposed developments within reserves and the location of structures.

## 9.0 Maori Cultural Heritage

**Objective**

*To recognise, protect and, as appropriate, promote the Maori cultural and historical values of the Reserves and their wider catchment, and to work in partnership with Iwi on the management of issues of significance on the reserves.*

**Policy 9.1**

*Recognise and provide for the mauri of any site or place of significance associated with the Reserves.*

**Implementation**

- Liaise with Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngati Whatua to identify all sites and areas on the Reserves that are of significance.
- In consultation with iwi, decide on the appropriate form of interpretation for sites of cultural significance within the Reserves and the appropriate treatment of these sites.
- Undertake archaeological assessments prior to any work involving terrain modification being undertaken within the reserves, including

- Consult Iwi over management of priority restoration sites and any specific programmes to reintroduce native species.
- In consultation with Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngati Whatua, highlight any areas of tapu and investigate possible options, where appropriate, to discourage public access to those areas.

## 10.0 European Cultural Heritage

### Objective

*To recognise, protect and, as appropriate, promote the European cultural and historical values of the Reserves and to work in partnership with the community on the management of issues of significance on the reserves.*

### Policy 10.1

*To recognise and provide for the protection and interpretation of any site or place of historical significance associated with the reserves.*

### Implementation

- Identify and record historical sites and heritage trees located in the reserves and ensure appropriate protection of such sites in consultation with the Historic Places Trust and West Auckland Historical Society.
- Ensure that thorough archaeological investigations are carried out in the riparian margins prior to any construction or earthworks in the esplanade reserves.
- Ensure appropriate recognition and protection for heritage sites and trees through the District Plan and inclusion in the Auckland Regional Council Cultural Heritage Inventory if appropriate.
- Encourage and support the installation of artwork, park furniture, planting and other features that illustrate local heritage values in the reserves.
- Implement a programme of specimen tree planting in the township reserves in order to enhance the existing landscape features and the amenity values of the reserves as well as providing shade and shelter.

### Policy 10.2

*To recognise and protect all trees or vegetation of historic significance within the reserves and ensure that they are maintained in accordance with the*

*standards and techniques of approved arboricultural practice.*

### Implementation

- Identify all trees of historic/cultural significance in the reserves, both exotic and native.
- Provide for the protection of all identified trees and vegetation of significance through the provisions of the District Plan.
- Implement the Council's draft Tree Strategy as appropriate in the reserves.
- Ensure that walkways and other structures are kept clear of the roots of significant trees or vegetation, where those trees are vulnerable to damage.
- Replace any amenity or specimen trees that are dead, dying or posing any hazard as appropriate in accordance with the Parks Standards and management policies.

### Policy 10.3

*To ensure that all new and existing reserves are named appropriately with respect to their particular heritage values, the wishes of the community and Councils naming policy.*

- Ensure that consideration is given to renaming reserves after their donors, where they have been gifted to Council in order to acknowledge their donation from local residents and early Henderson families.
- Ensure that consideration is given to naming reserves to reflect sense of place characteristics, explained in the landscape values sections of this Reserve Management Plan.

## 11.0 Administration and Management

The structure for administration or day-to-day management of the reserves is primarily established in the context of the Reserves Act 1977. Consideration also has to be given to the District Plan prepared under the Resource Management Act 1991.

The effectiveness of this Management Plan needs to be constantly monitored. Council By-laws equally, need to be integrated within the intent of the Management Plan. This is particularly important in respect to the interface between reserves, dog

and litter control, liquor licenses and public behavior within the reserves.

**Objective**

*To ensure the reserves are managed in terms of their reserve classifications for the enjoyment and use of the local and regional community, now and in the future.*

**Policy 11.1**

*To classify all reserves appropriately according to their values in order to best ensure their continued protection and use.*

**Implementation**

- All reserves covered by this Management Plan shall be appropriately classified and gazetted according to Council policy under the Reserves Act 1977.
- Ensure that any additional parcels of land, which may be added to the Henderson reserves in the future, are classified appropriately in terms of their contribution to the Green Network and the existing reserves framework.

**Policy 11.2**

*Any activity or development not provided for under the Policies and Implementation in the Management Plan will not be permitted unless such an activity or development at least complies with the District Plan rules for Open Space Environment and the General By-laws 1990.*

**Policy 11.3**

*The actions identified in the Policies are necessary to achieve the objectives of the Management Plan. To implement the actions outlined within each Policy of this document, Waitakere City Council will follow an Annual Plan process to allocate funds for these actions.*

**Policy 11.4**

*To use the control of lease agreements to ensure the most effective and equitable use of the Henderson Reserves and facilities.*

**Implementation**

- Continue the leasing of areas of land within the reserves to provide for community use and well-being. The leases of facilities such as buildings

will be reviewed when the opportunity arises, to ensure maximum potential of the reserve is realised for the community.

- Ensure that the terms of any lease granted for a local park takes into consideration the reasonable requirements and concerns of local residents.
- Ensure that wherever possible, the terms of the leases granted for the facilities in the reserves allow for appropriate use by the community.
- Ensure that new applications for leases conform to the criteria as set out in the Community Assistance Policy and Parks Strategy. In addition the applicant will need to satisfy the Waitakere City Council that the proposed use:
  - Will be in accordance with the Objective and Policies of this Plan;
  - Will be in accordance with the Reserves Act 1977;
  - Will not detract from the existing environment and use of the park;
  - Will generally provide a benefit (or benefits) to the public which is greater than any adverse effect caused by granting the lease
  - Is in an appropriate location;
  - Will not cater exclusively to any one sector of the public, except where this is provided for and is appropriate in terms of the Objectives and Policies of this Plan.
- Revise and renew all existing leases in accordance with the criteria listed above.

**Policy 11.5**

*To keep this Management Plan under regular review.*

**Implementation**

- Address changes to the emphasis or specific policies of this Management Plan by following the Amendment to a Management Plan process as outlined in section 41(2) of the Reserves Act.
- Undertake a full review of the entire plan within ten years of the date of approval.