

PART TWO:

OBJECTIVES AND

POLICIES

This section of the Reserve Management Plan sets out Objectives and Policies that deal with issues that have arisen from the site investigations and the consultation process to date. The Policies are such that they are able to be implemented and achieve the objectives for managing the Reserves. The Policies have been derived from the background and framework outlined in Part 1 of this Plan.

1.0 Vision Statement

The Massey Ward Reserves shall be managed and developed in such a manner so that the users can enjoy a range of leisure activities including organised sports, in a safe local environment.

Objective

To recognise that the Massey Ward Reserves have various uses, and a range of users and to provide for and enhance the continued use and enjoyment of the reserves.

Policy 1.1

To provide a safe environment for park users.

Implementation

- Minimise the use of night time lighting to Local Reserves
- Allow for the provision of night time security lighting and the provision of lighting to particular areas such as buildings, footpaths and entrances to the parks only where access is required for night time use. Such lighting shall comply with the conditions of the Parks Strategy.
- Allow for the upgrade and maintenance of existing lighting within the parks. Any upgrades to be approved by Council's Parks Manager.

- Where possible and within parks budget support the purchase of additional road frontage to improve access and visibility. i.e Ranui Domain
- Ensure that reserve redevelopments are designed in accordance with current approved safety standards and guidelines.
- Allow for the installation of appropriate barriers between reserve edges and roads.
- Work with neighbours to encourage permeable fencing and planting between neighbouring properties and reserves to improve visibility and safety.
- Where possible support open boundary treatment solutions rather than fencing which will enhance recreational opportunities and amenity.
- Encourage neighbouring properties to construct low, permeable fences, or where possible, no fences adjoining the Reserves.
- Where planting is undertaken ensure the use of species that will maximise safety and visibility.
- Install bicycle barriers to slow bikes at park entry points adjacent to roads.
- Develop access, including boardwalks and walkways, to riparian margins, wetlands, ponds and the coastline.
- Wherever possible, allow for knolls, ridges, viewing points and other areas of potential visibility within the Reserves to be kept as open ground to promote views to and from the Reserves from surrounding areas.
- Provide lighting in those areas of Kingdale Reserve and Luckens Reserve where it is required for carparking or walkways used at night.
- Ensure that lighting in parks (other than lighting belonging to sports clubs) conforms to Parks Code of Practice and is of sufficient height to avoid vandalism.

Policy 1.2

To ensure reserve boundaries are enforced.

Implementation:

- Implement Council's encroachment policy where adjacent neighbours have infringed on parks boundaries.

Policy 1.3

To ensure playground equipment is in good order and maintained to comply with current standards.

Implementation:

- Ensure inspections and audits of equipment and surfaces are completed regularly.
- Repair or replace any equipment that does not meet the standard and ensure the removal of equipment does not create any new safety issues.

Policy 1.4

To provide additional park fixtures and features to encourage and cater for a wider range of users.

Implementation:

- Install drinking fountains at appropriate locations. Install additional seating at parks in specific locations where required, for example at Ranui Domain.
- Allow for new play equipment to be installed that is consistent in style across the parks. Equipment should address the requirements of all age groups.
- Provide rubbish bins in Local parks only where there are sports fields or other recreation facilities that require them, such as Zita Maria, Luckens and Royal Reserve.

- Provide bins in Local sports parks such as Zita Maria as required.
- Provide playground facilities that cater to the needs of older age groups such as skateboard facilities and multi game areas (MGA's).

- Provide concrete surfaces for safe use of bicycles and rollerblades etc within parks like Kingdale Reserve.
- Provide petanque facilities where the demand is proven and with the consent of the Parks Manager.
- Ensure carparking that gives easy access to reserves and walkways for disabled visitors, where possible.
- Allow exercising of dogs to be carried out in reserves in accordance with the Council Dog Bylaws. (Refer to Appendix 5 for Bylaws)

Policy 1.5

To allow for the inclusion of additional sports facilities in appropriate Reserves.

Implementation:

- Allow the installation of kilikiti pitches in appropriate reserves to meet the needs of the local community, with particular attention to Royal Reserve's lower field.
- Allow for the provision or extension of existing fields where parks can accommodate full sized sports fields.
- Allow the provision of additional night lighting for sports training at appropriate locations only where consultation has been undertaken with affected neighbours, where the reasonable concerns of affected neighbours have been addressed and subject to the approval of Council's Parks Manager.

Policy 1.6

To allow for special events or programmes to be held in appropriate reserves.

Implementation:

- Encourage and support events which benefit the local community.
- Allow cultural or community events to be held where there are benefits to the local community.
- Allow for the temporary installation of structures for events where they do not have any negative impact on neighbouring properties and subject to the approval of the Parks Manager.
- Ensure the reserve is returned to its original condition at the conclusion of any event.
- Written permission of Parks Manager shall be required before events are conducted. Applications shall include type of event, date, time and duration.
- There shall be full compliance with Council conditions on any application allowing a temporary event.

Policy 1.7

To improve the legibility and accessibility of the Massey Ward Reserves.

Implementation:

- Provide standardised signage at appropriate locations including park entrances, that have information pertaining to the park at which it is sited.
- Allow for the provision of signs advising of walkway linkages within the park and local neighbourhood.
- Provide a path network that is legible and that does not result in paths leading to a dead end.
- Extend and improve all walkways as required in local reserves to complete and enhance linkages and circuits.

- Encourage the development of walkway linkages within and between reserves, i.e. Manutewhau to Westgate.

Objective

To maintain and improve the management and administration of the Massey Ward Reserves.

Policy 2.1

To manage leases according to the Reserves Act 1977 and existing lease agreements.

Implementation:

- Continue the leasing of areas of land within the reserves to provide for community use and well-being. The leases of land and facilities will be reviewed when the opportunity arises, to ensure maximum potential of the reserve is realised for the community.
- Grant leases for land and facilities on reserves where they are compatible with the classification and purpose of the reserves.
- Ensure that all 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 Objectives and Policies of this Plan;
 - Will be in accordance with the Reserves Act 1977;
 - Will not detract from the existing environment and the 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.

- Ensure current leases are in place for the existing formal users of the Massey Ward Reserves.
- Encourage shared leases/use of buildings where practicable.

Policy 2.2

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

Implementation:

- All reserves covered by this Management Plan shall be appropriately classified under the Reserves Act 1977.
- Ensure that any additional parcels of land that may be added to the Massey Ward reserves in the future, are classified appropriately.

Policy 2.3

The management and maintenance of the Massey Ward Reserves shall be in accordance with Council current practices and policies.

Implementation:

- Ensure the existing levels of park maintenance for grassed areas are maintained, particularly for sports fields.
- Ensure the existing levels of park maintenance for planted areas are maintained.
- Provide maintenance for planted areas and replace plants and trees where appropriate, for example to the Whenuapai Hall Reserve embankment.
- Encourage local participation and guardianship in the management and maintenance of the reserves where possible.

- Provide weed control to reserves where it is a problem, this is to be undertaken in accordance with Council's Weed Strategy. Particular attention is to be paid to Sunplace Esplanade, Kingdale Reserve, Luckens Reserve.
- Where possible and within Parks Budget, carry out drainage improvements to allow greater use of the reserves.

Policy 2.4

To keep this Management Plan under regular review.

Implementation

- Address any 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, as appropriate.
- Undertake a full review of the entire Plan within ten years of the date of approval.

Objective

To maintain and improve the vegetative structure of the reserves to provide a more pleasant amenity for users.

Policy 3.1

To protect the existing vegetation located within the reserves.

Implementation

- Ensure existing planting is maintained in accordance with accepted arboricultural practice.
- Maintain or remove existing planting within reserves as required to ensure safety is not compromised and to improve sightlines within the reserves.

- Ensure maintenance of existing "Trees for Babies" is completed at Luckens Reserve.
- Remove weed species or invasive vegetation to improve visual and amenity value.

Policy 3.2

Implement additional planting to further enhance the reserves amenity.

Implementation:

- Ensure new planting does not adversely affect the neighbouring properties.
- Allow for the staged removal of Pines in parks such as Luckens and Zita Maria, when the life of the tree is at an end or when the tree poses a health and safety threat and subject to an arborists assessment.
- Ensure replacement and new planting is incorporated into reserves in an appropriate manner.
- Ensure planting does not impede visibility into or within a reserve
- Ensure new planting does not impede any existing functions or uses of a park, such as sporting fields.
- Encourage Community Planting or memorials where the permission of the Council's Parks Manager has been obtained.
- Ensure new planting is undertaken in suitable locations and that it is in accordance with Council guidelines.
- Ensure new planting does not adversely affect visibility within the reserves through the use of low planting.
- Undertake a programme of specimen tree planting in reserves with large open space areas and where the trees will be able to provide shade for open grass areas.
- Ensure new planting to riparian and coastal areas is kept to a low level to maximise views and access to

the waterSupport “Trees For Babies” and other community participation planting projects in Local reserves, such as Kingdale Reserve.

Policy 3.3

To establish a programme for weed removal from planted areas of reserves.

Implementation

- Allow for the removal of weed or invasive plant species from planted areas.
- Ensure that weed control is carried out in accordance with the Councils Weed Policy.
- Ensure all spray programmes are carried out in accordance with Council guidelines and signs are erected advising parks users of the process.
- Discourage the dumping of garden waste and household rubbish in planted areas such as Sunplace Esplanade Reserve.

Objective

To implement the objectives of the Green Network where possible.

Policy 4.1

To integrate the City’s natural and urban environment.

Implementation:

- Where possible and appropriate, use eco-sourced native plant species which are appropriate to the location.
- Allow the development of stormwater ponds and wetlands to treat local stormwater only where the pond adds to the reserve, does not impact on other users, and where the application meets the criteria of the Parks Strategy.

- Where streams and waterways exist in reserves, encourage riparian planting and enhancement ensuring that access and visibility is maintained.
- Where streams and waterways exist in reserves, encourage community participation in the development and care of the area.
- Where streams and waterways exist in reserves, encourage and maintain the development of safe public access to the waterway.
- Where there are drainage and stormwater issues associated with existing reserves, incorporate solutions into the reserve design and development.
- Wherever possible, implement soft engineering solutions for drainage including swales, permeable paving, and rain gardens.
- Consider using soft engineering solution for onsite wastewater disposal associated with public toilets in locations such as Whenuapai where onsite disposal is required.
- Wherever possible, ensure sustainable materials are used.
- Where possible and appropriate, encourage the ‘daylighting’ of underground drains within a reserve.
- Work with Ecowater Solutions to support water quality testing in reserves as appropriate.

Objective

To ensure that any future development of existing Local Reserves will benefit the local community.

Policy 5.1

To retain the existing use of the reserves and ensure that potential development of reserves does not have adverse effects on the local community.

Implementation

- No new buildings are to be erected in the reserves without the written approval of Council's Park's Manager. Plans are to be submitted for approval.
- Allow existing buildings to be maintained or replaced, subject to lease conditions, where required as long as such works take place within

the footprint of the existing structure. All applications for such work to be approved by the Council's Parks Manager before consent is applied for.

Policy 5.2

Involve all interested parties and user groups in the development, management and use of local and neighbourhood reserves.

Implementation:

- Consult with Iwi over the development and management of the reserves regarding any sites of historical importance that are identified.
- Involve the local community in work programmes for replacement planting and the "Trees for Babies" initiative, park surveillance and community events.

Objective 6

To ensure that the existing electricity infrastructure in the Reserves is recognised and protected and that the enhancement and management of the Reserves takes into account the unique requirements of this infrastructure base.

Policy 6.1

To ensure that existing transmission lines have adequate separation distances between ground, vegetation, buildings and structures (including machinery) in the Reserves

Implementation:

- Ensure that buildings and structures have adequate separation distances from infrastructure. Follow the guidelines set down in the New Zealand Code of Practice for Electrical Safe Distances, NZECP 34:2001, in order to reduce the risk of flashovers or contact with live conductors by mobile plant and buildings and structures.
- Protect the integrity of the infrastructure and ensure public safety, by ensuring that adequate separation distances between the ground and transmission line conductors are maintained.
- Protect the integrity of the infrastructure and/or public safety, by ensuring that the type and location of any trees planted on the reserve are selected so that no part of the trees will grow to a point where they will encroach on the necessary 4 metre clearance distance from Transpower's conductors.

Policy 6.2

To maintain access to existing electricity infrastructure and to provide for its continued operation, maintenance and upgrading.

Implementation:

- Provide for the continued and unrestricted access, inspection, operation, maintenance (including vegetation trimming subject to approval from Council's arborist), and upgrading of the existing electricity infrastructure that traverses the area covered by the Reserve Management Plan.
- Ensure ongoing liaison between Transpower and Council regarding vegetation clearance or trimming in the reserves.
- In particular, require notification to the Parks Department prior to vegetation clearance, in order to minimise the impact on the existing vegetation or proposed vegetation in any of those Reserves traversed by transmission lines.
- Ensure that all tree works be carried out in accordance with modern arboricultural practices and in particular, that all pruning practices shall be

in accordance with the principles of natural target pruning techniques.

Policy 6.3

To prevent damage to the existing electricity infrastructure caused by excavation.

Implementation

- Ensure that any excavation near towers complies with the safe separation distances specified in the NZECP 34:2001 so that the stability of the towers is not threatened.

Policy 6.4

To minimise public access to and around the electricity infrastructure.

Implementation

Ensure that, wherever possible, walking tracks and other structures are located and designed to discourage public access to and around the electricity infrastructure.

Objective 7

To ensure that the existing infrastructure in the Reserves is recognised and protected and that the enhancement and management of the Reserves takes into account the requirements of the infrastructure.

Policy 7.1

To ensure that existing infrastructure is maintained and enhanced including landscaping.

Implementation

- Ensure infrastructure is maintained regularly and improved as required.
- Ensure safety guidelines are maintained around infrastructure.

- Allow for the divestment and removal of existing parks infrastructure where it is identified that it is no longer needed or where alternatives are available.

- Allow landscaping around infrastructure where appropriate which does not affect the function of the infrastructure and enhances the landscape value. Ensure the use of species appropriate to the location and scale.

Policy 7.2

Allow for the installation and development of additional and/or new infrastructure in reserves only where alternative locations have been considered and ensuring that any negative impact on the amenity values of the reserves is minimised

Implementation

- Allow the installation, maintenance, replacement and development of new infrastructure where it meets the criteria of the Parks Strategy and subject to Parks Manager approval.
- Recognise Transpower's ongoing requirement to provide new transmission lines.
- Allow for the upgrade of existing infrastructure where it meets the criteria of the Parks Strategy and subject to Parks Manager approval.
- Ensure that wherever possible and practical, colours and materials are sympathetic to the reserves environment.
- Ensure neighbouring properties are not affected by the proposed infrastructure.
- Where stormwater and drainage infrastructure is required to improve the functioning of an existing reserve, implement soft engineering solutions.

Policy 7.3

To improve and standardise the signage for local reserves.

Implementation

- Ensure all reserves are clearly identified through signage at entry points and signage complies with Council guidelines.
- Include signage to the wider local context to identify park locations and encourage pedestrian linkages.

Policy 7.4

Minimise the amount of carparking within reserves unless specifically required for the functioning of the reserve.

Implementation:

- Encourage walking to local reserves.
- Where a need for carparking is identified, implement permeable paving solutions wherever possible.
- Encourage links to public transport where possible, with signs, lighting etc.

Objective

To encourage the development and management of reserves to benefit the local community.

Policy 8.1

To allow for community participation in the management and development of local reserves.

Implementation:

- Encourage and support the development of community gardens and cultural harvesting areas in appropriate locations within reserves.
- Encourage the participation of the local community in the care and upkeep of local reserves through the community gardens and cultural harvesting areas.
- Encourage and support the development of facilities

which benefit the local community where appropriate.

- Where appropriate, encourage community groups to enter into lease agreements for the use of community facilities and reserves.
- Where possible encourage the shared use of community facilities and reserves.

Policy 8.2

To ensure the creation of more diverse leisure opportunities within the local reserves.

Implementation:

- Market the casual leisure opportunities within parks and provide a focus for community cohesion using parks based events.
- Maximise the leisure use of open space environments by the whole community.

Policy 8.3

To ensure the development of local reserves to meet the needs of all community groups included the elderly, disabled and parents.

Implementation:

- Ensure reserve facilities are accessible to all users.
- Ensure reserve access meets the requirements of current codes.
- Encourage the use of landscaping which provides for a range of sensory experiences including tactile, aural and smell.
- Ensure that pathways in the reserves are constructed and maintained to the highest standard with drainage and surface materials consistent throughout all sections.