
Neighbourhood Reserves Management Plan

Policy

PREFACE

Under the Reserves Act 1977, the Hutt City Council is required to prepare Management Plans for the reserves under its control, management, or administration. The management plan is to provide for and ensure the use, enjoyment, maintenance, protection, preservation and appropriate development of reserves.

The Hutt City Council has taken the approach of developing Management Plans that cover all reserves and fee simple land used as reserves, of similar characteristics and management. The categories of the Management Plans are:

- **Bush**
Bush Reserves are open space areas that are set aside predominantly for passive purposes. Bush Reserves generally vary in botanical content and quality but provide habitat opportunities, visual appeal in terms of landscape values (green space), and recreational opportunities.
- **Sportsgrounds**
This Management Plan covers sportsgrounds or any part of recreational grounds associated with sports and associated facilities that primarily provide for formally organised sporting activities.
- **Facility**
Facility Reserves are those reserves where the principal use is a facility for community activities supporting sporting, educational and recreational activities.
- **Neighbourhood**
Neighbourhood reserves are located within residential areas and are essentially characterised by open space, with low levels of development, children's playgrounds and unstructured activity. Recreation activities generally consist of passive and active forms of recreation such as walking, playing and informal ball games. Neighbourhood reserves contribute to the appearance of surrounding areas by providing areas of open space and limited vegetation.
- **Amenity Horticulture**
Amenity Horticulture Reserves are open spaces with a diversity of functions, but managed predominantly for horticultural purposes. Areas within these reserves are intensively cultivated and contain a wide variety of species and shrubs, and flower display areas, available for public enjoyment and passive and active recreational opportunities.
- **Esplanade and Foreshore**
Esplanade and Foreshore Reserves are linear areas of land adjacent to a body of water or water course. This includes the harbour, lakes, rivers, streams, and some drainage ditches throughout the City.
- **Little Blue Penguins**
This management plan is for the little blue penguin haven in Days Bay. It involves three lots that are vested as Local Purpose Reserve (Wildlife Management) under the Reserves Act 1977.

There are a number of 'Multi' reserves included within the series of Reserve Management Plans. Multi reserves are those reserves that contain differing characteristics and

management within the one land parcel. This in turn means that more than one Management Plan applies to that area. The following reserves are considered to be 'Multi'.

Avalon Park	Ngaturi Park
Bryan Heath Park	North Park
Delaney Park	Richard Prouse Park
Dowse Drive Reserve	Sladden Park
Frank Cameron Park	Taita Cemetery
Hikoikoi Reserve / McEwan and Lions Park	Te Whiti Park
Hutt Rec / Huia Pool	William Jones Park
HW Shortt Park	William Jones Swimming Pool
Leonard Wood Park	Williams Park
Memorial Park/Garden of Remembrance	Wingate Park
Naenae Park	Wise Park/Hugh Sinclair Park

The overall design and structure of the Management Plans are generic in nature allowing the application of general policy while providing flexibility in the application of specifics to reserves with unique characteristics. The Management Plans are not exhausted with the specific detail of development proposed for every reserve in the City, but rather use policies to guide any future development and operations in a consistent manner.

The Reserve Management Plans are to be used alongside the Hutt City Council Reserves Draft Strategic Directions and the City of Lower Hutt Proposed District Plan in achieving any outcomes.

On Wednesday 9 May 2001 the Strategy and Policy Committee of The Hutt City Council confirmed the completion of the Neighbourhood Reserve's Management Plan under the Reserves Act 1977. The Plan is now adopted as Council policy and is operational under the Reserves Act 1977.

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose of the Reserves Management Plan

The purpose of the Neighbourhood Reserves Management Plan (hereafter referred to as the "Management Plan") is to provide a policy framework for the preservation, utilisation and management of Neighbourhood Reserves around the City of Lower Hutt. This will ensure consistency is maintained throughout the City in terms of the management of current reserves and the establishment of future reserves. This Management Plan shall supersede any past reserve management plans that applied to any of the areas of Neighbourhood Reserves identified in this document. This Management Plan applies only to those Neighbourhood Reserves listed below.

1.2 Neighbourhood Reserves Covered by this Management Plan

The following Neighbourhood Reserves are covered by this Management Plan. An aerial photograph of each neighbourhood reserve with the land subject to this Management Plan outlined forms Appendix 1.

Eastbourne

Greenwood Park

Wainuiomata

Antrim Crescent Reserve
Grimsby Grove Reserve
Hugh Sinclair Park
Karamu Crescent Reserve
Parkway Family Playground
Poole Crescent Reserve
Stockdale Street Reserve
Tipperary Grove Reserve
Upper Fitzherbert Road Reserve
Westminster Road Reserve
William Jones Park

Petone / Alicetown

Elizabeth Johnson Reserve
Heretaunga Street Reserve
Roy Nelson Reserve
Scholefield Street Reserve
Sladden Park
The Greenaway
Victoria Street Reserve

Hutt Central

Hautana Square
Kings Crescent Reserve
Ludlam Park
Orr Crescent Reserve
Phil Evans Reserve
Woburn Grass Reserve

Avalon/Taita / Manor Park

De Menech Grove Reserve
Eastern Hutt Road Reserve
Farmer Crescent Reserve
Hughes Crescent Reserve
Mary Huse Reserve
Molesworth Street Reserve
Reynolds Street Reserve
The Square
Walter Nash Park
York Avenue Reserve

Western Hills

Arahiwi Grove Reserve
Banksia Grove Reserve
Dowse Drive Reserve
Holly Grove Reserve
Kelson Sportsground
Magnolia Grove Playground
Major Drive Playground
Martin Grove Reserve
Matuhi Street Playground
Maungaraki Road Playground
Oakleigh Street Reserve
Park Hill Reserve
Redvers Reserve
Rowan Street Reserve
Viewmont Drive Playground
Wisteria Grove Reserve

Naenae

Barton Grove Reserve
Buller Grove Reserve
Butler Street Reserve
Colson Street Reserve
Glenbrook Grove Reserve
Hewer Crescent Reserve
Judd Crescent Reserve
Naenae Park
Rata Street Reserve
Rimu Street Reserve
Waddington Drive Reserve
Wheatley Street Reserve

Gracefield / Moera

Awamutu Grove Reserve
Bell Square

Stokes Valley

Harold Grove Reserve
Holborn Drive Playground
Kamahi Park
Kensington Marching Ground
McManaway Park
Montgomery Street Reserve
North Holborn Drive Reserve
Wagon Road Reserve

Waiwhetu / Waterloo / Epuni

Atiawa Crescent Reserve
Godley Street Reserve
Hall Crescent Reserve
Purser Grove Reserve
Roberts Street Reserve
Trafalgar Square Reserve
Waterloo Reserve

1.3 Legislation

The Reserves Act 1977 guides the preparation and implementation of reserve management plans. Other legislation that has been consulted in the preparation of this document includes the Resource Management Act 1991, Hutt City Council Bylaws, and the Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992.

It should be noted that in carrying out any future activities or developments on reserves identified in the Management Plan, the relevant procedures and provisions of legislation such as the Resource Management Act 1991, Building Act 1991, Health and Safety in Employment Act 1992, and Disabled Persons Community Welfare Act 1975, must be followed.

All activities on Neighbourhood Reserves must comply with the relevant provisions of any Regional or District Plan. The Neighbourhood Reserves are primarily located in the General Recreation Activity Areas of the Proposed District Plan.

1.4 Consultation

The intent to prepare a Draft Management Plan for Neighbourhood Reserves was extensively advertised during September and October 1998. A mail out to all leaseholders on these reserves was also undertaken. Sixteen written submissions were received in response to the notification and these were taken into account in the preparation of the Draft Management Plan.

1.5 Management and Monitoring

This Management Plan will be fully reviewed at five yearly intervals. In addition, a continuous process of monitoring the Management Plan will be carried out, with Council making alterations and additions as changing circumstances or increased knowledge may require. Any proposed changes will be publicly notified in accordance with the provisions of the Reserves Act.

2. IDENTIFICATION OF NEIGHBOURHOOD RESERVES

This section provides a brief description of the characteristics of a neighbourhood reserve. For the purposes of this Management Plan, neighbourhood reserve means open space, plantation, park, garden or ground set apart for public recreation or enjoyment (as listed in Appendix 2) which is under the management or control of the Council and includes land administered by the Council under the Reserves Act 1977. The primary purpose of a neighbourhood reserve is to cater for local residents.

Neighbourhood Reserves are located within residential areas throughout the City of Lower Hutt and are essentially characterised by open space, with low levels of development and unstructured activity. There are no formally organised sporting activities on these reserves. Recreation activities generally consist of passive and active forms of recreation such as walking, playing and ball games. Neighbourhood Reserves contribute to the appearance of surrounding areas by providing domains of green and open space and limited vegetation. The Management Plan also recognises the establishment of playgrounds as contributing to the recreational opportunities of Neighbourhood Reserves.

The Neighbourhood Reserves are either areas of land held in fee simple ownership by the Council for open space purposes, or reserves that are classified as such under the Reserves Act 1977. All Neighbourhood Reserves in this Management Plan will be managed and developed in accordance with the principles of the Reserves Act, as it is desirable to achieve the same management and development objectives for all reserves of a similar nature. Including areas held in fee simple ownership by the Council does not however give them any status as reserves under the Act. The legal status of Neighbourhood Reserves is found in Appendix 2.

3. RESERVES ACT 1977

The general purpose of reserves identified as such under the Reserves Act 1977 (hereafter referred to in this section as “the Act”) are stated below. Most of the Neighbourhood Reserves in the Management Plan are either classified as recreation reserves or local purpose reserves.

3.1 General Purpose of the Act

Section 3 of the Act sets out the general principles and philosophy for the management of reserves. The Act has the general purpose of:

- “(a) Providing for the preservation and management for the benefit and enjoyment of the public, areas of New Zealand possessing -
 - (i) recreational use or potential, whether active or passive; or
 - (ii) wildlife; or
 - (iii) indigenous flora or fauna; or
 - (iv) environmental and landscape amenity or interest; or
 - (v) natural, scenic, historic, cultural, archaeological, biological, geological, scientific, educational, community, or other special features or value:
- (b) Ensuring, as far as possible, the survival of all indigenous species of flora and fauna, both rare and commonplace, in their natural communities and habitats, and the preservation of representative samples of all classes of natural ecosystems and

landscape which in the aggregate originally gave New Zealand its own recognisable character:

- (c) Ensuring, as far as possible, the preservation of access for the public to and along the sea coast, its bays and inlets and offshore islands, lakeshores, and riverbanks, and fostering and promoting the preservation of the natural character of the coastal environment and of the margins of lakes and rivers and the protection of them from unnecessary subdivision and development.”

3.2 Recreation Reserves

A number of the Neighbourhood Reserves are classified as recreation reserves under section 17 of the Act. The general purpose of a recreation reserve is to:

- provide for recreation and sporting activities and the physical welfare and enjoyment of the public; and
- protect the natural environment and beauty of the countryside, with emphasis on the retention of open spaces and on outdoor recreational activities, including recreational tracks in the countryside.

With regard to the general purposes specified above, every recreation reserve shall be administered to:

- provide the public with freedom of entry and access to the reserve, subject to the specific powers, conditions and restrictions as the administering body (the Hutt City Council) considers necessary for the protection and well-being of the reserve and for the protection and control of the public using it;
- manage and protect to the extent compatible with the principal or primary purpose of the reserve, any scenic, historic, archaeological, biological, geological, or other scientific features or indigenous flora or fauna or wildlife present on the reserve;
- conserve those qualities of the reserve which contribute to the pleasantness, harmony and cohesion of the natural environment and to the better use and enjoyment of the reserve; and
- maintain to the extent compatible with the principal or primary purpose of the reserve, its value as a soil, water and conservation area.

The administrative powers of the Council in respect of recreation reserves are set out in sections 53 and 54 of the Act.

3.3 Local Purpose Reserves

Some of the Neighbourhood Reserves are classified as local purpose reserves. Section 23 of the Act sets out the basic principles and philosophy for the management of local purpose reserves. Local purpose reserves are held for the purposes of providing and retaining areas for such local purpose or purposes as are specified in the classification of the reserve. Local purpose reserves should to the extent compatible with the principal or primary purpose of the reserve be administered to manage and protect any scenic, historic, archaeological,

biological, or natural features present on the reserve, and maintain the value of the reserve as a soil, water and forest conservation area.

The administrative powers of the Council in respect of local purpose reserves are set out in section 61 of the Act.

3.4 Management Plans

Section 41 of the Act requires the administrators of reserves to prepare management plans. This Management Plan has been prepared in accordance with the procedures outlined in section 41. Section 41(3) states that the management plan shall provide for and ensure the use, enjoyment, maintenance, protection, preservation, and appropriate development of the reserve for the purpose of which it is classified.

4. PROPOSED DISTRICT PLAN – CITY OF LOWER HUTT

The Proposed District Plan 1995 places all reserves within one of the five recreation activity areas. Through the Proposed District Plan issues, objectives, policies and rules have been developed. These provide an overall management framework for the type of activities and structures that can be located on reserves. The Resource Management Act 1991 and the Reserves Act 1977 become interrelated in the management of reserves through the approach taken in the Proposed District Plan.

5. HUTT CITY COUNCIL BYLAW 1997

The Hutt City Council Bylaw 1997 details policies for operation of parks and reserves. This includes requirements for the hours of operation, closing of reserves, imposing of conditions, offences and any prohibited activities. The provisions for public places and dog control are also of relevance to this Management Plan. The Bylaw should be read alongside the provisions of the Management Plan for Neighbourhood Reserves.

6. AIMS

The aims of this Management Plan are to:

- identify those spaces principally in residential areas, that are Council owned and/or administered and that satisfy the criteria for a neighbourhood reserve as outlined in Section 2 of this Management Plan;
- outline the requirements for the management, administration and development of Neighbourhood Reserves around the City;
- provide the general public with opportunities to undertake both passive and active recreation activities;
- ensure a generally consistent approach is undertaken with regard to the management and development of Neighbourhood Reserves;

- ensure that all activities on Neighbourhood Reserves are undertaken in accordance with the Reserves Act 1977; and
- ensure that any development on reserves is for the purpose of better utilisation and enhancement of reserves and will benefit the City of Lower Hutt.

7. ISSUES, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

It is fundamental to the management and development of Neighbourhood Reserves that issues, objectives and policies are clearly defined so that decisions on any activity proposed or carried out on these reserves are made in accordance with those provisions. Objectives and policies have been developed in the following three areas:

- Management and Administration;
- Neighbourhood Reserve Use; and
- Development on Neighbourhood Reserves.

7.1 Management and Administration

7.1.1 Statutory and Legal Requirements

Issue

There are a number of statutory and legal requirements that activities on Neighbourhood Reserves must satisfy

Objective

To ensure that all statutory and legal requirements pertaining to the management and use of Neighbourhood Reserves are met.

Policies

- (i) That all activities on Neighbourhood Reserves comply with the Resource Management Act and any relevant requirements of any Regional or District Plan.
- (ii) That Neighbourhood Reserves be managed in accordance with their classification under the Reserves Act.
- (iii) That Neighbourhood Reserves which are held by Council, be controlled and managed as a reserve for the purposes specified in section 17 and 23 of the Reserves Act.
- (iv) That Neighbourhood Reserves which are inappropriately classified, or not classified under the Reserves Act in terms of their use, be reclassified appropriately.
- (v) That all activities on Neighbourhood Reserves be controlled and directed in accordance with current Hutt City Council Bylaw and any other relevant Council policy document.

- (vi) That Council employees or any agent undertaking contract work for the Council shall act in accordance with the requirements of the Health and Safety in Employment Act, and Hutt City Council's Health and Safety Policies.
- (vii) That while Council shall take all reasonable care in administering Neighbourhood Reserves, users shall use the reserves entirely at their own risk in every respect. The Council shall have no liability for any loss or damage suffered by users.

7.1.2 Iwi Mana Whenua

Issue

Council has a responsibility to work in partnership with Te Atiawa the Iwi Mana Whenua.

Objective

To ensure proposed development and activities on Neighbourhood Reserves are considered in accordance with the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi.

Policies

- (i) That Te Atiawa be consulted where a significant development or activity is proposed on a Neighbourhood Reserve.
- (ii) That Council takes account of concerns or issues raised by Te Atiawa or Taura Here during the consultation process.

7.1.3 Effects on Adjacent or Neighbouring Properties

Issue

Activities occurring on Neighbourhood Reserves may adversely affect the amenity values of adjacent or neighbouring areas. Although activities are generally of a passive nature, adverse effects may result from informally organised activities occurring on the reserves.

Objective

To ensure the adverse effects of activities on Neighbourhood Reserves are adequately mitigated so that the amenity values of adjacent or neighbouring properties are not compromised.

Policies

- (i) That activities on Neighbourhood Reserves must comply with the relevant provisions of the Proposed District Plan.
- (ii) That the nature and proximity of neighbouring properties be considered when any development on Neighbourhood Reserves is planned. Development include drains, tree planting, or structures.

- (iii)** That where activities undertaken by leaseholders on reserves are causing a nuisance to adjoining residential properties, the Divisional Manager of Leisure Services may recommend that consultation be undertaken between the leaseholder and the affected property owners. This consultation should be aimed at resolving the issues with appropriate mitigation measures.
- (iv)** Maintain sufficient controls on privacy through the provision of adequate fencing or landscaping that does not detract from the amenities of both the reserve and the residential areas.

7.1.4 Access and Parking on Reserves

Issue

It is necessary to ensure that access to reserves is not hindered in order to allow reserves to be well utilised. In some cases however it may be necessary to place restrictions on use of the reserves for the protection of land and the public using it. It is also appropriate that parking on reserves is only limited to areas specifically set aside for that purpose, to ensure that carparking does not detract from the natural and scenic qualities or potential of the reserves for recreational use.

Objectives

- (i)** To ensure that the public has freedom of entry and access to Neighbourhood Reserves and that this access is maintained and enhanced.
- (ii)** To ensure that parking is only carried out on reserves where areas are specifically set aside for that purpose.

Policies

- (i)** That consideration is made on the location of play equipment and vegetation to ensure that pedestrian access to Neighbourhood Reserves is not restricted.
- (ii)** That any conditions and restrictions on access are only imposed where they are necessary for the protection of either the land, vegetation, turf or structures, or the public using it.
- (iii)** That except for Council employees, agents appointed by Council, and emergency services, vehicular access onto Neighbourhood Reserves shall be prohibited unless authorised by the Manager of the Leisure Services Division (Section 53 & 54 of Reserves Act). This policy does not apply to areas specifically set aside for parking purposes on the reserves.
- (iv)** Utility and network operators are allowed access onto Neighbourhood Reserves provided they have prior approval of the manager of Leisure Services Division. This provision does not apply to utility providers operating under the Electricity Act 1992.

7.1.5 Safety of Neighbourhood Reserves

Issue

The maintenance, administration and safety of Neighbourhood Reserves.

Objective

To ensure that the neighbourhood reserve is adequately maintained and provides a safe environment for people to enjoy.

Policies

- (i) Ensure that the reserve is kept in a tidy state through regular maintenance of the area.
- (ii) Continual maintenance of the area through lawn mowing, tree pruning, weeding of gardens, herb and pesticide spraying, and other recognised horticultural and arboricultural practices.
- (iii) That the planting of trees and shrubs does not create a safety issue in terms of the density of the trees and shrubs.
- (iv) That safety measures are in place for traffic and pedestrians within road reserve areas.
- (v) That any trimming or proposed trimming of vegetation on Neighbourhood Reserves by utility operators is to be done in consultation with the Reserves Manager, Leisure Services Division.

7.1.6 Maintenance and Safety of Playground Equipment

Issue

The maintenance and safety of playgrounds is important on all Neighbourhood Reserves.

Objective

To ensure playgrounds are managed and maintained in keeping with safety standards

Policies

- (i) That playgrounds are maintained according to New Zealand Playground Safety Standards NZS 5828, NZS 4422 and NZS 4486.
- (ii) That equipment is checked regularly and maintained accordingly.
- (iii) That safety standards are met when play equipment is relocated
- (iv) That the safety of users of children's playgrounds is taken into account during the positioning of play equipment in terms of matters such as traffic and seclusion.

7.1.7 Signs

Issue

Signs may be placed on Neighbourhood Reserves to aid community awareness of the reserve and may be necessary to promote safety or provide information or directions.

Objective

To provide suitable interpretation and signage in appropriate locations

Policies

- (i) That all signs shall comply with the provisions of the Proposed District Plan.
- (ii) That Council signs be placed in suitable locations and include appropriate information so as to provide the most assistance to users of Neighbourhood Reserves.
- (iii) That signs are designed in a manner that does not detract from the amenity values of Neighbourhood Reserves.
- (iv) That the number of signs is kept to a minimum necessary to give information and directions or provide interpretation.
- (v) That signs promoting organisations or activities based on Council reserves are to be authorised prior to installation by the Divisional Manager, Leisure Services Division, and are to preferably be located on the lessee building.

7.1.8 Refuse Disposal

Issue

The dumping of refuse on Neighbourhood Reserves or inappropriate use of existing refuse disposal facilities, can significantly detract from the amenity values and proper functioning of Neighbourhood Reserves. It is essential that reserve users are strongly discouraged from disposing refuse in reserves.

Objective

To ensure the proper functioning and amenity values of Neighbourhood Reserves are not compromised by refuse being dumped on reserves, or refuse being dumped in any location other than in a facility provided for that purpose.

Policies

- (i) That Council encourages people to take their refuse from reserves.
- (ii) That no person shall deposit any domestic refuse, trade refuse, garden refuse, rubble or debris on a neighbourhood reserve.
- (iii) That where appropriate, Council or its agent may provide and regularly empty, refuse disposal facilities on Neighbourhood Reserves.
- (iv) That the disposal and collection of refuse on Neighbourhood Reserves shall comply with the relevant Hutt City Council Bylaw 1997, in particular Part 12 – Parks and Reserves, and Part 14 – Refuse Collection and Disposal.

7.2 Neighbourhood Reserve Use

7.2.1 Passive and Informal Recreation

Issue

It is important that Neighbourhood Reserves contain open areas for the purposes of informal and passive recreation activities. These may include walking, cycling, running or kicking a ball around.

Objective

To ensure that an adequate amount of open space is available for informal and passive activities to occur.

To ensure that informal and passive recreation activities are not restricted by the amount of open space available.

Policies

- (i) That any development on Neighbourhood Reserves takes into consideration the amount of open space available on the reserve for passive and informal recreation activities.
- (ii) That it is appropriate to enhance the potential for informal recreational pursuits on Neighbourhood Reserves.

7.2.2 Restricted Activities

Issue

That activities that occur on Neighbourhood Reserves are varied and change over time. It is necessary to restrict activities that may negatively interfere with people's participation in positive recreation activities.

Objective

To restrict activities on Neighbourhood Reserves that may interfere with passive and informal recreation activities.

Policies

- (i)** That those activities listed as prohibited in the Hutt City Council Bylaw 1997, Part 12 – Parks and Reserves shall also be prohibited in this Management Plan (See Appendix 3)
- (ii)** That in accordance with the Hutt City Council Bylaw 1997 and the Hutt City Council Dog Policy (adopted in 1997), if a dog defecates on a neighbourhood reserve, the owner or person having control of the dog shall immediately remove the faeces.
- (iii)** That it is recognised that dogs are prohibited from children’s playgrounds under Part 4 of the Hutt City Council Bylaws. Dogs may only run free in reserves that are identified for that purpose by the Hutt City Council Dog Policy (Appendix 4).
- (iv)** That fires shall be prohibited on Neighbourhood Reserves, however, the use of gas cookers and gas barbecues is permitted.
- (v)** That only those activities specified as permitted activities in the Proposed District Plan may operate on Neighbourhood Reserves, any other activities require a resource consent.

7.2.3 Leases and Licences

Issue

Leases and licenses are contractual arrangements made between Council and community groups utilising facilities on Neighbourhood Reserves. The responsibilities of both Council and the lessee or licensee should be clearly stated in the lease or license agreement. A clear statement of responsibilities ensures that the lessee or licensee knows exactly what Council considers to be acceptable use and behaviour of the facility.

Objectives

- (i)** To allow leasing and licensing of facilities (and the underlying land) on Neighbourhood Reserves to community groups, provided the activity is consistent with the purpose for which the reserve is classified.
- (ii)** To control the use of facilities on Neighbourhood Reserves by including conditions on leases or licenses for the use of facility.
- (iii)** To control the use of facilities by way of conditions on lease and licence agreements so that amenity values or surrounding areas are maintained or enhanced.
- (iv)** To renew those leases and licences currently held for the use of neighbourhood reserve facilities, which ensure continued use of the facilities, but which do not compromise the facility or amenity values of the surrounding area.
- (vii)** To comply with the relevant provisions of the Proposed District Plan.

Policies

- (i)** That Council shall consider leasing facilities (and the underlying land) on Neighbourhood Reserves, where the use of the facility is primarily for recreation and education activities.
- (ii)** That lease and licence agreements (including renewals) be negotiated in accordance with the Reserves Act.
- (iii)** That lease and licence agreements shall be based on the standard Council documents, but from time to time may include other terms and conditions as determined by Council.
- (iv)** That all facilities subject to lease and licence agreements be maintained in accordance with the conditions specified in the lease or licence.
- (v)** That all lessees or licensees are required to act in accordance with this Management Plan, the relevant provisions of the Proposed District Plan, the Hutt City Council Bylaw 1997, and the relevant lease and licence agreement.
- (vi)** That the lessee or licensee will not permit activities at the facility to cause a nuisance, annoyance or inconvenience to neighbours and other users of the neighbourhood reserve.

7.3 Development on Neighbourhood Reserves

7.3.1 Conservation of Flora and Fauna

Issue

Some Neighbourhood Reserves possess areas with high conservation values. It is necessary to ensure that activities and development on Neighbourhood Reserves does not adversely affect these conservation values.

Objective

To conserve those qualities of the reserve which contribute to the pleasantness, harmony and cohesion of the natural environment.

Policies

- (i)** To maintain a balance between planted areas and areas of open space.
- (ii)** To conserve the indigenous flora and fauna, natural environment and beauty, historic and scientific values of the land where appropriate.
- (iii)** To recognise that it is desirable to encourage the growth of both native and exotic species in reserve areas for ecological and landscape purposes.
- (iv)** To recognise that it is generally desirable to encourage the growth and regeneration of indigenous vegetation in reserve areas where native species are already dominant.

- (v) To recognise that Neighbourhood Reserves provide opportunity to grow large specimen trees that cannot be hosted conveniently on many residential properties.
- (vi) To enhance where possible, conservation values by the control of plant and animal pests, and by appropriate planting.

7.3.2 Open Space on Reserves

Issue

The open space qualities of Neighbourhood Reserves contribute to the overall amenity values. Planting on reserves enhances these amenity values, however it should not compromise the open space necessary for the functioning of informal and passive recreation activities. Where a significant natural feature is found on a neighbourhood reserve this may be protected under the Proposed District Plan.

Objective

To maintain and protect the amenity values, open space and natural character of Neighbourhood Reserves through landscaping reserves in a manner that provides a park-like environment and offers some shelter where appropriate.

Policies

- (i) That established trees and native vegetation be maintained on Neighbourhood Reserves, except where it is considered necessary to cut or destroy them in accordance with section 42 of the Reserves Act.
- (ii) That Council be committed to protecting any existing significant natural features.
- (iii) That amenity and shelter planting on Neighbourhood Reserves be encouraged in locations that are considered appropriate.
- (iv) That the open space qualities of Neighbourhood Reserves are maintained and protected.
- (v) That it is necessary and important to provide some shaded areas where practicable.
- (vi) Any vegetation, amenity and shelter planting on a Neighbourhood Reserve should take into account the nature and proximity of any existing utilities, or transmission lines so as to avoid any conflict of use and health and safety risks.

7.3.3 Further Development of Facilities on Neighbourhood Reserves

Issue

It is necessary to ensure that along with the Proposed District Plan provisions, policies are in place for any future development on Neighbourhood Reserves. Essentially the main issue is to ensure that facilities are compatible with the character of the reserve.

Objective

To ensure that the provision of facilities on Neighbourhood Reserves is undertaken in appropriate areas to achieve compatible and integrated use of the area.

Policies

- (i)** To consider, where appropriate, the development of facilities that will provide a benefit the City. These facilities will be developed in accordance with the provisions of the Proposed District Plan.
- (ii)** To promote and encourage the efficient and multiple use of all recreational buildings and ancillary services
- (iii)** To develop Neighbourhood Reserves in accordance with site characteristics and the identified needs of the public, to develop as a focus for the local community

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