



# Waitekohekohe Reserve Concept Plan

## Decision Story

**Thank you for taking part in the Waitekohekohe Reserve concept plan process. We have completed the concept plan which will inform future development of this reserve.**

### What's the story?

Council looks after more than 200 reserves in the Western Bay. The Katikati-Waihi Beach Reserves Management Plan (RMP) was reviewed in 2018, and sets out the rules for each reserve in this ward, and provides a vision for how we will use and develop public spaces for, and with, our communities. Waitekohekohe Reserve (under the name Lund Road) is included in this plan and makes provision for the development of a concept plan which would include mountain bike tracks, horse riding trails and car parking. This proposal was part of the consultation on the Reserve Management Plan in 2018.

The Reserves and Facilities Bylaw 2018 was adopted alongside the RMP. Part of this bylaw is to consider where horses are permitted to be ridden in the District. Through feedback received to both processes, we heard concerns about the decreasing number of safe horse riding areas available within the district. The development of Waitekohekohe Reserve was seen as a significant step in providing for horse riding in the Western Bay.

### Creating a draft plan

When the lease of the land ended in 2014, Council directed that it would be retained for future opportunities such as walkways and cycle ways with the proviso that forestry management arrangements would continue. Tracks were established as part of the forestry operation and in May 2017 The Katikati Recreational Park Development Group (KK RPDG) expressed an interest in the site. Since then, they have been actively involved in the development of the plan and in mid-2018, entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Council. KK RPDG has since worked together to create a proposed trails layout, making use of existing forestry tracks.

### Engaging with the community

Opportunity to provide feedback on the initial proposed trails layout was available during March to May as part of pre-engagement on Councils 2021-2031 Long Term Plan pre-engagement (Hello Future District).

Following the pre-engagement period, a draft concept plan was developed to reflect the significant amount of feedback received.

Formal consultation on the draft concept plan then took place from 24 August 2020 - 2 October 2020. Opportunities to engage during this period were advertised around the district and letters were sent to immediately adjoining land owners and stakeholders inviting them to attend The Have Your Say open day. This was held in Katikati on Saturday 5 September 2020 and provided an opportunity for elected members and staff to provide information about the draft concept plan and hear feedback from interested people. 73 people attended the open day.

Online engagement also ran during this period and with feedback sought on five questions relating to the key aspects of the draft concept plan and proposed name change.

## Key decisions made

The final concept plan incorporates the key issues relating to the reserve that we heard are important to the community.

After considering feedback on car parking, we decided to show separate car parks for horse and mountain bike users. This aims to reduce conflict between users and better place them next to where they will access their respective tracks and trails. The concept plan will provide for disabled car parks in each of the car parks too.

Toilets will be included at both the equestrian and mountain bike car parks. The equestrian car park will also include horse wash-down areas and mounting blocks.

We have also included a separate overflow/events car park in the plan which will be developed as demand requires.

The Tracks and Trails Plan has been designed to keep the respective horse and bike riders user groups separate which reflects the feedback received. The initial network of tracks and trails will be developed by Council alongside KK RPDG with scope for the community to add tracks and trails to this basic network. To ensure safety is paramount, guidelines and protocols similar to those in place at TECT Park will be developed to manage the tracks, trails and walkways including how they link/transition with each other.

We received strong support from you to change the name of the reserve to **Waitekohekohe Reserve**, a name gifted by Ngai Tamawhariua in reference to the ancestral name for this area and its relationship to spiritual waters, a sense of yearning and climbing trees and vines.

We heard the communities concerns about the suitability of Thompsons Track for increased levels of traffic, especially large vehicles and horse floats. In response to this, the Council will undertake a review of the formed road section of Thompsons Track and monitor its usage over time as use of the reserve increases. Council has a large roading network, with many of its roads in rural areas being of a similar standard to Thompsons Track. Council is progressively upgrading these roads on a priority basis through an annual budget and in addition to the review, Thompsons Track will also be considered in this process.

Council acknowledges the significant ecological features that are present on this site, as formally recognised in our District Plan. We have taken into consideration feedback about protecting the environment and will continue to work alongside community groups to manage and enhance the significant ecological features of the reserve.

Archaeological considerations will also be kept front of mind during development and the accidental discovery protocol will be utilised should any culturally significant findings be made. The track and trails layout makes use of existing forestry tracks that have already been previously excavated

We also heard from you about the importance of safety and security and want to reduce any risk of anti-social behaviour taking place in and around the reserve. The matters raised will be included in the Reserve Management Plan and Operational Guidelines of the Reserve including but not limited to the management of rubbish, fire risks, dog control and freedom camping.

## Implementation of concept plan

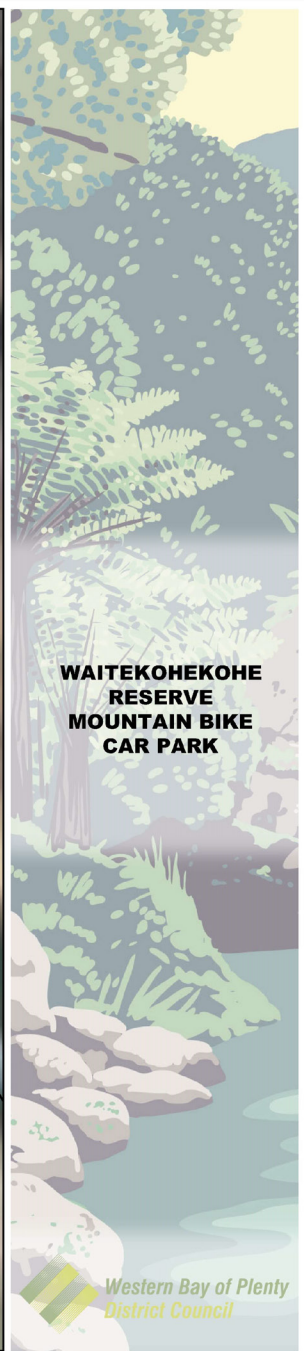
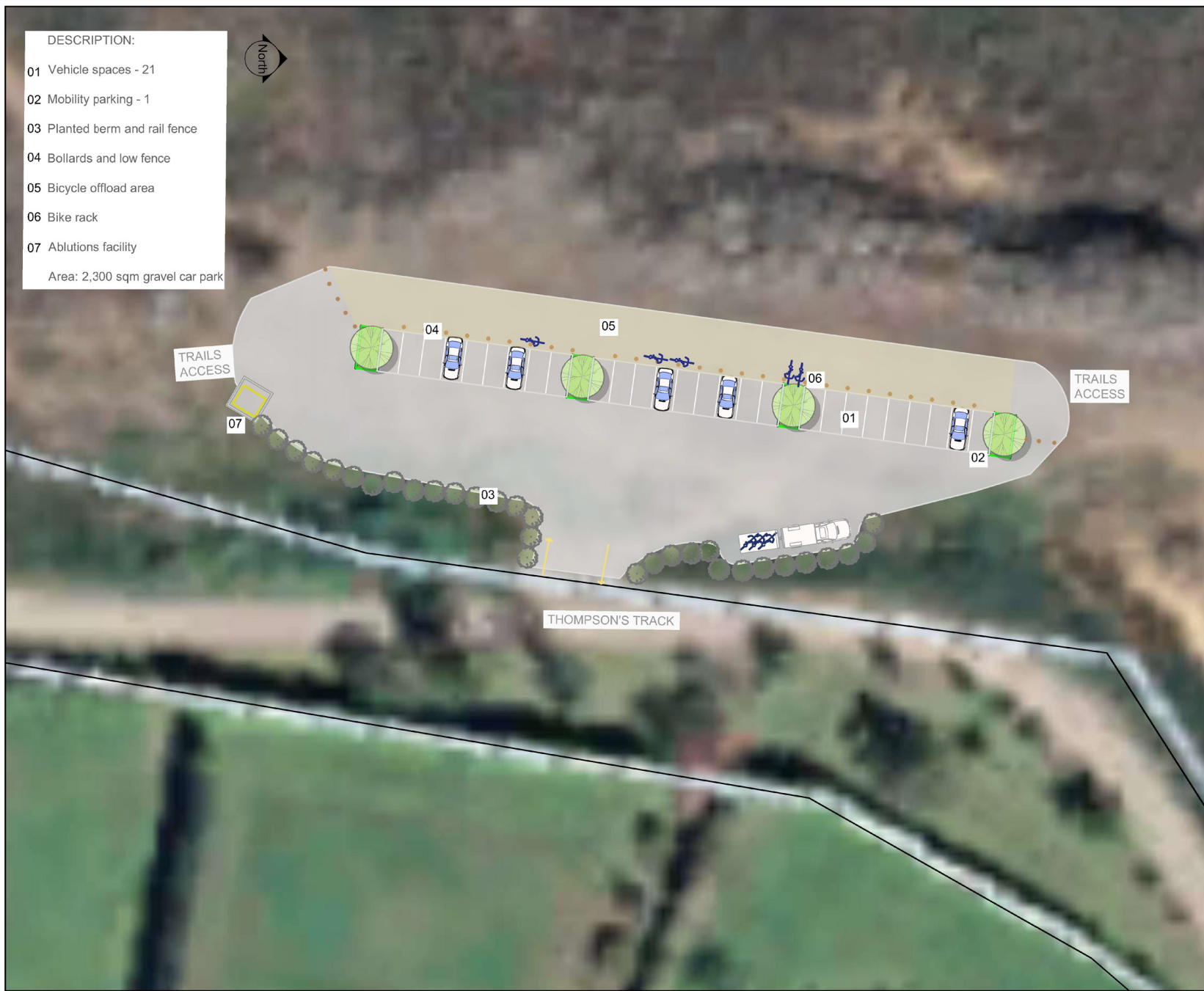
Following adoption of the concept plan, implementation and development cost estimates have been referred to the 2021-2031 Long Term Plan. The indicative costs and timing are set out below.



Details	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	2027-31
Equestrian Carpark	158,000					
Overflow / Events Carpark					100,000	
Mountain Bike Carpark	100,000					
Carpark toilet	35,000 (horse)		35,000 (bike)			
Carpark toilet (Reticulated Option) (2023 \$140k)						
Carpark - Park furniture		15,000		45,000		
Carpark - Weather shelter				70,000		
Carpark - Landscaping		15,000				
Signage - Trails and safety	20,000	10,000	5,000			
Track upgrade (Council contribution)	50,000	25,000	10,000			
Track upgrade (Users contribution)		89,000		89,000		
Footbridge and culvert (Consent and construction)		20,000	140,000			
Path weed control (Users contribution)	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Weed control - with forestry management	10,000		10,000		10,000	
<b>Total - \$1,091,000</b>	<b>378,000</b>	<b>179,000</b>	<b>205,000</b>	<b>209,000</b>	<b>115,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>



- DESCRIPTION:
- 01 Vehicle spaces - 21
  - 02 Mobility parking - 1
  - 03 Planted berm and rail fence
  - 04 Bollards and low fence
  - 05 Bicycle offload area
  - 06 Bike rack
  - 07 Ablutions facility
- Area: 2,300 sqm gravel car park



**WAITEKOHEKOHE  
RESERVE  
MOUNTAIN BIKE  
CAR PARK**

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DESCRIPTION:

- 01 Equestrian trailer spaces - 7
  - 02 Vehicle spaces - 12
  - 03 Mobility parking - 1
  - 04 Planted berm and rail fence
  - 05 Bollards and low fence
  - 06 Mounting block / rock
- Area: 2,670 sqm.



**WAITEKOHEKOHE  
RESERVE  
OVERFLOW / EVENTS  
CAR PARK**

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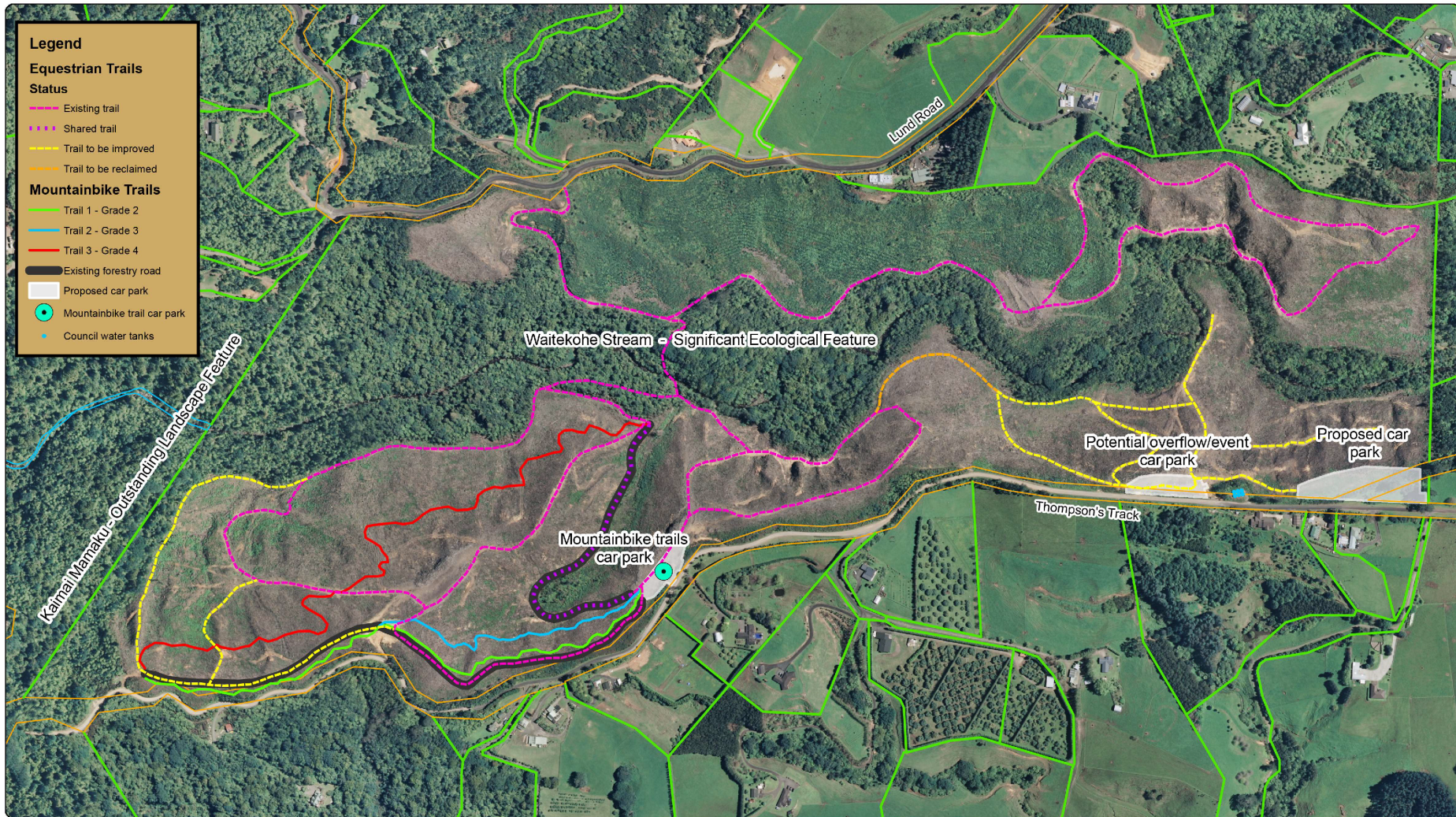
- 01 Weather shelter and picnic area
- 02 Wash down area and Corrals
- 03 Equestrian trailer spaces - 13
- 04 Vehicle spaces - 27
- 05 Mobility parking - 2
- 06 Ablutions facility
- 07 Planted berm and rail fence
- 08 Bollards and low fence
- 09 Mounting block / rock

Area: 6700sqm.  
unmarked gravel car park



**WAITEKOHEKOHE  
RESERVE  
EQUESTRIAN  
CAR PARK**





**Legend**

**Equestrian Trails Status**

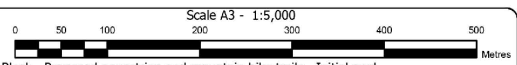
- Existing trail
- Shared trail
- Trail to be improved
- Trail to be reclaimed

**Mountainbike Trails**

- Trail 1 - Grade 2
- Trail 2 - Grade 3
- Trail 3 - Grade 4
- Existing forestry road
- Proposed car park
- Mountainbike trail car park
- Council water tanks

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**WAITEKOHEKOHE RESERVE  
 EQUESTRIAN AND MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS  
 ADOPTED 1/12/2020**

