

reviewing the
KAIMAI
— RESERVE —

Management Plan 2016



*Western Bay of Plenty
District Council*

DECISIONS STORY

Thank you for your interest in the review of our Kaimai Reserve Management Plan. We are pleased to report we have now completed this review. Inside this decisions document you'll find information on some of the project's key issues, feedback, and decisions.

WHAT'S THE STORY?

Did you know Council looks after more than 200 reserves in the Western Bay? Our Reserve Management Plans set the rules for each reserve and provide a vision for how we use and develop the public spaces for, and with, our communities.

These plans are a statutory requirement Council must keep under continuous review. The Kaimai Ward Reserve Management Plan

was introduced in October 2003 and first reviewed in October 2008. We have now completed the 2016 review.

CREATING A DRAFTING PLAN

To develop the draft Kaimai Reserve Management Plan for the public to give feedback on, we held workshops with Elected Members, the Omokoroa Community Board and key staff. We also reviewed previous resolutions made by Council and the Community Board relating to the plan's content.

Council adopted the draft plan in April and released it for community feedback from 15 April to 15 June 2016.

ENGAGING WITH THE COMMUNITY

People could give feedback on the draft plan through our website, as well as by filling out submission forms at our libraries and offices.

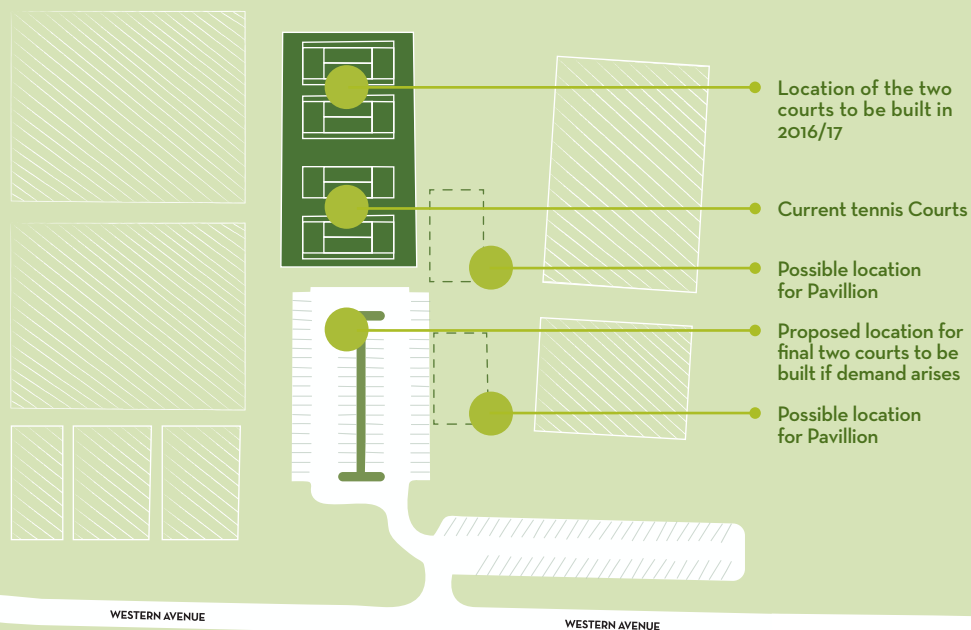
We publicised the opportunity for people to have their say in the local media, in public notices, and by sending letters to key stakeholders - including sport and recreation groups, environment and estuary care groups, and Iwi, Hapu and Marae.

Every neighbouring land owner of a reserve or Council-owned land identified for possible sale/disposal also received a letter.

YOUR FEEDBACK

Overall Council received 148 submissions on the draft Kaimai Reserve Management Plan. Below is a summary of the key issues identified.

OMOKOROA SPORTSGROUND CONCEPT PLAN



The concept plan for Omokoroa Sportsground provides for the location of two pairs of additional tennis courts. These were to be located east and west of the courts built in 2015.

We've heard objections to the proposed location of the courts in previous consultations, so this review allowed another opportunity for everyone to have their say.

We received 56 submissions about the Omokoroa Sports Ground.

Ten people strongly supported the courts being built in the eastern location. Another 38 wanted the courts deferred for a variety of reasons, or the funds reallocated to installing a playground. However budget is already set aside for the playground project.

Some people felt the courts weren't needed in the time frames shown in Council's Long Term Plan: the next two courts in 2016/17 and a final two courts in 2017/18.

If new locations are selected, light and noise need to be considered. Council

must meet District Plan performance standards relating to light and noise associated with reserve activities.

After considering feedback, Council confirmed two additional courts will be built in 2016/17, which will bring the total number of courts at Omokoroa Sport Ground to four. These new courts will be located due east of the recently completed courts, as shown on the current Concept Plan.

The final two proposed courts (courts five and six) will only be built if there is sufficient demand in the future.



SALE, DIVESTMENT, OR DISPOSAL OF COUNCIL OWNED LAND AND RESERVES

In the draft plan we proposed investigating the potential sale of a number of reserves - including several in Omokoroa.

A total of 71 people submitted on this topic.

At our Have Your Say days on 12 and 13 July, there was an overwhelming response from the Omokoroa community that they did not want us to proceed with any further investigations to sell reserves in Omokoroa.

We received feedback opposing the sale/disposal of the following reserves in Omokoroa:

- *Precious Family Reserve: 45 objections*
- *Lynley Park: 14 objections*
- *Omokoroa Library: six objections*
- *Nells Dell: four objections.*

We also received feedback opposing the possible disposal of Pyes Pa Hall and the former Lower Kaimai Hall site.

After considering the feedback from the community, Council decided Reserve Management Plans should focus on the development, retention and enhancement of reserves, and agreed not to proceed with any further investigation of disposal of any reserves in the Kaimai Ward as part of this review.

DEVELOPMENT OF PRECIOUS FAMILY RESERVE

In the draft plan we proposed further development of Precious Family Reserve, regardless of whether or not Council proceeded with selling part of the reserve.

We presented a development concept plan which included a walkway link between Anderley Ave and the foreshore, a picnic area by the water, and utilising some land for improved stormwater management.

Of the 52 submissions on this topic, 49 people supported some development of the reserve in some form and offered ideas for what the proposed concept plan should be focusing on. This included feedback on walkways and paths, wetland/pond development, as well as car parking options.

Many people value the quiet and largely undeveloped nature of the reserve, and therefore opposed the suggested vehicle

access to the foreshore. After considering the feedback, Council decided it would not continue an investigation of vehicle access to the foreshore.

Council has previously agreed to transfer surplus funds from another project to kick-start development at Precious Family Reserve (and other reserves) following completion of this Reserve Management Plan review process.

Proceeding with any development will require more input from the community, and we'll likely hold a 'have your say' day on this topic in the future. We will retain the feedback we've heard so far.

OTHER FEEDBACK

We received a lot of support for many of the proposed actions for reserves outside of Omokoroa, including positive suggestions for how Council could improve the management of reserves in the Kaimai ward.

There was support for concept plans for Maramatanga Park, several reserves in the Minden area, Omokoroa Domain and two new sites along the Wairoa River where public access and potential congestion needs to be managed. We will work on reviewing or developing concept plans for these areas – keep an eye out for your opportunity to have your say.

Tangata Whenua supported the management and protection of sensitive sites on new and existing reserves, and offered their expertise and assistance. We are also looking at opportunities to collaborate on sharing the stories of the history of our reserves.

ADOPTION

The revised Kaimai Reserve Management Plan was adopted on 25 August 2016.

For more information and to view the plan visit www.westernbay.govt.nz/reserve-management-plans

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