

***Lakes-Murchison
Ward
Reserves
Management Plan***

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This management plan sets out the objectives and policies for twenty-two reserves administered by the Tasman District Council in the Lakes-Murchison Ward of Tasman District.

All reserves covered by this plan are classified (or are in the process of being classified) as Local Purpose, Recreation or Scenic Reserves under the Reserves Act 1977. Within this plan these reserves are also placed into one of four categories, reflecting their main characteristics:

- Urban Open Space and Amenity Reserves
- Sports Grounds
- Rural Recreation and Esplanade Reserves
- Scenic Reserves

This management plan sets out objectives and policies for the management of these reserves. Firstly, general objectives, derived from the Council's statutory obligations under the Reserves Act 1977, are listed. Secondly, general policies that apply to all reserves are listed. Thirdly, policies that apply to each of the four categories of reserves are listed. And finally, policies specific to each reserve are listed.

The presentation of policies in this hierarchical way is intended to ensure that management of each reserve is compatible with the Council's statutory obligations under the Reserves Act 1977, while avoiding the need to list these policies separately for each reserve.

For ease of use, reserves are grouped by geographic location within this plan.

The purpose of this management plan is to ensure that management and development of reserves in the Lakes-Murchison Ward are compatible with the purposes of their classification. This plan identifies the appropriate uses for each reserve, states how conflicting uses are to be managed, and outlines any development proposals.

Formerly, management plans were prepared for each reserve. To reduce costs and to streamline the process for the public, the Council has prepared this one management plan for all reserves in the Lakes-Murchison Ward.

2.0 RESERVES MANAGEMENT PLANNING

2.1 Reserve Acquisition

Reserves and open space are acquired by Council to provide for the recreational needs of people and to protect amenity and natural resource values. Ideally, there should be sufficient reserves and open space to meet the needs of present and future residents of Lakes-Murchison Ward.

Reserves can be acquired in several ways. When land is subdivided, the Local Government Act 2002 requires that a reserves contribution be made to Council by the landowner. This contribution can be in land or cash, or a combination of both. The size of the contribution is a percentage of the value of the allotments created by the subdivision, as determined by the Proposed Tasman Resource Management Plan. Land set aside through this process is vested in Council as reserve land. Cash contributions are used by Council to acquire land for reserves or to develop existing reserves.

When land adjacent to the sea, lakes or rivers is subdivided the Resource Management Act 1991 requires that land be set aside as an esplanade reserve or esplanade strip. The reserve/strip may be for a number of purposes, including public access and public recreational use. The area of land set aside is determined by the provisions of the Resource Management Act 1991, and outlined in the Proposed Tasman Resource Management Plan. Esplanade strips are identified on property titles and are not covered by this management plan as Council does not own the land affected by such strips.

Council may purchase land, or receive land as a gift, for administration as reserve. Council can also acquire land under the Public Works Act 1981, but such land must be offered back to the previous owner if it is ever disposed. Central Government may transfer responsibility for day to day administration and management of Crown reserves to Council by either vesting reserves in Council or by appointing Council to control and manage reserves. Such land remains the property of central Government and cannot be disposed by Council. Details of such vestings and appointments are shown beside the 'owner/origin' information for each reserve in section 7 of this plan.

2.2 Reserve Classification

Under the Reserves Act 1977 reserves are classified according to their principal or primary purpose. The Act provides for the following reserve classifications:

- Recreation
- Historic
- Scenic
- Nature
- Scientific
- Government Purpose
- Local Purpose

All reserves administered by the Tasman District Council in the Lakes-Murchison Ward are Local Purpose, Recreation or Scenic reserves. Esplanade Reserves set

aside under the Resource Management Act 1991 are administered by Council as Local Purpose Reserves under the Reserves Act 1977.

2.3 Management Planning

The Reserves Act 1977 requires that most reserves must have an operative management plan. Formerly, separate management plans were prepared for each reserve. This was time-consuming for Council staff and for members of the public. It has also delayed the preparation of plans for many small reserves. In response to this, Council has produced one management plan for all reserves within Lakes-Murchison Ward. This will help ensure that all reserves are managed in a consistent manner and local purpose reserves, for which management plans are not required, are managed as an integral part of the recreation and amenity facilities of the area.

The purpose of a management plan is to ensure that the management and development of each reserve are compatible with the purposes of its reservation. The Reserves Act 1977 requires that the management plan “...shall provide for and ensure the use, enjoyment, maintenance, protection, and preservation...” of the reserve, as appropriate to its classification. Tasman District Council recognises kaitiakitanga practices and the protection and preservation of Maori history and taonga associated with reserves, subject to the provisions of the Reserves Act 1977.

Ideally, a management plan should identify the appropriate uses of a reserve, state how conflicting uses will be managed, and outline any development proposals. The Reserves Act 1977 requires that a management plan be kept under continuous review so that reserve management can adapt to changing circumstances.

2.4 Public Consultation

The Reserves Act 1977 requires that the public be consulted over any proposal to:

- declare land to be reserve
- exchange reserve land for other land
- classify, reclassify or revoke reserve land
- dispose of reserve land
- prepare a management plan for a reserve
- lease reserve land not covered by a management plan

The Reserves Act 1977 sets out the formal requirements for public consultation. For the preparation of this management plan the following public consultation was undertaken:

1. The Council notified its intention to prepare a management plan under Section 41 of the Reserves Act 1977 for this group of reserves in June 2003, and invited the public to provide suggestions for the proposed plan;
2. Council prepared a draft plan, taking into consideration the suggestions received from the first stage of public consultation. The draft plan was publicly notified in August 2004 and all those people or organisations that provided suggestions at the first stage were advised that the draft had been prepared.
3. Council heard evidence from submitters in support of their written submissions at St Arnaud on 23rd November 2004.
4. The draft management plan was then amended in response to these submissions to form the final plan.

3.0 RESERVES COVERED BY THIS MANAGEMENT PLAN

This management plan covers twenty-two reserves within the Lakes-Murchison Ward of Tasman District. These reserves are located in urban and rural settings, and provide for a range of recreation and amenity services. Each reserve has been placed into one of the four categories listed below according to its main characteristics and location. The reserves have been grouped into these categories to allow general management policies to be formulated for reserves.

- Urban Open Space and Amenity Reserves
- Sports Grounds
- Rural Recreation and Esplanade Reserves
- Scenic Reserves

Note: not all Council-administered reserves in the Lakes-Murchison Ward are included in this management plan (e.g. cemeteries and campgrounds are excluded).

3.1 Urban Open Space and Amenity Reserves

<i>Reserve Name</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Page</i>
Borlase Avenue Recreation Reserve	St Arnaud	33
Lake Rotoiti Hall Reserve	St Arnaud	35
Murchison Playground	Murchison	40
Murchison RSA Hall	Murchison	43
Tapawera Playground	Tapawera	19
Tapawera-Tadmor Road Walkway	Tapawera	21
Tawa Place Playground	Tapawera	21
Totara Street Reserve	Tapawera	22

3.2 Sports Grounds

<i>Reserve Name</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Page</i>
Murchison Recreation Reserve	Murchison	40
Tapawera Memorial Park	Tapawera	18

3.3 Rural Recreation and Esplanade Reserves

<i>Reserve Name</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Page</i>
Alpine Forest Reserve	Tophouse	31
Lower Maruia Recreation Reserve	Shenandoah	47
Mangles Valley Esplanade Reserve	Mangles Valley	49
Matakitaki Recreation Reserve	Upper Matakitaki	51
Old School Road Esplanade Reserve	Tapawera	23
Owen River Recreation Reserve	Owen River	36
Poplars Recreation Reserve	Tadmor	25
Porika Track Reserve	Lake Rotoroa	38
Riverview Recreation Reserve	Murchison	43
Stanley Brook Memorial Reserve	Stanley Brook	29
Motupiko Esplanade Reserve	Motupiko	27

3.4 Scenic Reserves

<i>Reserve Name</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Page</i>
Riverview Scenic Reserve	Murchison	46

4.0 GENERAL OBJECTIVES FOR RESERVES MANAGEMENT

4.1 Statutory Objectives for Management of Reserves

The reserves covered by this management plan are administered under the Reserves Act 1977. The general purpose of the **Reserves Act 1977** (Section 3) is to:

- Provide for the preservation and management of areas possessing recreational, natural, scenic, historic, cultural, archaeological, biological, geological, scientific, educational, community of other special features or values for the benefit and enjoyment of the public
- Ensure, as far as possible, the survival of indigenous species of flora and fauna and the preservation of representative samples of natural ecosystems and landscapes
- Ensure, as far as possible, the preservation of access for the public to and along the sea coast, lakeshores, riverbanks, and protecting such areas from unnecessary subdivision and development.

Scenic Reserves are set aside “...for the purpose of protecting and preserving in perpetuity for their intrinsic worth and for the benefit, enjoyment, and use of the public, suitable areas possessing such qualities of scenic interest, beauty, or natural features or landscape that their protection and preservation are desirable in the public interest” (Subsection 19 (1) (a) Reserves Act 1977).

or “...for the purpose of providing, in appropriate circumstances, suitable areas which by development and the introduction of flora, whether indigenous or exotic, will become of such scenic interest or beauty that their development, protection, and preservation are desirable in the public interest” (Subsection 19 (1) (b) Reserves Act 1977).

Recreation Reserves are set aside “...for the purpose of providing areas for the recreation and sporting activities and the physical welfare and enjoyment of the public, and for the protection of 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” (Section 17 (1) Reserves Act 1977). However, “where scenic, historic, archaeological, biological, or natural features are present on the reserve, those features shall be managed and protected to the extent compatible with the principal or primary purpose of the reserve” (Subsection 17 (2) (b) Reserves Act 1977). Also, the value of the reserve “...as a soil, water, and forest conservation area shall be maintained.” (Subsection 17 (2) (d) Reserves Act 1977).

Local Purpose Reserves are set aside “...for the purpose of providing and retaining areas for such educational, community, social, or other local purposes...” (Section 23 (1) Reserves Act 1977). The Act also requires that, where compatible with the primary purpose of the reserve, other values shall be maintained and protected (as for Recreation Reserves, above)

The management of Esplanade Reserves is guided by the **Resource Management Act 1991**.

Esplanade Reserves are administered for the following purposes:

To contribute to the protection of conservation values by, in particular:

- *Maintaining or enhancing the natural functioning of the adjacent sea, river, or lake;*
- or,*
- *Maintaining or enhancing water quality; or*
- *Maintaining or enhancing aquatic habitats; or*

- *Protecting the natural values associated with the reserve; or*
- *Mitigating natural hazards; and*

To enable public access to or along the sea, a river, or a lake; and

To enable public recreational use of the esplanade reserve and adjacent sea, river, or lake, where that use is compatible with conservation values.

(Subsections 229 (2)(a), (b), and (c) Resource Management Act 1991)

Reserves management is also guided by the Reserves Act Guide (1999) produced by the Department of Conservation and Local Government New Zealand.

The Tasman District Council has prepared the Proposed Tasman Resource Management Plan to meet its obligations under the Resource Management Act 1991. The Council's obligations for resource management are set out in the Tasman Regional Policy Statement. The relevant general objectives for the provision and management of reserves and open space are set out in the Tasman Resource Management Plan:

- *The maintenance and enhancement of public access to and along the margins of lakes, rivers, wetlands and the coast, which are of recreational value to the public (Objective 8.1.0); and,*
- *Maintenance and enhancement of the natural character of the margins of lakes, rivers, wetlands and the coast, and the protection of that character from adverse effects of the subdivision, use, development or maintenance of land or other resources, including effects on landform, vegetation, habitats, ecosystems and natural processes (Objective 8.2.0); and,*
- *Protection and enhancement of cultural heritage items that contribute to the character, identity and visual amenity of the District (Objective 10.1.0); and,*
- *Adequate area and distribution of a wide range of reserves and open spaces to maintain and enhance recreation, conservation, access, and amenity values (Objective 14.1.0); and*
- *Efficient and effective use of open space and reserves to meet community needs for recreation and amenity (Objective 14.2.0); and*
- *The conservation of those areas in the District which have significant natural and scientific values such as landform, ecosystems, natural character and heritage values (Objective 14.3.0); and,*
- *The avoidance of significant adverse effects of activities and facilities on open space and recreational areas on the amenity values of surrounding areas (Objective 14.4.0).*

4.2 Other Objectives for the Provision and Management of Reserves

Other relevant objectives for the provision and management of reserves in Tasman District are contained in the Tasman District Recreation Strategy, approved by the Tasman District Council in June 1996. The strategy provides an indication of recreation development priorities for the next ten years and identifies major recreation issues in the District. The guiding objectives of this strategy are listed as follows:

- *Provide recreation opportunities which meet the expressed needs and aspirations of present and future communities. Council is a signatory to "Healthy Communities"; and*
- *Ensure the equitable provision of recreational resources provided by the council; and*
- *Ensure that maximum community benefit is gained from recreational services offered within the resources available; and*

- *Promote community use of and participation in recreational activities in the District; and,*
- *Ensure some revenue generation from merit leisure services.*

5.0 GENERAL POLICIES FOR LAKES-MURCHISON WARD RESERVES

5.1 Reserve Acquisition

- 5.1.1 Acquire land through reserve contributions from subdivisions and by other means to meet the present and future recreational and amenity needs of residents and for the protection of natural, historic, cultural and archaeological values;
- 5.1.2 Give priority to the acquisition of land that complements or links existing reserves so as to buffer forest remnants or estuary and river margins, and to provide continuous public walkways and open space;
- 5.1.3 Ensure that land is set aside for reserves and open space in all parts of the Lakes-Murchison Ward, to ensure all residents have easy access to local reserves;
- 5.1.4 Ensure that land acquired for reserves is of sufficient size, and is appropriately located, to protect the natural features of the land or to provide for public access;
- 5.1.5 Seek to acquire or manage land in partnership with other organizations to provide for the present and future recreational and amenity needs of residents of the District.
- 5.1.6 Give priority to the acquisition of land that supports rare or ecologically-valuable ecosystems or sites, in particular lowland forest, coastal vegetation, wetlands or geo-preservation sites.

5.2 Reserve Boundaries

- 5.2.1 Ensure that areas set aside as reserves have boundaries that are practical for reserve management and public use;
- 5.2.2 Seek equitable exchanges or purchase of adjoining land to improve reserve shape or to enable more effective reserve management;
- 5.2.3 Define reserve boundaries by fencing, planting, or other means, so that the extent of each reserve is clear to adjoining landholders and the public.

5.3 Reserve Monitoring

- 5.3.1 Regularly monitor the adequacy and effectiveness of reserve maintenance to ensure reserves are maintained to appropriate standards;
- 5.3.2 Monitor reserve use to determine whether uses are compatible with the primary purpose of reservation and to ensure that the reserves are adequately meeting community needs;
- 5.3.3 Monitor the natural, archaeological and historic values of reserves, especially threatened species of indigenous flora, fauna, and ecosystems, to ensure that such values are adequately protected. Liaise with individuals, groups and other agencies (such as the Department of Conservation).

5.4 Management Plan Review and Amendment

- 5.4.1 Review the adequacy or appropriateness of the individual policies of this management plan in response to changing circumstances or the changing conservation, recreation, or amenity needs of the community;
- 5.4.2 Undertake a comprehensive review of this management plan within ten years of the adoption of this plan by Council;
- 5.4.3 Provide for public consultation, as required by the Reserves Act 1977, during the review of the plan or the review of individual policies within the plan;

5.5 Reserves Act 1977

- 5.5.1 Give precedence to the Reserves Act 1977 if there is any conflict between the policies of the Lakes-Murchison Ward Reserves Management Plan and the Act.

5.6 Reserves Bylaws

- 5.6.1 Revoke any Parks and Reserves Bylaws that are inconsistent with the provisions of this management plan;
- 5.6.2 Review the Parks and Reserves Bylaws to include bylaws that give effect to the provisions of this management plan.

5.7 Public Access and Use

- 5.7.1 Ensure that reserves are freely available for use by individuals and groups on a casual basis, unless constrained by Council-approved events or activities;
- 5.7.2 Encourage multiple use of reserves and open space and recreation facilities where practical;
- 5.7.3 Ensure that fences, buildings, or other structures do not unnecessarily restrict foot access onto or across reserves;
- 5.7.4 Provide appropriate access, wherever practicable, for disabled persons to reserves and reserve facilities;
- 5.7.5 If necessary, restrict or prohibit activities that are in direct conflict with other reserve uses.

Explanation: Some activities, such as golf practice, can endanger other people and make reserve maintenance more difficult.

5.8 Vehicle Access and Parking

- 5.8.1 Prohibit motorized vehicle use on reserves unless:
 - permitted by individual reserve policies, or
 - on designated roadways and parking areas, or
 - vehicles are approved maintenance vehicles or emergency vehicles, or
 - vehicles are otherwise approved by Council for special events;

- 5.8.2 Provide adequate vehicle parking to cater for normal reserve use and, wherever possible, provide this parking on adjacent roads rather than on reserve land;
- 5.8.3 Restrict the use of bicycles and horses on reserves if such uses are in conflict with other activities.

5.9 Leases and Licences

- 5.9.1 Grant leases or licences for appropriate recreational or community use of reserves provided that:
- Where appropriate, the consent of the Minister of Conservation is first obtained
 - The use is compatible with the principal or primary purpose of the reserve
 - There is an established demand for the activity or structure proposed
 - The activity or structure does not conflict with the protection of the natural values of the reserve, and
 - The activity or structure does not conflict with other uses of the reserve;
- 5.9.2 Consult with the public over any proposals to grant leases or licences over reserves where such leases or licences are not already provided for in this plan;
- 5.9.3 Ensure that all occupations of reserves are authorized by leases or licences and are compatible with the Proposed Tasman Resource Management Plan;
- 5.9.4 Ensure that money received by the Council from the use or occupation of reserves is used for reserve management and development.

5.10 Commercial and Non-Commercial Activities

- 5.10.1 Permit commercial activities (trade, business or occupation) on reserve land only where compatible with the Reserves Act 1977, the General Policies of this management plan, and policies for the individual reserves. All commercial activities must be approved by Council, and be subject to General Policy 5.9 (above);
- 5.10.2 Generally permit non-commercial (not-for-profit) activities where such activities provide for or are associated with public use and are compatible with the primary purpose of the reserve.

5.11 Reserve Closure and Exclusive Use

- 5.11.1 Permit the exclusive use of recreation reserves for regular or occasional sporting or recreational events, subject to Council approval;
- 5.11.2 Close reserves (including Esplanade Reserves), or portions of reserves, for public use only when required for reserves maintenance or public safety.

5.12 Buildings and Structures

- 5.12.1 Prohibit the construction, or relocation, of buildings or structures on reserves unless:
- Compatible with the primary purpose of the reserve, and
 - Necessary to meet a demonstrated demand for public use, and

- Permitted by the management policies for the reserve;
- 5.12.2 Require all new buildings or structures, or alterations to existing buildings or structures, to meet design standards specified by the Proposed Tasman Resource Management Plan and other relevant legislation;
- 5.12.3 Require all proposals to construct or relocate buildings or structures on reserves to be accompanied by an assessment showing how the building and its colour will be compatible with the protection of the open space and amenity values of the reserve;
- 5.12.4 Prohibit the abandonment of buildings or structures on reserve land without Council consent;
- 5.12.5 Remove abandoned or unused buildings or structures from reserve land.
- 5.12.6 Seek any costs incurred in the removal of abandoned buildings or structures from the former occupier or user of the building;

5.13 Toilet Facilities

- 5.13.1 Provide toilet facilities at all reserves where:
- Organized sporting or recreational events are held regularly
 - Picnic facilities are provided
 - There is high public use
- unless adequate public toilet facilities are available nearby;
- 5.13.2 Ensure toilet wastes are disposed of into approved disposal systems;
- 5.13.3 Ensure that all toilet facilities are regularly cleaned and maintained;
- 5.13.4 Require organizers of activities on reserves without permanent toilet facilities, or where toilet facilities are inadequate for the anticipated use, to provide portable toilets for the duration of the activity.

5.14 Outdoor Furniture, Barbecues and Fires

- 5.14.1 Provide seating, picnic tables, and barbecues at reserves where there is a demonstrated public demand for such facilities;
- 5.14.2 Provide rubbish containers at reserves as required, and encourage a “take rubbish home” policy;
- 5.14.3 Ensure that all outdoor furniture, barbecues, and rubbish containers are well maintained and cleaned regularly;
- 5.14.4 Allow fires only in approved fireplaces or barbecue stands, and for authorised reserve maintenance, subject to any local or regional fire restrictions.
- 5.14.5 Consider the provision of gas or electric barbecues, instead of solid-fuel barbecues, at reserves with high fire risk and/or vulnerable vegetation.

5.15 Children's Play Equipment

5.15.1 Provide children's play equipment at a range of reserves in the Lakes-Murchison Ward to ensure that children's play areas are readily accessible to residents in all parts of the Ward;

Explanation: The Tasman District Recreation Strategy recommends one playground for every 1500 residents, spread evenly through suburban areas.

5.15.2 Construct children's play equipment to the appropriate safety standards and ensure that all children's play equipment complies with current building standards and has the required building consents;

5.15.3 Locate children's play equipment to:

- Minimize visual intrusion, and
- Take advantage of natural contour, shade and shelter, and
- Ensure sufficient space for other play activities, and
- Ensure safe and convenient access to paths, roads, or parking;

5.15.4 Ensure that there are barriers, such as gardens or fencing, between children's play equipment and busy roads;

5.15.5 Ensure that all children's play equipment is safe, well maintained, and cleaned regularly.

5.16 Signs

5.16.1 Ensure that all reserves and open space areas have adequate signs;

5.16.2 Design and progressively introduce a standard sign for all Council-administered reserves in the Ward;

5.16.3 Ensure that signs erected on reserves include the reserve name, and information about appropriate activities and natural values at the reserve;

5.16.4 Prohibit commercial advertising or sponsorship signs on reserves, unless specifically permitted by individual reserve policy and approved by Council;

5.16.5 Ensure that all signs comply with the provisions of the Proposed Tasman Resource Management Plan, and are adequately maintained.

5.17 Fencing

5.17.1 Ensure that reserve boundaries are fenced where necessary to:

- Adequately define reserve boundaries
- Prevent stock trespass
- Prevent unauthorized vehicle access
- Reduce risks in hazardous areas
- Ensure public safety;

5.17.2 Design and progressively introduce a range of standard fence designs for all Council-administered reserves;

5.17.3 Ensure that all fences are adequately maintained;

- 5.17.4 Seek from adjoining landowners a contribution towards the costs of fencing on reserve boundaries and, where possible, create fencing covenants on reserves¹.

5.18 Landscaping and Amenity Planting

- 5.18.1 Require all significant reserve development proposals to include a Council-approved landscape plan;
- 5.18.2 Limit the planting of high-maintenance flowerbeds and gardens to formal gardens and other similar areas;
- 5.18.3 Ensure that poisonous species are not planted adjacent to children's play equipment or play areas, but retain feature trees (such as kowhai) where they are already present at such sites;
- 5.18.4 Ensure that existing or potential plant pests (weeds) are not planted in reserves;
- 5.18.5 Include native species, propagated from plants native to the location, wherever possible in reserve planting programmes, including erosion-control plantings;
- 5.18.6 Plant more trees on reserves, where compatible with the purpose of the reserve and present uses;
- 5.18.7 Trim, remove and replace old or damaged trees that pose a significant safety risk, as determined by professional assessment where necessary;
- 5.18.8 Ensure that all Heritage Trees, such as those listed in the Proposed Tasman Resource Management Plan, are protected;
- 5.18.9 Ensure that any trees donated by the public for transplanting onto reserves are easily retrieved and appropriate to the reserve.

5.19 Plant and Animal Pest Control

- 5.19.1 Eradicate or contain plant and animal pests as required by the Tasman Regional Pest Management Strategy;
- 5.19.2 Undertake plant and animal pest control in reserves where such pests pose a threat to the natural values of the reserve or to public enjoyment of the reserve.
- 5.19.3 Coordinate pest control activities with pest control activities of the Department of Conservation and the Animal Health Board wherever practical.

5.20 Habitat and Heritage Conservation

- 5.20.1 Ensure that areas of indigenous vegetation and wildlife habitat on reserves are protected, especially those areas adjoining streams, lakes, rivers, and on or adjacent to areas of karst;
- 5.20.2 Enhance, wherever possible, the habitat values of reserves as part of reserve maintenance and development;

¹ Also see the Fencing Act 1978

- 5.20.3 Prohibit the removal of plants and animals (alive or dead) from reserves;
- 5.20.4 Prohibit the unauthorised dumping of rubbish, including hard-fill and garden waste, in reserves.
- 5.20.5 Ensure that historic, cultural and archaeological resources are protected, especially identified historic and archaeological sites.

5.21 Public Safety

- 5.21.1 Ensure that all unsafe structures and equipment on reserves are removed, made safe, or clearly identified by signs;
- 5.21.2 Ensure that known hazards on or adjacent to reserves are adequately identified and significant risks to the public mitigated wherever appropriate and practical;
- 5.21.3 Prohibit the erection of permanent or temporary structures or equipment on reserves that are likely to result in injury to the public;
- 5.21.4 Prohibit the carrying or use of firearms or any other weapon on reserves, except those reserves where game bird hunting is permitted by individual reserve policies, or unless otherwise approved by the Council.

5.22 Camping

- 5.22.1 Prohibit overnight camping on reserves unless specifically permitted by reserve policies.

5.23 Domestic Animals

- 5.23.1 Restrict dogs in reserves as required by the Tasman District Council Dog Control Bylaw 1997;
*Explanation: The Tasman District Council Dog Control Bylaw 1997 requires that dogs be under control at all times, and under leash control in all public places except areas zoned Rural or Rural Residential in the Proposed Tasman Resource Management Plan.
Dogs may be prohibited at other sites by a Council resolution.*
- 5.23.2 Prohibit dogs at all Sports Grounds, within 10 m of picnic tables and children's play equipment at all reserves, and at other reserves where individual reserve policies prohibit dogs;
Explanation: This prohibition is required by the Tasman District Council Dog Control Bylaw. Dog exercise areas are also identified by individual reserve policies.
- 5.23.3 Prohibit the taking of domestic animals (other than dogs and horses) onto reserves;
- 5.23.4 Allow the use of horses on reserves where individual reserve policies permit such use.

5.24 Adjoining Land-uses

- 5.24.1 Ensure that adjoining land uses do not encroach on reserve land, and take action against landholders who deliberately encroach on reserve land;
- 5.24.2 Prohibit motorized vehicle access to adjoining land through reserve land unless authorized by Council;
- 5.24.3 Ensure that activities on reserves do not unduly affect the quiet enjoyment of neighbouring properties;
- 5.24.4 Consult with neighbouring residents where significant developments are proposed on adjoining reserve land;
- 5.24.5 Prohibit the disposal of garden or other waste from adjoining properties on reserves.

5.25 Community Involvement

- 5.25.1 Encourage community participation in reserve management and protection through management committees, support groups, or casual work parties;
Explanation: Management Committees comprise members elected by the public for a three-year term to assist the Council with reserve management on a voluntary basis.
- 5.25.2 Adequately service approved management committees and reserve support groups so as to allow the meaningful involvement of such groups in reserve maintenance and development;
- 5.25.3 Develop a protocol for community group involvement in reserve management and protection;
- 5.25.4 Liaise with reserve support groups over reserve development proposals.

5.26 Reservation and Classification

- 5.26.1 To reserve areas under Section 14 Reserves Act 1977, and classify areas as Local Purpose Reserve or Recreation Reserve under Section 16 of the Act as proposed by individual reserves policies, or as deemed appropriate by Council;
- 5.26.2 Consider revoking reserve status where it is considered that the land is no longer required for reserve purposes, or changing the classification of a reserve if the primary purpose or use of the reserve has changed, while taking account of the original purpose and terms of reservation and in consultation with the original donor of the land if possible;
- 5.26.3 Ensure that, where a change in reserve classification or purpose is requested by another organization, that organization meets the cost of the reclassification process unless otherwise determined by Council;
- 5.26.4 Provide for public consultation over any proposed change of status, as required by the Reserves Act 1977.

6.0 POLICIES FOR CATEGORIES OF RESERVES

6.1 Urban Open Space and Amenity Reserves

- 6.1.1 Manage open space reserves for the primary purpose of protecting open space and amenity values;
- 6.1.2 Permit the use of open space reserves for informal recreation and play;
- 6.1.3 Prohibit the construction of buildings on open space reserves, unless required for public amenity, safety or hygiene (e.g. public toilets);
- 6.1.4 Prohibit the leasing of open space reserves, or the use of such reserves for commercial activities, other than in exceptional circumstances and then only with the prior approval of Council unless specifically permitted by individual reserve policies.

6.2 Sports Grounds

- 6.2.1 Manage sports grounds primarily for organized sporting activities, encouraging multiple-use of facilities where practical;
- 6.2.2 Require prior permission from Council for the regular use of sports grounds for organized sports or other associated activities;
- 6.2.3 Permit the leasing of sports grounds where compatible with the primary purpose of the reserve;
- 6.2.4 Permit sponsorship of sporting activities, and advertising associated with sporting activities, with the prior approval of Council;
- 6.2.5 Prohibit dogs from sports grounds except as part of approved Dog Training Classes.

6.3 Rural Recreation and Esplanade Reserves

- 6.3.1 Manage rural recreation and esplanade reserves for the primary purpose of protecting indigenous flora and fauna, and archaeological and historic sites. And, where compatible with this primary objective, provide opportunities for informal recreation and public access to the countryside;
- 6.3.2 Provide toilets, rubbish disposal, and picnic facilities where required to meet public demand;
- 6.3.3 Permit the construction of approved barbecue facilities, provided water is readily available for fire control;
- 6.3.4 Prohibit overnight camping unless approved by Council;
- 6.3.5 Allow the construction of buildings and facilities only where necessary for recreational use or management of the reserve.

6.3.6 Allow the construction of erosion-control works, subject to Council approval.

6.4 Scenic Reserves

6.4.1 Manage scenic reserves for the primary purpose of protecting and preserving indigenous flora and fauna, scenic character, archaeological and historic values, and natural landscapes;

6.4.2 Allow the use of scenic reserves for recreational and other community activities where such use is compatible with the primary purpose of the reserve, as defined by the Reserves Act 1977, and compatible with Policy 6.5.1 above;

6.4.3 Eradicate or control introduced plants and animals to the extent required for the protection of ecological values.

RESERVE DESCRIPTIONS AND POLICIES

TAPAWERA RESERVES

Tapawera Memorial Park

Map 12

Location: State Highway 61, Tapawera
 Legal Description:..... Lot 19 DP 2610 Blk IX Wai iti SD
 Owner/Origin: TDC
 Classification: Recreation Reserve (Gazette Notice 1981 p1131)
 Size: 1.9914 ha.
 Legal Description:..... Lot 1&2 DP 12619 & Lot 1 DP 11836
 Owner/Origin: TDC, CT 7C/1278
 Classification: Recreation Reserve
 Size: 2.4261 ha.
 Management Category:.. Sports Grounds

Description:

Tapawera Memorial Park is located beside State Highway 61 and adjacent to Tapawera Area School. The reserve comprises two parts, separated by an area of Council-owned ex-railway reserve. The part of the reserve between the railway reserve and the highway is occupied by a rugby field, car park and three buildings: the Tapawera Toy Library and Memorial Hall adjacent to the highway, and the Scout Den in the southeast corner. The part of the reserve east of the railway reserve comprises an open grassed area with one rugby field and an open-sided shed owned by the Tapawera Shearing Committee.

The main vehicle entrance to the reserve is from Matai Crescent, along the old railway reserve. The Tapawera Rugby Football Clubrooms are located on Council-owned land adjacent to the reserve. The reserve appears tidy and well-maintained. A management committee is responsible for day-to-day management of the reserve.

Issues affecting the reserve include an earlier proposal to provide tennis courts at the reserve, and the status and future use of the Council-owned land adjoining the reserve (including the old railway reserve).

Leases:

- Scout Association
- Nelson Playcentre Association
- Tapawera Toy Library

Policies:

See General Policies and policies for Sports Grounds.

Tapawera Playground**Map 12**

Location: Rata Avenue, Tapawera

Legal Description:.... Lot 60 DP 13973 Blk IX Wai iti SD

Owner/Origin: TDC, transferred from Crown, CT 9A/98

Classification: Recreation Reserve

Size: 1.9870 ha.

Management Category:.. Urban Open Space and Amenity

Description:

Tapawera Playground is a large open grassed area located behind residential sections on Kowhai Street and Matai Crescent in the centre of Tapawera. It adjoins Rata Avenue and Totara Street Reserve to the north, and is adjacent to Tawa Place Playground across Kowhai Street to the southeast. There are formed footpaths to the reserve from Matai Crescent and Kowhai Street, and vehicle and pedestrian access from Rata Avenue.

Moderate-sized trees grow at the edges of the reserve. A broad swale that serves as a storm-water channel runs along the eastern edge of the reserve. Play equipment located on the reserve includes a raised wooden fort, swings, slide, rugby goal-posts and a basketball hoop. Council has recently granted money for the development of a skate-board park within the reserve. Play equipment will also be upgraded.

A submission received during the preparation of this management plan supported retention of open space and the maintenance of play equipment at the reserve. Issues affecting the reserve include management of the storm-water swale through the reserve and the location of the proposed skate-board park.

Policies:

1. Upgrade play equipment and develop a skate-board park, in consultation with local residents.

See General Policies and policies for Urban Open Space and Amenity Reserves.

Map 12

Tapawera-Tadmor Road Walkway

Map 12

Location: Tapawera
 Legal Description:.... Lot 1 DP 302811
 Owner/Origin: TDC as result of subdivision of railway land
 Classification: Local Purpose Reserve
 Size: 0.5969 ha.
 Management Category:.. Urban Open Space and Amenity

Description:

The Tapawera-Tadmor Road Walkway follows the old railway formation at the northwest edge of Tapawera. It has been developed as a well-formed walking track providing access between the main road (State Highway 61) and the Tapawera-Glenhope (Tadmor) Road. The walkway lies between the Tapawera Holiday Park to the northeast and farmland to the southwest.

A submission received during the preparation of this management plan supported the removal of weeds and the beautification of the reserve by plantings.

Policies:

See General Policies and policies for Urban Open Space and Amenity Reserves.

Tawa Place Playground

Map 12

Location: Tawa Place/Matai Crescent, Tapawera
 Legal Description:.... Lot 59 DP 13973 Blk IX Wai iti SD
 Owner/Origin: TDC, transferred from Crown, CT 9A/97
 Classification: Recreation Reserve
 Size: 0.4613 ha.
 Management Category:.. Urban Open Space and Amenity

Description:

Tawa Place Playground is located between Tawa Place, Kowhai Street and Matai Crescent in Tapawera. It is an open grassed area with a few moderate-sized trees around its margin and play equipment at the Tawa Place side of the reserve. Play equipment at the reserve has been recently upgraded. The reserve boundaries are not fenced.

A submission received during the preparation of this management plan supported use of the reserve by younger children and encouraging older children to use the larger Tapawera Playground.

Policies:

See General Policies and policies for Urban Open Space and Amenity Reserves.

Totara Street Reserve

Map 12

Location: Totara Street/Rata Avenue, Tapawera

Legal Description:.... Lot 1 DP 18882 Blk IX Wai iti SD

Owner/Origin: TDC, CT 12B/190

Classification: Recreation Reserve

Size: 1.0493 ha.

Management Category:.. Urban Open Space and Amenity

Description:

Totara Street Reserve is an open grassed area located between Rata Avenue and State Highway 61 on the north side of Tapawera. The reserve is dominated by a broad grassed storm-water swale. There are no facilities located on the reserve, though the reserve lies adjacent to Tapawera Playground Reserve across Rata Avenue to the south. There are a few small trees on the reserve.

No comments regarding the reserve were received during the preparation of this management plan.

Policies:

See General Policies and policies for Urban Open Space and Amenity Reserves.

MOTUPIKO, TADMOR AND STANLEY BROOK RESERVES

Old School Road Esplanade Reserve

Map 13

Location: Old School Road, Kohatu

Legal Description:..... Lot 3 DP 17160 Blk XIII Wai iti SD

Owner/Origin: TDC, arising from subdivision, CT 11B/187

Classification: Local Purpose (Esplanade) Reserve

Size: 3.1000 ha.

Management Category:.. Rural Recreation and Esplanade

Description:

Old School Road Reserve covers a narrow strip of land on the west bank of the Motueka River just north of Kohatu (several kilometers south of Tapawera). The reserve is not readily accessible from the road and the precise locations of reserve boundaries are difficult to determine on the ground. The reserve appears to support rough riverbank vegetation dominated by crack willow.

A submission received during the preparation of this draft management plan supported improvement of public access to this reserve.

Policies:

1. Maintain the reserve to provide flood protection, public access and to enhance riparian habitat.

See General Policies and policies for Rural Recreation and Esplanade Reserves.

Map 13

Poplars Recreation Reserve

Map 15

Location: Tadmor Valley Road, Tapawera
 Legal Description: Pt Sec 11 Square 5 (DP 3326) Blk XVI Wangapeka SD
 Owner/Origin: to be checked
 Classification: Recreation Reserve (Gazette Notice 1980 p2709)
 Size: 0.1315 ha.
 Legal Description: Sec 2 SO 14168 Blk XVI Wangapeka SD
 Owner/Origin: to be checked
 Classification: Recreation Reserve
 Size: 0.4701 ha.
 Management Category: .. Rural Recreation and Esplanade

Description:

Poplars Recreation Reserve covers a narrow section of land adjacent to the main road (Glenhope-Tadmor Road) at Tadmor, approximately nine kilometres southwest of Tapawera. The reserve includes a formed vehicle track from the road, the old railway formation, an area of open grass and a two asphalt tennis courts. The Tadmor Tennis Club building is located next to the courts at the southwest side of the reserve. Small shrubs and clumps of pampas grass surround the grassed area. The remains of what appears to be an old concrete railway platform lie within the reserve.

A submission received during the preparation of this management plan supported the protection and interpretation of historic values of the reserve and requested clarification of ownership of the reserve.

Leases:

- Tadmor Tennis Club

Policies:

1. Investigate the historic value of the old concrete railway platform and ensure that any historic values are maintained and protected.

(Also see General Policies and policies for Rural Recreation and Esplanade Reserves)

Map 15

Motupiko Esplanade Reserve

Map 14

Location: State Highway 6, Motupiko
 Legal Description: Lot 4&5 DP 16564 Blk IV Tadmor SD
 Owner/Origin: TDC, CT 10D/592
 Classification: Local Purpose (Esplanade) Reserve
 Size: 1.7830 ha.
 Management Category:.. Rural Recreation and Esplanade

Description:

Tadmor Esplanade Reserve covers a narrow strip of land on the west bank of the Motupiko River south of Motupiko. The reserve is accessible from State Highway 6 via a formed gravel road that leads to the Motupiko River between the two parcels of reserve land. The reserve appears to include a raised stop-bank and supports riverbank vegetation dominated by willow.

Submissions received during the preparation of this management plan concerned the possible addition of areas adjoining the reserve, and a request to list the reserve as Motupiko Esplanade Reserve rather than “Tadmor Esplanade Reserve”.

Policies:

1. Maintain the reserve to provide flood protection, public access to the river and to enhance riparian habitat.

(Also see General Policies and policies for Rural Recreation and Esplanade Reserves)

Map 14

Stanley Brook Memorial Recreation Reserve

Map 11

Location: State Highway 61, Stanley Brook
 Legal Description: Sec 185 Square 6 Blk V Upper Motueka SD
 Owner/Origin: TDC
 Classification: Recreation Reserve (Gazette Notice 1980 p3081)
 Size: 2.5300 ha.
 Management Category: .. Rural Recreation and Esplanade

Description:

Stanley Brook Memorial Recreation Reserve is a large rectangular-shaped section southeast of the corner of Motueka Valley Road (State Highway 61) and Sunday Creek Road. The reserve is largely undeveloped, except for the presence of a public hall (an old school building) at the northwest corner of the reserve and a smaller library building adjacent to Sunday Creek Road. Maintenance and upgrading work has been undertaken on the buildings, including the installation of a new toilet system.

A large concrete war memorial with a flagpole is located on the reserve. There are several large trees, including redwood, giant sequoia and silver beech. A fence divides the reserve into two parts, both of which are grazed. A management committee is responsible for day-to-day management of the reserve.

A submission received during the preparation of this management plan requested investigation of the historic values of the old school building on the reserve.

Policies:

1. Assist the management committee to maintain public facilities on the reserve for use by the local community.
2. Ensure that the larger trees on the reserve are adequately protected.
3. Investigate historic values through discussions with local residents and further research.

See General Policies and policies for Rural Recreation and Esplanade Reserves.

Map 11

ST ARNAUD AND TOPHOUSE RESERVES

Alpine Forest Reserve

Map 10

Location: State Highway 63, Tophouse/St Arnaud

Legal Description: Lot 16 DP 17874 Blk XIV Motupiko SD

Owner/Origin: TDC, from subdivision, CT 12A/339

Classification: Local Purpose Reserve

Size: 34.2060 ha.

Management Category: .. Rural Recreation and Esplanade

Description:

Alpine Forest Reserve adjoins the Alpine Meadows subdivision on the north-facing slopes of the St Arnaud Range approximately seven kilometres east of St Arnaud. Most of the reserve supports mixed silver beech-mountain beech-red beech forest, with areas of kanuka scrub nearer the road (State Highway 63). The reserve adjoins Nelson Lakes National Park on two sides (west and south), which is administered by the Department of Conservation. It supports a forest community similar to that present in the National Park.

A thorough botanical inspection was not undertaken as part of the preparation of this management plan, but the reserve is likely to support threatened species of beech mistletoes and may provide suitable habitat for the threatened understorey tree *Pittosporum patulum*. The reserve also supports forest bird habitat contiguous with much larger habitats on adjoining public conservation land.

Submissions received during the preparation of this management plan noted the likely presence of threatened plant species, the importance of the reserve as part of a forest corridor between the forests of Buller and western Marlborough, and requested that any access to the reserve be from Alpine Meadows Drive (rather than directly from the highway). A majority of submissions favoured the retention of the reserve by Council and protection of the reserve as Scenic Reserve.

Policies:

1. Retain the reserve in Council ownership, reclassify the reserve as Scenic Reserve and retain the option of future transfer of the reserve to the Department of Conservation.

See General Policies and policies for Rural Recreation and Esplanade Reserves.

Map 10

Borlase Avenue Recreation Reserve

Map 9

Location: Borlase Avenue, St Arnaud
 Legal Description:.... Lot 24 DP 20252
 Owner/Origin: TDC, from subdivision
 Classification: Recreation Reserve
 Size: 0.907 ha.
 Management Category:.. Urban Open Space and Amenity

Description:

Borlase Avenue Recreation Reserve covers a small section on Brookvale Drive (off Borlase Avenue) at St Arnaud. The reserve is undeveloped except for a raised stop-bank alongside the stream that runs through the reserve. Native shrubs, predominantly toetoe, flax, broadleaf, *Olearia avicennifolia* and *Hebe* sp., have been planted on the stop-bank and along the stream margins.

Other vegetation in the reserve includes matagouri, kanuka and rank grass. A number of weedy introduced species are present, including Darwin's barberry, flowering currant, Douglas fir and *Cotoneaster* sp. A large crack willow tree is present alongside the stream at the western edge of the reserve.

Submissions received during the preparation of this management plan suggested that willow trees be removed from the reserve, native vegetation be planted, bird habitat be improved and that the reserve become an Esplanade Reserve rather than a Recreation Reserve. Other issues affecting the reserve include the maintenance of flood control works alongside the stream (to prevent flooding of properties in Brookvale Drive), the removal of aggressive weeds from the reserve and the extent to which the reserve should be developed for recreational use.

Policies:

1. Remove large willow trees from the reserve and adjoining areas of road reserve, in consultation with adjoining property owners.
2. Protect the remnant native vegetation in the reserve and maintain the recently-planted native species.
3. Remove all introduced woody weeds from the reserve and liaise with adjoining property owners to reduce the risk of introduced plants spreading onto the reserve.
4. Investigate the development of a mown grassed area between the stop-bank and Brookvale Drive as a neighbourhood amenity area.
5. Enhance habitat for native birds by establishing plants indigenous to the area.

See General Policies and policies for Urban Open Space and Amenity Reserves)

Map 9

Map 6

Porika Track Reserve

Map 8

Location: Porika Track, Rotoroa
 Legal Description:.... Lot 18 DP 9770 Blk II Rotoroa SD
 Owner/Origin: TDC
 Classification: Recreation Reserve
 Size: 0.2320 ha.
 Management Category:.. Rural Recreation and Esplanade

Description:

Porika Track Reserve is a small reserve located between residential sections and the Porika Track, at the outlet of Lake Rotoroa in the Gowan Valley. The reserve supports tall red beech forest with a diverse range of understorey species including horopito, kohuhu, fuchsia, wineberry, pate, lancewood, bush lawyer, broadleaf, parsonsia, prickly shield fern, *Coprosma rotundifolia* and *Astelia* sp. Young podocarps, miro and kahikatea, are also present.

The reserve adjoins Nelson Lakes National Park across legal road (Porika Track) and the forest on the reserve is similar to and contiguous with that in the national park. Submissions received during the preparation of this management plan noted the possible presence of threatened beech forest mistletoe species in the reserve and a suggestion that the reserve be reclassified as Scenic Reserve.

Policies:

1. Manage the reserve in a way that is compatible with management of the adjoining national park.

(Also see General Policies and policies for Rural Recreation and Esplanade Reserves)

Map 8

MURCHISON RESERVES

Murchison Playground

Map 1

Location: Fairfax Street, Murchison
 Legal Description: Pt Sec 41 & Pt Sec 42 (A 1143) Town of Murchison
 Owner/Origin: TDC, CT 35/181
 Classification: Local Purpose Reserve
 Size: 0.1856 ha.
 Management Category: .. Urban Open Space and Amenity

Description:

Murchison Playground is located on the corner of Fairfax and Hampden streets in Murchison. The western (Fairfax Street) part of the reserve is occupied by a car park. The remaining area is grassed and occupied by a small gazebo, scattered shrubs and play equipment, including a wooden climbing wall, slides, swings and a climbing frame.

The Murchison Lions Club collects donations at the reserve for maintenance of playground facilities in Murchison. Public toilets and Plunket Rooms are located across Hampden Street.

Submissions received during the preparation of this management plan requested that more money be made available to enable more regular maintenance of the reserve.

Policies:

See General Policies and policies for Urban Open Space and Amenity Reserves.

Murchison Recreation Reserve

Map 1

Location: Waller Street, Murchison
 Legal Description: Sec 18 Square 170 Blk I Tutaki SD
 Owner/Origin: TDC
 Classification: Recreation Reserve (Gazette Notice 1981 p2191)
 Size: 6.0703 ha.
 Management Category: .. Sports Grounds

Description:

Murchison Recreation Reserve is a large reserve adjoining State Highway 6 in Murchison. The reserve contains the main recreational facilities in Murchison. Facilities located on the reserve include a public hall (Aorangi Hall), a concrete grandstand, rugby clubrooms, squash court, rugby fields,

bowling green and clubrooms, tennis courts, St John Ambulance headquarters, an open-sided shed (A&P axemen's shed otherwise used as skate-board park), sheep-pens (for A&P shows), Pony Clubrooms and public toilets.

As well as the facilities on the reserve there is also a considerable area of open space utilized for rugby, Pony Club activities and A&P Shows. A section of the reserve adjacent to the highway includes a war memorial and gardens. A vehicle track runs through the reserve between State Highway 6 and Hampden Street. A broad storm-water swale runs across the reserve.

Proposals to develop the reserve include replacement of the concrete grandstand complex (including the hall, rugby clubrooms and squash court), provision of a further rugby field, changing the location of the Pony Club and upgrading of the tennis courts. A management committee is responsible for day-to-day management of the reserve. Development proposals are being developed in consultation with this management committee. Options for increasing the size of the reserve will be investigated. A coordinated approach to development of the reserve will be taken with the Murchison Community.

Submissions received during the preparation of this management plan requested that the management committee continue to manage the reserve, that more money be made available for reserve maintenance, and that the management plan be flexible enough to enable disposal of the reserve if appropriate.

Leases:

- Murchison A&P Association
- Murchison Pony Club
- Murchison Lions Club
- Murchison Rugby Football Club
- Murchison Squash Club (annual rent)
- Murchison Bowling Club
- Emergency Services (5 year lease)

Policies:

1. Upgrade and develop the reserve in consultation with the management committee.
2. Include enhancement of the storm-water swale, such as planting of shrubs, as part of any reserve development.

See General Policies and policies for Sports Grounds

Map 1

Murchison RSA Hall

Map 1

Location: Hampden Street, Murchison
 Legal Description: Pt Sec 21 Square 170 Blk I Tutaki SD
 Owner/Origin: TDC, CT 102/166
 Classification: fee simple
 Size: 0.0809 ha.
 Management Category: .. Urban Open Space and Amenity

Description:

Murchison RSA Hall is located at the corner of Hampden and Brunner streets in Murchison. The hall building occupies most of the land except for a car park at the northern side of the building and a narrow strip of grass along the eastern side of the building. The building is presently used as a public hall.

The land was transferred from the Women's Division of Federated Farmers to the Nelson RSA in 1951, and then transferred to the Waimea County Council in 1975. A submission received during the preparation of this management plan suggested that the management plan be flexible enough to enable disposal of the land if a more suitable facility was developed as a public hall in Murchison.

Policies:

1. Investigate disposal of the building and land in conjunction with the development of a purpose-built public hall at Murchison Recreation Reserve.
2. Recognise and acknowledge the RSA Memorial at any new facility or location.

(Also see General Policies and policies for Urban Open Space and Amenity Reserves)

Riverview Recreation Reserve

Map 2

Location: State Highway 6, Murchison
 Legal Description: Sec 136 Blk II Tutaki SD
 Owner/Origin: Vested TDC 1989? (Vested as Domain Gazette Notice 1962 p23)
 Classification: Recreation Reserve
 Size: 27.4175 ha.
 Management Category: .. Rural Recreation and Esplanade

Description:

Riverview Recreation Reserve lies between State Highway 6 and the Buller River on the eastern approaches to Murchison. The reserve is occupied by the Murchison Golf Club. The Buller River forms the northern boundary of the reserve, and a remnant of floodplain forest (Riverview Scenic Reserve)

forms the southern boundary between the golf course and State Highway 6. The Murchison Campground adjoins the reserve to the southwest.

The main part of the reserve is developed and maintained as a golf course, with large planted trees and the golf clubrooms. Access to the reserve by vehicle is from State Highway 6 through the area of native forest. A further vehicle access track traverses the eastern edge of the golf course, providing vehicle access to the Buller River. A well-formed pedestrian track provides access through the adjoining forest to the golf course from the campground, and rough remnants of a walking track are present along the riverbanks.

Vegetation at the Buller River edge of the golf course is predominantly tall crack willow forest with rank grass and weeds including blackberry, barberry, broom, Himalayan honeysuckle and tutsan. Occasional native species are present, including lowland ribbonwood, shining karamu, kohuhu, kiokio and kowhai. Large remnant lowland ribbonwood trees are present at the eastern end of the golf course. Stands of tall pine and Douglas fir trees are also present alongside the golf course.

The eastern corner of the reserve is presently occupied by an untidy wood-processing area. Submissions received during the preparation of this management plan requested that the walkway (through the adjacent Riverview Reserve) be maintained, that river protection works be maintained at the eastern edge of the reserve, that the eastern part of the reserve be tidied, the dumping of rubbish discouraged in that area, and that the reserve be managed to enhance the adjoining scenic reserve.

There is considerable potential for enhancement of remnant native vegetation around the margins of the reserve, in conjunction with management of the adjoining Riverview Scenic Reserve), and the development of public walking tracks along the riverbank.

Leases:

- Murchison Golf Club (5 years with 15 years right of renewal, expires 2019).

Policies:

1. Investigate the development of a walking track along the Buller River boundary of the reserve, through the dense river-bank vegetation, providing a round-trip from the campground, in consultation with the Murchison Golf Club.
2. Tidy the eastern part of the reserve, between the golf course and the Buller River.
3. Manage the reserve in a way that is compatible and complementary to management of the adjoining Riverview Scenic Reserve, including the removal of weeds that may threaten the forest.

(Also see General Policies and policies for Rural Recreation and Esplanade Reserves)

Map 2

Riverview Scenic Reserve

Map 2

Location: State Highway 6, Murchison
 Legal Description: Sec 26 Blk II Tutaki SD
 Owner/Origin: Gazette Notice 1947 p512?
 Classification: Scenic Reserve, Section 19(1)(a)
 Size: 4.6564 ha.
 Management Category: ... Scenic

Description:

Riverview Scenic Reserve is located alongside State Highway 6 on the northern approach to Murchison. It adjoins Riverview Recreation Reserve (the Murchison Golf Course) to the north and Murchison Campground to the west. The road to the Murchison Golf Course traverses the eastern part of the reserve.

The reserve supports a remnant of native floodplain forest dominated by tall kahikatea trees. Other canopy species include matai, totara and red beech. The forest is in relatively good condition with a dense understorey dominated by mahoe, *Streblus heterophyllus*, pate, tree ferns (wheki-ponga), horopito, hen and chickens fern, *Coprosma rotundifolia*, lemonwood, kaikomako, *Lophomyrtus obcordata*, fuchsia, prickly shield fern, hound's tongue fern and *Melicope simplex*. The rare forest herb *Australina pusilla* is also present. Woody weeds present on the margins of the forest remnant are crack willow, hawthorn, barberry and cherry laurel.

A well-formed walking track traverses the reserve, providing access from the campground to the golf course. It also provides a pleasant short round-trip through the forest. A drainage swale runs along the northern boundary of the reserve, and other parts of the reserve are also permanently wet.

The reserve is a good example of the original tall podocarp floor forest that would have occupied river floodplains and other valley-floor sites in the area. Protection of the forest from invasive weeds and animal pests is an important management priority. The reserve is clearly visible from State Highway 6 and provides a scenic backdrop for visitors traveling on the highway. The reserve is likely to provide important habitat, including seasonal food resources, for native birds such as kereru (NZ pigeon). A submission received during the preparation of this management plan supported protection of this forest remnant, control of weeds and restoration of the water table.

Policies:

1. Remove woody weeds from the forest.
2. Ensure animal pests populations are reduced to levels at which they do not threaten the integrity of the forest habitat.
3. Maintain the walking track through the reserve.
4. Place an interpretive panel in the reserve to inform visitors of the importance of the forest remnant.
5. Maintain and restore the water table of the reserve.

(Also see General Policies and policies for Rural Recreation and Esplanade Reserves)

MARUIA, MANGLES AND MATAKITAKI RESERVES

Lower Maruia Recreation Reserve

Map 7

Location: State Highway 65, Shenandoah
 Legal Description: Lot 1&2 DP 4487 & Lot 1&2 DP 4584 Blk VIII Maruia SD
 Owner/Origin: Crown, vested in TDC (Gazette Notice 1984 p4888)
 Classification: Recreation Reserve (Gazette Notice 1981 p2687)
 Size: 0.9295 ha.
 Management Category: .. Rural Recreation and Esplanade

Description:

Lower Maruia Recreation Reserve is located alongside State Highway 65 at Shenandoah in the Maruia Valley. The reserve is undeveloped and presently grazed in conjunction with surrounding farmland. The reserve boundaries are difficult to locate precisely on the ground.

There are large poplar and macrocarpa trees on the reserve, and large clumps of blackberry. The reserve is otherwise unoccupied, though old concrete foundations indicate the former presence of a building.

A submission received during the preparation of this management plan requested that no new access points be created onto the highway.

Policies:

1. Investigate disposal of the reserve, in consultation with local residents.

(Also see General Policies and policies for Rural Recreation and Esplanade Reserves)

Map 7

Mangles Valley Esplanade Reserve

Map 4

Location: Confluence of Mangles and Blackwater rivers

Legal Description:.... Lot 4 DP 17476 Blk II Tutaki SD

Owner/Origin: TDC

Classification: Local Purpose (Esplanade) Reserve

Size: 0.0025 ha.

Management Category:.. Rural Recreation and Esplanade

Description:

This small parcel of land lies alongside the Mangles Valley Road at the junction of Blackwater Road. The precise locations of the boundaries of the reserve are difficult to determine on the ground. However, the reserve appears to support disturbed vegetation dominated by bracken, blackberry, koromiko, broadleaf, wineberry and possibly mountain beech. A submission received during the preparation of this draft management plan suggested that threatened small-leaved species may be present in the reserve. These species were not observed at the site, and the size of the reserve (25m²) is probably insufficient to provide useful habitat for such species.

Policies:

(Also see General Policies and policies for Rural Recreation and Esplanade Reserves)

Map 4

Matakitaki Recreation Reserve

Map 5

Location: Maruia Saddle Road, Maruia
 Legal Description: Sec 26, 27 & 28 Blk VI Matakitaki SD
 Owner/Origin: Crown, vested in TDC (Gazette Notice 1989 p1124)
 Classification: Recreation Reserve
 Size: 0.9585 ha.
 Management Category: .. Rural Recreation and Esplanade

Description:

Matakitaki Recreation Reserve comprises three parcels of land in the upper Matakitaki Valley at the junction of Matakitaki and Brooks roads. Two adjoining parcels of reserve land are located on the south side of the Matakitaki Road and are occupied by an old wooden hall. The rest of this part of the reserve is grazed in conjunction with adjoining farmland and supports rough pasture, bracken, blackberry and *Coprosma* shrubs.

The third parcel of land is located on the north side of the road. It supports regenerating vegetation dominated by kanuka, with bracken, koromiko, broadleaf, mahoe, three-finger, *Gaultheria antipoda* and young red beech trees. The weeds barberry and cotoneaster are also present. The precise boundaries of this part of the reserve are difficult to ascertain on the ground, as the vegetation of the reserve is contiguous with similar vegetation on adjoining land.

One submission received during the preparation of this management plan opposed sale of part of the reserve; other submissions supported the sale. Council has previously proposed to sell the reserve and has consulted with the public over this proposal.

Leases:

- Mr Dellabosca (annual)

Policies:

1. Continue to investigate disposal of the part of the reserve on the south side of the road (Sections 26 and 28).
2. Retain the part of the reserve on the north side of the road (Section 27), or offer to the Department of Conservation.

See General Policies and policies for Rural Recreation and Esplanade Reserves.

Map 5

8.0 PLANT SPECIES LISTED BY COMMON NAME

Common Name	Botanical Name
barberry	<i>Berberis glaucocarpa</i>
beech mistletoe.....	<i>Peraxilla</i> spp. and <i>Alepis</i> sp.
blackberry	<i>Rubus fruticosus</i>
bracken	<i>Pteridium esculentum</i>
broadleaf.....	<i>Griselinia littoralis</i>
broom.....	<i>Cytisus scoparius</i>
bush lawyer.....	<i>Rubus cissoides</i>
cherry laurel	<i>Prunus laurocerasus</i>
cotoneaster.....	<i>Cotoneaster</i> sp.
crack willow.....	<i>Salix fragilis</i>
Darwin's barberry	<i>Berberis darwinii</i>
Douglas fir	<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>
flax.....	<i>Phormium tenax</i>
flowering currant	<i>Ribes sanguineum</i>
fuchsia.....	<i>Fuchsia excorticata</i>
giant sequoia	<i>Sequoiadendron giganteum</i>
gorse	<i>Ulex europaeus</i>
hawthorn.....	<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>
hen and chickens fern	<i>Asplenium bulbiferum</i>
Himalayan honeysuckle.....	<i>Leycesteria formosa</i>
horopito	<i>Pseudowintera colorata</i>
hound's tongue fern.....	<i>Microsorium pustulatum</i>
kahikatea	<i>Dacrydium dacrydioides</i>
kaikomako.....	<i>Pennantia corymbosa</i>
kanuka.....	<i>Kunzea ericoides</i>
kiokio.....	<i>Blechnum novae-zelandiae</i>
kohuhu	<i>Pittosporum tenuifolium</i>
koromiko	<i>Hebe salicifolia</i>
kowhai.....	<i>Sophora microphylla</i>
lancewood.....	<i>Pseudopanax crassifolius</i>
Lawson's cypress.....	<i>Chamaecyparis lawsoniana</i>
lemonwood	<i>Pittosporum eugenioides</i>
lowland ribbonwood	<i>Plagianthus regius</i>
macrocarpa	<i>Cupressus macrocarpa</i>
mahoe	<i>Melicytus ramiflorus</i>
manuka	<i>Leptospermum scoparium</i>
matagouri.....	<i>Discaria toumatou</i>
matai	<i>Prumnopitys spicatus</i>
miro.....	<i>Prumnopitys ferruginea</i>
mountain beech	<i>Nothofagus solandri</i> var. <i>cliffortioides</i>
pampas grass.....	<i>Cortaderia</i> sp.
parsonsia	<i>Parsonsia heterophylla</i>
pate	<i>Schefflera digitata</i>
poplar	<i>Populus</i> sp.
prickly shield fern.....	<i>Polystichum vestitum</i>
red beech	<i>Nothofagus fusca</i>
redwood.....	<i>Sequoia sempervirens</i>
shining karamu.....	<i>Coprosma lucida</i>
silver beech	<i>Nothofagus menziesii</i>
three-finger	<i>Pseudopanax colensoi</i>
toetoe.....	<i>Cortaderia richardii</i>
totara	<i>Podocarpus totara</i>
tutsan	<i>Hypericum androsaemum</i>
wheki-ponga.....	<i>Dicksonia fibrosa</i>
willow	<i>Salix</i> sp.
wineberry	<i>Aristotelia serrata</i>