SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

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AGENDA ITEM C5

DRAFT COASTAL RESERVES MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT PLANS - NOTIFICATION APPROVAL

Purpose of Report

To obtain approval to publicly notify Volume 1: Draft Coastal Reserves Management Plan and Volume 2: Draft Coastal Reserves Development Plan.

Recommendations

Officers recommend that the Council:

- 1. Receive the information.
- 2. Approve the attached Draft Coastal Reserves Management and Development Plans for public consultation.

1. Background

In 2001 Council created a Rural Reserves Management Plan (RRMP), covering all rural reserves in the district. In undertaking a review of the RRMP, officers have chosen to split it into two separate plans — Coastal Reserves and Rural Reserves. Coastal and Rural reserves have quite different characteristics and therefore different requirements in terms of management and potential development and are better addressed in separate documents and consultation processes. The Draft Coastal Reserves Management Plan has been written first as those reserves attract the greater share of visitors to the district. The corresponding plan for the rural reserves will be developed in the first half of 2013.

The South Wairarapa District Council's varied coastal reserves run from Lake Ferry on the south western coast, around Cape Palliser and all the way to Glendhu in the north east of the district. There are a variety of types of reserves along the district's coast including recreation, esplanade, utility, drainage, stock, road and even some historic ferry reserves.

2. Discussion

The documents are set out in two volumes. Volume 1 is the Draft Coastal Reserves Management Plan (RMP) and contains five sections: Introduction, Specific Reserves, Bundled Reserves, General objective and policies, and Legislation. Volume 2 is the Draft Coastal Reserves Development Plan (DP) and contains development concepts created by landscape architects, Environmental Challenge. The DP is quite detailed and is therefore in a landscape A3 format.

Four of the reserves (Te Awaiti, North Tora, South Tora and Ngawi) contain camping grounds that have received little development attention in the past. These reserves therefore have their own section in the management plan entitled "Specific Reserves", and there are development plans for the camping areas in each of these highly used reserves. The remaining coastal reserves are "bundled" together by region in a separate section of the management plan.

Simple but carefully thought out development that remains in keeping with the rural character of the specific reserves will make them more userfriendly and will help lessen human impact in the reserve camping grounds.

Initial feedback has been sought from the Reserves Working Party, Councillors, Community Boards and the Maori Standing Committee, and discussions have taken place with local residents. The surveys and general issues that arose during the Coastal Camping Bylaw process in 2009 have also been considered in creating these draft documents.

Please note that prior to release for public consultation additional formatting work will be carried out on the documents.

3. Conclusion

It is recommended that Council approve the draft documents (with formatting changes as per section 2) for public consultation.

4. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Draft Coastal Reserves Management Plan (December 2012)

Appendix 2 – Draft Coastal Reserves Development Plan (December 2012)

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Appendix 1 – Volume 1: Draft Coastal Reserves Management Plan (December 2012)

Volume 1: Draft Coastal Reserves Management Plan



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PREFACE

The South Wairarapa Coastal Reserves Management Plan has been prepared under the Reserves Act 1977, which requires local authorities to develop management plans for their reserves.

The purpose of the management plan is to provide for the use, enjoyment, maintenance, protection, preservation and appropriate development of the areas that are covered by the plan within the available resources. This provides the community with certainty and enables the Council to manage and develop them effectively. The overarching aim for Council is to ensure that quality coastal reserve areas are provided for the public to enjoy today and for generations to come.

The reserves in this management plan stretch from Lake Ferry to Te Awaiti. Although each reserve mentioned in this plan has its own unique features, they either share or are located within settings that have common characteristics associated with the southern Wairarapa coastline. Rocky outcrops, exposed ocean beaches, wetland habitats, pockets of native vegetation, flat plateaus that rise to steep bluffs, and the expansive pastoral tracts of the working stations.

The coast has high natural character and natural landscape significance, is prized for the recreational opportunities it presents, and has substantial cultural and historic values.

This management plan contains policies to address the issues and objectives identified during the management planning process. In addition to 51 generic reserves, the Plan identifies 4 reserves that have had specific development plans created: Te Awaiti, North Tora, South Tora and Ngawi. These development plans detail what works will be undertaken on each the areas in order to enhance the use of the reserve and enjoyment of the area.

Adrienne Staples Mayor



1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 How to use this plan

This plan is divided into five main sections to make it easy for people to find what they need:

Section 1 – Introduction

Section 2 - Specific Reserves - Objectives, Policies, maps and Development plans for our most highly used areas

Section 3 - Bundled Reserves - Objectives, Policies and maps for less frequently used areas

Section 4 - General – Objectives and Policies that apply to all coastal reserves

Section 5 - Legislation & Management – The Acts and Plans that guide the creation and administration of Reserve Management Plans

1.2 Vision and Primary Objectives

To provide and enhance coastal recreation opportunities in the South Wairarapa District, while preserving the rural values of the reserves.

Section 40B(1) of the Reserves Act 1977 states that the purpose of a management plan includes the establishment of objectives for the management of the reserve according to the purpose for which the reserve is classified.

The Primary Objectives for the South Wairarapa District Council Coastal Reserves Management Plan (CRMP) are:

- Effect given to achieving the Vision to provide and enhance coastal recreation.
- Preservation of the coastal environment.
- Provision of access to the coast.
- Provision of recreation facilities that support public use of the reserves.

1.3 Schedule of Reserves including Map

The coastal reserves administered by this Reserves Management Plan (RMP) are designated as Recreation Reserves and Local Purpose Reserves. A number of these reserves contain important ecological, physical, and cultural values and features which provide the setting for a range of uses including both formal and informal recreation. In order to differentiate coastal reserves from other rural reserves, the coastal reserves are those identified in the Coastal Environment Management Area in the Wairarapa Combined District Plan.

The reserves provide recreation opportunities and access to beaches for local residents and visitors to the District. Their importance in fulfilling a recreational role is highlighted during the summer months with the influx of large numbers of holiday makers and day trippers to the reserves and beaches. The approximate land coverage of the coastal reserves is 184 hectares (ha).

The distribution of the coastal reserves is detailed in the following schedule and area map.

No	Region	Location	Legal description	size	classification	title/survey plan	valuation	page
1	Ngawi	Coastal side of Ngawi Drive	Lot 101 DP 29304	2.22ha	Local Purpose Esplanade Reserve		18370/37000	26
2	Ngawi	Corner Ngawi Drive/Seaview Ave	Lot 97 DP 29304	822m ²	Recreation Reserve	WN43C/706	18370/36900	44
3	Ngawi	Ngawi Drive	Lot 96 DP 29304	1384m²	Local Purpose Utility Reserve		18370/37000	44
4	Ngawi	Between Ngawi Drive and Seaview Ave	Lot 106 DP 29304	397 m²	Drainage Reserve	WN6B/45		44
5	Ngawi	Ngawi Drive (south end of settlement)	Lot 107 DP 29304	3339 m ²	Local Purpose Utility Reserve		18370/37000	44
6	Ngawi	Seaview Ave (opposite Hemi Street)	Lot 105 DP 29304	1550 m²	Local Purpose Utility Reserve		18370/37000	44
7	Ngawi	Seaview Ave	Lot 104 DP 29304	559 m²	Local Purpose Utility Reserve		18370/37000	44
8	Ngawi	Seaview Ave	Lot 103 DP 29304	1095 m ²	Local Purpose Utility Reserve		18370/37000	44

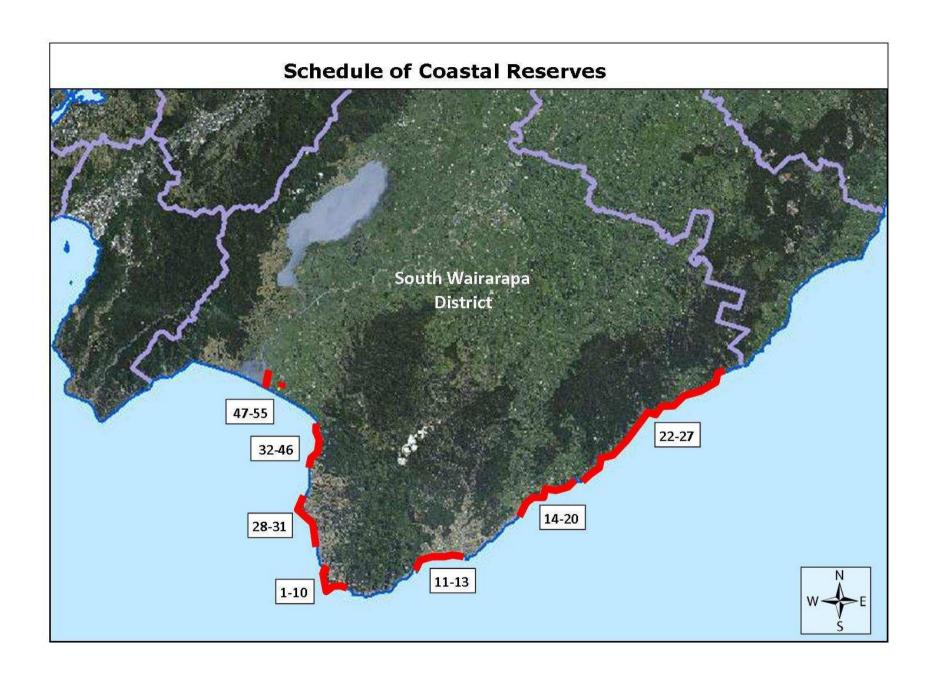
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9	Ngawi	Seaview Ave	Lot 67 DP 29304	1070 m ²	Local Purpose Utility Reserve		18370/37000	44
10	Mangatoetoe	Coast side of Cape Palliser Road	Lot 3 DP 57040	1.3ha	Local Purpose Esplanade Reserve			40
11	Cape Palliser (outside settlements)	Te Rakauwhakamataku Point - coastal side of Ngapotiki Road, 1km east of Matapreu Stream	Sec 29 Blk XI Kaiwaka SD	7.28ha	Local Purpose Esplanade Reserve	GN117263.1		38
12	Cape Palliser (outside settlements)	White Rock Reserve - coastal side of Ngapotiki Road	Lot 5 DP 72173	3.5ha	Local Purpose Esplanade Reserve		18390/06601	36
13	Cape Palliser (outside settlements)	White Rock Reserve - coastal side of Ngapotiki Road	Lot 6 DP 72173	10.9ha	Local Purpose Esplanade Reserve		18390/06601	36
14	Tora	Coast side of road, south of Awheaiti Stream "South Tora"	Sec 304 Awhea District	1.30ha	Recreation Reserve	477090	18390/05701	18
15	Tora	Coast side of road, south of Awheaiti River mouth "North Tora"	Sec 303 Awhea District	12.24ha	Recreation Reserve	477087	18390/05701	14
16	Tora	Between Tora Road and Awhea River, adjacent to bridge	Sec 301 Awhea District	4881 m ²	Recreation Reserve	477087	18390/05701	32
17	Tora	North of Awhea River mouth, adjacent to bridge	Sec 302 Awhea District	8119 m ²	Recreation Reserve	477087	18390/05701	32
18	Tora	Manurewa point	Lot 29 DP 409532	2.10ha	Recreation Reserve	454036	18390/06136	34

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19	Te Awaiti	Coastal side of Te Awaiti Road, near Oretei River mouth	Sec 300 Awhea District	1.24ha	Recreation Reserve		18390/05402	32
20	Te Awaiti	Between Te Awaiti Road and Oretei River	Sec 299 Awhea District	9100 m²	Recreation Reserve		18390/05402	22
21	Te Awaiti	Esplanade strip adjacent to Oretei River	Lot 2 DP 87044	900 m ²	Local Purpose Esplanade Reserve	WN54/61		no access, not in plan
22	Te Awaiti	Between Riddiford Station and south coast	Lot 3 DP 87044	1.78ha	Local Purpose Esplanade Reserve	WN54D/62		52
23	Te Awaiti	Between Riddiford Station and south coast	Lot 4 DP 87044	16.5ha	Local Purpose Esplanade Reserve	WN54D/63		52
24	Te Awaiti	South of Rerewhakaaitu River mouth, adjacent to south coast	Lot 5 DP 57044	7200 m ²	Local Purpose Esplanade Reserve	WN54D/64		52
25	Te Awaiti	North of Rerewhakaaitu River mouth, adjacent to south coast	Lot 4 DP 75053	6.55ha	Local Purpose Esplanade Reserve	WN42A/886	18350/09600	52
26	Te Awaiti	Southwest of Pahaoa Road end, adjacent to coast	Lot 2 DP 75053	3.26ha	Local Purpose Esplanade Reserve	WN42A/866	18350/09600	52
27	Te Awaiti	Northeast of Glendu Road end, adjacent to coast	Lot 2 DP 72724	10.28ha	Local Purpose Esplanade Reserve		18350/09900	52

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28	Cape Palliser (between Ngawi & Whatarangi)	Kawakawa - coastal side of Cape Palliser Road, north of Waiahere Stream	Lot 2 70767	9ha	Local Purpose Esplanade Reserve		18370/26600	42
29	Cape Palliser (between Ngawi & Whatarangi)	Te Humenga Point	Lot 2 DP 69727	6.98ha	Local Purpose Esplanade Reserve		18370/25801	42
30	Cape Palliser (between Ngawi & Whatarangi)	Te Humenga Point	Lot 3 DP 69728	2.5ha	Local Purpose Esplanade Reserve		18370/25801	42
31	Cape Palliser (between Ngawi & Whatarangi)	Te Humenga Point	Lot 4 DP 69728	5.54ha	Local Purpose Esplanade Reserve		18370/25801	42
32	Whatarangi	Te Miha Crescent road end, east of Whatarangi settlement	Lot 1 DP 60101	9.10ha	Local Purpose Utility Reserve	WN30C/724	18370/26004	46
33	Whatarangi	Coastal side of Cape Palliser Road, opposite Te Miha Crescent	Lot 5 DP 57987	1.70ha	Local Purpose Esplanade Reserve		18370/26004	46
34	Whatarangi	Coastal side of Cape Palliser Road, access off Cape Palliser Road approx. 250m north of Te Miha intersection.	Lot 4 DP 57987	7100 m ²	Local Purpose Esplanade Reserve		18370/26004	46
35	Whatarangi	Coastal side of Cape Palliser Road	Lot 2 DP 27715	8144 m ²	Local Purpose Esplanade Reserve		18370/26020	46
36	Whatarangi	Coastal side of Cape Palliser Road	Lot 3 DP 27715	911 m ²	Recreation Reserve		18370/26020	46
37	Whatarangi	Coastal side of Cape Palliser Road	Lot 16 DP 23081	855 m ²	Recreation Reserve		18370/26020	46

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38	Whatarangi	Between coast and residential sites fronting Cape Palliser Road	Lot 17 DP 23081	2347 m ²	Esplanade Reserve	WNF1/158	18370/26020	46
39	Whatarangi	North end of residential sites, coastal side of Cape Palliser Road	Lot 3 DP 22981	2909 m²	Recreation Reserve	WNF1/156	18370/26005	46
40	Whatarangi	East of Cape Palliser Road, opposite site 44	Lot 1 DP 22981	888 m²	Recreation Reserve	WNE1/538	18370/26005	46
41	Whatarangi	East of Cape Palliser Road, opposite site 44	Lot 2 DP 22981	903 m²	Recreation Reserve	WNB1/740	18370/26005	46
42	Te Kopi	Cape Palliser Road - 550m south of Hurupi Stream mouth	Pt Te Kopi 2, 3A Block	4562 m ²	Stock Reserve	WNE4/766	18370/24700	48
43	Те Корі	Either side of Cape Palliser Road, near bend just north of Hurupi Stream mouth	Sec 1 SO 37731	4250 m ²	Old Road	WN52D/405	18370/24300	48
44	Те Корі	Either side of Cape Palliser Road, near bend just north of Hurupi Stream mouth	Sec2 SO 37731	6610 m ²	Old Road	WN52D/405	18370/24300	48
45	Те Корі	Either side of Cape Palliser Road bend, just N of Hurupi Stream mouth	Pt Lot 6 DP 92266A	18.98ha	Old Road reserve	WN52D/405		48
46	Te Kopi	Approx 1km NE of Hurupi Stream mouth, coastal side of tight road bend	Lot 1 DP 40130	1.30ha	unknown	WN13D/1350		48

No	Region	Location	Legal description	size	classification	title/survey plan	valuation	page
47	Whangaimoana	S side of Whangaimoana Beach Road, near intersection with Cape Palliser Road	Lot 21 DP 26551	1821 m²	Recreation Reserve	WNF3/1396	18370/21819	48
48	Lake Ferry	East of Lake Ferry Road end, behind residential area	Pt Lot 45 DP 12843	21.2ha	unknown - used as a utility reserve	WN519/198	18370/16800	50
49	Lake Ferry	Between and behind 96-98 Lake Ferry Road	Lot 15 DP 59961	9372 m ²	Recreation Reserve		18370/17400	50
50	Lake Ferry	S of and adjacent to camping ground and Lake Onoke mouth	Lot 44 DP 12843	8094 m ²	Ferry Reserve		18370/16700	50
51	Lake Ferry	Contains camping ground	Lots 38-43 DP 12843	7.08ha	Recreation Reserve		18370/16400	50
52	Lake Ferry	N of camping ground, adjacent to Lake Ferry Road	Lot 37 DP 12843	3900 m ²	Recreation Reserve	WN51D/360	18370/16200	50
53	Lake Ferry	N of camping ground, between road and lake	Lot 4 DP 67585	4429 m ²	Recreation Reserve		18370/16201	50
54	Lake Ferry	N of camp ground, adjacent to lake Onoke	Lot 3 DP 67585	1.7ha	Local Purpose Esplanade Reserve		18370/16201	50
55	Lake Ferry	34 Lake Ferry Road	Lot 24 DP 12843	688 m²	Ferry Reserve	WN551/288	18370/13801	50

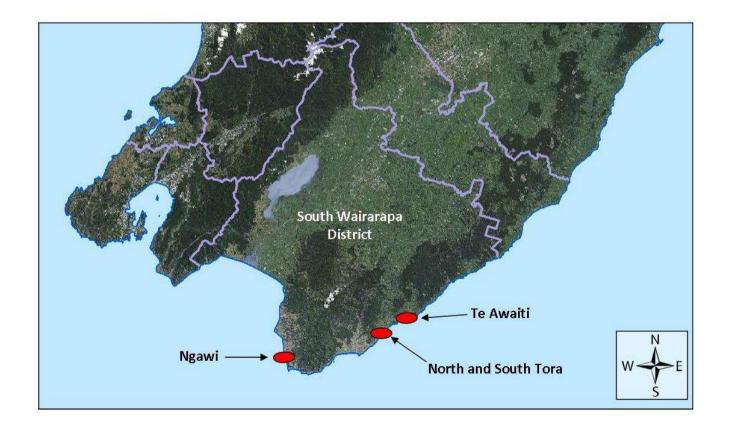


2. SPECIFIC RESERVES

The general reserves objectives and policies in section 4 apply to all coastal reserves managed by the South Wairarapa District Council (SWDC). In addition, this section contains policies specific to certain reserves. Should any conflict between policies arise, the reserve-specific policies take precedence.

The following coastal reserves are addressed individually because they fit selection criteria including regular use, ease of access, physical characteristics, development potential, and the possibility to include biodiversity protection or enhancements. They therefore require more maintenance and development attention than the more remote and less used reserves:

- North Tora
- South Tora
- Te Awaiti
- Ngawi



2.1 North Tora Reserve

2.1.1 Description

Location: Near the intersection of Tora Road and Tora Farm Settlement Road, south of the Awhea River mouth.

Legal Description: Sec 303 Awhea District (SO 30335)

Size: 12.2486 ha

Reserve Status: Recreation Reserve

Physical Description: North Tora Reserve is approximately 1000m long and varies between 50-150m wide and extends southwest from the Awhea River mouth to within 200m of the Awheaiti Stream. The reserve is located between Tora Farm Settlement Road and the sea and is made up of coastal dunes and foreshore beach. The northern end of the reserve contains an unserviced grassy camping area made of flat areas for setting up tents and parking self contained campervans, and has direct access to beaches. There are two additional beach access tracks that lead from the Tora Farm Settlement Road through the reserve's dune areas. One track is approximately 100m south of the camping area entrance, and the other is at the southern most end of the reserve. Day-use parking is available at these tracks.

Amenity Value: This reserve has high amenity value as it is the first one visitors reach when they arrive at the Tora Coast, and it offers excellent access to the beach. The coastal dune area of the reserve is an important ecosystem that has been earmarked for protection by SWDC and Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC). In addition, there is an historic European grave site at the northern end of the reserve that adds local history interest to the reserve.

Uses and Activities: The North Tora Reserve is popular for a range of activities including camping, fishing, diving, boating, horse riding, beach-walking and picnicking.





2.1.2 Objectives

- 1. To provide beach access and camping for visitors to the Tora Coast.
- 2. To maintain public areas so they are attractive and easy to use.
- 3. To preserve and rehabilitate ecosystems as identified by SWDC and GWRC.

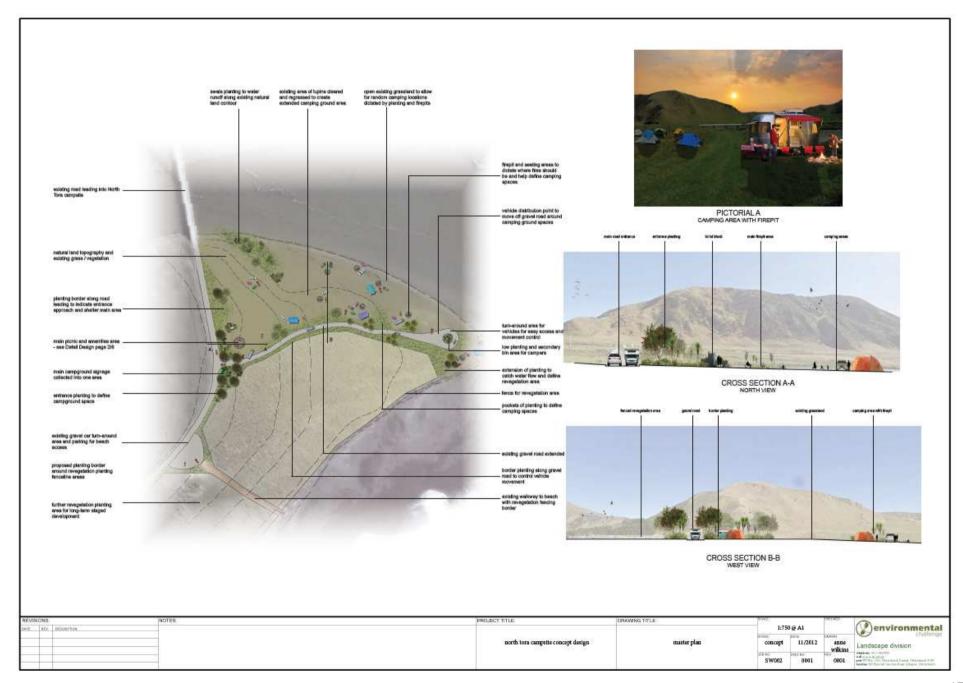
2.1.3 Policies

- 1. Camping is permitted only in the designated camping area.
- 2. Work will be undertaken to improve the amenity and useability of the camping area.
- 3. Work will be undertaken to preserve and rehabilitate coastal dunes, including fencing and dune planting. Public access through the dune areas will be via specifically designated areas to protect dune structure and vegetation.
- 4. Dogs are not permitted in the camping area.
- 5. Vehicle access to the beach is through the camping area and via the two other access tracks. Recreational driving on the reserve (motorbikes, quadbikes and similar) is prohibited.
- 6. Rubbish bins are not avialable visitors are asked to take their rubbish away with them.

2.1.4 Development

Minor but thoughtful changes will be made to the reserve, particularly focusing on improvements to make the camping area more attractive and useable for a variety of groups while maintaining its overall rural character. In addition to camping area improvements, the dune area will be fenced and restorative planting work will be undertaken in cooperation with GWRC.

- 1. A summary of proposed development is on the next page. Full A3 development plans can be found in Volume 2: Coastal Reserves Development Plans.
- 2. Work schedule for development in prioritised order:
 - a. Firepits and seating areas
 - b. Entranceway improvements (signs and plantings)
 - c. Driveway upgrade and extension
 - d. Plantings
 - e. Toilet block and main picnic area



2.2 South Tora Reserve

2.2.1 Description

Location: Immediately south of the Awheaiti Stream mouth, on the coastal side of Tora Farm Settlement Road.

Legal Description: Sec 304 Awhea District (SO 30574)

Size: 1.305 ha

Reserve Status: Recreation Reserve

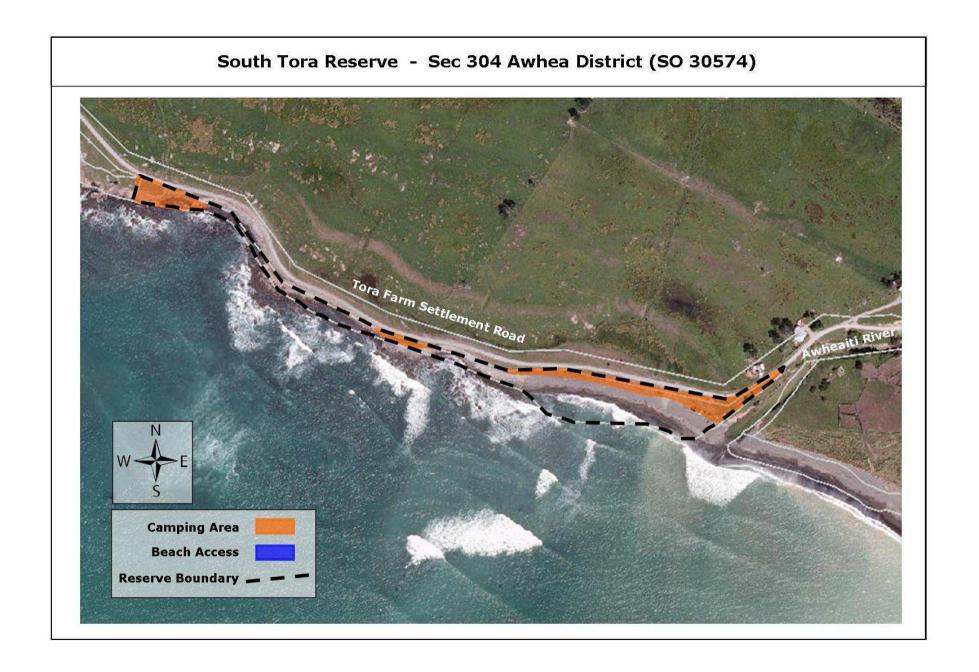
Physical Description: South Tora Reserve is 700m long and ranges from 10-50m wide and extends south from the Aweaiti Stream mouth. The reserve is between Tora Farm Settlement Road and the sea and is made up of a small grassed area to the north, and narrower sandy/rocky areas for parking to the south. The northern end of the reserve contains a toilet, and there is access to the rocky beach for the length of the reserve.

Amenity Value: This reserve has high amenity value as it is easily accessed and it offers excellent access to the rocky beach.

Uses and Activities: The South Tora Reserve is popular for a range of activities including camping, fishing, diving, surfing and picnicking.







2.2.2 Objectives

- 1. To provide beach access and camping for visitors to the Tora Coast.
- 2. To maintain public areas so they are attractive and easy to use.

2.2.3 Policies

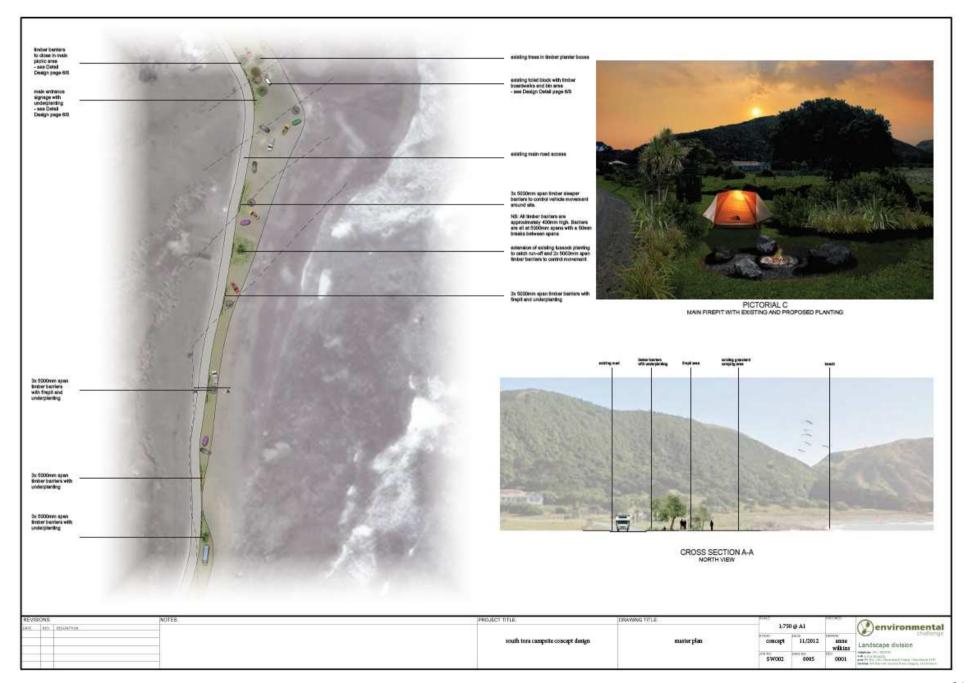
- 1. Camping is permitted only in the designated camping area.
- 2. Work will be undertaken to improve the amenity and useability of the camping area.
- 3. Dogs are not permitted in the camping area.
- 4. Access to the beach is anywhere along the reserve.
- 5. Rubbish bins are not avialable visitors are asked to take their rubbish away with them.

2.2.4 Development

Minor but thoughtful changes will be made to the reserve, particularly focusing on improvements to make the camping area more attractive and useable for a variety of groups while maintaining its overall rural character.

- 1. A summary of proposed development is on the next page. Full A3 development plans can be found in Volume 2: Coastal Reserves Development Plans.
- 2. Work Schedule for development
 - a. Firepits and seating areas
 - b. Entranceway improvements (signs, fencing)
 - c. Plantings





2.3 Te Awaiti Reserve

2.3.1 Description

Location: On Te Awaiti Road on the western side of the Oterei River mouth.

Legal Description: Sec 299 Awhea District (SO 30312)

Size: 0.98 ha

Reserve Status: Recreation Reserve

Physical Description: Te Awaiti Reserve is located on the western side of the Oterei River at the river mouth. An unformed road separates Sec 299 Awhea District from another Council reserve parcel, Sec 300 Awhea District to the south. The reserve contains a large flat area used by campers below Te Awaiti Road adjacent to the river.

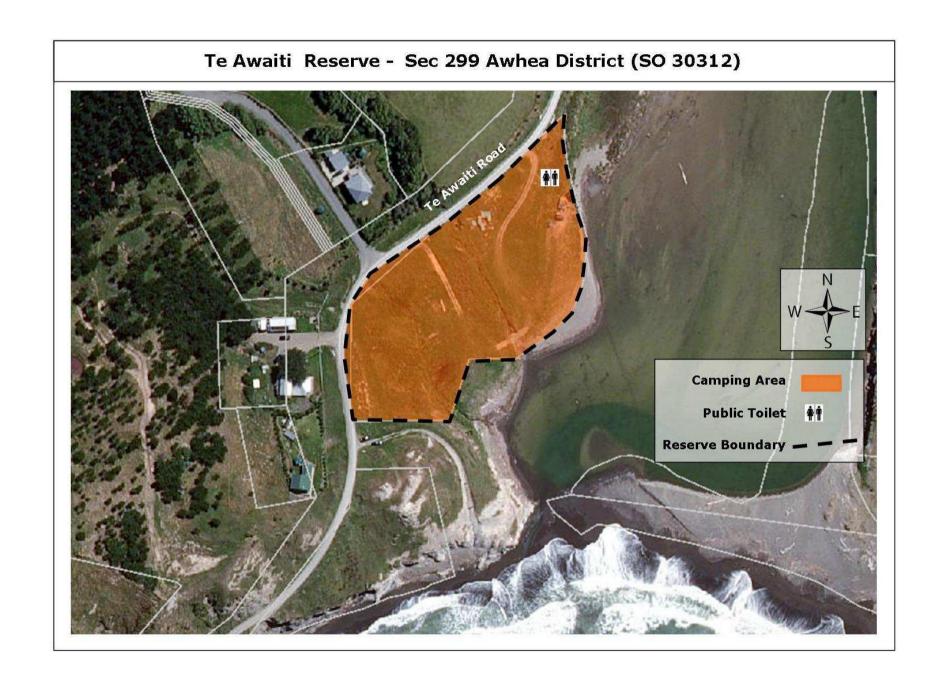
The reserve has three vehicle access points, two to the camping area and a third formed within the road reserve between Sec 299 and Sec 300 above the reserve. Of the two accesses to the camping areas of the site, the northern one is formed to a better standard. Access to and within the reserve would benefit from upgrading to an all weather standard. Two small watercourses run through the reserve. Facilities include a toilet, rubbish bin and water tap.

Flooding from the Oterei River is a threat to overnight camping. This river can rise quickly and caution must be exercised.

Amenity Value: This reserve has high amenity value as it is a naturally sheltered amphitheatre, set below the road with direct access to the river and beach. The flat areas are suitable for camping and general recreation.

Uses and Activities: The Te Awaiti Reserve is a popular camping, fishing, beach walking, and picnicking area.





2.3.2 Objectives:

- 1. To provide beach access and camping for visitors to the Te Awaiti Coast.
- 2. To maintain public areas so they are attractive and easy to use.

2.3.3 Policies:

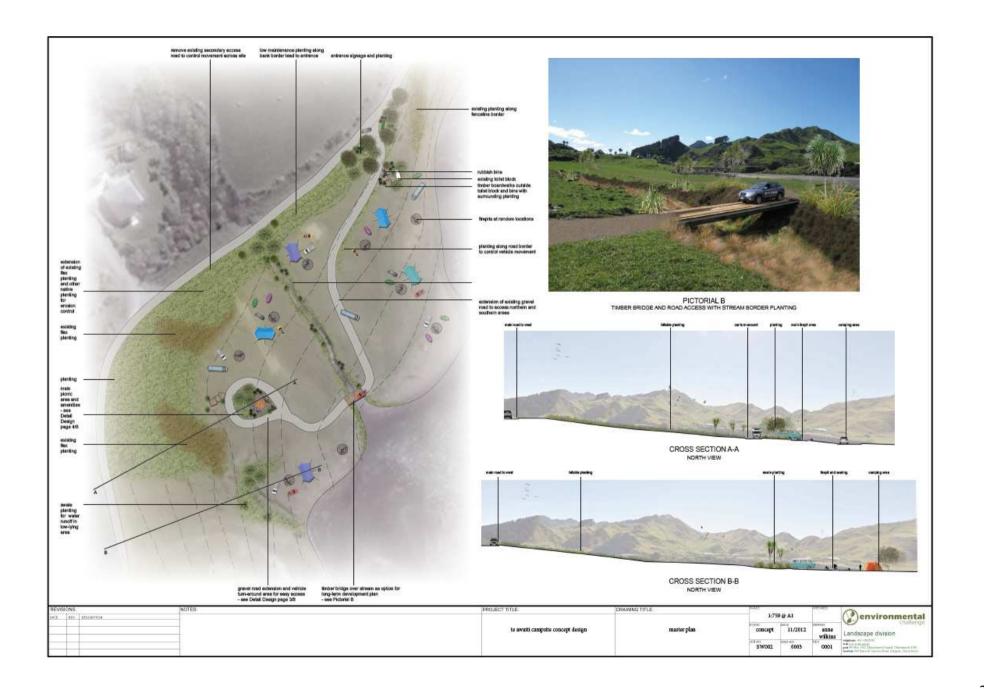
- 1. Camping is permitted within the reserve, provided caution is taken of the flood risk.
- 2. Work will be undertaken to improve the access, amenity, and useability of the camping area.
- 3. Dogs are not permitted in the camping area.
- 4. Recreational driving on the reserve (motorbikes, quadbikes and similar) is prohibited.
- 5. Rubbish bins are not avialable visitors are asked to take their rubbish away with them.

2.3.4 Development:

Minor but thoughtful changes will be made to the reserve, particularly focusing on improvements to make access and the camping area more attractive and useable for a variety of groups while maintaining its overall rural character. These improvements may include the planting of appropriate species within the areas of steeper grade adjacent to the road to provide aesthetic and ecological benefits.

- 1. A summary of proposed development is on the next page. Full A3 development plans can be found in Volume 2: Coastal Reserves Development Plans.
- 2. Work Schedule for development
 - a. Firepits and seating areas
 - b. Entranceway improvements (signs and plantings)
 - c. Driveway upgrade and extension
 - d. Plantings





2.4 Ngawi Reserve

2.4.1 Description

Location: Opposite Ngawi settlement on the coastal side of Cape Palliser Road.

Legal Description: Lot 101 DP 29304

Size: 2.2258 ha

Reserve Status: Local Purpose Reserve (Esplanade)

Physical Description: The Ngawi Reserve is a section of coastal land on the coastal side of Cape Palliser Road in front of the Ngawi settlement. The reserve is approximately 470 metres long and ranges between 70 metres (southern end) and 5 metres (northern end) wide. The Cape Palliser Road reserve is relatively wide at the northern end of the reserve and much of the sandy beach area is within road reserve. It is possible to drive off Cape Palliser Road onto the reserve at any point.

The northern section of the reserve is used for commercial fishing boat storage, and the public boat launching area and carpark are just south of this. A dominant feature of this reserve is the commercial fishing boats and bulldozers on the beach which give Ngawi a working fishing village character. A camping area is provided south of the carpark with public toilet facilities on Council land on the opposite side of the road. There are seats, picnic tables, and rubbish bins within the camping and carpark areas.

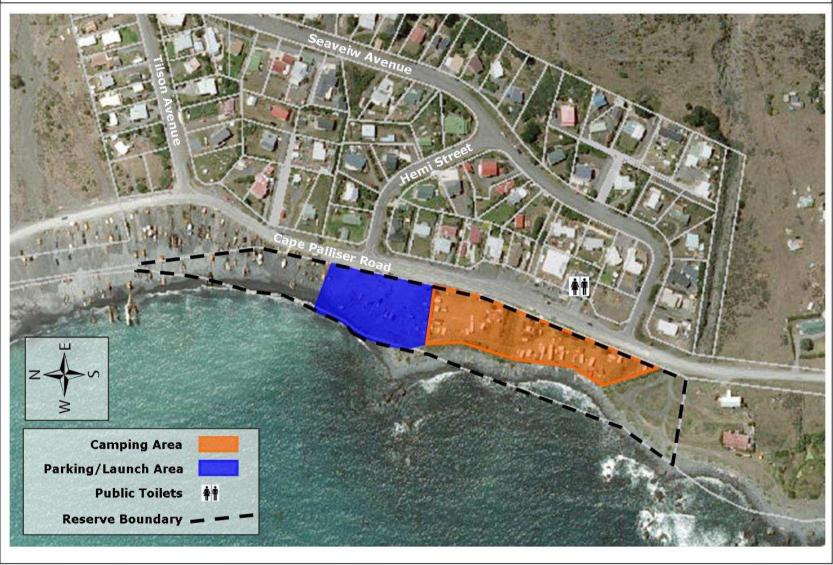
Amenity Value: This reserve has a high amenity value. The fishing boats are a focal point for tourists. The boat launching area is well used by the public as it offers deep and sheltered boat access to the sea. The camping ground is popular during the summer months for visitors.

Uses and Activities: Camping, boat launching, fishing, diving, picnicking and walking are all popular activities in the reserve. Many tourists stop and photograph the commercial fishing boats.





Ngawi Reserve - Lot 101 DP 29304



2.4.2 Objectives:

- 1. To provide boat launching, beach access and camping for visitors to Ngawi.
- 2. To maintain public areas so they are attractive and easy to use.
- 3. Provide for commercial fishing operations which do not impede upon public use of the reserve.

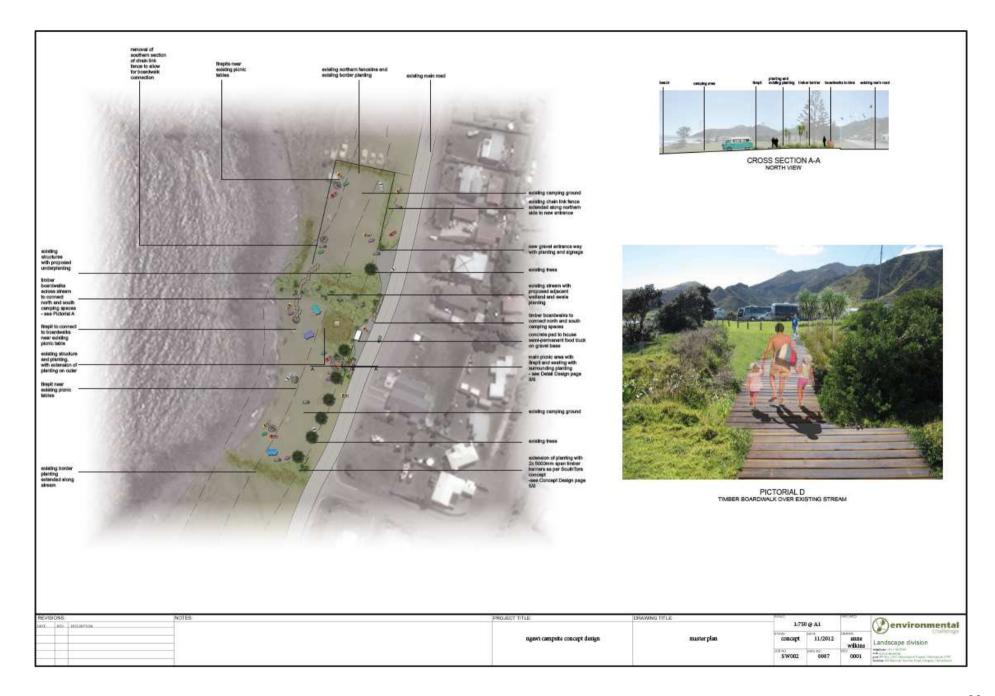
2.4.3 Policies:

- 1. Camping is permitted within the reserve.
- 2. Work will be undertaken to improve the amenity and useability of the camping area.
- 3. Dogs are not permitted in the camping area.
- 4. Recreational driving on the reserve (motorbikes, quadbikes and similar) is prohibited.
- 5. Rubbish bins are not avialable visitors are asked to take their rubbish away with them.

2.4.4 Development:

Minor but thoughtful changes will be made to the reserve, particularly focusing on improvements to make the camping area more attractive and useable for a variety of groups while maintaining its overall character.

- 1. A summary of proposed development is on the next page. Full A3 development plans can be found in Volume 2: Coastal Reserves Development Plans.
- 2. Work Schedule for development
 - a. Firepits and seating areas
 - b. Entranceway improvements (signs and plantings)
 - c. Driveway upgrade and extension
 - d. Plantings







3. BUNDLED RESERVES

The general reserves objectives and policies in section 5 apply to all coastal reserves managed by the South Wairarapa District Council (SWDC). In addition, this section contains policies for areas containing several small reserves that are less utilised and do no usually generate issues which would require specific development, and are therefore address as "bundled" units. Should any conflict between policies arise, the bundled reserve policies take precedence.

The following areas contain several small reserves that are not often used, may have little amenity value beyond walking access, and are not set aside for biodiversity protection.

- Awhea River mouth to Oretei River mouth
- Awhea Reserve (Manurewa Point)
- White Rock
- Ngapotiki
- Magatoetoe
- Cape Palliser (outside settlements)
- Cape Palliser (between Ngawi & Whatarangi)
- Whatarangi
- Te Kopi (including Whangaimoana)
- Lake Ferry
- Other (Esplanade, Recreation, Utility, Drainage)

3.1 Awhea River mouth to Oretei River mouth

3.1.1 Description

Location: Awhea River mouth; Oretei River mouth

Legal Description: Sec 301 & 302 Awhea District; 300 Awhea District

Size: 4881m² and 8119m²; 1.24ha

Reserve Status: Recreation Reserves

Physical Description: Sections 301 & 302 are on the northern side of the Awhea River partially under the Tora Farm Settlement bridge. The land is primarily part of the river bank and is covered in low vegetation and grass. Section 300 is mainly a steep cliff with a small hill, low vegetation and grass and somewhat difficult driving access to the river mouth.

Amenity Value: The reserve areas are attractive to view from the specific North Tora and Te Awaiti reserve sites, but offer little in the way of amenity value aside from access to the river.

Uses and Activities: Visitors can use these reserves to access the rivers, however easier access and parking is available at North Tora and Te Awaiti Reserves. There is a short private walkway available to the public just to the north of Sec 301 and 302 for those who wish to explore that section of the coast.

3.1.2 Objectives

1. To provide Awhea and Oretei River access.

3.1.3 Policies

- 1. Camping is not permitted on these reserves.
- 2. Visitors are asked to take their rubbish with them.
- 3. Natural processes will be allowed run their course.
- 4. Maintenance and upgrades will focus on protecting public assets (road, bridge).

3.1.4 Development

Due to the relative inaccessibility and low use of these reserves there are no plans for development.

Awhea River Mouth to Oretei River Mouth—Secs 301-303 Awhea District Reserve Area

3.2 Awhea Reserve (Manurewa Point)

3.2.1 Description

Location: Coastal side of Te Awaiti Road

Legal Description: Lot 29 DP 409532

Size: 2.10ha

Reserve Status: Recreation Reserve

Physical Description: Awhea Reserve is a small rocky peninsula approximately 1km east of the Tora Farm Settlement Road and Te Awaiti Road intersection that provides habitat for coastal animals. The public can park just off Te Awaiti road and access the point by foot.

Amenity Value: The reserve area looks over the sea and provides views of much of the Tora coast and is a habitat for seals and coastal birdlife.

Uses and Activities: This reserve is available for day use picnicking, seal watching, bird watching and fishing.

3.2.2 Objectives

1. To provide a foot-traffic only area of public land in the coastal environment.

2. To maintain public areas so they are easily accessible.

3.2.3 Policies

- 1. Camping is not permitted on this reserve.
- 2. Visitors are asked to take their rubbish with them.
- 3. Fences will be maintained to protect the plants and wildlife from vehicles and stock.

3.2.4 Development

There are no plans for development due to the desire to preserve the natural state of this reserve.

Awhea Reserve (Manurewa Point) - Lot 29 DP 409532



3.3 White Rock

3.3.1 Description

Location: South coast at the end of White Rock Road

Legal Description: Lot 5 and 6 DP 72173

Size: 3.5ha and 10.9ha

Reserve Status: Esplanade Reserve

Physical Description: Two esplanade reserves on either side of White Rock allow access to the beach. Both are accessible from Ngapotiki Road and

from the White Rock parcel (Crown land).

Amenity Value: Value primarily lies in giving people the ability to access the beach.

Uses and Activities: There are no facilities on these reserves, however the White Rock area is popular for day trips, walking, picnicking and fishing.

3.3.2 Objectives

1. To provide access to the beach and to White Rock for coastal recreation.

2. To maintain public areas so they are accessible.

3.3.3 Policies

- 1. Camping is not permitted on these reserves.
- 2. Visitors are asked to take their rubbish with them.
- 3. Natural processes will be allowed to run their course.

3.3.4 Development

1. The reserves are used for coastal access and there are no plans for development.

White Rock - Lots 5 and 6 DP 72173 White Rock Reserve Area

3.4 Ngapotiki Reserve (Te Rakauwhakamataku Point)

3.4.1 Description

Location: South Wairarapa coast, 3km southwest of White Rock.

Legal Description: Sec 29 Blk XI Kaiwaka Survey District

Size: 7.2843ha

Reserve Status: Recreation Reserve

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Physical Description: Ngapotiki Reserve is a small peninsula, the majority of which is submerged. Access to the reserve from the north is along the Ngapotiki paper road which is not well marked. From the south the reserve can be reached via the Cape Palliser and Ngapotiki paper roads, again not well marked.

Amenity Value: This reserve has no facilities, but is valued as a prime surfing area for those who can negotiate the paper roads.

Uses and Activities: Surfing and diving are the main uses of this reserve.

3.4.2 Objectives

1. To provide access for coastal recreation.

3.4.3 Policies

- 1. Camping is permitted on this reserve.
- 2. Visitors are asked to take their rubbish with them.
- 3. Natural processes will be allowed to run their course

3.4.4 Development

The Council has been asked to make access easier to this reserve by way of forming or marking the paper road, however such development is prohibitively expensive at this time.

Ngapotiki Reserve (Te Rakauwhakamataku Point) - Sec 29 Blk XI Kaiwaka SD



3.5 Mangatoetoe

3.5.1 Description

Location: Coastal side of road, opposite Mangatoetoe settlement

Legal Description: Lot 3 DP 57040

Size: 1.3ha

Reserve Status: Esplanade Reserve

Physical Description: The reserve is located on the coastal side of the Cape Palliser road and is a long strip of coastal vegetation. The site includes a parking area and two beach access tracks for vehicles.

Amenity Value: The reserve location prevents development and therefore maintains sea views for Mangatoetoe residents. It also provides public access to the beach and links to crown land along to the coast to the east. The Mangatoetoe reserve has historic value as it sits within the Matakitaki-A-Kupe Historic Heritage Precinct.

Uses and Activities: There are no facilities on this reserve. It is used for beach access, walking, picnickers and fishing.

3.5.2 Objectives

1. To provide access for coastal recreation.

3.5.3 Policies

- 1. Camping is not permitted on this reserve.
- 2. Visitors are asked to take their rubbish with them.
- 3. Natural processes will be allowed to run their course.

3.5.4 Development

There are no plans for development at this time.

Mangatoetoe - Lot 3 DP 57040 Reserve Area

3.6 Cape Palliser (between Whatarangi & Ngawi)

3.6.1 Description

Location: 1.5km north of Ngawi settlement and 4km south of Whatarangi settlement

Legal Description: Lot 2 DP 70767, Lots 2, 3 & 4 DP 69728

Size: 9ha, 6.98ha, 2.5ha and 5.54ha **Reserve Status:** Esplanade reserve

Physical Description: The reserves are located on the coastal side of Cape Palliser Road and are long narrow strips of coastal vegetation. Several parking areas are available, and the reserves contain multiple beach access tracks. Access to Lot 2 DP 69727 is a track 200m south of Te Whaiti Lane. The majority of land on Te Humunga Point is a privately owned ecological covenant. This covenant area is fenced for protection, however the owner has not fenced a beach access track that can be utilised by the public.

Amenity Value: The reserves provide public beach access along Te Humunga Point and to the south.

Uses and Activities: There is a toilet on Lot 2 DP 70767, but there are no other facilities on these reserves. They are most widely used for surfing access, and also for beach access, walking, picnicking, diving and fishing.

3.6.2 Objectives

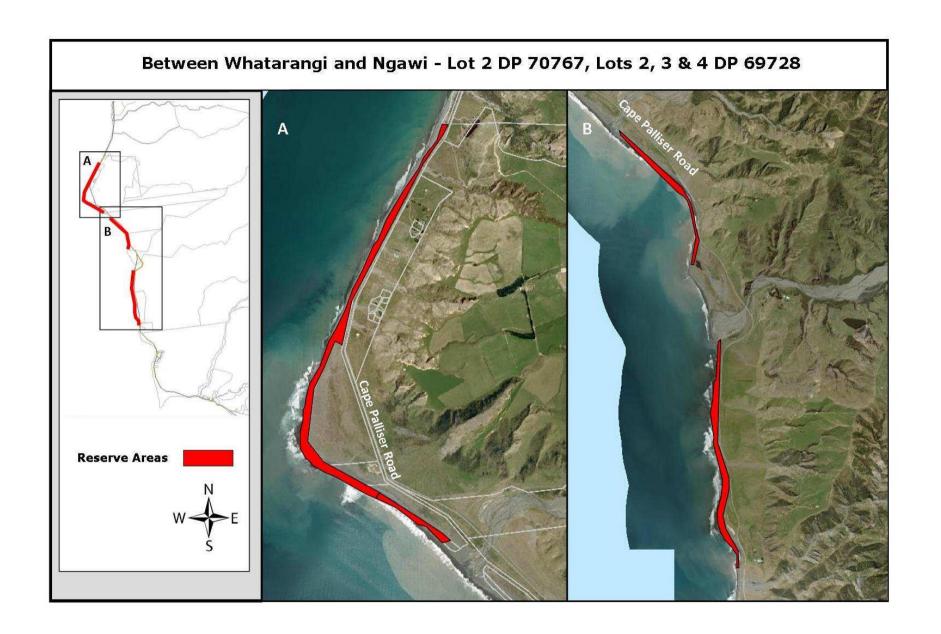
1. To provide access for coastal recreation.

3.6.3 Policies

- 1. Camping is not permitted on this reserve.
- 2. Visitors are asked to take their rubbish with them.
- 3. Natural processes will be allowed to run their course.

3.6.4 Development

The reserves are used for beach access and there are no plans for development at this time.



3.7 Ngawi

3.7.1 Description

Location: There are 7 small utility reserves in the Ngawi settlement and one small recreation reserve.

Legal Description: Lots 67, 96, 97, 101 & 103-107 DP 29304

Size: 1070 m², 1384 m², 822 m², 2.22ha, 1095 m², 558 m², 1550 m², 3339 m², 397 m².

Reserve Status: Utility, Drainage and Recreation Reserves

Physical Description: Ranges from coastal land to grassed residential areas.

Amenity Value: These reserves are primarily used by Council contractors for infrastructure maintenance. Lot 97 DP 29304 is a grassed recreation reserve.

Uses and Activities: There is a public toilet next to the fire station, but the rest of the reserves are utility reserves used for contractor access. For camping please see the Ngawi reserve in section 2.

3.7.2 Objectives

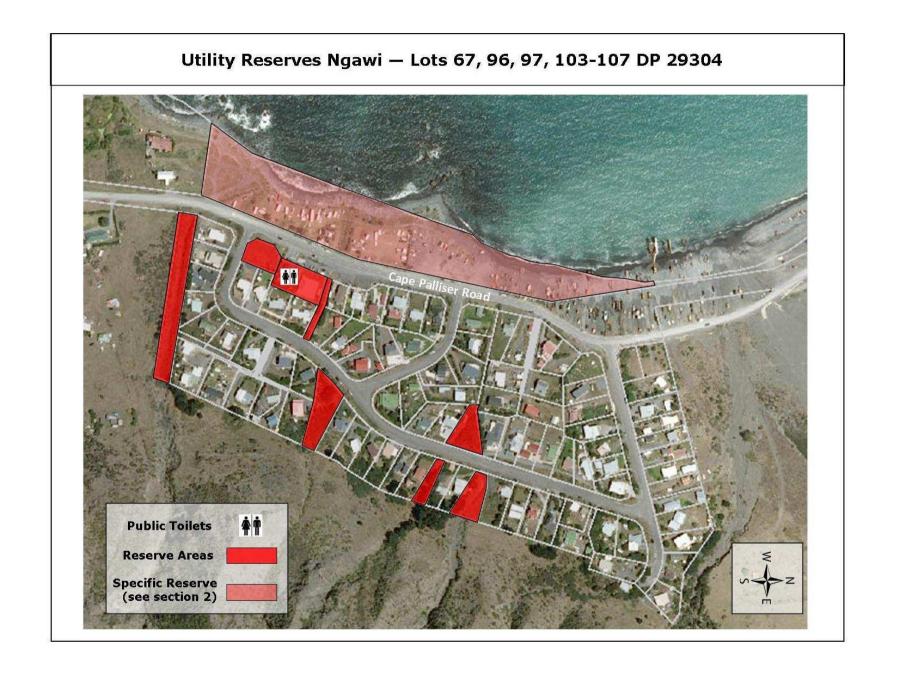
- 1. To provide access to local utilities.
- 2. To provide access to and facilities for coastal recreation.

3.7.3 Policies

- 1. Camping is not permitted on these reserves.
- 2. Visitors are asked to take their rubbish with them.
- 3. Natural processes will be allowed to run their course.

3.7.4 Development

There are no plans for development of these reserves.



3.8 Whatarangi

3.8.1 Description

Location: There are 9 small reserves in the Whatarangi settlement area on the coastal side of Cape Palliser Road.

Legal Description: Lots 4 & 5 DP 57987, Lots 2 & 3 DP 27715, Lots 16 & 17 DP 23081, Lots 1, 2 & 3 DP 22981

Size: 1.7ha, 7100m², 8144 m², 911 m², 855 m², 2347 m², 2909 m², 888 m² and 903 m²

Reserve Status: Esplanade and Recreation Reserves

Physical Description: The reserves are relatively narrow interconnected strips of coastal vegetation that link up to form beach access from Whatarangi north for approximately 1km. There are approximately 6 beach access tracks throughout the reserves. Cape Palliser Road veers off the road reserve approximately 1km north of Whatarangi settlement and goes over Lots 1 & 2 DP 22981, therefore those lots are not formally used as recreation reserves.

Amenity Value: The location of these reserves prevents development and therefore maintains sea views for Mangatoetoe residents. These reserves also provide public beach access from Cape Palliser Road, opposite and north of Whatarangi settlement.

Uses and Activities: There are no facilities on these reserves. They are primarily used for surfing access, general beach access, walking, picnicking, diving and fishing.

3.8.2 Objectives

3. To provide access for coastal recreation.

3.8.3 Policies

- 4. Camping is not permitted on this reserve.
- 5. Visitors are asked to take their rubbish with them.
- 6. Natural processes will be allowed to run their course.

3.8.4 Development

The reserves are primarily for access to the beach and there are no plans for development.

Whatarangi - Lots 4 & 5 DP 57987, Lots 2 & 3 DP 27715, Lots 16 & 17 DP 23081, Lots 1, 2 & 3 DP 22981



3.9 Te Kopi and Whangaimoana

3.9.1 Description

Location: Whangaimoana Beach Road

Legal Description: Lot 1 DP 40130, Sec 1 & 2 SO 37731, Pt Lot 6 DP 92266A, Pt Te Kopi 2 3A Block, Lot 21 DP 26551

Size: 1.3ha, 4250 m²,6610 m², 18.98ha, 4562 m², 1821m²

Reserve Status: Recreation Reserve, Road Reserve, Stock Reserve

Physical Description: The Whangaimoana reserve (Lot 21 DP 26551) is located on the south eastern side of Whangaimoana Beach Road and is currently an empty paddock. It does not provide access to any other recreation areas or beaches, was originally intended to serve the residents of Whangaimoana Beach Road and has not been developed. A possible recreation reserve (Lot 1 DP 40130) is approximately 1km northeast of Hurupi Stream mouth, on the coastal side of a tight bend in the road. The Te Kopi old road reserves are located at the tight bend in the road just north of Hurupi Stream, and the Stock reserve (Pt Te Kopi 2, 3A Block) is on the east side of Cape Palliser Road, 550m south of Hurupi Stream mouth.

Amenity Value: The reserve has little amenity beyond being an open space available for use by the public.

Uses and Activities: Generally seldom used.

3.9.2 Objectives

- 1. To provide a dedicated public recreation area at the Whangaimoana Beach settlement.
- 2. To provide for road repairs and widening.
- 3. To provide for secure areas for roaming stock.

3.9.3 Policies

- 1. Camping is permitted on Lot 1 DP 40130, but not on the other reserves in this section.
- 2. Visitors are asked to take their rubbish with them.
- 3. Natural processes will be allowed to run their course.

3.9.4 Development

There are no plans for development of these reserves.

Whangaimoana and Te Kopi - Lot 1 DP 40130, Sec 1 & 2 SO 37731, Pt Lot 6 DP 92266A, Lot 21 DP 26551 A - Whangaimoana Cape Palliser Road Palliser Bay B - Te Kopi Reserve Area

3.10 Lake Ferry

3.10.1 Description

Location: There are 7 small reserves in the Lake Ferry settlement area.

Legal Description: Lot 15 DP 59961, Lots 38-43 DP 12843, Lot 44 DP 12843, Lot 37 DP 12843 and Lots 3 & 4 DP 67585, Pt Lot 45 DP 12843.

Size: 21.2ha, 9372 m², 8094 m², 7.08ha, 3900 m², 4429 m², 1.7ha

Reserve Status: Recreation, Esplanade, Utility and Ferry Reserves

Physical Description: Pt Lot 45 DP 12843 is used as a utility reserve for wastewater disposal. Lot 37 DP 12843 and Lots 3 & 4 DP 67585 are narrow interconnecting reserves of grass and paddocks near the northern end of the Lake Ferry settlement that provide access to Lake Onoke. Lots 38-43 DP 12843 are flat and grassy and provide access to the Lake and contain the Lake Ferry Camping Ground which is operated under lease. Lot 44 DP 12843 is a flat grassy area that provides access to Lake Onoke.

Amenity Value: The location of these reserves prevents development and therefore maintains sea views for Lake Ferry residents and guests of the Lake Ferry Hotel. There is a public toilet near the northern end of the camping ground and the reserves also provide public access to Lake Onoke from Lake Ferry Road. Lot 3 DP 67585 has been identified by community groups and GWRC as an area for restoration planting.

Uses and Activities: The reserves are used for a variety of recreation activities including lake access, fishing, boating, picnicking and walking. The reserves are linked to the beach and south coast via Lake Onoke.

3.10.2 Objectives

- 1. To provide public recreation access to Lake Onoke.
- 2. To encourage rehabilitation of reserve ecosystems.

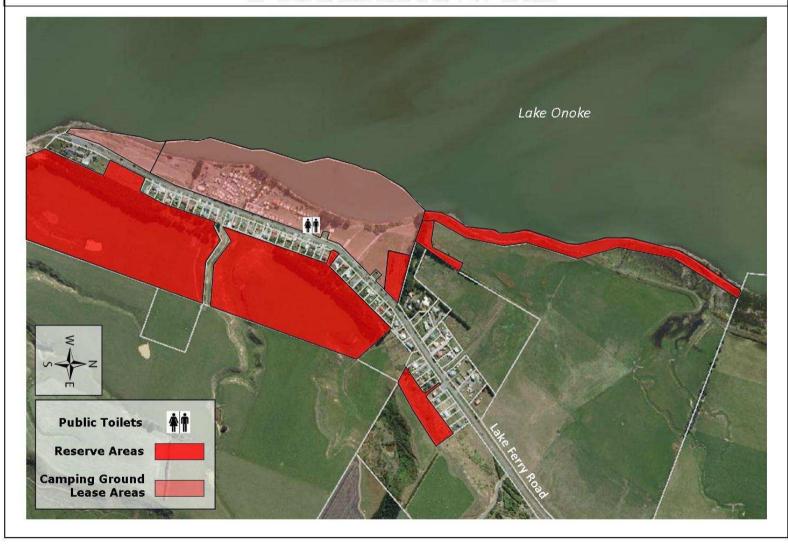
3.10.3 Policies

- 1. Camping is permitted in the commercial camping area.
- 2. Camping Ground operator's rules apply to Lots 38-43 DP 12843.
- 3. Visitors are asked to take their rubbish with them.
- 4. Restoration of coastal vegetation within these reserves will be encouraged.

3.10.4 Development

The leased camping area is well developed and new public toilets were installed in 2011. Conservation and community groups continue to organise restoration planting on the Lake Onoke shores. No further development is planned for these reserves.

Lake Ferry - Lot 15 DP 59961, Lots 38-43 DP 12843, Lot 44 DP 12843, Lot 37 DP 12843 and Lots 3 & 4 DP 67585



3.11 Other Reserves

3.11.1 Description

Location and Status: There are 6 esplanade reserves along the coast to from Te Awaiti to just north of the Pahaoa River.

Legal Description: Lot 3 & 4 DP 87044, Lot 5 DP 87044, Lot 2 & 4 DP 75053, Lot 2 DP 72724

Physical Description: Ranges from coastal strips to grassed residential areas and general rural areas (grassed or forested).

Amenity Value: The value of these reserves is primarily for beach and utility access. There are no facilities on any of these reserves.

Uses and Activities: Visitors can use the esplanade reserves for beach access.

3.11.2 Objectives

1. To provide public beach access (esplanade reserves)

2. To provide Council and contractor access to utilities (utility reserves)

3.11.3 Policies

- 1. Camping is not permitted on this reserve.
- 2. Visitors are asked to take their rubbish with them.
- 3. Natural processes will be allowed to run their course

3.11.4 Development

There are no development plans for these reserves.



Esplanade Reserves - Lot 3 & 4 DP 87044, Lot 5 DP 87044, Lot 2 & 4 DP 75053, Lot 2 DP 72724 Glendhu Pahaoa Reserve Areas Te Awaiti

4. GENERAL RESERVE OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

This section contains the objectives and policies that apply to all of the SWDC Coastal reserves.

Pedestrian Access Policy # 01

Issue

The maintenance and enhancement of public access to reserves and coastal areas is a matter of national importance under the Resource Management Act 1991.

Objective

Efficient pedestrian access to and within reserves is critical to their successful use and management. The Reserves Act 1977 allows for footpaths on reserves where these are for public recreation or enjoyment or are necessary for the public using the reserve. This section describes two types of pedestrian access, these include; recreational walking tracks and formal pathways on reserves.

- (i) To allow for recreational tracks and formal pathways on reserves where adverse effects on the environment can be remedied or mitigated.
- (ii) Protect and enhance the opportunities for people of all ages and physical abilities to access and enjoy the outdoor environment as demands on open space increase and diversify.
- (iii) To provide an efficient, safe and relatively unstructured pedestrian access network within the reserves for a variety of pedestrian uses without damaging the natural, historical, and cultural values of the reserves.

Policy

- (i) Allow the development of walking tracks and pathways on reserves where required and appropriate.
- (ii) Ensure that plans for tracks give consideration to; landscape, recreational, ecological, heritage and community values of the reserve, safety issues and ongoing maintenance.
- (iii) Ensure that walking tracks or footpaths are designed to an appropriate standard for the reserve.
- (iv) Provide a programme of routine maintenance and renewal to maintain the appropriate level of service for the reserve as detailed in the relevant asset management plan.
- (v) Review the current and future pedestrian access provisions within each reserve and provide a plan of pedestrian access appropriate to their location and anticipated level of use.
- (vi) Provide effective entry points and pathways.

Vehicle Access Policy # 02

Issue

Increased use on reserves often leads to greater demands for vehicular access and car parking. As available space is limited and the construction of these facilities can have detrimental effects on the environmental qualities of the reserves and coastal environment these activities are to be controlled.

Occasionally groups request exclusive use of car parking on reserves for special events which may disadvantage other reserve users.

Objective

- (i) To provide and maintain car parks, where financially appropriate to a level which is adequate for servicing the usual activities carried out on the reserve.
- (ii) To provide and manage vehicle access and car parking in appropriate locations within the reserves in a manner that does not compromise the natural character values or recreational use of the reserves in accordance with the requirements of the SWDC Bylaws.
- (iii) To implement a charge for reserve users who request exclusive parking for special events in accordance with the SWDC Bylaws.

Policy

- (i) Consider to the provision of car parking where there is a proven requirement directly related to the use of the reserve, and where it is physically, and fiscally feasible to provide such facilities.
- (ii) Investigate the construction of car parking facilities that enhance the natural amenity of the reserve e.g. grass blocks.
- (iii) Maintain car parking at a level appropriate for the functional operation of the reserves.
- (iv) Ensure that disabled parking provision is provided in accordance with national standards for disabled parking.
- (v) Prohibit car parking on areas of reserve other than recognised car parks and camping areas.
- (vi) Monitor car parks provided on reserves are for vehicles associated with recreation and other legitimate use of the reserve.
- (vii) Not allow regular or overnight parking on car parks in reserves.
- (viii)Levy charges for the exclusive use of parking for special events in accordance with the SWDC Bylaws.

Occupation Agreements – Leases and Licenses

Policy # 03

Issue

Under the Resource Management Act 1991, SWDC (in its reserve owning and managing role) is an affected party where a proposal on land adjacent to a reserve does not meet the requirements of the District Plan. In these situations the SWDC is approached by adjoining landowners to give its approval. This primarily includes side yard or height plane encroachments. The SWDC's main objective in these situations is to ensure that there are no adverse effects on the reserves amenity values or uses. In addition, some of the activities of the adjoining residential properties can have a detrimental effect on the natural and landscape values of the reserves. Adjoining properties should be encouraged to appreciate and enhance the valuable resource that the reserves provide and work with SWDC and the general public for their own benefit. Reserve land is also occasionally occupied by network utility providers and other organisations who wish to occupy parts of reserves for specific purposes under the RMA.

Objective

- (i) To give approval or otherwise as an affected party where a non conforming proposal in terms of the District Plan on a property adjoining a SWDC owned reserve has no adverse effect on the reserves amenity values or use.
- (ii) To ensure where able that surrounding land use and development recognises and actively provides for the protection and enhancement of the natural and landscape values of the reserves.

Policy

- (i) Give approval or otherwise to a proposal as an affected party on inspection and approval of certain plans such as *inter alia* landscape plan, visual impact/assessment plan, light plane encroachment plans.
- (ii) Prior to giving it's permission as an affected party, be satisfied that any adverse effects on:
- · amenity values
- · recreation values
- · landscape values
- · ecological values
- · heritage values
- · any other appropriate considerations (cultural, social, natural, economic) can be avoided, remedied or mitigated.
- (iii) Monitor reserve boundaries to ensure that no encroachment occurs through subdivision or development or 'privatisation' of reserve land by adjoining property owners.

Commercial Activity Access

Policy # 04

Issue

The provision of access to reserve land for commercial activities may be considered where a lease or a license or a concession to operate a commercial business in accordance with Section 56 of the Reserves Act 1977 is granted by the Minister of Conservation or a local authority.

Examples of commercial activities could include commercially operated camping grounds/holiday park, restaurants, cafes and signal masts.

Objective

- (i) To allow for access on reserves to conduct commercial activity where adverse effects on the environment can be remedied or mitigated.
- (ii) To provide an efficient and safe access to reserves for a variety of commercial uses without damaging the natural, historical, and cultural values of the reserves.
- (iii) To promote public enjoyment through a range of services and facilities.

Policy

- (i) Allow access on reserves for approved commercial activities.
- (ii) Not allow new commercial access to be constructed within or on reserves on unless written permission is granted by resolution of the Council.
- (iii) Ensure that access for commercial activity takes consideration of; landscape, recreational, ecological, heritage and community values of the reserve, safety issues and ongoing maintenance.
- (iv) Ensure that access for commercial activity is designed and erected to an appropriate standard.