

Mangawhai Coastal and Harbour

Reserves Management Plan

Project Update



November 2007

Background

Council is developing a Reserves Management Plan for all the reserve areas in Mangawhai that adjoin the Harbour and Estuary. This Management Plan has two parts.

Part One will provide the policies and management objectives for the reserves in the area into the future. These policies should reflect the community's aspiration for the coastal reserves development and protection into the future – what should and should not happen in the reserve areas.

Part Two is an initiative by Council to move forward improvements in particular reserves. These areas are:

- Mangawhai Heads Recreation Reserve (Surf Beach)
- Reserve areas in the vicinity of Alamar Crescent/North Avenue (to Bullet Point)
- Lincoln Street Reserves.

For these three areas concept plans with clear specific designs are being developed, which seek to increase use and enjoyment within the reserves while protecting the important natural and landscape values.

What about the work already done by community groups for these reserves?

The work and consultation done during the Mangawhai Structure Plan process and at other times is forming the basis for this Management Plan. Council and its consultants have brought all this information together to help us understand the local community's earlier decisions and aspirations, and how we can realistically meet these.

Where is the Management Plan at now?

A very **Preliminary** Draft of the Management Plan has been reviewed by Council, iwi and the community liaison group. Now we want to know if you think we are on the right track. Your suggestions will be considered in developing the Draft Management Plan. Please comment directly to us during the Open Forum on 24 November or at the Gala Day on 2 January, or fill out a Suggestion Form. Suggestion forms are available at the Open Forums and on Council's homepage: www.kaipara.govt.nz

The feedback period closes on **7 January 2008**.

Then ... The Draft Reserves Management Plan is developed.

Then ... Formal submission period on the Draft Reserves Management Plan, followed by hearings.

Then ... Final Management Plan prepared and adopted by Council.

Then ... Minister of Conservation sign-off.

Complete.