

DRAFT RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN

KAI IWI LAKES (TAHAROA DOMAIN) 2015

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AIM 4: RECREATION

A diverse range of recreational activities which are compatible with the cultural and ecological values of Taharoa, will be available for all visitors.



OBJECTIVES

- To optimise visitors' experiences and enjoyment through the development of recreational opportunities (active and passive) which heighten appreciation of the natural and cultural characteristics of Taharoa without compromising its values.
- To position Taharoa to act as a hub for wider walking and cycling linkages.
- To manage the effects of all visitors on the environment through the appropriate design of the landscape and infrastructure.
- To encourage a wide range of social, cultural and sporting events which are compatible with the Domain's environmental and cultural characteristics, whilst ensuring that these do not result in exclusive use.
- To reduce conflicting water based activities and enhancing the appeal of the domain as a destination for passive and non-motorised recreation activities e.g. rowing, sailing, kayaking, waka ama, cycling, walking, swimming, paddleboarding etc.
- To improve safety within the Domain and on the lakes by having clear rules, guidelines and information that relate to the activities, coupled with active education.



PROPOSED ACTIONS

- Completion of a landscape and infrastructure plan to effectively manage visitor needs, with monitoring of its implementation.



- Completion of business case, and consequential development of new visitor facilities including camping.
- Complete a plan for extended and new walking and cycling track networks with monitoring of implementation.
- Actively improve and promote safety education within the domain with appropriate signage at key points along with monitoring of lake users.
- Develop, over time, an annual events programme with event organisers appropriate to the values of the place.
- Close Promenade Point campground by mid-2018.



- Day visitor toilet facilities are provided at key destination points.
- Playgrounds are updated to meet safety requirements and better fit with the Domain's natural character.
- Picnic facilities are upgraded to achieve a better fit with the atmosphere of Taharoa Domain, including amenity planting and provision for shade.
- The entrance to the Domain is reconfigured to improve visitor arrival experience.



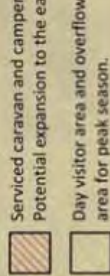
- A business case is completed, and implemented if appropriate, for a Domain Manager's residence and adjacent work yard.
- Powerboats will not be allowed from 2018, unless specifically authorised as safety vessels for events, scientific and research purposes, and for management operations.
- Water craft launching facilities are limited to a single defined point at Lake Taharoa and Lake Waikare.
- Biosecurity checking bay/s are developed and supported by related information at each launching point.





KEY NOTES

- Serviced caravan and campervan sites.
- Potential expansion to the east.



- Extensive native tree planting to create structure, wind shelter and shade. Potential to add non-invasive, fast growing exotics to provide short term shade etc.

- Restoration of lake-edge vegetation using endemic species. Discrete fences set amongst planting to prevent future informal access. Likely need for temporary fences to margins during establishment.

- Logging haul track route restored in vegetation. Replaced with better graded path incorporating stormwater diversion.

- Possible new tank farm to east of ridge, surrounded by dense planting. Firefighting and nursery/planting irrigation roles.

- Possible cluster of 4-5 cabins. Could be self-contained or share dedicated amenities block.

- Bollards to contain roadside parking.

- Potential 2nd cluster of 4-5 cabins. Could be self-contained or share dedicated amenities block.

- Emphasise walking/cycling loop entry and replace steel forestry gate with equally robust lockable bollards.

- Possible resting and reconfiguring of play ground. Progressively rationalise recent planting to be ecologically appropriate.

- Retrofit changing rooms as toilets.

- Pontoon for swimmers.

- Expand protected swimming area.

- Ensure that vehicle barrier is very subtle, but effective eg. steep roadside swales and/or more informal bollards.

- Temporary camp manager hut.
- Future shop and camp office/concessionaire's base.

- Modest central parking area. Log cabin removed. Strong connection to broad access to beach.

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- Steepest portion of logging haul track route restored in vegetation. Replaced with better graded path incorporating stormwater diversion.

- Possible site for a future ranger's residence, service yard and implement shed. Slightly elevated to overlook camp and broader reserve. Sensitive building design and siting critical.

- Dry vault or composting toilet.

- Further developed day visitor area.

GENERAL NOTES

- Likely need to upgrade wastewater treatment and land-based disposal areas to cater for expanded peak capacity.
- Review existing signs and add/replace with strategic signs to advise on recreation, ecology, restoration initiatives etc.

CONCEPT PINE BEACH

