

5.0 Parks and Reserves

The Council provides and maintains a range of parks and reserves throughout the Hauraki District. These parks and reserves are used for sports, passive recreation, and scenic purposes. There are three principal reserves within the District, one each in Ngatea, Paeroa and Waihi.

A number of sporting organisations use specific areas of the parks and reserves for sporting purposes, i.e. netball, hockey, soccer, rugby union, athletics, croquet, bowls, cricket, touch, tennis, rugby league etc.

Where the park or reserve is used predominantly for sporting purposes, there is a 'users group', which meets periodically under the guidance of the appropriate Ward Committee to discuss use of the area in an effort to maximise the benefits to all parties.

Other parks and reserves within the Hauraki District are provided principally for the purposes of passive recreation such as recreational walking and scenic purposes - a place to stop for a rest, a picnic under the trees or a swim in a nearby river.

Some of the parks and reserves have play equipment provided for use by children.

The Hauraki District Council's goal in respect of parks and reserves is to ensure a network of parks and reserves are provided for recreation, leisure and aesthetic pursuits and to ensure the continuing maintenance of road side verges and to ensure the availability of public car parks.

Focus for the Next 3 Years

- 5.1 To operate all parks and reserves within the Hauraki District in accordance with both the needs of the community and legislative requirements specified in the Reserves Act 1977;
- 5.2 To provide and maintain play equipment in accordance with the public playground safety standards;
- 5.3 To have current management plans for all classified Council recreational reserves.

Emphasis in 2003-2004

- 5.1.1 To receive no more than eight written complaints with respect to the level of service for parks and reserves district-wide during the planning period.
- 5.1.2 To install a security lighting system for a cost of no more than \$15,000 in the Paeroa Domain.
- 5.1.3 To install additional play equipment in the Edwards Street Children's playground in Paeroa at a cost of no more than \$4,000.
- 5.1.4 To obtain consents and construct the Turua Jetty by 30 June 2004 at a cost of no more than \$85,000.
- 5.1.5 Commence the first stage of the landscaping development at Gilmour Reserve by 30 June 2004 at a cost of no more than \$30,000.
- 5.1.6 To design and commence the first stage of the upgrade and traffic safety measures to the remaining undeveloped section of the carpark in Hugh Hayward Reserve at a cost of no more than \$30,000 by 30 June 2004.
- 5.1.7 To complete the replacement of the Paeroa Athletics Pavilion by 30 June 2004 at a cost of no more than \$150,000.
- 5.2.1 To maintain a monthly inspection programme related to minimum maintenance requirements for safety for playground equipment throughout the District, during the planning period.
- 5.3.1 To finalise management plans for all classified Council 'recreational' parks and reserves by 31 December 2003.

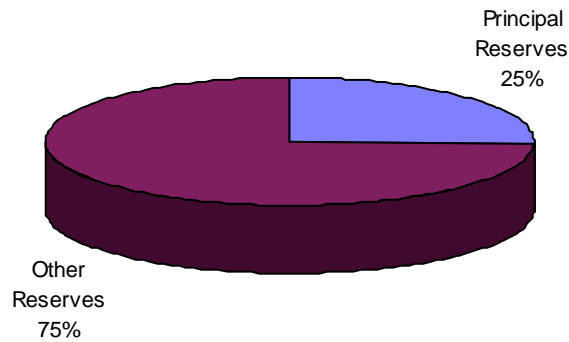
Changes This Year

There are no significant changes this year.

Projected Costs and Funding - Parks and Reserves

<i>Budget</i> 2002-03 \$000's		Forecast 2003-04 \$000's	Projected 2004-05 \$000's	Projected 2005-06 \$000's
	EXPENDITURE			
181	Principal Reserves	190	190	189
459	Other Reserves	556	581	578
640	Total Expenditure	746	771	767
(4)	Less Fees and Charges	(3)	(3)	(3)
(503)	Less Targeted Rates	(533)	(567)	(567)
133	NET COST OF SERVICE	210	201	197

EXPENDITURE 2003/04



EXPENDITURE BY CLASS				
589	Operating	666	668	663
51	Decline in Service Potential	80	103	104
-	Interest	-	-	-
640	Total Expenditure	746	771	767
94	Capital and Renewals	318	116	20