

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	Emphasis	Achievements
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.	5.1.1 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.	5.1.1 Achieved No written complaints were received.
	5.1.2 To install a security lighting system for a cost of no more than \$15,000 in the Paeroa Domain.	5.1.2 Not achieved Lights installed at Paeroa Domain. Council approved the increased budget for installation to \$45,000.
	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.	5.1.3 Achieved Playground unit installed by 30 June 2004 at a cost of \$3,365.
	5.1.4 To obtain consents and construct the Turua Jetty by 30 June 2004 at a cost of no more than \$85,000.	5.1.4 Not Achieved Resource consent application delayed due to land ownership issues. Final decision on consent not due until 15 July 2004, construction deferred to 2004/05 year.

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	<p>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.</p>	<p>5.1.5 Not Achieved Design Report was amended incorporating changes effecting submissions received on the development adopted at the June 2004 Waihi Ward Committee meeting. Design Report recommends a four stage development commencing 2004/05 year. Design report delivered within budget.</p>
	<p>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.</p>	<p>5.1.6 Not Achieved Completed May 2004 at a cost of \$33,000.</p>
	<p>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.</p>	<p>5.1.7 Achieved Completed January 2004, cost approx. \$85,000.</p>
<p>5.2 To provide and maintain play equipment in accordance with the public playground safety standards.</p>	<p>5.2.1 To maintain a monthly inspection programme relate to minimum maintenance requirements for safety for playground equipment throughout the District, during the planning period.</p>	<p>5.2.1 Not Achieved Inspection programme redesigned and implementation deferred to 2004/05.</p>
<p>5.3 To have current management plans for all classified Council recreational reserves.</p>	<p>5.3.1 To finalise management plans for all classified Council 'recreational' parks and reserves by 31 December 2003.</p>	<p>5.3.1 Not Achieved The Reserves Management Plan has been deferred to 2004/05 and 2005/06 year. Other strategic planning projects have taken precedence.</p>

Costs and Funding – Parks and Reserves

Actual 2002-03 \$000's		Actual 2003-04 \$000's	Budget 2003-04 \$000's
	Cost of Service		
	PRINCIPAL RESERVES		
111	Paeroa	87	74
75	Hugh Hayward, Ngatea	86	82
<u>45</u>	Morgan Park, Waihi	<u>35</u>	<u>34</u>
231		208	190
	OTHER RESERVES		
74	State Highway Two Reserves	126	108
183	Paeroa	201	216
42	Plains	48	55
<u>192</u>	Waihi	<u>306</u>	<u>177</u>
491		681	556
722	Total Gross Cost Of Service	889	746
	Less Fees and Charges		
4	Domains	-	2
<u>3</u>	Reserves	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
7	Total Fees And Charges	1	3
-	Less Targeted Rates	549	533
715	NET COST OF SERVICE	339	210