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Open Attachments

Draft City Wide Reserve Management Plan Submissions

Meeting Date: Tuesday 15 April 2025

Time: 9.30am (Reserve Management Plan)

Venue: Large Exhibition Hall
War Memorial Centre
Marine Parade
Napier

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Draft City Wide Reserve Management Plan Bylaw Summary of Submissions by Submitter

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1	Ingrid Russell	3.0 Buildings, Furniture and Playgrounds: Objectives	Faraday steps need to be repaired and re-opened for use, or a timeline given of when the work will be complete
		3.3 Structures – Pergolas, park Furniture, Water Features	Tiffen Park requires at least one seat to be installed to make this reserve accessible for children and elderly

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2	Chris Comber	Part A – Introduction and Background	On page 12 which of the areas are not managed by NCC? The list comes to 696 hectares but the opening sentence says only 400 is owned by council. The list in the left column then doesn't add up to the parks and reserves 487 hectares in the right column.
		Part B – Objectives and Policies: 1.1 Classification and Gazetting	Does reclassification require consultation with the community?
		1.3 Acquisition and Divestment Guidance	NO as long as it is consulted on before finalised by Council.
		1.8 Community Partnerships	Great sentiment but need to ensure it is consistently acted upon. Ki Uta / Ki Tai native garden a great example on Anderson Park.
		2.0 Recreation and Access: 2.5 Freedom Camping and Supporting Infrastructure	Need to limit freedom camping to proper self contained motorhomes - internal installed toilet and kitchen.
		3.0 Buildings, Furniture and Playgrounds: 3.5 Signage and Lighting	I would like to see allowance for more educational signage to assist in learning about flora and fauna, tikanga and history of the area.
		5.0 Natural Values: 5.2 Trees and Gardens	5.2.7 would be good to say "a suitable native tree species" or at least have a preference for relevant local native species..
		Additional Feedback	Would just like to ensure that there is good community engagement where new reserves or changes are being made. Encourage the use of native species and the provision of educational signage etc.

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3	Mark Hamilton	Part A- Introduction and Background	Mountain Biking is a growing sport in the region (over 1,300 riders in the HBMTBC) and Napier does not have any facilities where riders can partake in the sport. This became glaring obvious during the Covid lockdown era. There are opportunities for trail development in Park Island and parts of the Hill, including the Botanical Gardens & Sturms Gully - to provide short loops for people working in the city or industrial areas as well as local residents. At the moment riding is effectively banned in our reserves through signage, but silent in the RMP. In effect the signage is ignored when access to the Eskdale MTB park is lost. I believe we are better to front foot this and provide access for a few trails to be developed in areas that work - keep walkers and cyclists separated.
		2.0 Recreation and Access: Objectives	Yes – as per previous

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4	Linda McCavana	Part A – Introduction and Background	Too much trash on the Marine Parade foreshore. Pieces of metal, wire, assorted plastic and bits of rope.
		Part B – Objectives and Policies 1.4 Reserve Development	Keep them clean!
		1.6 Encroachments	Protect native floral and fauna.

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5	Helen Jacobi	Part B Objectives and Policies: 3.6 Playgrounds	We recently had young family staying and were very impressed with the range and quality of playgrounds in Napier: Anderson Park and Marine Parade in particular - great for a range of ages and abilities - excellent design.
		5.2 Trees and Gardens	We greatly appreciate the Botanical Gardens and all the hard work the team do to maintain it.
		Additional Feedback	A massive thanks to all the team who design and maintain our wonderful spaces.

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6	Peter van der Stam	Part B Objectives and Policies: 2.2 Tracks, Trails and Pathways	The cycle paths are total ??? The gutters are terrible for narrow tires bikes. They should be filled in. At many place the concrete slabs stick out to far.
		2.4 Motor Vehicle Access and Parking Activities	Never use my car.
		2.9 Dog Exercise Activities	Yes! To many times I encounter dogs NOT on a leash.
		3.0 Buildings, Furniture and Playgrounds: Objectives	Only against the use of te reo, which almost no body knows what it means.
		3.1 Buildings including Clubrooms, Changing Rooms, Toilet Blocks etc.	They are OK
		3.2 Public Toilets and Changing Facilities	This is the same question
		3.3 Structures – Pergolas, park Furniture, Water Features	All OK
		3.4 Fencing Policies	Never seen a fence
		3.5 Signage and Lighting	All signage HAS to be in English. That is the proper understandable language for citizens and tourists.
		4.0 Mana Whenua Values: Objectives	What the heck does Mana Whenua mean. I don't read and understand Swahili
		4.1 Mana Whenua Partnerships	YES ! No maori decendant (non elected ones) should even sit in council. You don't have any Chinese person (non elected) in council while there are more Chinese people living in NZ than maori decendants.
		5.4 Pest Management (Animal and Plant)	As long as the council makes sure to minimize the use of poisons.
		Additional Feedback	First , this questionair is way to long and too many objection possibilities Also, I don't think the council needs more staff, like the blow out of the Regional council.

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7	Gail Kirkham	Part A	Havent had time to read it - just want to make some suggestions
		Part B – Objectives and Policies: 1.0 Administration and Management	Yes – <i>Officers have spoken with submitter – no further feedback</i>
		1.7 Personal Safety and Vandalism	Possibly – <i>Officers have spoken with submitter – no further feedback</i>
		2.0 Recreation and Access: Objectives	Yes – <i>Officers have spoken with submitter – no further feedback</i>
		3.0 Buildings, Furniture and Playgrounds	Suggestions – <i>Officers have spoken with submitter – no further feedback</i>
		3.3 Structures – Pergolas, Park Furniture, Water Features	YES - <i>Officers have spoken with submitter – no further feedback</i>
		Additional Feedback	Seating needs to be considered in Sturms Gully after removing exercise boards, then putting a walk/cycle way through the dogs off leash a orea. There is no where to sit on the sunny side of the park and no shelter to sit under Cyclists and runners get up set at dogs running at them when they are running/cycling through the dogs play area. Security camera needed as there have been a number of incidents including domestic violence and cars being tampered with, wing mirrors torn off and cars broken into by kids thinking its fun....my security cameras have had to be offered to Police trying to locate or identify offenders. There have been quite a few incidents - Police dont attend

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8	Natalie Baker	Part B – Objectives and Policies: 1.5 Reserve Naming	I think emphasis should be placed on using the original te Reo name for an area or for new reserves
		1.8 Community Partnerships	I think you could promote volunteer opportunities for caring for a reserve eg pest management and picking up litter
		2.4 Motor Vehicle Access and Parking Activities	I think there should be more support for walkers and cyclists eg bike racks, drinking fountains toilets, benches. Less emphasis on car parking.
		2.5 Freedom Camping and Supporting Infrastructure	Limit freedom camping to a couple of well maintained sites. (Lots of rubbish bins and increased input into cleaning the toilets & removing rubbish.
		3.1 Buildings including Clubrooms, Changing Rooms, Toilet Blocks etc.	More rubbish bins & cleaning of these areas. People drop litter whether there are bins or not.
		3.2 Public Toilets and Changing Facilities	More toilets are needed but cleaning & rubbish removal is imperative.
		5.1 Environment and Sustainability	Plant more (drought tolerant) trees and shrubs. Look at Singapore- they plant vegetation absolutely everywhere.
		5.3 Biodiversity and Ecology	Get the local community help with Pest control and more planting.
		5.4 Pest Management (Animal and Plant)	Get community help to monitor and maintain traps.
		Additional Feedback	I like it! (Please plant more trees shrubs & native grasses)

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9	Roland Brandsma	Part B – Objectives and Policies: 2.4 Motor Vehicle Access and Parking Activities	Georges drive green belt is a dumping ground for vehicles and rubbish, will regular patrols be done with abandoned vehicles towed regardless or social standing. Green belts and reserves should be fenced/bollard to prevent vehicles accessing
		2.5 Freedom Camping and Supporting Infrastructure	Charge a small fee to help maintain the area and minimise the cost on the local rate payers.
		5.2 Trees and Gardens	Plant more evergreen to minimise leaves blocking stormwater and drainage systems.

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10	John Reid	Part A – 6.5 Natural Values	6.5 Natural Values . NCC needs to do more around tree management. Centennial Park was planted up 50 years ago with numerous trees that have become way past their purpose, outgrown their location and site, smothering the adjacent tree in many cases and now creating a physical barrier. In addition the risk management of these trees is almost always reactive not proactive. Tree limbs overhang footpaths and commonly used walking areas and after ever wind event their are broken limbs, which eventually get removed. Other trees drop berries and seed heads that either smell or stain. The portuguese laurel foliage and berries are poisonous to dogs. For humans they are considered to be harmful if ingested and wearing gloves is recommended when handling. Yet everyday children use the path between Church Road and Centennial park. The adjacent gum tree is known to be a shallow rooting tree, susceptible to wind dropping large branches. Smaller native trees should be used as replacements for the benefit of our native birds.
		1.7 Personal Safety and Vandalism	Given I live adjacent to the Centennial and Taradale Park and could previously see large parts, our eyes provided crime prevention and safety for park users. We have called the Police on several occasions to report and monitor unsociable activities.
		1.8 Community Partnerships	Allowing the mature trees on the western edge of Centennial Park to now screen out, is now in conflict

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			with 1.7.1 Crime prevention through design etc
		2.3 Accessibility	Styles for entry onto Maggie's Way from Tironui Drive and other places are not helpful for accessibility-see Disability Strategy.
		2.9 Dog Exercise Activities	Dog control is never monitored on Taradale Park, yet everyday dogs run off lead and foul the park.
		3.3 Structures – Pergolas, Park Furniture, Water Features	Ducks & pigeons spoil the water feature at Centennial Park and create health & safety issues. and
		5.2 Trees and Gardens: 5.2.2.e	5.2.2 e many trees at Centennial Park have already outgrown their location and are now creating unintended consequences.
		Additional Feedback	Needs to be better consistency with the high density residential zone objectives. Scale and height of trees that adjoin residential properties must be better managed. There are numerous parks where a 10-15m tree can be grown without any impact on neighbours. Large trees are better planted on reserves such as Dolbel. Forest specimens such as Totara and gum trees are not suitable. Conifers also have little appeal when compared with appropriately sized native specimens available.

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11	Mel Bath	Part A	Love all reserves, sports field and the number of parks we have a available in our beautiful city. But the marine parade playground isn't fit for purpose any more.it is in desperate need of an upgrade It so run down and each time we take out children for a play we notice the some else is broken or missing and beyond repair .its really sad.

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12	Jennifer Ellingham	Part A	Recreationla horse riding needs to be included in all reserve plans, providing a safe place for horse riders for all levels of skills to ride. We do not need separate or expensive trails, just inclusion. Good example is the kapiti coats that has horses/bikers and walkers combined.

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13	Heidi Stiefel	Part A	No Objections NCC manages some wonderful reserve areas. Due to the HBRC and Landcare project to eradicate Possums (2009 to 2014) we have a wonderful base of native bird life on Mataruahou that we can build on. I would like to see added to the plan a clear strategy to reduce predators with trapping/baiting programmes to enhance the environment for our native species to thrive. We are very close to Cape Sanctuary, and with a clear pest control strategy we could see breeding kaka populations building here. I would like to see NCC working with local community groups and school to establish predator control groups and set up trap lines as some of the native plantings mature, the benefits to providing a habitat for our native bird species in our community is good not only for the birds but also for our community well being
		5.1 Environment and Sustainability	again I would like to see predator control specified in this plan as a tool to enhance the environment for our native birds and geckos to thrive

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14	Heidi-Ann Phillips	Part A	<p>I think it is essential for our council to implement a trapping and trap maintenance programme across the 700 hectares of parks, reserves, and sportsgrounds within our city. In order to establish and improve wildlife corridors in our urban environment, we desperately need to control predators such as rats, stoats, and possums. This shouldn't solely be left to community groups. Instead, it is important that our council includes trapping in their legislation and as part of their management strategies. In previous years, the targeted possum eradication on Mataruahou was incredibly successful. This collective effort has increased the number of native birds we now have on Mataruahou which is proof that our native wildlife can thrive when we each play our part. To continue this legacy, we need to build on our past success and prioritise predator control in our parks, reserves, and sportsgrounds.</p>
		5.4 Pest Management (Animal and Plant)	<p>I think it is essential for our council to implement a trapping and trap maintenance programme across the 700 hectares of parks, reserves, and sportsgrounds within our city.</p>

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15	Glenys Offergeld	Part A	No objections. My submission is to have Napier City Council support and advance a Napier City wide predator control and native planting programme in our whole area to support the increasing number of indigenous wild life occurring since the formation of the Cape Sanctuary and the introduction of trapping in 2009 on Mataruahou.
		Part B – Objectives and Policies: 2.4 Motor Vehicle Access and Parking Activities	Indigenous wild life, flora and fauna should be considered and protected when planning Motor Vehicle Access and Parrking along the Foreshore and Beaches Reserves
		2.5 Freedom Camping and Infrastructure	Freedom Camping along the Foreshore and Beaches Reserves
		2.6 Temporary Activities	Indigenous wild life, flora and fauna should be considered and protected when events take place e.g. breeding season
		3.0 Buildings, Furniture and Playgrounds: Objectives	Love the disability play area at Anderson Park
		3.1 Buildings including Clubrooms, Changing Rooms, Toilet Blocks etc.	Great facilities around the Reserves
		3.2 Public Toilets and Changing Facilities	Again - great facilities
		3.6 Playgrounds	I'm seeing interesting play areas appearing around Napier
		4.0 Mana Whenua Values: Objectives	In favour
		4.1 Mana Whenua Partnerships	In favour
		5.1 Environment and Sustainability	These should have high priority
		5.2 Trees and Gardens	Consideration should be given to supporting wild life, indigenous flora and fauna

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		5.3 Biodiversity and Ecology	These should have high priority
		5.4 Pest Management (Animal and Pest)	NCC support and advancement of pest management would be appreciated
		Additional Feedback	There are scattered groups of very enthusiastic volunteers already tackling pest control through trapping. Cats are known as highly effective killers of native species - birds and geckos. I would wish Napier City Council to recognize this and support educating owners on the importance of micro chipping and the possibility of cats being able to be contained on an owner's section through modern catios and specially constructed fences. Ideally Parks and Reserves would not tolerate cats roaming in them.

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16	James Low	Part A – Introduction and Background	Yes – <i>Officers have spoken with submitter – no further feedback</i>
		Additional Feedback	I would like to see attention given to the deteriorating condition of some of the seaward-side Norfolk Pines on the Marine Parade. There is evidence of insect infestation causing foliar decline and threat of die-back.

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17	Nicola Lark	Part A – Introduction and Background	I want a library in napier
		Part B – Objectives and Policies 1.0 Administration and Management	Yes - <i>Officers reached out to submitter to seek further feedback but did not receive a response.</i>
		3.0 Buildings, Furniture and Playgrounds	Yes - <i>Officers reached out to submitter to seek further feedback but did not receive a response.</i>
		3.1 Buildings including Clubrooms, Changing Rooms, Toilet Blocks etc.	Need a library
		Additional Feedback	I think a library is an essential Hub to keep a city alive. You need free indoor space

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18	Janet Campbell	2.0 Recreation and Access: Objectives	Can you add an objective providing for consideration of recreational horse riding in open spaces and reserves throughout the city as provision has been made for Dog Exercise Activities (2.9)
		Additional Feedback	My request for inclusion of consideration for the provision of recreational horse riding in appropriate areas is based on the significant number of horses within our City, but shrinking availability of safe places to ride safely, particularly roads.

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19	Lynne Anderson on behalf of Save the Dotterels, Hawke's Bay <i>See Appendix 1 for full submission document.</i>	Part A	<p>What is in a Heading? We realise that certain areas of Napier's shingle beaches are also under the auspices of DOC and HBRC – and would like to point out that it is very difficult for groups such as ours, and in fact anyone, to know what areas come under which jurisdiction. However, we'd like to see the word 'Beaches' included in headings. Parks and sportsgrounds come under the auspices of 'reserves' – and get special mention for further clarification. We'd like 'Beaches' to get the same clarification. Example: Napier has more than 700 hectares of parks, beaches, reserves and sportsgrounds that we think are special..... Also: 'Foreshore and Beach Reserves' Beaches are often overlooked, seen as areas of little consequence, and the importance of preserving the biodiversity on our beaches is largely not recognised. Many people do not realise that beaches come under the auspices of 'Reserves'. As with the NCC Bylaw: 'Parks and Reserves Bylaw' (which does include beaches) – become named as the 'Parks, Beaches and Reserves Bylaw'. Some local Councils have a 'Beach Bylaw'.</p>
		4.0 Napier's Open Space Network	<p>States the: NCC manages 11 foreshore Reserves (118 hectares) The foreshore reserves are a significant recreational asset providing for walking and cycling and other beachside activities. These reserves also have a key role to play in protecting the city from storm events and inundation from the sea. Comment: As recognised in Part A 1.1 The Purpose of the Reserves Act 1977</p>

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			<p>(b) the preservation of natural ecosystems and landscapes. Although we fully recognise that foreshore reserves are ‘a significant recreational asset’ – this should not be the sole focus for the foreshore reserves. As previously stated in this submission, they also harbour unique ecosystems that need recognition and protection. It is not just about the indigenous banded dotterel / pohowera that choose to nest on our shores but also a range of other indigenous flora and fauna.</p>
		<p>Part B – Objectives and Policies: 1.1 Classification and Gazetting</p>	<p>We are unsure how the Foreshore Reserves that include beaches will be classified or if they are already classified. Classification of Reserves that include areas of beach should not just be classified as Recreation Reserves. We can see those areas fitting into not only Recreation Reserve but also Nature Reserve – and more recently Scientific Reserve.</p> <p>International Study: Hawke’s Bay’s banded dotterels are now part of an international research study being conducted by the Max Planck Institute in Germany. Over 40 Hawke’s Bay birds have been banded with individual leg bands and processed; this included DNA testing; feather sampling for isotope testing; the taking of weight and measurements etc - as part of this study. This is a significant undertaking for Napier and so the protection of the birds’ habitat becomes that much more critical. This study is expected to go on for another 5-10 years. Areas of some Reserves include nesting habitat.</p>
		<p>1.8 Community Partnerships</p>	<p>Strongly support 1.8.1 through to 1.8.3</p> <p>The Napier dotterel group consists of about 25 active volunteers who walk about 8km of Napier’s beaches at least twice a week. The volunteers always</p>

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			<p>pick up rubbish as they go and over the season of about 6 months, this amounts to a considerable amount of rubbish.</p> <p>This last year, our volunteers did much cleaning up after Guy Fawkes night (4 large rubbish bags) and also cleaned up after the many and frequent fires on Napier’s beaches many of which are left smouldering. Many beach fires often seemed to be for the purpose to burn (often non-combustible) rubbish.</p> <p>Our group would like to see far more control over ad lib fires on Napier’s beaches – enforcement and penalties. They are so damaging to the coastal ecosystem.</p>
		2.0 Recreation and Access	<p>‘Access’ needs to be specified as to what sort of access – pedestrian? wheelchair access? cycling? vehicle access?</p> <p>There is contradiction allowing unlimited ‘access’ and wanting to preserve and restore indigenous ecosystems, biodiversity, flora and fauna. In order to protect our biodiversity, there are some areas of ‘reserves’ that would be better to have limited access.</p>
		2.4 Motor Vehicle Access and Parking Activities	<p>We totally agree with 2.4.1 stating that only authorised vehicles have access to reserves, and agree through to 2.4.5. Sadly this is not enforced and vehicles (cars, utility vehicles, quad bikes, motor bikes) frequent our shores, often joy riding and doing untold damage - we have endless photographic evidence to this.</p> <p>It would be welcomed to see more barriers to prevent vehicles getting onto our beaches.</p>
		2.6 Temporary Activities	<p>Agree. Approving the Matariki fires is one temporary activity that will no doubt be ongoingly requested. The problem here is that many participants think that because the Matariki fires have been approved, that it gives them licence to</p>

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			have ongoing ad lib fires on our beaches whenever they wish. It would be useful if it was made very clear that Matariki fires are a one-off event and any subsequent fires on beaches require a licence.
		2.9.1 Dog Exercise Activities	Agree
		2.9.2 Dog Exercise Activities	Some dog signposting relating to dog control is ambiguous. Some dog owners flaunt the regulations and take their dogs on or off lead wherever they wish. There does not appear to be any enforcement of dog control bylaws.
		4.0 Mana Whenua Values	Agree with Objectives and Policies.
		5.1 Environment and Sustainability	Agree with the Objectives and all points 5.1.1 through to 5.1.4 Comment: Less mowing could be included in this section. Also the 'Greening of Napier' – aim for a percentage of green cover by a certain date.
		5.3 Biodiversity and Ecology	We agree with all 5 statements 5.3.1. through to 5.3.5
		5.4 Pest Management (Animal and Pest)	We agree with 5.4.1. and 5.4.2. There are many pest plants on Napier's beaches, but removal must be done carefully – blanket removal could cause considerable harm as the pest plants may be serving similar purposes that indigenous plants might – e.g. providing shelter and harbouring invertebrates etc. Our group has 8 DOC200 traps at the Bayview / Westshore dotterel monitoring site and 7 DOC 200s from the Aquarium going south along Awatoto Beach. There has been rat problems near to the two carparks just south of the Aquarium, pest control has been called in twice for that area this last season – regular rat control in that area would be welcomed. With the newly proposed 'Predator Free Hawke's Bay' soon to be launched, it would be very welcomed for regular

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			<p>predator control to be included in the plans of many of Napier’s City Reserves. Also, it is surely not unreasonable to expect cat owners to have their cats microchipped and desexed – this addition to the Animal Control Bylaw would be welcomed. We estimate that one cat predated 20-30 dotterel nests these last two seasons.</p>
		<p>Appendix 1 – Prioritised List of Individual and Group RMP’s</p>	<p>We would like to see the Foreshore Reserves that include beaches have a higher priority as they are particularly important in their role in climate resilience. Also, to make enhancing biodiversity and protection of indigenous species a recognised targeted part of the consideration of the Foreshore and Beach Reserves – along with recreation.</p>

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Submission on Notification Proposed Napier District Plan Variation – City Wide Reserve Management Plan Chapter

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We wish to speak to this submission at the hearing. YES

This submission is principally concerned with the Foreshore Reserves (Marine Parade Foreshore Reserves, Beach Domain, Te Taha Westshore Beach and The Gap).

Introduction:

'Save the Dotterels Hawke's Bay' is a group of passionate local volunteers concerned for the survival and breeding success of the banded dotterel on beaches and riverbeds in Hawke's Bay. The banded dotterel / *Pohowera* is an endemic breeder to New Zealand. The group is not just about one species – we advocate for the protection of shingle beach habitat and for the protection of all indigenous species both fauna and flora naturally found on our shores.

Principal Concern:

Our principal concern is the protection of Napier's SHINGLE BEACHES which are valuable habitats in their own right harbouring various indigenous species of both flora and fauna and encompass extensive biodiversity.

The dotterel volunteers have made significant progress in raising awareness and educating the public during their regular monitoring over the last three seasons. Many of the public now show interest in protecting the beach / birds and even call us if they see undesirable activity.

Statement from HBRC 'Coastal Ecology' report

<https://www.hbrc.govt.nz/environment/coast/coastal-ecology/>

Shingle beaches are actually rare in the world, and Hawke's Bay has a long shingle beach stretching between Clifton and Whirinaki. Shingle comes from the mountains via Hawke's Bay's long braided rivers. Unquote

As is evident - Napier's jurisdiction of coast includes 27km of beach stretching from the Esk River in the north to the Tutaekuri River in the south. As stated above, Shingle Beaches are considered unique habitats. River beds deserve the same level of protection.

Part A: Introduction and Background

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Do you have any objections or feedback on Part A of the Draft City Wide Reserve Management Plan? **Yes**

What is in a Heading?

We realise that certain areas of Napier's shingle beaches are also under the auspices of DOC and HBRC – and would like to point out that it is very difficult for groups such as ours, and in fact anyone, to know what areas come under which jurisdiction.

However, we'd like to see the word 'Beaches' included in headings. Parks and sportsgrounds come under the auspices of 'reserves' – and get special mention for further clarification. We'd like 'Beaches' to get the same clarification. Example:

Napier has more than 700 hectares of parks, beaches, reserves and sportsgrounds that we think are special.....

Also: 'Foreshore and Beach Reserves'

Beaches are often overlooked, seen as areas of little consequence, and the importance of preserving the biodiversity on our beaches is largely not recognised. Many people do not realise that beaches come under the auspices of 'Reserves'.

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1.4 Classifications of Reserves

We are unsure how the Foreshore Reserves that include beaches will be classified or if they are already classified. Classification of Reserves that include areas of beach should not just be classified as Recreation Reserves. We can see those areas fitting into not only Recreation Reserve but also Nature Reserve – and more recently Scientific Reserve.

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2.3 Prioritised List

We would like to see the Foreshore Reserves that include beaches have a higher priority as they are particularly important in their role in climate resilience.

Also, to make enhancing biodiversity and protection of indigenous species a recognised targeted part of the consideration of the Foreshore and Beach Reserves – along with recreation.

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4.0 Napier's Open Space Network:

States the : *NCC manages 11 foreshore Reserves (118 hectares) The foreshore reserves are a significant recreational asset providing for walking and cycling and other beachside activities. These reserves also have a key role to play in protecting the city from storm events and inundation from the sea.*

Comment: As recognised in Part A 1.1 The Purpose of the Reserves Act 1977 (b) *the preservation of natural ecosystems and landscapes.*

Although we fully recognise that foreshore reserves are 'a significant recreational asset' – this should not be the sole focus for the foreshore reserves. As previously stated in this submission, they also harbour unique ecosystems that need recognition and protection. It is not just about the indigenous banded dotterel / pohowera that choose to nest on our shores but also a range of other indigenous flora and fauna.

Part B: City Wide Reserve Management Plan Objectives and Policies

1.8 Community Partnerships

Strongly support 1.8.1 through to 1.8.3

The Napier dotterel group consists of about 25 active volunteers who walk about 8km of Napier's beaches at least twice a week. The volunteers always pick up rubbish as they go and over the season of about 6 months, this amounts to a considerable amount of rubbish. This last year, our volunteers did much cleaning up after Guy Fawkes night (4 large rubbish bags) and also cleaned up after the many and frequent fires on Napier's beaches many of which are left smouldering. Many beach fires often seemed to be for the purpose to burn (often non-combustible) rubbish.

Our group would like to see far more control over ad lib fires on Napier's beaches – enforcement and penalties. They are so damaging to the coastal ecosystem.

2.0 Recreation and Access:

'Access' needs to be specified as to what sort of access – pedestrian? wheelchair access? cycling? vehicle access?

There is contradiction allowing unlimited 'access' and wanting to preserve and restore indigenous ecosystems, biodiversity, flora and fauna. In order to protect our biodiversity, there are some areas of 'reserves' that would be better to have limited access.

2.4 Motor Vehicle Access and Parking Activities:

We totally agree with 2.4.1 stating that only authorised vehicles have access to reserves, and agree through to 2.4.5.

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Sadly this is not enforced and vehicles (cars, utility vehicles, quad bikes, motor bikes) frequent our shores, often joy riding and doing untold damage - we have endless photographic evidence to this.

It would be welcomed to see more barriers to prevent vehicles getting onto our beaches.

2.6 Temporary Activities: Agree. Approving the Matariki fires is one temporary activity that will no doubt be ongoingly requested. The problem here is that many participants think that because the Matariki fires have been approved, that it gives them licence to have ongoing ad lib fires on our beaches whenever they wish. It would be useful if it was made very clear that Matariki fires are a one-off event and any subsequent fires on beaches require a licence.

2.9 Dog Exercise Activities

2.9.1 Agree

2.9.2 Some dog signposting relating to dog control is ambiguous. Some dog owners flaunt the regulations and take their dogs on or off lead wherever they wish. There does not appear to be any enforcement of dog control bylaws.

4.0 Mana Whenua values

Agree with Objectives and Policies.

5.0 Natural Values

Agree with the Objectives and all points 5.1.1 through to 5.1.4

Comment: Less mowing could be included in this section. Also the 'Greening of Napier' – aim for a percentage of green cover by a certain date.

5.3 Biodiversity and Ecology

We agree with all 5 statements 5.3.1. through to 5.3.5

5.4 Pest Management (Animal and Plant)

We agree with 5.4.1. and 5.4.2. There are many pest plants on Napier's beaches, but removal must be done carefully – blanket removal could cause considerable harm as the pest plants may be serving similar purposes that indigenous plants might – e.g. providing shelter and harbouring invertebrates etc.

Our group has 8 DOC200 traps at the Bayview / Westshore dotterel monitoring site and 7 DOC 200s from the Aquarium going south along Awatoto Beach. There has been rat problems near to the two carparks just south of the Aquarium, pest control has been called in twice for that area this last season – regular rat control in that area would be welcomed.

With the newly proposed 'Predator Free Hawke's Bay' soon to be launched, it would be very welcomed for regular predator control to be included in the plans of many of Napier's City Reserves.

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Also, it is surely not unreasonable to expect cat owners to have their cats microchipped and desexed – this addition to the Animal Control Bylaw would be welcomed. We estimate that one cat predated 20-30 dotterel nests these last two seasons.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit

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The Napier Branch of Forest and Bird

The Ahuriri Estuary Protection Society

Signed

Lynne Anderson

February 2025

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20	Jenny Sargison	Part A	I strongly recommend that the Napier Library be kept open. A library is part of a civilised society and is important for many people. I wonder whether the expense of security staff is necessary. Could the police help with unruly behaviour (if that is the reason for the presence of security staff)?

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21	Debbie Monahan on behalf of Biodiversity Hawke's Bay <i>See Appendix 1 for full submission document.</i>	5.3 Biodiversity and Ecology	<p>It's great to see biodiversity and ecology being actively considered as part of Napier's reserve planning. The recognition of biodiversity corridors is particularly important, as these connected natural areas support native species movement, enhance ecosystem resilience, and contribute to overall ecological health.</p> <p>To ensure these objectives translate into meaningful action, it's essential that the reserve plans developed reflect this intent, through planning and planting. Clear guidelines on habitat restoration, species selection, and ecological management will help ensure biodiversity enhancement benefits from the long-term management of Napier's reserves</p>
		Appendix 1 – Prioritised List of Individual and Group RMP's	<p>We note that The Gap has been grouped with other coastal reserves in the draft plan but, unlike many of these sites, it has been formally recognised by NCC as a Significant Indigenous Vegetation and Habitat (SIVH) site. This designation acknowledges its unique ecological value, which sets it apart from more general beach reserves.</p> <p>Many of the other reserves in the same category may have recreational or landscape-focused management objectives, whereas The Gap requires a conservation-first approach. Applying a broad, one-size-fits-all management strategy could undermine the ecological integrity of the site. Instead The Gap, and any other SIVH reserve, should have a dedicated plan that prioritises its biodiversity values, ensuring appropriate restoration, planting, and protection measures that align with its ecological significance</p>

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Targeted plans to protect and enhance SIVHs

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Submitter No.	Submitter	Provision	Feedback
22	Crystal Lau on behalf of Cancer Society Hawke's Bay Center See <i>Appendix 1 for full submission document.</i>	Part A: 3.5.2 Other Non-Statutory Documents	4. Consider the Joint Smokefree and Vapefree Policy in the City Wide Reserve Management Plan This recommendation ensures that Smokefree and Vapefree spaces are prioritised and guarantees that Smokefree and Vapefree principles will be continuously incorporated into all future development and management of these open spaces. By doing so, we protect children from exposure to harmful second-hand smoke and discourage vaping among young people, allowing them to enjoy these spaces safely and in line with the intentions outlined in the Plan.
		Part B: 3.3 Structures – Pergolas, Park Furniture, Water Features	<i>See attached Submission 22 in Appendix 1 for full comments including regarding Shade Policy.</i> I am particularly encouraged by the inclusion of the Joint Alcohol Strategy Matrix and the Shade Policy as integral components of the Plan. These documents are important to the wellbeing of our community, and I appreciate the Council's dedication to prioritising these matters. Furthermore, thank you for the ongoing commitment to improving shade in open spaces throughout Napier. It is reassuring to know that funding for such initiatives has been consistently allocated over the past few years, with continued support planned for the next decade. This proactive approach plays a significant role in ensuring the health and safety of children and families enjoying our public spaces. I would also like to acknowledge the Council's initiative in undertaking a Play Strategy to evaluate the current state of Napier's playgrounds. This review is sure

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			<p>to provide valuable insights that will inform future decisions regarding the design and maintenance of our playgrounds across the city. Thank you for your efforts in these areas.</p> <p>While it's commendable that the Shade Policy is part of the Draft City Wide Reserve Management Plan, I would like to remind the Council that the Shade Policy is due for review. This is an opportunity to improve it and make sure that providing shade remains a priority for the wellbeing of all residents. With that in mind, I would like to suggest a few key considerations to strengthen the Shade Policy and ensure fair access to shaded spaces and promote public health education, while also improving the long-term resilience of these areas.</p>
		<p>3.5 Signage and Lighting</p>	<p><i>See attached Submission 22 in Appendix 1 for full comments regarding Sun Safety Signage.</i></p> <p>3. Invest in Sun Safety Signage at High-Use Playgrounds</p> <p>Moreover, I recommend the Council invest in sun safety signage at key public playgrounds throughout Napier, particularly those of high use. These signs are key communication tools and could act as visual prompts while raising awareness about the risks of excessive sun exposure and encourage protective actions, such as: (6,7)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Slip into shade and protective clothing ▪ Slop on sunscreen ▪ Slap on a hat ▪ Wrap on sunglasses <p>Proposed Implementation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider prioritising and dedicating additional resources to implementing shade solutions in outdoor play and spectating areas located in low SES communities. • Place clear, simple, and visually engaging sun safety signs at high-use and high-priority playgrounds, including parks such as Taradale Park, Maraenui Park, Marine Parade

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			<p>Park and other popular playgrounds across Napier.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide information on the UV levels, recommended sun protection measures, and the importance of sun safety for children. <p>Ensure signage is durable, weather-resistant, and placed in key areas where families are most likely to see it, such as near playground equipment and seating areas.</p>
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Cancer Society Hawke's Bay Centre
Date: 10th February 2025

Do you want to speak to the Council in support of your submission: YES

Re: Submission to the Draft City Wide Reserve Management Plan

Kia ora koutou,

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute feedback on the Draft City Wide Reserve Management Plan. The comprehensive nature of the Plan, which includes both existing and proposed non-statutory documents, reflects a strong commitment to enhancing our environment, promoting sustainability, and providing valuable resources for outdoor activities that benefit our community.

I am particularly encouraged by the inclusion of the Joint Alcohol Strategy Matrix and the Shade Policy as integral components of the Plan. These documents are important to the wellbeing of our community, and I appreciate the Council's dedication to prioritising these matters.

Furthermore, thank you for the ongoing commitment to improving shade in open spaces throughout Napier. It is reassuring to know that funding for such initiatives has been consistently allocated over the past few years, with continued support planned for the next decade. This proactive approach plays a significant role in ensuring the health and safety of children and families enjoying our public spaces.

I would also like to acknowledge the Council's initiative in undertaking a Play Strategy to evaluate the current state of Napier's playgrounds. This review is sure to provide valuable insights that will inform future decisions regarding the design and maintenance of our playgrounds across the city. Thank you for your efforts in these areas.

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While it's commendable that the Shade Policy is part of the Draft City Wide Reserve Management Plan, I would like to remind the Council that the Shade Policy is due for review. This is an opportunity to improve it and make sure that providing shade remains a priority for the wellbeing of all residents. With that in mind, I would like to suggest a few key considerations to strengthen the Shade Policy and ensure fair access to shaded spaces and promote public health education, while also improving the long-term resilience of these areas:

1. Prioritising Shade Provision for Playgrounds in Low Socioeconomic Areas

It is important to recognise the disparities in access to shaded playgrounds, particularly in low socioeconomic areas in Napier. (1) This lack of shade may expose children and families to harmful sun exposure and contribute to sunburn and skin cancer if other forms of sun protection are not used. (2) By prioritising the development of shaded play areas in these neighborhoods, the Council can promote equitable access to shaded playgrounds for everyone in our community. (3)

2. Incorporating Native Trees for a Mix of Deciduous and Evergreen Shade Options

While I support the Council's focus on natural shade, I would like to suggest the inclusion of native New Zealand trees into the Shade Policy. Native trees, offering a mix of deciduous and evergreen shade, are well-suited to our local climate and soil. Suitable evergreen species include Pohutukawa (*Metrosideros excelsa*), while deciduous options like the American Sweet Gum (*Liquidambar styraciflua*), Cherry Tree (*Prunus*), Ginkgo (*Ginkgo biloba*), Maple (*Acer*), Oak (*Quercus*), and Silk Tree (*Albizia julibrissin*) are well-adapted to provide shade during summer months, while still allowing some sunlight to filter through in winter. (4)

These native species not only offer aesthetic and cultural benefits but also contribute ecological value, supporting native birdlife and enhancing biodiversity. (5) By prioritising native trees in the Shade Policy, the Council can ensure that

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shaded areas remain available year-round, encouraging and supporting SunSmart behaviours.

3. Invest in Sun Safety Signage at High-Use Playgrounds

Moreover, I recommend the Council invest in sun safety signage at key public playgrounds throughout Napier, particularly those of high use. These signs are key communication tools and could act as visual prompts while raising awareness about the risks of excessive sun exposure and encourage protective actions, such as: (6, 7)

- Slip into shade and protective clothing
- Slop on sunscreen
- Slap on a hat
- Wrap on sunglasses

Proposed Implementation:

- Consider prioritising and dedicating additional resources to implementing shade solutions in outdoor play and spectating areas located in low SES communities.
- Place clear, simple, and visually engaging sun safety signs at high-use and high-priority playgrounds, including parks such as Taradale Park, Maraenui Park, Marine Parade Park and other popular playgrounds across Napier.
- Provide information on the UV levels, recommended sun protection measures, and the importance of sun safety for children.
- Ensure signage is durable, weather-resistant, and placed in key areas where families are most likely to see it, such as near playground equipment and seating areas.
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Rationale:

- a. **UV Awareness:** Napier frequently experiences high UV levels, making it essential to protect children from harmful sun exposure. (1) Children are particularly vulnerable to the long-term risks of UV damage, which can increase the likelihood of skin cancer later in life. (8,9) Clear signage can serve as a reminder for parents and caregivers to prioritise sun protection, while providing ample shaded play areas in low SES playgrounds ensures children have a safe space to play, especially when they may not fully

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recognise the intensity of UV rays.

- b. **Prevention of Skin Damage:** Sunburn and prolonged UV exposure can cause irreversible skin damage, leading to skin cancer. (2) These recommendations can help the Council promote sun safety in playgrounds and other Council-owned outdoor recreation sites, reducing future health risks and benefiting both residents and visitors to the city.
- c. **Community Health Education:** The sun safety signs would not only educate children and parents but also raise awareness across the broader community about the importance of sun protection, particularly during the months of September through April, when UV levels are at their highest.
- d. **Increased Use and Appeal:** In addition to their health benefits, the introduction of sun safety aligns with Napier’s goals of having family-friendly areas. The addition of native trees would also enhance the experience of families using parks. In return, creating shaded urban environments for children’s play, encouraging parents and caregivers to provide outdoor play opportunities for their children, and instilling confidence that the city is taking proactive steps to safeguard their health and wellbeing. (10)
- e. **Helps achieve the objectives outlined in the Draft Plan such as:**

“Provide reserves and open spaces for the use and enjoyment of our community.”

“Provide opportunities for equitable access to open spaces and reserves.”

“All buildings and structures on open spaces and reserves are fit for purpose and support the use of the reserve and its identified purpose and reserve classification.”

“Facilities and furniture shall be designed to avoid visual clutter and enhance the amenity of the open space and reserve.”

“Ensure sustainable environmental practices in the provision, management and development of reserves and open spaces.”

“Acknowledge and realise the important role that reserves, and open spaces play in providing habitat and achieving positive indigenous biodiversity outcomes.”

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The Cancer Society Hawke's Bay is available to support the strengthening and implementation of the Shade Policy.

In addition, I would also like to highlight a recent Playground Mapping Project led by Dr. Bronwen McNoe, Senior Research Fellow at the University of Otago. (1) This project looks at shade availability in playgrounds across Aotearoa, focusing on play equipment and spectator areas during midday in the summer of 2024, as well as the variety of engaging play equipment and amenities. The findings, which include data from 26 Napier playgrounds, provide useful insights into current shade coverage and further stress the need for continued investment in shade, especially considering Napier's high UV index (≥ 6) on more than 150 days each year. I've included the results and a link to the interactive playground mapping tool for your review in Appendix A.

In keeping with non-statutory documents, I further recommend the following policy to guide the Plan:

4. Consider the Joint Smokefree and Vapefree Policy in the City Wide Reserve Management Plan

This recommendation ensures that Smokefree and Vapefree spaces are prioritised and guarantees that Smokefree and Vapefree principles will be continuously incorporated into all future development and management of these open spaces. By doing so, we protect children from exposure to harmful second-hand smoke and discourage vaping among young people, allowing them to enjoy these spaces safely and in line with the intentions outlined in the Plan.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Draft City-Wide Reserve Management Plan. I support the Council's ongoing commitment to improving Napier's parks, reserves, and playgrounds, and I look forward to seeing the continued development and implementation of the Plan, which I am confident will lead to meaningful improvements for the entire community.

Ngā mihi nui,

Crystal Lau

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Cancer Society Hawke's Bay

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Appendix A: Playground Mapping Project

Playground Mapping Project Link: <https://www.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/8c86512a142f48f0b52158ea30f15701>

Playground name	Address	Shade (for play equipment at about midday in summer months)	Shade star rating	Play equipment	NZDep18
Allen Berry Ave (Pirimai Playground)	19A Allen Berry Avenue, Pirimai, Napier 4112	No shade for play equipment. Shade sail for picnic table. Established trees may provide shade for spectators & at other times during the day.	 <p>Shade for playground users Shade for spectators</p>	Swings (including infant swing), multi-play structure (with slide), climbing structure, basketball hoop. Accessible play equipment: No	4
Anderson Park Playground, Napier	8 Auckland Road, Greenmeadows, Napier 4112 (opposite)	There is no direct shade* for the play equipment in this playground. The established trees planted on the roadside of the playground may provide some shade at other times during the day and for spectators.	 <p>Shade for play equipment users Shade for spectators</p>	Flying fox, swings, water play, functional artwork with messages in braille & interactive elements (such as xylophone, musical bridge & drums), monkey bars, climbing frame, novelty slides, rotonet, basket swing, swings (including infant swing), bowl rocker, inground trampoline, rotonet, spinner, skatepark, splashpad,	1

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				wheelchair seesaw rocker, swing, trampoline, and carouse., half basketball court, splash pad, half basketball court. Accessible play equipment: Yes	
Essex Street Reserve Playground	7 Essex St, Tamatea, Napier 4112 (adjacent)	No shade for play equipment. Shade sail for picnic tables.	 <p>Shade for play equipment users Shade for spectators</p>	Infant swings, basket swing, inground tramps, multi-play structure (with slide), spider net, inground carousel, half basketball court. Accessible play equipment: No	7
Fitzgerald Place Reserve	11 Fitzgerald Place, Maraenui, Napier 4110 (adjacent)	No shade for play equipment or spectators.	 <p>Shade for play equipment users Shade for spectators</p>	Swings (with infant swings), multi-play structure, half basketball court, half basketball court. Accessible play equipment: No	10

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<p>Forward Street Reserve</p>	<p>18 Forward Street, Greenmeadows, Napier 4112 (adjacent)</p>	<p>No shade for play equipment or seating. There is one established tree a short distance from the playground that may provide some shade for spectators.</p>	<p>  Shade for playground users  Shade for spectators </p>	<p>Swings (including infant swing), multi-play structure (with slide).</p> <p>Accessible play equipment: No</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>Gleeson Park</p>	<p>67 Faraday St, Hospital Hill, Napier 4110 (opposite)</p>	<p>No shade for play equipment or seating. There are trees on the bank behind the playground that may provide shade at other times during the day.</p>	<p>  Shade for play equipment users  Shade for spectators </p>	<p>Rotonet, play panel, inground tramp, swings (including infant swing basket swing), see-saw, accessible trampoline.</p> <p>Accessible play equipment: Yes</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>Humber Street Reserve Playground</p>	<p>7 Humber St, Pandora, Napier 4110 (opposite)</p>	<p>No shade for play equipment or seating. A large gazebo with seating a short distance from the</p>	<p>  Shade for playground users  Shade for spectators </p>	<p>Multi-play structure, swings (with infant swing), see-saw, climbing frame.</p>	<p>7</p>

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		playground may provide shade.		Accessible play equipment: No	
Lesser Park	25 Salisbury Ave, Tamatea, Napier 4112	No shade for play equipment. A couple of young trees may provide shade as they grow and may provide some shade for spectators.	<p>Shade for playground users Shade for spectators</p>	Multi-play structure (with slide), swings (including infant swing). Accessible play equipment: No	9
Maraenui Park	35 McLaren Cres, Onekawa, Napier 4110 (entrance adjacent)	No shade for play equipment or spectators.	<p>Shade for play equipment users Shade for spectators</p>	Multi-play structure, high swings, turn spike carousel. Accessible play equipment: No	9
Maraenui Shops Reserve Playground	38A Bledisloe Road, Maraenui, Napier 4110	No shade for play equipment. Tree shade for some seats. Shade sails for picnic tables and barbeque.	<p>Shade for playground users Shade for spectators</p>	Junior multi-play structure (with slide), swings (including infant swing), multi-play climbing module, skate bowl facility, splash pad, half basketball court. Accessible play equipment: No	10

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Marewa Park	18 Morse Street, Marewa, Napier 4110 (adjacent)	No shade for play equipment. Shade sails for two picnic tables.	<p>Shade for play equipment users Shade for spectators</p>	Slide, rocker, swings (including infant swing), spring loaded rocker, see-saw, rotonet. Accessible play equipment: No	5
May & Peter Harris Playground (Marine Parade Playground)	300 Marine Parade, Napier 4110	Shade sails provide excellent shade for the junior play equipment in this playground. There is also a shade sail for a picnic table & a gazebo (no seating or picnic table underneath).	<p>Shade for play equipment users Shade for spectators</p>	Swings, water play, boat, sandcastle, starfish rocker, double rocker, dolphin spin rocker, two vega, two spica, supernova, bellatrix, five-way swing, argo, skate, triple see-saw, climb shifter, jungle gym, slide, climbing box, climbing rope net, bowl rocker. learn to ride track, skatepark. Accessible play equipment: No	9
Missionview Playground	21 Whiting Crescent, Greenmeadows, Napier 4112	No shade for play equipment. Tree shade for a seat and for spectators.	<p>Shade for playground users Shade for spectators</p>	Turn spike carousel, swings (including infant swing), see-saw, climbing frame, slide. Accessible play equipment: No	4

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Norfolk Street Playground	9 Norfolk Street, Tamatea, Napier 4112	No shade for play equipment. A couple of established trees may provide some shade for spectators.	<p>Shade for playground users Shade for spectators</p>	Multi-play structure, swings, see-saw. Accessible play equipment: No	9
Oldham Avenue Playground	5 Oldham Avenue, Onekawa, Napier 4110 (opposite)	No shade for play equipment, picnic table or spectators.	<p>Shade for play equipment users Shade for spectators</p>	See-saw, basket swing. Accessible play equipment: No	8
Park Island Playground	Clyde Jeffery Drive, Park Island, Napier	There are shade sails for play equipment and some seats and picnic table.	<p>Shade for play equipment users Shade for spectators</p>	Tower (with tubular slide), spider net, swings (including basket swing), accessible carousel, accessible trampoline. Accessible play equipment: Yes	1
Parklands Playground (Aspiring Drive)	3 Aspiring Drive, Poraiti, Hawke's Bay, 4182	A shade sail provides some shade for junior multi-play structure & picnic table. No shade for other play equipment or seating. A young	<p>Shade for play equipment users Shade for spectators</p>	Swings (with infant swing), basket swing, climbing module, solo spinner, small junior multi-play structure (with slide). Accessible play equipment: No	1

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		tree will provide shade for spectators as it grows.			
Petane War Memorial Domain Playground	16 Onehunga Road, Bay View, Napier 4182 (behind tennis courts)	Established trees provide shade for some play equipment & spectators.	 Shade for play equipment users  Shade for spectators	Multi-play structure (with slide), swings (including infant swing), pendulum swing. Accessible play equipment: No	5
Pirimai Park Playground	15 Trinity Crescent, Pirimai, Napier 4112 (adjacent)	No shade for play equipment or seating. One established tree provides shade for one picnic table. Young trees may provide shade as they grow.	 Shade for playground users  Shade for spectators	Multi-play structure (with slide), swings, turn spike carousel, half basketball court, half basketball court. Accessible play equipment: No	4
Riverside Park Taradale	480 Gloucester Street, Taradale, Napier 4001 (behind carpark)	Three large shade sails provide good shade for play equipment. The picnic table may also be shaded.	 Shade for play equipment users  Shade for spectators	Inclusive inground trampoline, inclusive carousel, tower with slide, climbing net, spring toy, swing	8


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	at Pettigrew Green Arena)	The seating is not shaded.		(including infant swing & basket swing). Accessible play equipment: No	
Roberts Terrace Reserve Playground	49 Morris Spence Avenue, Onekawa, Napier 4110 (opposite)	No shade for play equipment. Shade sail for two picnic tables.	 <p>Shade for playground users Shade for spectators</p>	Swings (including infant swing and basket swing), multi-play climbing structure (with slides), small carousel, climbing frame, half basketball court, half basketball court. Accessible play equipment: No	9
Spriggs Park	8 Hardinge Road, Ahuriri, Napier 4110	No shade for play equipment. There is a large shade gazebo for picnic tables. Large trees planted on the street may provide shade at other times during the day and for spectators.	 <p>Shade for playground users Shade for spectators</p>	Supernova, see-saws, climbing modules, multi-play structure (with slide), small carousel, swings (including infant swing), tubular slide, adjacent to the beach. Accessible play equipment: No	3

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<p>Taradale Park</p>	<p>12 Puketapu Road, Taradale, Napier 4112 (opposite)</p>	<p>A gazebo provides shade for what appears to be a water play area. Other play equipment is not shaded. Shade sail for seating.</p>	<p>  Shade for play equipment users Shade for spectators </p>	<p>Swings, basket swing, see-saws, multi-play structure (with slide), high swings, turn spike carousel, water play, skate bowl.</p> <p>Accessible play equipment: No</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>Tareha Recreational Reserve Playground</p>	<p>265269 Guppy Road, Taradale, Napier 4112</p>	<p>No shade for play equipment or spectators.</p>	<p>  Shade for play equipment users Shade for spectators </p>	<p>Multi-play structure (with slide), glider.</p> <p>Accessible play equipment: No</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>Te Awa Reserve (Waimakarere Drive Playground)</p>	<p>16 Waimakarere Drive, Napier 4110 (adjacent)</p>	<p>No shade for play equipment. Shade sail for picnic table.</p>	<p>  Shade for playground users Shade for spectators </p>	<p>Small carousel, in-ground tramps, swings (including infant swings & basket swings), spider net, small playhouse with interactive play, wooden balance beams & logs, scramble net.</p> <p>Accessible play equipment: No</p>	<p>1</p>

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<p>Westshore Beach Reserve Playground</p>	<p>20 Ferguson Avenue, Westshore, Napier 4110 (opposite)</p>	<p>Shade sail for some play equipment. In this photo the playground is under construction so other shade features may be added.</p>	 <p>Shade for play equipment users Shade for spectators</p>	<p>Swings (including infant swing & basket swing), inground trampoline, flying fox, whale statue, see-saw, balance logs, sand play, digger, multi-play structure (with slide), slalom poles.</p> <p>Accessible play equipment: No</p>	<p>7</p>
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23	Irene Cahill See <i>Appendix 1 for full submission document.</i>	Part A	Yes as I want to include Eskdale Cemetery
		1.5 Reserve Naming	Yes – <i>Officers have spoken with submitter – no further feedback</i>
		2.2 Tracks, Trails and Pathways	Yes – <i>Officers have spoken with submitter – no further feedback</i>
		2.9 Dog Exercise Activities	Yes – <i>Officers have spoken with submitter – no further feedback</i>
		3.0 Buildings, Furniture and Playgrounds	yes we need more swings
		3.5 Signage and Lighting	yes removing the old eskdale cemetery sign and putting up a standard NCC one was out of keeping with the historical site
		3.6 Playgrounds	Need more swings
		4.0 Mana Whenua values: Objectives	its not a yes or no answer and every situation should be reviewed on its merits and situation at the time
		4.1 Mana Whenua Partnerships	Council is dictated to by central Government so I suspect at a local level it does not matter what a European local might think
		5.3 Biodiversity and Ecology	We need to see more effort in this area less talking and more doing
		Additional Feedback	I would like to submit specifically a plan for Eskdale Cemetery as I was told by a councillor this is the only chance we have to present a case and I believe fits with all your policies

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Napier City Council Reserve Management Plan.

I understand that it is only every 4-5 years that we have the opportunity to comment and direct council on their Reserve Management Plan and under advice from Hayley Browne at short notice I wish to make a submission.

Greenbelt/Open Space Reserve Category

Eskdale Cemetery – Part Section 43 Block XII Puketapu SD

Background

The Historic Cemetery largely forgotten but recently surveyed by the Council due to several pine trees that were in danger of falling on to power lines has suffered several surface flooding events in the 21 years I lived in the lower Esk Valley. Outside of the 2023 event 2008 in particular saw Eskdale Lane and cemetery at least a meter deep due to localized flood. Since the 2023 event and removal of the railway line that acted as stop bank it is highly likely that the lower Esk will continue to experience regular surface flooding events. The unused land around the cemetery is full of invasive plant species and pine and wattle predominately. The land is at the base of the north facing Kaimata Road and takes water from this area and from the 2 gullies that drain into the cemetery land.

Goals

Promote Biodiversity in the area by clearing of invasive weed species and replace with suitable native plants.

Enhance Ecology by forming a better wet land landscape

Build Flood Resilience in the face of climate change and increased residential development on surrounding hills by constructing a small earth dam to slow peak flows in times heavy rain fall.

Provide better protection and hence the aesthetics of the Cemetery space by building a small earth dam south the cemetery along with cleaning out and widen slightly the drain that runs along the left hand side of the land with water emptying into the private “Marshall” drain as it does now.

Resource for implementation

The local community have in the past willingly supported locally planting days along the Esk River and in conjunction with Eskdale School (Environ School Status) would be willing to partake in this projection. Local neighbours are willing to work with Council to achieve these goals.

Esk River Care Group will start building a nursery this year on Pan Pac land and will have suitable plants to offer in 2-3 years time.

Only cost council is likely to incur is the cost of cleaning out the area initially and Engineering costs around an effective detention dam and overflow/drain remediation.

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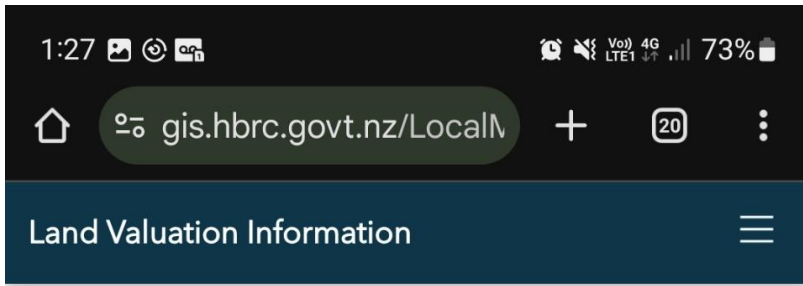
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24	Lindsay Bates on behalf of Ahuriri Estuary Protection Society <i>See Appendix 1 for full submission document.</i>	Part A	Yes, Please see attached file.
		1.4 Reserve Classifications	<p>It is of concern that the Ahuriri Estuary/Te Whanganui a Orotu as identified in a range of NCC, DOC and HBRC documents (Ahuriri Estuary and coastal edge masterplan, Napier City Council Website, DOC) is not mentioned as a reserve in the document. It is a nationally significant wildlife reserve. It would surely qualify in all sections: Historic, Scenic, Nature, and Scientific Reserve under the Reserves classifications.</p> <p>We note that the individual and group reserve management plans are “under development”. We would appreciate the opportunity to be consulted at the early stages of the development of those areas that immediately border the estuary especially where water from a neighbouring reserve, flows into the estuary.</p>
		2.3 Prioritised List of Reserve Management Plans	Westshore reserve appears in Appendix 1 as a Low/Medium Priority open space. It is a gazetted wildlife reserve and should be given greater status in the overall management of reserves. It warrants at least a medium/high priority reserve management plan.
		4.0 Napier’s Open Space Network	We encourage Napier City Council to visualise the entirety of the 400 hectares

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			of open space in addition to the Ahuriri Estuary, as an opportunity to enhance biodiversity of both flora and fauna. For example: sports fields could be bordered by a band of unmown grass to encourage insects., Neighbourhood reserves could expand native planting to enhance their wildlife corridors and provide environmental education opportunities. Cemeteries can also become quiet wildlife havens if appropriately planted and maintained. Rigorous pest control would benefit the entire area, both for residents, visitors and the environment.
		5.3 Climate Change/Sustainability and Resilience	5.3 Climate Change/Sustainability and Resilience We fully support the high priority given to ecological linkages, foreshore and coastal reserves in their important role in city resilience. However, the role of the Ahuriri Estuary as an extensive and valuable wetland is not identified. The estuary and wetland surrounding it play a major role in mitigating the impact of both rising sea levels and flooding.
		Part B – Objectives and Policies: 1.1 Classification and Gazetting	Support
		1.2 Service and Maintenance Agreement	Support
		1.3 Acquisition and Divestment Guidance	Support
		1.4.2 Reserve Development	Does the proposed widening of SH2 over the Westshore Wildlife Reserve fully comply with the Reserves Act?
		1.5 Reserve Naming	Support
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		1.7 Personal Safety and Vandalism	Support
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		2.2 Tracks, Trails and Pathways	Support
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		4.1 Mana Whenua Partnerships	Support
		5.0 Natural Values - Objectives	Support
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		5.2 Trees and Gardens	Support
		5.3 Biodiversity and Ecology	Support
		5.4 Pest Management	Strongly support

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Part A Introduction and Background

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Our membership is guided by a working committee that sets our annual timetable of activities.

- **Do you have any objections or feedback on Part A of the Draft City Wide Reserve Management Plan?**

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YES

Section 1.4

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• Part B: City Wide Reserve Management Plan Objectives and Policies

• 1.0 Administration and Management

Do you have any objections or feedback

We support sections 1.1 to1.7.

1.1 The Classification and Gazetting Policies?

1.2 Service and Maintenance Agreement

1.3 Acquisition and divestment guidance

1.4. Reserve Development

(1.4.2 'The council will evaluate any proposal for development of any part of any reserve to ensure that new development

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Do you have any objections or feedback on

2.1 Primary Purpose

Support

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4 Mana Whenua Values

Do you have any objections or feedback on

4.1 Mana Whenua Partnerships

Support

5. Natural Values

Do you have any objections or feedback on

Objectives

Support

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We strongly support sections 5.1.1 to 5.1.4

5.2 Trees and Gardens

Support

5.3 Biodiversity and Ecology

Support

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Strongly support

This Submission is supported by Forest and Bird (Napier branch) and Save the Dottrels.