

RICHMOND WARD RESERVES MANAGEMENT PLAN

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INTERPRETATION

- Animal Pest** as defined in the Tasman Regional Pest Management Strategy
- Control**..... means that the dog is leashed or responding to the commands of the person accompanying the dog (*see* Tasman District Dog Control Bylaw 1997)
- Council**..... Tasman District Council
- District** Tasman District
- Heritage Trees**..... as listed in the Proposed Tasman Resource Management Plan
- Management Plan**.... Richmond Ward Reserves Management Plan
- Plant Pest**..... as defined in the Tasman Regional Pest Management Strategy
- Reserve** any Recreation Reserve, Local Purpose Reserve (including Esplanade Reserve) in this management plan (includes parks, gardens, walkways, sports grounds).
- Ward**..... Richmond Ward of the Tasman District

1.0 INTRODUCTION

This document sets out the objectives and policies for all reserves administered by the Tasman District Council in the Richmond Ward of the Tasman District. All thirty-seven reserves covered by this plan are Recreation Reserves or Local Purpose Reserves (or are proposed to be classified as such) under the Reserves Act 1977.

Reserves are grouped into five categories in this plan (Open Space; Walkways; Sports Grounds; Formal Parks and Gardens; and, Rural Recreation and Esplanade Reserves) and then listed in alphabetical order within those categories. Reserves are listed in this plan under the name by which they are commonly known.

The purpose of this management plan is to ensure that both management and development of reserves in the Richmond Ward are compatible with the purposes of their reservation. This management plan identifies the appropriate uses for each reserve, states how conflicting uses are to be managed, and outlines any development proposals.

This plan firstly sets out the statutory objectives of reserve management. Then, objectives and policies are set out in order of their scope and importance. Firstly general objectives and policies that cover all reserves are listed. Then policies specific to each category of reserve are listed. Finally, policies for each reserve are listed.

Formerly, management plans were prepared for each reserve. To reduce costs and to streamline the process for the public, the Council is preparing this one management plan for all reserves in the Richmond Ward.

2.0 RESERVES MANAGEMENT PLANNING

2.1 Reserve Acquisition

Reserves and open space are acquired by Council to provide for people's recreational needs and to protect amenity and natural resource values. The provision of reserves and open space must be sufficient to meet the needs of present and future residents of the Richmond Ward. Reserves can be acquired in several ways. When land is subdivided the Local Government Act 1974 requires that a reserves contribution be made to the Council by the subdivider. This contribution can be in land or in cash, or a combination of both. The size of the contribution is a percentage of the value of the allotments created by the subdivision, as determined by the Proposed Tasman Resource Management Plan. Land set aside through this process is vested in the Council as reserve. Cash contributions are used by the Council to acquire land for reserves or to develop existing reserve land.

When land adjacent to the sea, lakes, or rivers is subdivided the Resource Management Act 1991 requires that land be set aside as an esplanade reserve, or that public access is protected by the establishment of an access strip. The size of the land area set aside is determined by the provisions of the Resource Management Act 1991, and outlined in the Proposed Tasman Resource Management Plan. Access strips are identified on property titles. These are not covered by this management plan as Council does not own the land affected by such strips.

Council may purchase land, or receive land as a gift, for administration as reserve. Land can also be acquired by Council under the Public Works Act 1981, but such land must be offered back to the previous owner if it is ever disposed.

Central Government may vest reserve land in the Council for its administration and management. Such land remains the property of central Government and cannot be disposed by Council.

2.2 Reserve Classification

Under the Reserves Act 1977 reserves are classified according to their principal or primary purpose. The Act provides for the following reserve classifications:

- Recreation;
- Historic;
- Scenic;
- Nature;
- Scientific;
- Government Purpose; and,
- Local Purpose.

All reserves administered by the Tasman District Council in the Richmond Ward are Recreation or Local Purpose Reserves, or are proposed in this plan to be classified as such. Esplanade Reserves set aside under the Resource Management Act 1991 are administered by Council as Local Purpose Reserves under the Reserves Act 1977.

2.3 Management Planning

The Reserves Act 1977 requires that most reserves must have an operative management plan. Formerly separate management plans were prepared for each reserve. This was time-consuming for Council staff and for members of the public wishing to comment on management plans. It has also delayed the preparation of plans for many small reserves. In response to this problem Council has produced one management plan for all reserves within the Richmond Ward. This will help ensure that all reserves are managed in a consistent manner and that local purpose reserves, which do not require management plans, are managed as an integral part of the recreation and amenity services of the area.

The purpose of a management plan is to ensure that the management and development of reserves is compatible with the purposes of their reservation. The Reserves Act 1977 requires that the management plan “...shall provide for and ensure the use, enjoyment, maintenance, protection, and preservation...” of the reserve, as appropriate to its classification.

Ideally, a management plan should identify the appropriate uses of a reserve, state how conflicting uses will be managed, and outline any development proposals. The Reserves Act 1977 requires that a management plan be kept under continuous review so that reserve management can adapt to changing circumstances.

2.4 Public Consultation

The Reserves Act 1977 requires that the public be consulted over any proposal to

- declare land to be reserve;
- exchange reserve land for other land;
- classify or reclassify or revoke reserve land;
- dispose of reserve land;
- prepare a management plan for a reserve; or,
- lease reserve land not covered by a management plan.

The Reserves Act 1977 sets out the formal requirements for public consultation. For the preparation of this management plan the following public consultation was undertaken:

1. The Council notified its intention to prepare a management plan for this group of reserves in April 1998, and invited the public to provide suggestions for the proposed plan; then
2. Council prepared a draft plan, taking into consideration the suggestions received from the first stage of public consultation (above). The draft plan was publicly notified in October 1998 and all those people or organisations that provided suggestions at the first stage were advised that the draft had been prepared. The public, including previous submittees, were invited to provide written suggestions on the draft plan to Council.
3. Council then arranged a hearing in February 1999 to hear evidence in support of the submissions.
4. The draft management plan was then amended to form this final plan.

3.0 RESERVES COVERED BY THIS MANAGEMENT PLAN

This management plan covers thirty-seven recreation and local purpose reserves, or proposed reserves, (including esplanade reserves) within the Richmond Ward. These reserves are a range of sizes, are located in urban and rural settings, and provide for a range of recreation and amenity services. Each reserve has been placed into one of the five categories listed below according to its primary purpose. The reserves have been grouped into these categories to allow general management policies to be formulated for reserves with similar purposes and characteristics.

Urban Open Space
 Walkway Reserves
 Sports Grounds
 Formal Parks and Gardens
 Rural Recreation and Esplanade Reserves

Urban Open Space

Reserve Name	Location	Pages
Arbor Lea Reserve	Arbor Lea Avenue	20,21
Bill Wilkes Reserve	Rochfort Drive	20,22
Burbush Park	Fauchelle Avenue	23,24
Cambridge St Playground	Cambridge Street	23,25
Centenary Place Reserve	Centenary Place	26,27
Chelsea Avenue Reserve	Chelsea Avenue	26,28
Collins Road Reserve	Collins Road	29,30
Dellside Reserve	Cropp/Lodestone	31-34
Easby Park	Marlborough Crescent	35,36
Faraday Rise Reserve	Faraday Rise	35,37
Homepark Reserve	Gladstone Road	38,39
Jean Berriman Park	Bird Street	38,40
Norman Andrews Reserve	Norm Andrews Place	41,42
Norm Large Park	Cautley Street	41,43
Olympus Way Reserve	Olympus Way	44,45
Sauer Pond	Blair Terrace	44,46
Scout Hall Reserve	Beach Road	47,48
Winston Park	Churchill Avenue	49,50

Walkway Reserves

Reserve Name	Location	Pages
Alexandra Estate	Reservoir Creek	52,53
Arbor Lea Embankment	Arbor Lea Avenue	52,54
Hill Street (South End) Walkway	Hill Street South	55,56
Holdaway Grove Reserve	Holdaway Grove	55,57
Hunter Ave Walkway	Hunter Ave/Hill Street	58,59
Jimmy Lee Creek (& ext.)	Milne Place	58,60

Sports Grounds

Reserve Name	Location	Pages
Ben Cooper Park	West Avenue	62-65
Hope Reserve	Main Road, Hope	66-69
Jubilee Park	Gladstone Road	70-73

Formal Parks and Gardens

Reserve Name	Location	Pages
Memorial Gardens	Cambridge Street	75,76
Town Centre	Queen/Croucher Street	75,77
Washbourn Gardens	Oxford Street	78-80

Rural Recreation and Esplanade Reserves

Reserve Name	Location	Pages
Appleby Esplanade Reserve	Lansdowne Road	82,83
Bests Island Esplanade Res.	Bests Island	82,84
Bests Island Golf Course	Bests Island	85,86
Bests Island Recreation Res.	Bests Island	85,87
Bests Island Road Reserve	Bests Island	88,89
Twin Bridges Reserve	Aniseed Valley Rd.	90,91
White Gate Reserve	Aniseed Valley Rd.	92,93

4.0 STATUTORY OBJECTIVES FOR RESERVES MANAGEMENT

4.1 Reserves Act 1977

The **general purpose** (Section 3) of the Reserves Act is to:

- Provide for the preservation and management of areas possessing recreational or natural values for the benefit and enjoyment of the public;
- Ensure, as far as possible, the survival of indigenous species of flora and fauna and the preservation of representative samples of natural ecosystems and landscapes; and,
- Ensure, as far as possible, the preservation of access for the public to and along the sea coast, lakeshores, riverbanks, and protecting such areas from unnecessary subdivision and development.

Local Purpose Reserves are set aside “...for the purpose of providing and retaining areas for such educational, community, social, or other local purposes...” (Section 23(1)). However, “where scenic, historic, archaeological, biological, or natural features are present on the reserve, those features shall be managed and protected to the extent compatible with the principal or primary purpose of the reserve” (Subsection 23(2)(a)). Also, the value of the reserve “...as a soil, water, and forest conservation area shall be maintained.” (Subsection 23(2)(b)).

Recreation Reserves are set aside “...for the purpose of providing areas for the recreation and sporting activities and the physical welfare and enjoyment of the public, and for the protection of the natural environment and beauty of the countryside, with emphasis on the retention of open spaces and on outdoor recreational activities, including recreational tracks in the countryside” (Section 17(1)). The Reserves Act 1977 also requires that, where compatible with the primary purpose of the reserve, other values shall be maintained and protected (as for Local Purpose Reserves, above).

4.2 Proposed Tasman Resource Management Plan

Chapter 14 of the Proposed Tasman Resource Management Plan sets out the following **general objectives** for reserves and open space in the District:

- *Adequate area and distribution of a wide range of reserves and open spaces to maintain and enhance recreation, conservation, access, and amenity values (Objective 14.1.0); and*
- *Efficient and effective use of open space and reserves to meet community needs for recreation and amenity (Objective 14.2.0); and*
- *The conservation of those areas in the District which have significant natural and scientific values such as landform, ecosystems, natural character and heritage values (Objective 14.3.0); and,*
- *The minimising of adverse environmental effects of activities and facilities on open space and reserves, on the amenity values of surrounding activities (Objective 14.4.0).*

4.3 Tasman District Recreation Strategy

This strategy was approved by Council in June 1996. It provides an indication of recreation development priorities for the next ten years and identifies major recreation issues in the District. The guiding objectives of this strategy are listed as follows:

- *Provide recreation opportunities which meet the expressed needs and aspirations of present and future communities. Council is a signatory to “Healthy Communities”; and*
- *Ensure the equitable provision of recreational resources provided by the council; and*
- *Ensure that maximum community benefit is gained from recreational services offered within the resources available; and*
- *Promote community use of and participation in recreational activities in the District; and,*
- *Ensure some revenue generation from merit leisure services.*

The Tasman District Council continues to investigate and respond to recreation needs and issues of the District.

4.4 Resource Management Act 1991

The purpose of the Resource Management Act is to promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources. Esplanade reserves are administered by the Council under this Act. The purpose of esplanade reserves is defined in the Act as follows:

1. *To contribute to the protection of conservation values by, in particular:*
 - *Maintaining or enhancing the natural functioning of the adjacent sea, river, or lake; or,*
 - *Maintaining or enhancing water quality; or*
 - *Maintaining or enhancing aquatic habitats; or*
 - *Protecting the natural values associated with the reserve; or*
 - *Mitigating natural hazards; and*
2. *To enable public access to or along the sea, a river, or a lake; and*
3. *To enable public recreational use of the esplanade reserve and adjacent sea, river, or lake, where that use is compatible with conservation values.*

5.0 GENERAL OBJECTIVES FOR RICHMOND WARD RESERVES

- 5.1 To provide an adequate area, distribution, and range of reserves and open spaces to maintain and enhance recreation, conservation, access, and amenity values in the Richmond Ward; and**

Explanation: Meets the requirements of Objective 14.1.0, Proposed Tasman Resource Management Plan;

- 5.2 To ensure the efficient and effective use of open space and reserves in the Richmond Ward to meet community needs for recreation and amenity; and**

Explanation: Meets the requirements of Objective 14.2.0, Proposed Tasman Resource Management Plan;

- 5.3 To adequately protect reserves in the Richmond Ward which have significant natural and scientific values such as landform, ecosystems, natural character and heritage values; and**

Explanation: Meets the requirements of Objective 14.3.0, Proposed Tasman Resource Management Plan;

- 5.4 To minimise the adverse environmental effects of activities and facilities on open space and reserves in the Richmond Ward, on the amenity values of surrounding activities; and**

Explanation: Meets the requirements of Objective 14.4.0, Proposed Tasman Resource Management Plan.

- 5.5 To provide recreation opportunities which meet the expressed needs and aspirations of present and future communities; and**

Explanation: Meets the objectives of the Tasman Recreation Strategy.

- 5.6 To ensure that maximum community benefit is gained from recreational services offered within the resources available; and**

Explanation: Meets the objectives of the Tasman Recreation Strategy.

- 5.7 To provide access to the sea, rivers, streams, lakes, and other natural features.**

Explanation: Meets the objectives of the Reserves Act 1977 and the Resource Management Act 1991.

6.0 GENERAL POLICIES FOR RICHMOND WARD RESERVES

6.1 Reserve Acquisition

- 6.1.1 Acquire land through reserve contributions from subdivisions and by other means to meet the present and future recreational and amenity needs of residents; and
- 6.1.2 Give priority to the acquisition of land that complements or links existing reserves so as to provide continuous public walkways and open space through the Richmond Ward; and
- 6.1.3 Ensure that land is set aside for reserves and open space in all parts of the Richmond urban area, to ensure all residents have ready access to local reserves; and
- 6.1.4 Ensure that land acquired for reserves is of sufficient size, and is appropriately located, to protect the natural features of the land or to provide for public access.
- 6.1.5 Seek to acquire or manage land in partnership with other organizations to provide for the present and future recreational and amenity needs of the residents.

6.2 Reserve Boundaries

- 6.2.1 Ensure that areas set aside as reserves have boundaries that are practical for reserve management and public use; and
- 6.2.2 Seek equitable exchanges or purchase of adjoining land to improve reserve shape or to enable more effective reserve management; and
- 6.2.3 Define reserve boundaries by fencing, planting, or other means, so that the extent of each reserve is clear to adjoining landholders and the public.

6.3 Reserve Monitoring

- 6.3.1 Regularly monitor the adequacy and effectiveness of reserve maintenance to ensure reserves are maintained to appropriate standards; and
- 6.3.2 Monitor reserve use to determine whether uses are compatible with the primary purpose of reservation and to ensure that the reserves are adequately meeting community needs; and
- 6.3.3 Monitor the natural values of reserves, especially indigenous flora, fauna, and ecosystems, to ensure that the natural values are adequately protected.

6.4 Management Plan Review and Amendment

- 6.4.1 Review the adequacy or appropriateness of the individual policies of this management plan in response to changes circumstances or the changing recreational or amenity needs of the community; and
- 6.4.2 Undertake a comprehensive review of this management plan within ten years of the adoption of this plan by Council; and
- 6.4.3 Provide for public consultation, as determined by the Reserves Act 1977, during the review of the plan or the review of individual policies within the plan.

6.5 Reserves Act 1977

- 6.5.1 Give precedence to the Reserves Act 1977 if there is any conflict between the policies of the Richmond Ward Reserves Management Plan and the Act.

Reserve Bylaws

- 6.6.1 Give precedence to the policies in the Richmond Ward Reserves Management Plan if there is any conflict between the Parks and Reserves Bylaws and this Plan.

Public Access and Use

- 6.7.1 Ensure that reserves are freely available for use by individuals and groups on a casual basis, unless constrained by Council-approved sports events or activities; and
- 6.7.2 Encourage multiple use of reserves and open space and recreation facilities where practical; and
- 6.7.3 Ensure that foot access onto and across reserves is not unnecessarily restricted by fences, buildings, or other structures; and
- 6.7.4 Provide appropriate access, wherever practicable, for disabled persons to reserves and reserve facilities; and
- 6.7.5 Otherwise restrict or prohibit activities that are in direct conflict with other reserve uses, if necessary.

Explanation: Some activities, such as golf practice, can endanger other people and make reserve maintenance more difficult.

Vehicle Access and Parking

- 6.8.1 Prohibit motorized vehicle use on reserves unless:
 - permitted by individual reserve policies; or
 - on designated roadways and parking areas; or
 - approved maintenance vehicles or emergency vehicles; or
 - otherwise approved by Council for special events; and
- 6.8.2 Provide adequate vehicle parking to cater for normal reserve use and, wherever possible, to provide this parking on adjacent roads rather than on reserve land; and
- 6.8.3 Restrict the use of bicycles and horses on reserves if such uses are in conflict with other activities.

Leases and Licences

- 6.9.1 Grant leases or licences for appropriate non-commercial recreation or community use of recreation reserves, provided that:
 - There is an established demand for the activity or structure proposed; and
 - The use is compatible with the primary purpose of the reserve; and
 - The activity or structure does not conflict with the protection of the natural values of the reserve; and
 - The activity or structure does not conflict with other uses of the reserve; and
- 6.9.2 Consult with the public, as required by the Reserves Act 1977, over any proposals to grant leases over recreation reserves unless the granting of such leases is provided for by this plan; and
- 6.9.3 Ensure that all occupations of reserves are authorized by leases and are compatible with the Tasman Resource Management Plan; and
- 6.9.4 Seek a fair financial return from leases, where considered appropriate by Council, and ensure that any such returns are used for reserves management and development; and
- 6.9.5 Restrict leases to a ten-year term; and
- 6.9.6 Prohibit the transfer of any lease without Council approval.

6.10 Commercial Activities

- 6.10.1 Prohibit commercial activities on reserve land unless specifically allowed for in individual reserves policy and approved by Council; and
- 6.10.2 Generally permit commercial activities only where such activities provide for or encourage recreational activities and are otherwise compatible with the primary purpose of the reserve; and
- 6.10.3 Require that all rentals or fees from commercial activity on reserve land be used for reserves management and development.

6.11 Reserve Closure and Exclusive Use

- 6.11.1 Permit the exclusive use of recreation reserves for regular or occasional sporting or recreational events, subject to Council approval; and
- 6.11.2 Close reserves, or portions of reserves, for public use only when required for reserves maintenance or public safety.

6.12 Buildings

- 6.12.1 Prohibit the construction, or relocation, of buildings onto reserves unless:
 - Compatible with the primary purpose of the reserve; and
 - Necessary to meet a demonstrated demand for public use; and
 - Permitted by the management policies for the reserve; and
- 6.12.2 Require all new buildings, or alterations to existing buildings, to meet design standards set by the Council and/or specified by the Tasman Resource Management Plan; and
- 6.12.3 Require all proposals to construct or relocate buildings on reserves to be accompanied by a landscape plan showing how the building and its colour will be compatible with the protection of the open space and amenity values of the reserve; and
- 6.12.4 Prohibit the abandonment of buildings on reserve land without Council consent; and
- 6.12.5 Seek any costs incurred in the removal of abandoned buildings from the former occupier or user of the building; and
- 6.12.6 Remove abandoned or unused buildings from reserve land.

6.13 Toilet Facilities

- 6.13.1 Provide toilet facilities at all reserves where:
 - Organized sporting or recreational events are held regularly; or
 - Picnic facilities are provided; or
 - There is high public use.
 unless adequate public toilet facilities are available adjacent to the reserve; and
- 6.13.2 Ensure toilet wastes are disposed of into approved disposal systems; and
- 6.13.3 Ensure that all toilet facilities are regularly cleaned and maintained in a hygienic condition; and
- 6.13.4 Require organizers of activities on reserves without permanent toilet facilities, or where toilet facilities are inadequate for the anticipated use, to provide portable toilets for the duration of the activity.

6.14 Outdoor Furniture and Barbecues

- 6.14.1 Provide outdoor seats at all reserve and open space areas that are regularly used by the public for play, recreation, or rest; and
- 6.14.2 Provide picnic tables at all rural recreation reserves; and
- 6.14.3 Provide picnic tables at other reserves where there is a demonstrated public demand for such facilities; and
- 6.14.4 Provide barbecues at reserves only if required by individual reserves policy; and
- 6.14.5 Provide litter bins at reserves as required; and
- 6.14.6 Ensure that all outdoor furniture, barbecues, and litter bins are well maintained and regularly cleaned.

6.15 Children's Play Equipment

- 6.15.1 Provide children's play equipment at the following reserves:
 - Alexandra Estate
 - Arbor Lea Reserve
 - Bill Wilkes Reserve
 - Burbush Park
 - Chelsea Avenue Reserve
 - Collins Road Reserve (subject to a development plan)
 - Easby Park
 - Hope Reserve
 - Norman Andrews Place Reserve
 - Norm Large Park
 - Winston Park

Explanation: The Tasman District Recreation Strategy recommends one playground for every 1500 residents, spread evenly through suburban areas. All the above reserves have children's play equipment except for Bill Wilkes and Norman Andrews Place Reserves. The installation of play equipment at these reserves would ensure all parts of suburban Richmond have easy access to children's play equipment.

- 6.15.2 Construct children's play equipment to the relevant safety standard and ensure that all children's play equipment complies with current building standards and has the required building consents; and
- 6.15.3 Locate children's play equipment to:
 - Minimize visual intrusion; and
 - Take advantage of natural contour, shade and shelter; and
 - Ensure sufficient space for other play activities; and
 - Ensure safe and convenient access to paths, roads, or parking.
- 6.15.4 Ensure there are barriers, such as gardens or fencing, between children's play equipment and busy roads; and

- 6.15.5 Ensure that all children's play equipment is safe, well maintained, and regularly cleaned.

6.16 Signs

- 6.16.1 Ensure that all reserves and open space areas have adequate signs; and
- 6.16.2 Design and progressively introduce a standard sign for all Council-administered reserves; and
- 6.16.3 Ensure that signs erected on reserves are located in a prominent location and that each sign includes the name of the reserve and information about what activities are appropriate at the reserve; and
- 6.16.4 Prohibit commercial advertising or sponsorship signs on reserves, unless specifically permitted by individual reserve policy and approved by Council; and
- 6.16.5 Ensure that all signs comply with the provisions of the Tasman Resource Management Plan; and
- 6.16.6 Ensure that all signs are adequately maintained.

6.17 Fencing

- 6.17.1 Ensure that reserve boundaries are fenced where necessary to:
Adequately define reserve boundaries; or
Prevent stock incursion; or
Prevent motorized vehicle access; or
Prevent uncontrolled access to natural hazards; or
Ensure public safety. and
- 6.17.2 Design and progressively introduce a range of standard fences for all Council-administered reserves; and
- 6.17.3 Ensure that all fences are adequately maintained.

6.18 Landscaping and Amenity Planting

- 6.18.1 Require all significant reserve development proposals to include a Council-approved landscape plan; and
- 6.18.2 Limit the planting of high-maintenance flowerbeds and gardens to the following reserves:
Washbourn Gardens
Memorial Gardens
Town Centre. and
- 6.18.3 Ensure that poisonous species are not planted adjacent to children's play equipment or play areas; and

- 6.18.4 Ensure that species that are potential plant pests are not planted in reserves; and
- 6.18.5 Include native species, using locally-sourced plant material, in reserve planting programmes; and
- 6.18.6 Plant more trees on reserves, where compatible with the purpose of the reserve and present uses; and
- 6.18.7 Remove and replace old or damaged trees that are a threat to public safety; and
- 6.18.8 Ensure that all Heritage Trees are protected; and
- 6.18.9 Ensure that any trees donated by the public for transplanting onto reserves are accessible, suitable and appropriate.

6.19 Plant and Animal Pest Control

- 6.19.1 Eradicate or contain plant and animal pests as required by the Tasman Regional Pest Management Strategy; and
- 6.19.2 Remove or contain all aggressive or troublesome plant pests from reserves wherever practicable; and
- 6.19.3 Undertake animal pest control in reserves where such pests pose a threat to the reserve or to public enjoyment of the reserve.

6.20 Habitat Conservation

- 6.20.1 Ensure that areas of indigenous vegetation and wildlife habitat on reserves are protected, especially those areas adjoining the sea, streams, lakes, and rivers; and
- 6.20.2 Enhance, wherever possible, the habitat values of reserves as part of reserve maintenance and development.

6.21 Public Safety

- 6.21.1 Ensure that all unsafe structures and equipment on reserves are removed, made safe, or clearly identified by signs; and
- 6.21.2 Ensure that hazards on or adjacent to reserves are adequately identified and significant risks to the public mitigated wherever practical; and
- 6.21.3 Prohibit the erection of permanent or temporary structures or equipment on reserves that could under normal use result in injury to the public; and
- 6.21.4 Prohibit the carrying or use of firearms or any other weapon on reserves.

6.22 Camping

- 6.22.1 Prohibit overnight camping on reserves unless permitted by individual reserve policies.

6.23 Dogs

- 6.23.1 Permit or restrict dogs in reserves as required by the Tasman District Council Dog Control Bylaw 1997.

Explanation: The Tasman District Council Dog Control Bylaw 1997 outlines the restrictions on dogs in reserves and other public places.

6.24 Adjoining Landuses

- 6.24.1 Ensure that adjoining land uses do not encroach on reserve land by ensuring that reserve boundaries are clearly defined or known to adjoining landholders; and
- 6.24.2 Take action against adjoining landholders who deliberately encroach on reserve land; and
- 6.24.3 Prohibit motorized vehicle access to adjoining land through reserve land unless authorized by Council; and
- 6.24.4 Ensure that activities on reserves do not unduly affect the quiet enjoyment of neighbouring properties; and
- 6.24.5 Consult with neighbouring residents where significant developments are proposed on adjoining reserve land; and
- 6.24.6 Prohibit the disposal of garden or other waste from adjoining properties on reserves.

6.25 Community Involvement

- 6.25.1 Encourage community participation in reserve management through support groups or casual work parties; and
- 6.25.2 Adequately service approved reserve support groups so as to allow the meaningful involvement of such groups in reserve maintenance and development; and
- 6.25.3 Develop a protocol for community group involvement in reserve management; and
- 6.25.4 Liaise with reserves support groups over reserve development proposals.
- 6.25.5 Accept trees donated by the public for transplanting onto reserves provided such trees are accessible, suitable, and appropriate.

6.26 Reserve Classification

- 6.26.1 Consider changing or revoking reserve status where it is considered that the primary purpose of the reserve has changed or where present use is in conflict with reserve classification; and
- 6.26.2 Ensure that, where a change in reserve status is requested by another organization, that organization meets the cost of the reclassification process unless otherwise determined by Council; and
- 6.26.3 Provide for public consultation over any proposed change of status, as required by the Reserves Act 1977; and
- 6.26.4 To classify the following reserves as Recreation Reserves under the Reserves Act 1977:
 - *part* Bill Wilkes Reserve;
 - Norm Large Park;
 - Jubilee Park;
 - White Gate Reserve.
- 6.26.5 To classify the following reserves as Local Purpose Reserves under the Reserves Act 1977:
 - *part* Dellside Reserve;
 - Homepark Reserve;
 - Memorial Gardens;
 - Washbourn Gardens.

7.0 POLICIES FOR URBAN OPEN SPACE RESERVES

7.1 General Policies

- 7.1.1 Manage open space reserves primarily to protect open space and amenity values; and
- 7.1.2 Permit the use of open space reserves for informal recreation, passive recreation, and play; and
- 7.1.3 Prohibit the construction of buildings on open space reserves; and
- 7.1.4 Prohibit the leasing of open space reserves, or the use of such reserves for commercial activities, except in exceptional circumstances and then only with the prior approval of Council.

7.2 Arbor Lea Reserve

Location:.....Arbor Lea Avenue and Albizia Place, Richmond

Classification:.....Recreation Reserve

Legal Description:Lot 13 D.P.16521, Waimea East S.D.

Size:.....1869 m²

Description:

A grassed area with young trees, new children's play equipment (with climbing wall), picnic tables, and wooden-rail barriers.

Policies:

- 7.2.1 Retain present extent of grassed area; and
- 7.2.2 Retain children's play equipment, picnic tables, and wooden-rail barriers; and
- 7.2.3 Install reserve sign.

7.3 Bill Wilkes Reserve

Location:.....Rochfort Drive and Washbourn Drive, Richmond

Classification:.....Recreation Reserve; Local Purpose Reserve; *proposed* Local Purpose Reserve.

Legal Description:Lot 44 D.P.16495; Lots 3-5 D.P.12202; Lot 204 D.P.12091; Lot 10 D.P.15066; Lots 21&68 D.P.15511; Lot 22 D.P.14088; Lot 212 D.P.14534 Waimea East S.D.

Size:.....3.448 ha.

Description:

A large grassed area of gentle gully serving as a retention area for floodwater. The reserve includes a narrow strip along the stream linking it to Washbourn Drive, and adjoins Hunter Ave Walkway, providing an important part of the walkway network in Richmond. Structures and facilities on the reserve include footbridges, signs, seating, areas of concrete and gravel pathway, and a gate. Other features are areas of shrubs, trees, and an open drain.

Policies:

- 7.3.1 Manage the reserve primarily for floodwater retention and recreation; and
- 7.3.2 Maintain a large part of the reserve as grassed open space; and
- 7.3.3 Provide clear walking access through the reserve by the further development of the path from Washbourn Drive and the installation of signs; and
- 7.3.4 Install children's play equipment and further seating if considered necessary by Council; and
- 7.3.5 Install rubbish bins, plant more trees and shrubs around the perimeter of the reserve, and allow the establishment of a wetland along the stream.

7.2 Burbush Park

Location:.....Fauchelle Avenue, Richmond
Classification:Recreation Reserve
Legal Description:Lot 6 D.P.4144, Waimea East S.D.
Size:.....2089 m²

Description:

A square grassed area with established silver birch and camellia trees, a picnic table, sign, and new children’s play equipment.

Policies:

7.4.1 Retain as grassed open space for informal recreation.

7.4 Cambridge Street Playground

Location:.....Cambridge Street – Oxford Street corners, Richmond
Classification:Fee Simple
Legal Description:Pt.Lots 5&6 D.P.2720, Waimea East S.D.
Size:.....1292 m²

Description:

This reserve is predominantly grassed open space with children’s play equipment, seats, tables and areas of shrubs. The park is close to the main Richmond shopping area and Richmond School.

Policies:

- 7.5.1 Retain children’s play equipment and upgrade or replace as required; and
- 7.5.2 Retain areas of grass as open space; and
- 7.5.3 Maintain as an area for relaxation and children’s play; and
- 7.5.4 Ensure that, if parts of the reserve are required for the expansion of the Richmond Town Hall, an equivalent area of open space with children’s play equipment will be provided nearby.

7.5 Centenary Place Reserve

Location:.....Centenary Place, Richmond
Classification:Recreation Reserve
Legal Description:Lot 16 D.P.15627, Waimea East S.D.
Size:.....785 m²

Description:

A small reserve located between the end of Centenary Place and the Aotea Council Cottages. Predominantly open grass with trees on its margin and with a seat. Provides access from Centenary Place to Hill Street.

Policies:

- 7.6.1 Manage to maintain open space for informal recreation and walking access.

7.6 Chelsea Avenue Reserve

Location:.....Chelsea Avenue and Olympus Way, Richmond
 Classification:.....Local Purpose Reserve
 Legal Description:Pt.Lots D.P.12747; Lot 49 D.P.12204; Lot 12
 D.P.14470, Waimea East S.D.
 Size:.....6890 m²

Description:

A relatively large open grassed area with gravel drive access from Chelsea Avenue. Contains some new children's play equipment and has a dirt mound for children's bikes. A row of large macrocarpa trees forms the boundary of the reserve and an area of pasture to the north.

Policies:

- 7.7.1 Maintain as grassed open space for informal recreation; and
 7.7.2 Retain children's play equipment; and
 7.7.3 Provide seating; and
 7.7.4 Retain dirt mounds for children's play while there is a demonstrated demand for this facility; and;
 7.7.5 Improve signs, access and entranceways to the reserve; and
 7.7.6 Monitor health of large macrocarpa trees on boundary and trim or remove individual trees if required for public safety.

7.7 Collins Road Reserve

Location:.....Between Collins Road and Main Road, Hope
 Classification:.....Recreation Reserve
 Legal Description:Lot 40 D.P.4046, Waimea East S.D.
 Size:.....5248 m²

Description:

A relatively large undeveloped area surrounded by houses except for access strips to both Collins Road and Gladstone Road. The reserve was recently grazed and it remains in open mown pasture. Some old children's play equipment present. There have been recent proposals to lease the reserve.

Policies:

- 7.8.1 Manage for the primary purpose of maintaining grassed open space for informal recreation; and
- 7.8.2 Prepare development plan for the reserve in consultation with reserve neighbours and other interested people; and
- 7.8.3 Provide for continued clear access through the reserve between Collins Road and Gladstone Road; and
- 7.8.4 Improve the entrance to the reserve by installing signs and paving.

7.8 Dellside Reserve

Location:.....On hills southeast of Richmond
 Classification:.....Recreation Reserve, Local Purpose Reserve, *proposed*
 Local Purpose Reserve
 Legal Description:Lot 1 D.P.12631; Lots 18&19 D.P.12914; Lot 26
 D.P.15725; Lot 2 D.P.18376; Pt.Section 85, Waimea
 East S.D.
 Size:.....c.21.26 ha.

Description:

Dellside Reserve covers the lower slopes of the hills to the southeast of suburban Richmond. It comprises steep slopes and intervening gullies with slopes supporting areas of rough pasture, gorse, and planted trees, and gullies supporting remnants of native forest and shrubland. A development plan prepared for the reserve in 1989 proposed extensive commercial forestry plantings on the slopes above the reserve and mixed species plantings on the lower slopes for soil conservation and amenity. The plan also proposed the establishment of walking tracks and viewing points.

The reserve is a very popular recreation area, providing a range of good walks, excellent views of Waimea Inlet and Tasman Bay, and dog exercising areas. There is a demand for some limited vehicle access to enable the public to drive to a viewpoint though this may conflict with soil conservation, recreation, and scenery protection objectives.

Access to the reserve is from Cropp Place, Easby Park, Lodestone Road, and Valhalla Drive. Support groups of local residents are involved in reserve maintenance and development work.

Policies:

- 7.9.1 Manage the reserve primarily for soil conservation, informal recreation, and scenery appreciation; and
- 7.9.2 Maintain and develop high standard walking tracks and provide opportunities for mountain biking where they do not conflict with walkers; and

- 7.9.3 Consider the establishment of a sealed access road to a vehicle parking area at a lookout point on the lower slopes of the reserve; and

Explanation: The steep slopes of the reserve, soil conservation objectives, present walking tracks, and visibility of the reserve from Richmond, make it difficult to accommodate any significant road construction on the reserve. However, good views could be obtained by motorists from a lookout on the lower slopes of the reserve if access and sufficient parking were provided.

- 7.9.4 Maintain and enhance areas of indigenous vegetation on the reserve; and

- 7.9.5 Continue mixed species planting on the lower slopes of the reserve and especially on unstable areas; and

- 7.9.6 Retain and contain areas of gorse where such infestations are providing useful shelter for regenerating or recently-established plants; and

Explanation: Gorse provides good shelter for regenerating or planted native shrubs. Hand-cutting and spraying of regrowth at planting sites would permit the establishment of shrubs while containing the gorse.

- 7.9.7 Eradicate or contain all other plant pests on the reserve; and

- 7.9.8 Avoid the removal of native plant cover from the reserve unless required for planting programmes or for access to and along walking tracks; and

- 7.9.9 Move the present fence on the northern boundary onto the correct boundary; and

- 7.9.10 Acquire land adjoining the reserve if available; and

Explanation: Dellside Reserve is the largest and most significant reserve in Richmond. It has the potential to provide extensive walking opportunities. Increasing the size of the reserve would enhance this potential, buffer the reserve from development, and introduce the possibility of linking the reserve with other public lands.

- 7.9.11 Encourage the involvement of reserve support groups in management and development.

7.9 Easby Park

Location:.....Marlborough Crescent, Richmond
 Classification:.....Recreation Reserve; Local Purpose Reserve
 Legal Description:Lot 88 D.P.7551; Lot 68 D.P.11145, Waimea East S.D.
 Size:.....8135 m²

Description:

An L-shaped reserve linking Marlborough Crescent with Selbourne Avenue. Predominantly grassed open space with some established trees. Contains a bridge, children's play equipment, seats, table, and a small parking area. Provides an important access to Dellside Reserve.

Policies:

- 7.10.1 Manage for the primary purpose of maintaining open space for informal recreation and access to Dellside Reserve; and
- 7.10.2 Maintain the existing area of children’s play equipment and maintain the fence between the children’s play equipment and Marlborough Avenue; and
- 7.10.3 Upgrade the surface of the parking area without increasing its size; and
- 7.10.4 Install public toilets if required by public demand; and

Explanation: Proposed in the Tasman District Recreation Strategy.

- 7.10.5 Prohibit dogs from the playing area; and
- 7.10.6 Consider changing the reserve name from Easby Park to Dellside Reserve.

Explanation: The park is contiguous with, and provides access to, Dellside Reserve.

7.10 Faraday Rise Reserve

Location:.....Faraday Rise, Richmond
 Classification:Local Purpose Reserve
 Legal Description:Lot 12 D.P.138521, Waimea East S.D.
 Size:.....1876 m²

Description:

A small area of moderately-steep gully with grass and some established trees. Access poorly defined.

Policies:

- 7.11.1 Maintain as open space for informal recreation; and
- 7.11.2 Define access more clearly.

7.12 Homepark Reserve

Location:.....Gladstone Road, Richmond
 Classification:*proposed* Local Purpose
 Legal Description:Lot 3 D.P.13500, Waimea East S.D.
 Size:.....1810 m²

Description:

A small strip of land adjacent to Gladstone Road. Contains low mounds with assorted trees and shrubs. Buffers Waimea Village housing from the highway.

Policy:

- 7.12.1 Manage as buffer between highway and housing; and
- 7.12.2 Investigate future landscaping options for the reserve.

7.13 Jean Berriman Park

Location:.....Bird Street, Richmond
 Classification:Local Purpose Reserve
 Legal Description:Lot 4 D.P.115421, Waimea East S.D.
 Size:1188 m²

Description:

A small reserve adjacent to Council cottages and linking Bird Street with D'Arcy Street. Predominantly grassed open space with some trees and shrubs around the perimeter. Contains seating and a concrete path.

Policies:

- 7.13.1 Manage primarily for open space and informal recreation; and
- 7.13.2 Install basic children's play equipment if considered necessary by Council; and
- 7.13.3 Maintain path between Bird and D'Arcy Streets.

7.14 Norman Andrews Place Reserve

Location:.....Norman Andrews Place, Richmond
 Classification:Local Purpose Reserve
 Legal Description:Lot 6 D.P.14389, Waimea East S.D.
 Size:680 m²

Description:

A small area of open mown grass with no planting or facilities.

Policies:

- 7.14.1 Maintain primarily as open space; and
- 7.14.2 Plant trees and shrubs if requested in consultation with reserve neighbours.
- 7.14.3 Install and maintain children's play equipment, and a picnic table or seating, in consultation with local residents.

7.15 Norm Large Park

Location:.....Cautley Street, Richmond
 Classification:*proposed* Recreation Reserve
 Legal Description:Lots 16-18 D.P.8550; Lot 1 D.P.10085, Waimea East
 S.D.
 Size:.....2890 m²

Description:

A grassed area linking Cautley Street with Staig Street. Contains children's play equipment, seats, and a concrete path.

Policies:

- 7.15.1 Manage for open space and informal recreation; and
- 7.15.2 Maintain children's play equipment; and
- 7.15.3 Maintain concrete path access between Cautley and Staig Streets.

7.16 Olympus Way Reserve

Location:.....Olympus Way, Richmond
 Classification:Recreation Reserve
 Legal Description:Lot 81 D.P.17247, Waimea East S.D.
 Size:.....1012 m²

Description:

A grassed gully forming part of a floodwater retention area. Links to Hill Street.

Policies:

- 7.16.1 Manage for floodwater retention and open space; and
- 7.16.2 Maintain opportunities for informal recreation where compatible with the above policy: and
- 7.16.3 Provide a formed walking track linking Olympus Way with Hill Street as permitted by future subdivision.
- 7.16.4 Improve signs at the reserve.

7.17 Sauer Pond

Location:.....Blair Terrace, Richmond
 Classification:Local Purpose Reserve
 Legal Description:Lot 1 D.P.13355
 Size:.....1149 m²

Description:

A small floodwater retention pond adjacent to Blair Terrace. Presently in rough pasture with some native shrub plantings.

Policies:

- 7.17.1 Manage primarily for floodwater retention; and
- 7.17.2 Retain and upgrade fence around reserve.

7.18 Scout Hall Reserve

Location:.....Beach Road
 Classification:.....Local Purpose Reserve
 Legal Description:Lot 2 D.P.16732, Waimea East S.D.
 Size:.....1143 m²

Description:

A small grassed area between Beach Road and Gladstone Road formerly occupied by the scout hall. Part of the reserve is now occupied by Brent Ferguson Motors and sealed as a car sales yard. The remainder of reserve is grassed with established cabbage trees and flax bushes. The reserve is adjacent to the busy Richmond Deviation and is visible to passing motorists.

Policies:

- 7.18.1 Permit the continued leasing of the portion of the reserve presently occupied by the car sales yard until required by Council for other purposes; and
- 7.18.2 Manage the remainder of the reserve for amenity and open space; and
- 7.18.3 Install wooden-rail barriers around the reserve boundary to prevent vehicle access; and;
- 7.18.4 Increase the area of shrubs on the reserve by planting further cabbage trees and flax; and
- 7.18.5 Consider changing the name of the reserve.

Explanation: The scout hall is no longer located on the reserve.

7.19 Winston Park

Location:.....Churchill Avenue
 Classification:.....Recreation Reserve
 Legal Description:Lot 58 D.P.7076; Lot 13 D.P.7027, Waimea East S.D.
 Size:.....4009 m²

Description:

A grassed area surrounded by houses. Provides access, via a grassed driveway, between Churchill Avenue and Kingsley Place. Contains old children's play equipment, a few established trees, and some shrubs around the perimeter of the reserve.

Policies:

- 7.19.1 Manage as open space for informal recreation; and
- 7.19.2 Maintain clear access through reserve between Churchill Avenue and Kingsley Place and more clearly define the access from Kingsley Place; and
- 7.19.3 Upgrade children's play equipment and install seating; and
- 7.19.4 Improve drainage, or install hard surface path, at Churchill Avenue access way.

8.0 POLICIES FOR WALKWAY RESERVES

General policies

- 8.1.1 Manage walkway reserves for the primary purpose of foot access between public places; and
- 8.1.2 Retain or enhance vegetation, using native species wherever possible, so as to provide corridors of wildlife habitat through urban areas; and
- 8.1.3 Prevent activities on adjoining properties from encroaching on walkway reserves; and
- 8.1.4 Clearly identify and signpost walkways and access points; and
- 8.1.5 Prohibit the use of mountain bikes on urban walkways; and
- 8.1.6 Maintain tracks in condition for foot access; and
- 8.1.7 Prohibit the leasing or commercial use of walkway reserves.

Alexandra Estate

Location:.....Reservoir Creek, Richmond
 Classification:Recreation Reserve
 Legal Description:Lot 106 D.P.18519, Waimea East S.D.
 Size:1.1157 ha.

Description:

This reserve runs along Reservoir Creek to the east of Waimea College, through recently subdivided land. It forms part of a potential link between Hill Street and Salisbury Road at Holdaway Grove. It includes the grassed berm of Reservoir Creek and contains some young trees.

Policies:

- 8.2.1 Ensure esplanade reserves are set aside for public access when land between the Alexandra Estate and Holdaway Grove is subdivided; and
- 8.2.2 Install footbridges for access across Reservoir Creek; and
- 8.2.3 Install children's play equipment in the open grassed area.

Arbor Lea Embankment

Location:.....Arbor Lea Avenue and Richmond Deviation
 Classification:Local Purpose Reserve
 Legal Description:Lot 81 D.P.17209, Waimea East S.D.
 Size:3830 m²

Description:

A grassed embankment separating Arbor Lea Avenue housing from the highway. Constructed primarily to provide a sound barrier, but it also provides public foot access along the highway. The reserve could potentially provide a link from the town centre via Jean Berriman Park and Salisbury Girls' School to Waimea Inlet. Revocation of this reserve for the construction of a vehicle weigh station was proposed recently, but was declined in response to public submissions.

Policies:

- 8.3.1 Retain the reserve in Council ownership for public access and sound buffering; and
- 8.3.2 Manage the embankment area to provide for easy foot access along the crest of the embankment; and
- 8.3.3 Enhance the entrance off Arbor Lea Avenue to make reserve access more attractive; and
- 8.3.4 Maintain amenity plantings on the embankment slope facing the Richmond Deviation.

8.4 Hill Street (South End) Walkway

Location:.....Hill Street south, Richmond
 Classification:.....Local Purpose Reserve
 Legal Description:Lot 5 D.P.17821
 Size:.....2726 m²

Description:

A narrow access way between southern Hill Street and Dellside Reserve.

8.5 Holdaway Grove Reserve

Location:.....Holdaway Grove, Richmond
 Classification:.....Local Purpose Reserve
 Legal Description:Lots 4&5 D.P.17032; Lot 14 D.P.17720, Waimea East
 S.D.
 Size:.....2136 m²

Description:

A small area of esplanade reserve along Reservoir Creek. It contains rough pasture, small areas of riparian vegetation including planted shrubs, and large willow and poplar trees. The reserve is partially inundated after heavy rain and has potential for wildlife habitat. It provides part of a potential link between Salisbury Road and Hill Street if intervening areas are subdivided.

8.6 Hunter Avenue Walkway

Location:.....Hunter Avenue, Richmond
 Classification:.....*proposed* Local Purpose Reserve
 Legal Description:Lots 3-5 D.P.12202; Lot 18 D.P.12247, Waimea east
 S.D.
 Size:.....6512 m²

Description:

A narrow strip linking Bill Wilkes Reserve with Hill Street via Hunter Avenue.

8.7 Jimmy Lee Creek Reserve (and proposed extension)

Location:.....Milne Place, Richmond
 Classification:.....Local Purpose Reserve
 Legal Description:Lot 16 D.P.12551, Waimea East S.D.
 Size:.....9032 m²

Description:

An incised gully behind Milne Place, Birdling Close, and George Kidd Street. Mostly covered with dense vegetation including native species such as mahoe

and introduced species such as tree lucerne. A proposed extension would link the reserve to Hill Street, providing access from Hill Street to Dellside Reserve.

Policies:

- 8.7.1 Seek to acquire land for public access between Hill Street and the reserve; and;
- 8.7.2 Control the more aggressive introduced species so as to allow the regeneration of native species.

9.0 POLICIES FOR SPORTS GROUNDS

9.1 General Policies

- 9.1.1 Manage sports grounds primarily for organized outdoor sporting activities; and
- 9.1.2 Manage sports grounds for multiple sports while ensuring that conflict between sporting activities is avoided or reduced; and
- 9.1.3 Require prior permission from Council for the regular use of sports grounds for organized sports or other associated activities; and
- 9.1.4 Permit the leasing of sports grounds where compatible with the primary purpose of the reserve; and
- 9.1.5 Permit sponsorship of sporting activities, and advertising associated with sporting activities, with the prior approval of Council; and
- 9.1.6 Prohibit dogs from sports grounds except as part of approved Dog Obedience Classes.

9.2 Ben Cooper Park

Location:.....West Avenue, Richmond

Classification:.....Recreation Reserve

Legal Description:Lot 18 D.P.10077; Lot 1 D.P.11636; Lot 2 D.P.6761;
Lot 19 D.P.100085, Waimea East S.D.

Size:.....3.5560 ha.

Description:

Ben Cooper Park is located off West Avenue within suburban Richmond. The main features of the park are two large playing fields, one old building, cricket practice nets, car parks, and some established trees and shrubs around the perimeter. The park was formerly used for hockey and cricket, then rugby and cricket, and is presently used for rugby league. The old building served as clubrooms for the hockey and cricket clubs and is now used by the rugby league club. Rugby league presently uses the southeastern field. The larger northwestern field (c. 1.88 ha.) is presently used informally for recreation and play.

The retention of open space for outdoor recreation is considered by surrounding residents to be an important management objective for Ben Cooper Park.

Policies:

9.2.1 Manage the park primarily for open space and outdoor sports activities; and

9.2.2 Establish more trees on the larger northwestern field if there is no short term demand for its use as a sports field; and

9.2.3 Require any new building established on the park to be:

- of single storey construction; and
- located on the periphery of the reserve; and
- available for approved use by other clubs or organizations.

Explanation: This would help ensure that any new buildings do not obstruct the views from neighbouring properties, or substantially reduce the area of open space in the reserve.

9.2.4 Remove or upgrade the existing old building that presently serves as clubrooms for rugby league; and

9.2.5 Upgrade the cricket practice nets; and

9.2.6 Improve the gravel car park near the existing clubrooms, or remove and plant that area if no longer required for clubroom parking; and

9.2.7 Construct public toilets at the cemetery side of the reserve.

9.3 Hope Reserve (also known as Hope Domain)

Location:.....Main Road, Hope
 Classification:.....Recreation Reserve
 Legal Description:Lot 3 D.P.5109; Lot 1 D.P.5356
 Size:.....3.9915 ha.

Description:

Hope Reserve is a large reserve located between the main road (State Highway 6) and the old railway formation at Hope. The main features of the reserve are the large playing fields, six tennis courts, a large hall with a sealed car park, and play equipment. There are established trees and shrubs around the perimeter of the fields, around the children's play area, and around the hall and tennis courts. A scout building, tennis clubrooms, Dog Obedience clubrooms, and Pony clubrooms are present on the perimeter of the reserve. The main access to the reserve is from the main road through a short driveway. A sealed road runs through the reserve to a second access point at Ranzau Road.

The reserve is presently used by the Hope Tennis Club, dog obedience classes, scouts, and the Pony Club. The main recreational use of the hall is for indoor bowls. Management of the reserve is coordinated by the Hope Recreation Reserve Management Committee.

The reserve and the hall are both in need of some attention. The main entrance to the reserve from the main road is unattractive. The hall is presently clad with unpainted iron and while it doesn't need painting for durability, it would be much more attractive if painted. The children's play area contains older wooden play equipment, some of which has recently been removed. Some minor landscaping and planting would make this area more attractive. The sealed road that runs through the reserve separates the playing fields of the reserve.

The reserve could easily accommodate other recreation and sports activities. If the hall was upgraded it could serve as clubrooms for other clubs, thus avoiding the need to build a new facility on open space elsewhere on the District's reserves.

Policies:

9.3.1 Improve the main entrance to the reserve by:

- Installing coloured paving stones to define the entranceway; and
- Installing a low judder bar; and
- Appropriate planting along the driveway; and
- Erecting more effective signs.

9.3.2 Improve the car park area by:

- Planting and landscaping the car park margin; and
- Repairing and maintaining seal; and
- Marking car park spaces; and
- Removing corrugated iron shed from car park; and
- Installing coloured paving stones at the main entrance to the hall.

- 9.3.3 Upgrade the hall, in consultation with the management committee and the Indoor Bowls Club, by:
- Painting the exterior; and
 - Redecorating the interior; and
 - Building a smaller hall/supper room within or attached to the existing hall for use as a reception area/clubrooms; and
 - Installing larger windows or French doors and a deck on the western side of the hall; and
 - Installing security lights on the exterior of the building.

Explanation: This would encourage greater use of the hall and make the hall more attractive to present users.

- 9.3.4 Encourage use of the reserve by other recreation and sports groups; and
- 9.3.5 Upgrade the public toilets; and
- 9.3.6 Limit tennis to a maximum of twelve courts with the first ten courts running in a line along the north-east boundary.
- 9.3.7 Ensure that the children's play equipment is well maintained and that it meets the required safety standards; and
- 9.3.8 Remove any unused buildings from the reserve if there is no obvious demand for their retention; and
- 9.3.9 Investigate the removal of the sealed road through the reserve, or relocation of the road to the perimeter of the reserve, unless it is used to provide access to new facilities in the southern corner of the reserve; and

Explanation: The road presently divides the reserve in two and encourages vehicles onto the playing area. Relocating the road to the perimeter of the reserve would provide more open playing space and would provide an opportunity to landscape and plant the reserve boundary. If the southern corner of the reserve is used for a new activity, retention of the road in its present location may be appropriate.

- 9.3.10 Plant more trees and shrubs around the perimeter of the playing fields; and
- 9.3.11 Dispose of Council-owned section on Ranzau Road, if not required for reserve purposes in the near future; and
- 9.3.12 Ensure that any major re-development of the reserve is undertaken in consultation with the Hope Recreation Reserve Management Committee.

9.4 Jubilee Park

Location:.....Gladstone Road, Richmond
 Classification:*proposed* Recreation Reserve
 Legal Description:Lot 1 D.P.10976; Lot 1 D.P.11787; Pt. Lots 3&4
 D.P.945; Pt. Lot 1 D.P.819; Lot 1 D.P.5950; Lots 1&2
 D.P.9698; Lot 1 D.P.9418; Pt. Sections 100&102,
 Waimea East S.D.

Size:..... 11.2434 ha.

Description:

Jubilee Park is located between Gladstone Road (State Highway 6) and the old railway formation (railway reserve) on the western edge of suburban Richmond. It contains the main sports fields for Richmond, and is the largest reserve in the District set aside for sports and organized recreation. The park is presently used for soccer, rugby, athletics, cricket, tennis, beach volleyball, croquet, badminton, and rifle range shooting. The park also contains an Information Centre, public toilets, badminton hall (ex YMCA), toy library, St Johns building, rugby clubrooms, tennis clubrooms, soccer clubrooms, a fitness training course, and the depot for the present reserves maintenance contractor (Excell).

A small part of the northern end of the reserve is presently leased to an adjoining landholder for truck parking. Car parking areas are located at the southern end of the park alongside the soccer fields, and at the northern end of the reserve associated with the rugby, tennis, croquet, and rifle range. The Information Centre is located on the part of the park adjoining Gladstone Road within a Heritage Area maintained by the Richmond Soroptimists. There is also a caravan waste dumping station on the reserve adjacent to Gladstone Road.

Proposals to provide vehicle access to the park from Railway Reserve at the rear of the park have been discussed with Transit NZ.

The main management issues are:

- Accommodating the number of different recreation and sports activities that occur on the reserve;
- Resolving conflicts caused by crowding and overuse;
- Providing for the proposed expansion of the tennis club facilities;
- The provision of car parking at the northern end of the reserve;
- The future use of the St Johns building;
- The future use of the building presently used by Excell;
- Access to the park from Gladstone Road;
- The future of the croquet lawns when the club moves to a new location;
- Tree planting and/or landscaping of the reserve margins.

Policies:

- 9.4.1 Remove the shed used by the Athletics Club and remodel the building presently used by Excell to include new changing rooms and use by the Athletics Club; and
- 9.4.2 Plant small trees or shrubs on the western perimeter of the park, where they do not conflict with existing playing fields, to provide shelter; and
- 9.4.3 Extend existing shrubbery along eastern park boundary; and
- 9.4.4 Improve entrances from Gladstone Road by:
Installing coloured paving stones to define entrance; and
Planting and landscaping driveway edges; and
Erecting fences and signs of standard design at entranceways; and

Liaising with Transit NZ to improve vehicle turning and access from Gladstone Road; and
Upgrading car parking on the Gladstone Road frontage; and
Investigating the establishment of a further entrance at, or in the vicinity of, the toy library to provide for restricted one way traffic in and out of the reserve.

- 9.4.5 Not renew the lease for truck parking at the northern end of the park, and use this space for the further development of tennis courts (to a maximum of 12 courts) and/or car parking, with appropriate landscaping; and
- 9.4.6 Landscape and upgrade the area between the tennis courts and badminton building; and
- 9.4.7 Develop further car parking on the site of the croquet lawns when croquet is relocated to another site; and
- 9.4.8 Develop further car parking on the area between the tennis courts, rifle range, and Railway Reserve; and
- 9.4.9 Upgrade and landscape the beach volleyball area in conjunction with other landscaping; and
- 9.4.10 Permit the installation or upgrading of floodlights at the park only with Council approval and in consultation with adjoining residents; and
- 9.4.11 Investigate the provision of access and car parking from the Railway Reserve land at the northern end of the reserve; and
- 9.4.12 Investigate options for the use of the St Johns building and remove the building if a suitable use or tenant cannot be found; and
- 9.4.13 Maintain the Information Centre, public toilets, Heritage Garden and walkway on the Gladstone Road frontage of the reserve.

10.0 POLICIES FOR FORMAL PARKS AND GARDENS

10.1 General Policies

- 10.1.1 Manage formal parks and gardens for the primary purpose of providing opportunities for rest, passive recreation, and appreciation of plants and floral displays; and
- 10.1.2 Permit the use of formal parks and gardens for community activities or organized events, where compatible with the primary policy.

10.2 Memorial Gardens

Location:.....Corner of Cambridge and Oxford Streets, Richmond
 Classification:.....*proposed* Local Purpose Reserve
 Legal Description:Lot 2 D.P.3621, Waimea East S.D.
 Size:.....991 m²

Description:

Memorial Gardens is a small reserve located close to the town centre and across Cambridge Street from a children's play area. It contains a circular grassed area surrounded by a concrete path, seats, shrubs and small trees. The reserve has Senior Citizens Club building, RSA memorial and a flagpole, and is used for Anzac Day services and for rest and passive recreation.

Policies:

- 10.2.1 Manage primarily as a memorial garden and rest area; and
- 10.2.2 Maintain the gardens to a high standard as a formal garden; and
- 10.2.3 Consult with the Richmond RSA over important reserve management issues.

10.3 Town Centre

Location:.....Corner of Queen and Croucher Streets, Richmond
 Classification:.....Road Reserve
 Legal Description:Croucher Street
 Size:.....3274 m²

Description:

The Town Centre Reserve provides an area of open space and seating in the centre of Richmond. It includes an area of grass surrounded by a raised garden with shrubs and several feature trees, a paved area with bench seating, a covered seating area, and a sundial, also surrounded by raised planting beds. The sundial and the explanatory plaque are a feature of reserve. The reserve is a popular lunchtime rest area. It is also used for craft stalls and by musicians.

Policies:

- 10.3.1 Manage primarily as an area of formal gardens and seating for rest and passive recreation; and
- 10.3.2 Limit tree planting to the present feature trees; and
- 10.3.3 Maintain the raised planting areas as herbaceous borders and remove larger shrubs from these beds; and
- 10.3.4 Permit the use of the reserve for occasional craft stalls, fund raising, or other similar uses, where compatible with the primary policy.

10.4 Washbourn Gardens

Location:.....Oxford Street, Richmond

Classification:.....*proposed* Local Purpose Reserve

Legal Description:Lot 4 D.P.14397; Lot 1 & Pt. Lot 2 D.P.9490; Lots 180&203 D.P.12091; Lot 1 D.P.13802; Lot 1 D.P.15187; Lot 3 D.P.14154; Lot 1 D.P.16457, Pt.11 of 26, Waimea East S.D.

Size:.....c.1.6674 ha.

Description:

Washbourn Gardens is the most important area of formal gardens in the Richmond Ward. It is located close to the centre of Richmond and is very popular for informal recreation and organized events. The Gardens include the old Richmond Jail and several other buildings containing begonia, fuchsia, and fern displays. The Gardens have many large feature trees, shrubberies, gardens, paved paths, open grassed areas, and a duck pond. Access is from Oxford Street, where there is a sealed car park, and from Washbourn Drive.

A support group, the Friends of Washbourn Gardens, assists with the management and maintenance of the reserve. A sole charge gardener tends the gardens and prepares displays of annuals and bedding plants. The reserve is frequently used for weddings and occasionally for outdoor concerts. It is a very popular place for rest and passive recreation. A concept plan has been prepared for the gardens by Council.

Policies:

- 10.4.1 Manage primarily as a formal garden for public appreciation and passive recreation; and
- 10.4.2 To permit other uses, such as weddings and open-air concerts, where compatible with the primary policy; and
- 10.4.3 Manage the gardens in consultation with the Friends of Washbourn Gardens; and
- 10.4.4 Implement the Concept Plan for the gardens, including the establishment of an all-weather walking path through the gardens; and
- 10.4.5 Improve the entranceway to the reserve from the Oxford Street car park by establishing low brick walls and landscaping similar to those established elsewhere in the reserve; and
- 10.4.6 Improve bollards to prevent unauthorized vehicle access; and
- 10.4.7 Form, or construct, a stage platform with provision for erecting a temporary roof to enable concerts and other stage events to take place in the gardens.

11.0 POLICIES FOR RURAL RECREATION AND ESPLANADE RESERVES

11.1 General Policies

- 11.1.1 Manage rural recreation and esplanade reserves for the primary purposes of providing opportunities for informal recreation, public access to the countryside, and the protection of indigenous flora and wildlife habitat; and
- 11.1.2 Provide toilets, rubbish disposal, and picnic facilities where required to meet public demand; and
- 11.1.3 Permit the construction of approved barbecue facilities provided water is readily available for fire control; and
- 11.1.4 Prohibit overnight camping unless approved by Council; and
- 11.1.5 Prohibit leasing of reserves except for occasional events with the prior approval of Council.

11.2 Appleby Esplanade Reserve

Location:.....Lansdowne Road, Waimea Inlet estuary
 Classification:.....Local Purpose Reserve
 Legal Description:Lot 6 D.P.10914
 Size:.....7912 m²

Description:

A small reserve along the banks of the tidal Neiman Creek between Lansdowne Road and Queen Street.

Policies:

- 11.2.1 Manage primarily to protect estuary margin vegetation and wildlife habitat; and
- 11.2.2 Survey the reserve to determine its natural resource values and the extent of any plant or animal pest threats.

11.3 Bests Island Esplanade Reserve

Location:.....Bests Island, Waimea Inlet
 Classification:.....Local Purpose Reserve
 Legal Description:Lot 37 D.P.5090
 Size:.....3.3144 ha.

Description:

A narrow strip of land above the high water mark around Bests Island in the Waimea Inlet. This undeveloped reserve protects the foreshore from development and allows public access to the foreshore and sea.

Policies:

- 11.3.1 Manage primarily to protect the foreshore and estuary margin vegetation and wildlife habitat, and to provide for public access; and
- 11.3.2 Prohibit any encroachment onto the reserve by the activities of adjoining landholders; and
- 11.3.3 Clearly define and mark public access points from the land to the foreshore within the esplanade reserve; and
- 11.3.4 Protect areas of indigenous vegetation and wildlife habitat from threats posed by plant and animal pests; and
- 11.3.5 Permit the removal of large introduced trees from the reserve to prevent shading of adjoining properties, with the formal approval of Council.
- 11.3.6 Maintain drains in working order.

11.4 Bests Island Golf Course

Location:.....Bests Island
 Classification:.....Local Purpose Reserve
 Legal Description:Lot 2 D.P.8350
 Size:.....4152 m²

Description:

This small reserve is an area of open space within the Bests Island Golf Course.

Policy:

11.4.1 Manage as open space for informal recreation.

11.5 Bests Island Recreation Reserve

Location:.....Bests Island settlement
 Classification:.....Recreation Reserve
 Legal Description:Lot 8 D.P.5090
 Size:.....3541 m²

Description:

A small area of open space with some large trees adjacent to housing at the Bests Island settlement.

Policies:

- 11.5.1 Manage as open space for informal recreation; and
- 11.5.2 Define reserve boundaries and signpost reserve; and
- 11.5.3 Realign road so that it does not encroach onto the reserve; and
- 11.5.4 Tidy and landscape reserve once road has been realigned.

11.6 Bests Island Road Reserve

Location:.....Bests Island, Waimea Inlet
 Classification:.....Local Purpose Reserve
 Legal Description:Pt. Lot 1 D.P.5478; Pt. Lot 1 D.P.6849
 Size:.....1.3240 ha.

Description:

This small reserve occupies a strip of land along the southwestern shore of Bests Island between the Lansdowne Road causeway and the Bests Island settlement. It has some large trees and areas of open grass. It is an attractive reserve providing access to the estuary and opportunities for walking and picnicking.

Policies:

- 11.6.1 Manage primarily as open space for informal recreation and public access; and
- 11.6.2 Protect areas of indigenous vegetation and wildlife habitat from plant or animal pests; and
- 11.6.3 Provide picnic, barbecue, rubbish disposal facilities if demanded by public use.

11.7 Twin Bridges Reserve

Location:.....Aniseed Valley Road, Roding River
 Classification:Recreation Reserve
 Legal Description:Lot 1 D.P.18073
 Size:.....2.2931 ha.

Description:

Twin Bridges is an attractive reserve located on the inside of a bend of the Roding River several miles up the Aniseed Valley Road. The reserve area was created by the realignment of the Aniseed Valley Road and gifted to the Council by the Baigent family. It has been developed since 1990, guided by a landscape plan, with planting of predominantly native species. The reserve contains a toilet block, barbecues, picnic tables, and a large area of grassed open space.

The reserve is surrounded on three sides by the Roding River and is a very popular location for picnicking and swimming during the summer months. The location of the reserve where the road enters the lower valley provides for public access to the river for swimming when the upper valley is closed to the public during times of high fire danger. Proposals to subdivide land across the road and river from the reserve could provide for further areas for public recreation nearby.

Policies:

- 11.7.1 Manage the reserve primarily for informal recreation and river access; and
- 11.7.2 Continue to develop the reserve following the landscape plan; and
- 11.7.3 Provide more picnic tables and barbecue facilities; and
- 11.7.4 Permit vehicle access onto grassed areas of the reserve unless these areas are required to be closed by Council to rehabilitate or protect the reserve, or to avoid conflict with other users; and
- 11.7.5 Close the reserve if required during periods of high fire danger; and
- 11.7.6 Investigate the acquisition of further land for reserve purposes in the area.

Explanation: This popular reserve is frequently crowded during summer. Further reserve land in the area would help meet this demand.

11.8 White Gate Reserve

Location:.....Aniseed Valley Road, Roding River

Classification:.....*proposed* Recreation Reserve

Legal Description:D.P.2170

Size:.....5669 m²

Description:

White Gate is a small reserve located between the Aniseed Valley Road and the Roding River approximately one kilometre up valley from Twin Bridges Reserve. It contains a modified remnant of native forest with two large matai (*Prumnopitys taxifolia*) trees, several mature kanuka (*Kunzea ericoides*) trees, and modified understorey vegetation dominated by mahoe (*Melicytus ramiflorus*) on the steeper banks beneath the road. Silver birch and other introduced trees have been planted in the reserve. The reserve is bisected by a gravel road and contains picnic platforms, long-drop toilets, and a barbecue area.

The reserve was purchased by the Council from the Automobile Association in 1995 and it remains largely undeveloped. It provides an opportunity for more casual riverside picnicking and recreation than Twin Bridges Reserve. The reserve also provides the potential to protect a small remnant of native vegetation.

Policies:

- 11.8.1 Manage primarily for informal recreation and the protection of indigenous vegetation; and

Explanation: The protection of indigenous vegetation in recreation reserves is required by the Reserves Act 1977.

- 11.8.2 Maintain the wooden-rail barriers around the remnant matai trees to protect their root systems from damage; and
- 11.8.3 Replace the introduced conifers that are planted on the upstream end of the reserve with native species representative of the original vegetation; and
- 11.8.4 Encourage the establishment of native understorey species on the steeper roadside and river banks; and
- 11.8.5 Control plant pests, especially old man's beard and hawthorn, that threaten the existing vegetation; and
- 11.8.6 Replace the long-drop toilets with enclosed vault toilets; and
- 11.8.7 Install clearer signs.