Papakura

Local Parks Management Plan

Guidance on making submissions and background information



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Introduction

We've written this document to introduce you to the Local Parks Management Plan (LPMP) process. We've included information about key issues affecting parks and reserves in Papakura, the scope of the project and further information regarding the current reserve management plans that will be replaced by this LPMP.

What is a local park management plan?

Local parks management plans are documents that help the council make good decisions about how parks are used and protected. In the past we have aimed to write a management plan for each park, but this is not possible because Auckland has more than 3,000 parks. Instead, we are working with each local board to write one combined plan for all the parks and reserves they manage.

Papakura has around 140 parks and open spaces: everything from bush-covered scenic and esplanade reserves to sports fields and playgrounds. The Papakura Local Parks Management Plan will reflect what residents value about their parks now, and how they use them. It will also identify issues that should be considered as parks are managed and developed in the future, to make sure they meet the needs of future generations.

How is a management plan written?

Management plans are written with the involvement of the whole community. A key part of the process is consulting with members of the public. We will also speak to groups and organisations that use Papakura's parks and reserves on a regular basis, including sports clubs and community groups, schools, and volunteer groups. Throughout the project we are working closely with mana whenua and local marae to make sure that the Papakura Local Parks Management Plan reflects mana whenua and Māori values and aspirations.

What will the plan include?

The plan will cover all local parks and reserves for which the Papakura Local Board has decision-making responsibility. This includes park land held under the Reserves Act 1977 and the Local Government Act 2002. For parks that have a drainage or stormwater function, the local board has decision-making for park activities and Healthy Waters makes decisions about the stormwater network. For unformed legal roads that adjoin local parks and contribute to the function of those parks, the local board's advocacy to Auckland Transport can be expressed through the plan.

The plan will replace 11 existing reserve management plans as specified in the table below.

What won't be included?

Land for which the local board does not have decision-making responsibility:

- Regional parks managed under the Regional Parks Management Plan (2022).
- Public conservation land managed by the Department of Conservation.
- Council owned parks that are under a co-management agreement, for example Pukekiwiriki Paa reserve
- Privately owned parks or open spaces (such as Sikh Sports Complex Takanini)

The plan will not include information about investment priorities, implementation plans for specific projects, or operational plans for planting, pest control, or park maintenance.

Current Reserve Management Plans (to be superseded by the Papakura LPMP)

Reserve Management Plan name (year adopted)	Reserves covered
Central Park Reserve Management Plan 1993	Central Park
Drury Recreation Reserve Management Plan 1994	Drury Recreation Reserve
Jack Farrell Reserve Management Plan 1994	Jack Farrell Reserve
Keri Downs Reserve Management Plan 1993	Keri Downs Reserve
Marybeth and Chichester Reserves Management Plan 2010	• Chichester Drive Reserve • Marybeth Reserve
Massey Park Reserve Management Plan 2011	Massey Park
McLennan Park Reserve Management Plan 2011	McLennan Park
Prince Edward Park Reserve Management Plan 1994	Prince Edward Park
Takaanini Reserve Management Plan	Takaanini Reserve
Te Koiwi Reserve Management Plan	Te Koiwi Reserve
Walter Strevens Foreshore Reserve Management Plan	Walter Strevens Reserve

Key issues to consider

The Papakura Local Parks Management Plan will address a number of issues, including:

Private use of parkland

Private developments and utility companies sometimes need to use parks as a site for their infrastructure, which can reduce the public's access to space and affect how other people can use the park. With increasing development, request to locate private infrastructure on parks or for access easements over parks are becoming more common.

Sea level rise and coastal inundation

It is anticipated that many parks adjoining Papakura's coastline (e.g. Pahurehure Inlet) will be affected by coastal inundation and storm surge events. These could create increased hazard risks to park users and infrastructure, damage to cultural and heritage sites and coastal erosion. We will need to consider adapting to change in the coastal environment which will be guided by the development of local shoreline adaptation plans.

Protection of cultural heritage sites

Papakura has a rich Māori history due to its strategic location and good access to resources, and many parks reflect these origins. The plan needs to reflect on Kaitiakitanga – the practice of guardianship and environmental management grounded in Te Ao Māori (Māori world view).

Protecting the natural environment

The Papakura Local Board actively supports the growth and protection of tree plantings, improvement of water quality and protection of wading bird colonies. The plan will support the local board's on-going efforts.

Enabling connections to open spaces

There is a growing demand for walking and cycling connections to reserves, ranging from inland to coastal areas, and esplanade reserves.

Leasing and licensing

There are about 39 community leases in Papakura. The needs and demands of current and future communities should be considered when considering renewal and reviews of leases. We also need to ensure that leases do not restrict wider public use of Papakura local parks.

Changing habits for sport and play

Due to continuous changes in the demographic profile (with large anticipated growth of both older adults above 65 years and young families), trends in sport and play change over time. The plan needs to be flexible enough to cater and manage activities that may develop in the future.

Improving park to provide more access to informal recreation and play

Parks in Papakura need to provide for a range of play experiences to meet a growing youth population and demand for family focused park services. Papakura is one of the areas with the highest number of young people (under 15 years old) in Auckland, comprising 23.6% of the local board's population.

Providing for the whole community and different uses

Papakura is a diverse community and our parks should serve the needs of the many different cultures. Parks are also required to meet a wide range of different needs from all age groups and abilities – space for sport and play, peaceful places to spend time in nature, and places were communities can join together.

We want to hear from you

We want to understand what you value about Papakura's parks, how you use these spaces now, and how you'd like to use them in the future. We'd also like to hear about any issues you think the local board should address as we write the management plan. We hope to hear from a wide range of people, so we can make sure that the Papakura Local Parks Management Plan truly reflects the views of everybody who lives in this beautiful part of Auckland.

Public consultation

The Reserves Act 1977 provides three opportunities for the public to participate in the consultation process:

Phase 1



Tell us what we should include in the draft plan

October - November 2023

Phase 2



Tell us what you think of the draft plan we prepare

Mid 2025

Phase 3



Take part in a hearing to support your views

Late 2025


1. Papakura Service Centre
2. Hawkins Theatre
3. Sir Edmund Hillary Library and Papakura Museum
4. Papakura Art Gallery
5. Smiths Avenue Reserve
6. Pukekiwiriki Pā
7. Hingaia Park
8. Opaheke Fields
9. Drury Library
Alfriston
Alfriston Road
Mill Road
Takanini Station
Great South Road
Southern Motorway
Takanini
Bruce Pulman Park
Walters Road
Army Fields
Cosgrave Road
Papakura-Clevedon Road
McLennan Park
Clevedon Road
Pararekau Island
Pahurehure
Papakura Station
Maine Road
Red Hill
Bottle Top Bay
Papakura
Te Kowhi
Hingaia
Beach Road
Kirks bush
Hingaia Road
Drury
Public Open Space (Unitary Plan)
Rail Station
Railway
Motorway
Major Road
Arterial Road
Medium Road
Minor Road

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