

ROOSEVILLE PARK
SCENIC RESERVE
Management Plan
1999

SECTION 1

Introduction: Definition & Purpose of a Reserve Management Plan

This section provides information on firstly, the reasons for preparing Reserve Management Plans and, secondly the processes involved up to final approval of the Roosevelt Park Scenic Reserve Management Plan by Council.

SECTION 2

The District Plan

This section explains the overall purpose of the District Plan and its relationship to the management of Reserves. It also outlines conditions applying to Reserves designated as “Recreation Zone” under the District Plan.

SECTION 3

Resource Inventory -

Section 3 provides information about the Reserve. A brief summary on topics such as name, location, legal description, classification under the Reserves Act, historical background, natural physical features, vegetation, landscape modifications, reserve users and reserve management and maintenance.

SECTION 4

Future Development and Development Controls

The section outlines the proposals for future development for Roosevelt Scenic Reserve.

SECTION 5

Objectives and Policies

The objectives and policies are derived from previous sections of the Management Plan and from public input sought during the process of preparing the Management Plan. These statements are the guidelines for the future management and development of the Reserve.

SECTION 1

Introduction: Definition and Purpose of The Reserve Management Plan

Reserve Management Plans are documents outlining objectives and policies for the development and operation of individual (or several) parks and reserves. Such Plans should clearly outline a Council's general intentions for the use, development and maintenance of the reserve and indicate the means of implementing the provisions of the Plan.

The Reserves Act 1977 requires that every administering body of a reserve prepare a Reserves Management Plan for each reserve under its control. The legislation provides an opportunity for the public to contribute to the formulation of the Plan and the making of decisions which will affect the future of the reserve. The aim of the legislation is to ensure that the development and management of reserves and the subsequent use and enjoyment of them by the public is based on sound resource management and that, through involvement, the needs of the public are identified and accommodated as appropriate.

Once adopted by Council, a Reserve Management Plan will be reviewed from time to time so that, if necessary, it may be altered in keeping with changing circumstances.

The Management Plan Process:

The process being followed with this Plan is in accordance with the provisions of the Reserves Act 1977.

It is intended that the public have the opportunity to express their views before a Draft Management Plan for this reserve is prepared and again after the draft is prepared.

A notice of intention to prepare a Draft Management Plan was advertised in the Franklin County News, Thursday, August 27, 1998
Waiuku and District Post, Tuesday, September 29, 1998

Submissions received, with a summary of the issues raised, are as follows:

K Gardner dated 13 October 1998
Secretary Franklin Branch of The Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society

This letter outlines concerns regarding the protection and enhancement of the nature environment in Roseville Park Scenic Reserve.

Suggestions include:

That the Management plan include a list of indigenous and exotic flora and fauna within the Reserve.

A policy for the eradication of possums and evasive weeds.

A policy on public access that includes walking tracks, park seats and the use of bikes.

A policy on domestic animals in the reserve.

Control of illegal dumping on the reserve.

A native revegetation policy.

The incorporation of local wardens for the park.

The date of approval of the Reserve Management Plan was

SECTION 2

The District Plan

The purpose of the District Plan is to assist Council to carry out its functions to achieve the sustainable management of natural and physical resources.

The Council's resource management role as summarised in the District Plan is as follows:

"To ensure natural and physical resources are sustainably managed and to protect and enhance the environment while enabling people and communities in Franklin District to provide for their social, economic and cultural well-being, and their health and safety."

Reserves are governed by the provisions of the Reserves Act as well as the provisions of the District Plan.

The Reserves Act places emphasis on the control, management, maintenance, preservation, development and use of reserves and is primarily concerned with the quality of reserves and the public enjoyment of them.

The District Plan establishes the permitted uses with particular emphasis being placed on the quantity, location and effect on properties surrounding the reserves.

The Recreation Zone

The Roosevelt Scenic Reserve is zoned "Recreation Zone" under the proposed District Plan.

Conditions relating to Reserves with the designation Recreation Zone are detailed in Part 11.0 and Rule 34.0 of the proposed District Plan.

The proposed District Plan states that Council have in the past been involved in providing a wide range of opportunities for the use of leisure time. In order to determine its future involvement Council has adopted a Recreation Plan. The Recreation Plan is the guiding document in addressing recreational issues facing the District.

Council's objectives under its Recreation Plan are:

- 1 To provide sufficient recreation and open space land to meet the needs of present and future generations.

2 To provide for a wide range of recreational activities while ensuring that any adverse effects on the quality of natural and physical resources or the amenity of adjoining areas are avoided or mitigated.

Permitted activities in the Recreation Zone are those which are not specified as a Discretionary Activity for the Zone and which comply with the Performance Standards for the Zone.

Discretionary Activities in the Recreation Zone require a resource consent, and the consent may be granted or refused. An application must be submitted in the prescribed format (available from Council).

Discretionary activities are set out in the Proposed Franklin District Plan, amended October 1995, updated October 1997.

Performance standards apply unless an approved Reserve Management Plan specifies or provides otherwise. Performance Standards are:

1 Height and Setbacks

Maximum Height: 9 metres (except goal posts and floodlights)

Yards: 6 metres in respect of any boundary which abuts a site in the Residential Zone; and 3 metres from any other boundary, provided that no building may exceed a height equal to 3 metres plus the shortest horizontal distance between that part of the building and the site boundary. This standard shall not apply where all adjoining, potentially affected landowners have given their written consent to any deviation from the standard.

2 Noise

The following sound levels as measured at or within any boundary of an adjoining site zoned Residential or Rural-Residential, for the hours specified, shall not be exceeded.

Time/Hours	L10 (defined Rule 38)	Lmax (defined Rule38)
0700 to 1800	50dBA	75dBA
1800 to 2200	45dBA	65dBA
2200 to 0700	40dBA	65dBA

3 Parking

Parking areas and internal vehicular access and egress routes shall be sited a minimum of 5 metres from the boundary of any site zoned Residential or Rural-Residential. They shall be landscaped and/or screened so that these areas blend in with the natural environment or with the amenities of the area.

Sufficient sealed parking shall be available for every activity on the site, and the standards of the District Plan's Rule 35 (Parking, Loading and Access) shall be

used as minimum where the activity is sufficiently similar to one or more in that rule.

4 Hours of Operation

Where a building such as a clubroom, hall or any other structure used for the gathering of 10 or more people is within 100 metres of a site zoned Residential or Rural-Residential, then the following hours of operation shall apply to use of it for the activities which require a liquor licence

Monday to Thursday, and Sunday 7.00 am to 10.30 pm

Friday and Saturday 7.00 am to 1.00 am

5 Illumination

All exterior lighting shall at all times be so located, directed or screened as to ensure that:

- no direct light rays fall onto any site zoned Residential or Rural-Residential, and reflected light from any such fittings shall be minimised;
- All reticulations to any fittings is underground and all wiring and control equipment enclosed;
- Direct light rays or illumination do not create a hazard to motorists.

(b) The use of exterior lighting, except security lighting, shall be restricted to the hours of 7.00 am to 11.00 pm.

6 Earthworks

6.1 General: Bare ground arising from earthworks shall be revegetated as soon as is possible.

6.2 IN DEVELOPMENT SETBACKS: Earthworks in the Coastal Marine Area development setback and the Lakes and Rivers development setback shall not exceed a total volume of 25 cubic metres or a total of 250 square metres.

6.3 AFFECTING OUTSTANDING NATURAL FEATURES: No earthworks shall be carried out to or on landforms or any other physical feature identified in Schedule 5A.

SECTION 3

Name, location and legal description

Rooseville Park Scenic Reserve

Location

Rooseville Park Scenic Reserve is situated on Totara Avenue, in the Pukekohe Ward of Franklin District and is located in central Pukekohe. The Reserve was named Roosevill Scenic Reserve by gazette notices dated 1980. The reserve is owned by the Crown and administered by the Franklin District Council.

Legal Description

24 acres 1rood 31.4 perches

Lot 19 Deposited plan 16013 being parts of Allotment 12 Parish of Pukekohe.
Lots 4,5,6,7,8 Deposited Plan 56804 being parts of Allotment 12 Parish of Pukekohe.

Classification (Reserves Act 1977)

Gazette notice 1980 page 262

The Reserve is made up of:

Lots 4 Deposited Plan 56804, classified as Reserve

Lot 5 Deposited Plan 56804, classified as Reserve

Lot 6 Deposited Plan 56804, classified as Reserve

Lot 7 Deposited Plan 56804, classified as Reserve

Lot 19 Deposited Plan 16013 classified as Scenic Reserve.

Lot 8 Deposited Plan 56804 classified as Scenic Reserve.

Lot 20-27 Deposited Plan 16013 classified as Scenic Reserve.

Natural Physical Features & Vegetation

Approximately 60% of the reserve is covered by native bush, most notably a large stand of Totara trees. The remaining area is either grazed or lawn area. The Reserve covers the knoll of “Doctors Hill”, and is relatively flat, sloping away on the northern boundary.

A series of “bush tracks”, circumnavigate the park and link entrances at Totara and Roose Ave with Ngahere Road. The metal tracks link to a concrete path at the Totara Avenue entrance.

Parks furniture in the form of picnic tables and litter bins are scattered throughout the main recreational use areas.

Bollard type fencing restricts vehicle access at the Totara Avenue entrance.

A watercourse/wet gully runs through the reserve

The Northern slopes are grazed and consequently have a range of post and wire type fences separating paddocks. A number of native planting areas are secured from grazing stock by post and wire fence barricades.

Ngahere Road divides off an open lawn area, from the rest of the reserve. Other than some specimen tree planting, no other development has occurred on this site.

The Reserve and large stand of Totara trees, provides a significant visual feature and backdrop to the Pukekohe township. The Reserve area has reportedly the largest stand of Native Bush in the Pukekohe area.

Historical Background

Rooseville Park was made available to the district by Elijah Roose. Mr Roose gifted the Pukekohe Borough Council the park.

As a 17 year old, Elijah Roose emigrated to New Zealand in 1859. Elijah Roose died in 1927 aged 84 years.

Dr James Dalziel another English emigrant arrived in 1879 and purchased 99 acres, he built a magnificent home at 25 Totara Avenue. Dr Dalziel operated his surgery and dispensary from this home. For many years the area has been known as Doctors Hill.

The home and land came into the possession of the Roose family. The home was demolished by Torrie Roose in 1976, all that remains is a well.

During the 1939-45 war, the Americans camped on the East side of the bush.

After the war the area was used as a transit camp for Pukekohe families, as there was a housing shortage.

Two water reservoirs were built at the Totara Avenue entrance to the park, this still remains a feature of this reserve.

In 1993 The Pukekohe Pony Club leased a portion of the reserve for horse events and grazing. In 1998 this arrangement ceased.

Current use:

The Reserve accommodates a range of informal or unstructured activities such as walking, jogging and general play.

A lease agreement for grazing the Northern aspect of the park, has recently come to an end. The Pukekohe Pony Club no longer require the land. A new tenant shall be sought, to continue grazing this section of the Reserve.

Mountain bikers currently make regular use of the bush area, the riding of bikes on and off track areas, can cause conflicts with the environmental aspects of the park.

The water reservoir continues to provide part of the City's water supply.

SECTION 4

Future Development & Development Controls

1 Development Controls

The vision towards which this plan steers the management of Roosevelt Reserve is of a significant stand of native bush which provides a significant visual feature to the Pukekohe township. The bush must be enhanced and protected for future generations, whilst providing recreational opportunities for its users.

Essentially the reserve will cater for many needs of the local and wider community while ensuring that environmental and landscape values are protected.

The reserve will continue to be developed in accordance with its Scenic Reserve status.

Bush Area

The native bush area will be protected and enhanced by a regime of weed eradication and a native bush regeneration programme. Locally sourced native seed shall be used in any replanting programme.

Environmental:

A programme of public education through signage and letters to residents, will be aimed at stopping illegal dumping on the reserve.

The existing areas of rubbish shall be cleaned up with the use of Community Labour.

Signs:

Signs will be placed in the park where necessary to mark entrances and provide information to park users. Care will be taken to avoid a proliferation of signs.

Paths/Walking Tracks:

The path/walking track network provides a valuable amenity for passive recreational use. This path networks shall be maintained and enhanced, using Community Labour groups. Use of paths and walkways shall be encouraged to avoid conflict with the native revegetation and bush protection.

Fixtures:

Seating, bins and Picnic Tables will be provided in the reserve at locations determined by the Asset Coordinator Open Space Amenities.

Grazing:

The fencing in the grazed area shall be improved to ensure grazing continues in the medium to long term future. Grazing shall not be permitted in or around the native bush areas. Any grazing lease agreements shall require the lessee to maintain weed infestations.

Controlled Use:

A balance between protecting the significant environmental features of the reserve and the reserves recreational use be sought. The use of the Reserve be restricted where there is opportunity for this to occur in areas such as dog control and mountain bike use.

Reserve Management Committee

Where stated in reserve management plans it is Council's policy that Reserve Management Committees (Friends of ...Park), be established to assist Council in managing its major parks and reserves.

In the case of Roosevile Reserve it is envisaged that representatives from local residents, The Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society, Iwi, User groups, Community Board representation and Council Officers be invited to be part of this committee.

One of the functions of this Committee will be participate in the future development and maintenance of the reserve

SECTION 5

Objectives and Policies Future Management And Development

1 Objective: Statutory

To ensure that all statutory requirement relating to the Reserve are met.

Policies

To development and administer the Reserve according to the Reserves Act 1977.
To ensure that any planned future development is compatible with the classification of the Reserve as Scenic reserve.

To control and direct all public activity on the Reserve in accordance with the Franklin District Council bylaws and other relevant laws.

To ensure that any future uses and development proposal are in accordance with the Proposed Franklin District Plan or any resource consent granted under the provisions of the Proposed Franklin District Plan.

2 Objective: Future Management

Protect and enhance the natural ecological features of the reserve.

Policies

Programme and implement the eradication of invasive exotic weeds, such as wandering jew.

Implement a revegetation programme using locally sourced seed and plant material.

Eliminate illegal dumping on the Reserve, through ongoing education.

Enhancing the track facilities, using community labour, to ensure the protection and development of the native bush.

Signage to identify tracks and eliminate non compatible use such as mountain bikes through non track areas.

Improve fencing in the grazed area to ensure its continuance and clear definition between the bush and grazed areas.

Restore the wet gully by the removal of rubbish and native wetland revegetation planting.

3 Objective: Use

To provide for the appropriate use of the reserve for informal and organised activities.

To ensure the reserve remains available to all members of the public.

To minimize adverse effects on the immediate neighborhood of all activities conducted on the park.

Policies

That the organised use of the reserve be allowed in accordance with Council's procedures for the booking of reserves.

That the exercising of dogs be permitted in accordance with Council's dog control bylaw.

That all members of the public be allowed access to and through the entire reserve.

That the use of mountain bikes be restricted to the track areas only.

That the public are encouraged to stay on track areas within the bush areas, to conserve revegetating bush. This be encouraged by providing good quality, clearly defined tracks.

4 Objective: Management Committee

To provide efficient and effective reserve management.

To Foster and facilitate community inclusion in the ongoing management of the park.

Policies

The function of the committee will be to participate in the future development and maintenance of the reserve on an advisory basis.

Initiate and facilitate a community based "Friends of Roosevelt Park" group. To encourage community/local participation in the development, protection and enhancement of the Reserve.

Objective: Signs

To provide high quality directional signs.

Policies

To ensure that signs do not affect the aesthetic appeal of the reserve

To limit the number of permanent signs to those necessary for the purpose of providing information to users.

To ensure that signs comply with Council bylaws and Proposed Franklin District Plan requirements.

The tracks are clearly identified by the use of signage and directional signs.

Appendix List

Appendix 1: Location Map

Appendix 2: Roosevile Scenic Reserve boundaries Map

Appendix 3: Submissions to the intention to prepare the
reserve management plan for Roosevile Scenic
Reserve

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Secretary Franklin Branch of The Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society.

