

Amberley Ward Reserves



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Amberley Beach Reserves (Individual Reserve Policies)

Description

Location	Amberley Beach
Classification	Recreation Reserve
Total Area (hectares)	20.2448
Adjacent Land	These reserve areas are surrounded in places by residential development, the coastline, and to the north end, the Amberley Golf Course and Department of Conservation land.
Acquisition	Classified NZ Gazette 03/07/08. p.2877

Introduction

The reserve area at Amberley Beach consists of seven areas known as: Mimimoto Lagoon, South Crescent Camping Area, Amberley Beach Reserve, Holton Road Reserve, Amberley Beach Coastal Reserve/Lookout, Grierson Plantation and Golf Links Road Plantation. Due to common issues and their close proximity, their management is best looked at as a whole, and any development approached with an overview as to how these reserves can be used to address wider issues in the Amberley Beach settlement.

Map Ref	Reserve	Land Parcel	Area (ha)	Facilities
1	Golf Links Road Plantation	Golf Links Reserve 41907, 42285 & 42287	5.7271	Mature pine plantation
2	Grierson Plantation	Grierson Rural Sections 42280-42281	4.1325	Beach Lagoon Walkway Loop
3	Amberley Beach Coastal Reserve/ Lookout	Coastal Reserve Rural Section 42017	3.4785	Car park, walking tracks, rubbish bins, picnic tables
4	Holton Road Reserve	Holton Rural Section 42016	0.5319	Children's roundabout & rubbish bin
5	Amberley Beach Reserve	Amberley Beach Rural Section 42018	1.7158	Community meeting room, camping ground, tennis court, backboards, children's play area, toilet block, picnic tables
6	South Crescent Camping Reserve	South Crescent Rural Section 42019	0.7843	Toilet block and picnic tables
7	Mimimoto Lagoon	Mimimoto Rural Sections 42282-42283	3.8748	Seating





Golf Links Road Plantation

Located at the northern end of Golf Links Road, Golf Links Road Plantation is a narrow strip of coastal land adjacent to the golf course planted in mature pine trees. This area serves as an important source of shelter for the course.



Golf Links Road Plantation

Amberley Beach Coastal Reserve/ Lookout

The Amberley Beach Coastal Reserve/Lookout provides a buffer strip between the coastline and the Amberley Beach Settlement, with vegetation providing some protection from weather and erosion.



Amberley Beach Coastal Reserve Lookout

Grierson Plantation

Grierson Plantation contains a lagoon surrounded by modified wetland vegetation with the balance planted in pine trees. A beach lagoon walkway loop, a project carried out by the Amberley Lions Club, extends through this area and into adjacent Department of Conservation land. Work is currently underway to extend the track through Golf Links Plantation to the Waipara River mouth to the north.



Grierson Plantation

Holton Road Reserve

Holton Road Reserve is a warm and sheltered flat grassed area, which is currently under development. A safe playground and picnic area is planned for this reserve away from traffic as well as native planting, seating and a BBQ area. There is also the potential to divide the reserve into areas including a space put aside for a community garden and another for a BMX track.



Holton Road Reserve

Amberley Beach Reserve

Amberley Beach Reserve is a very popular and centrally located reserve which serves as a 'village green' area for the local community. A camping ground is located within the reserve, as well as a children's playground, tennis courts and various other community facilities including a hall which is used 2-3 times per week at present.



Amberley Beach Reserve

South Crescent Camping Reserve

South Crescent Camping Reserve serves as a second remote camping ground for the area.



South Crescent Camping Reserve

Mimimoto Lagoon

Mimimoto Lagoon, at the southern end of the township, is an undeveloped reserve. The lagoon forms part of the Amberley floodplain and is a critical component of managing Amberley's stormwater. Both erosion and drainage are significant management issues for this area.



Mimimoto Lagoon

Overall Management Issues

As well as providing recreation space for the community, it is important that the reserve parts bordering the coastline are also developed in ways which help to mitigate erosion, such as with timely and appropriate planting. It will also be important to address appropriate development in both lagoon areas (Mimimoto and Grierson) for their potential as recreation areas for residents and visitors. Examples of development could include linking these areas with the Kowai River two kilometres to the south via a walkway, and utilising these areas to address wider erosion and drainage issues. It should be noted that the Amberley Beach Reserves form part of the Northern Pegasus Bay Coastal Management Plan, a non-statutory document which aims to protect and enhance the coastal environment. Any development within the Amberley Beach Reserves, particularly those along the coastline, should be guided by the recommendations of this document.

The camping areas will focus on their appeal as remote camping sites, with it being recognised that increasing visitor numbers are likely to require additional maintenance and appropriate development. The development of a children's play area and passive recreation within the Holton Road Reserve area is important as it will address the safety issue of having the playground area in Amberley Beach Reserve situated near campervan movements. These three inland areas could also be enhanced with amenity plantings.

Mimimoto Lagoon, Golf Links Road Plantation & Amberley Beach Coastal Reserve are district funded with the balance area amenity funded.

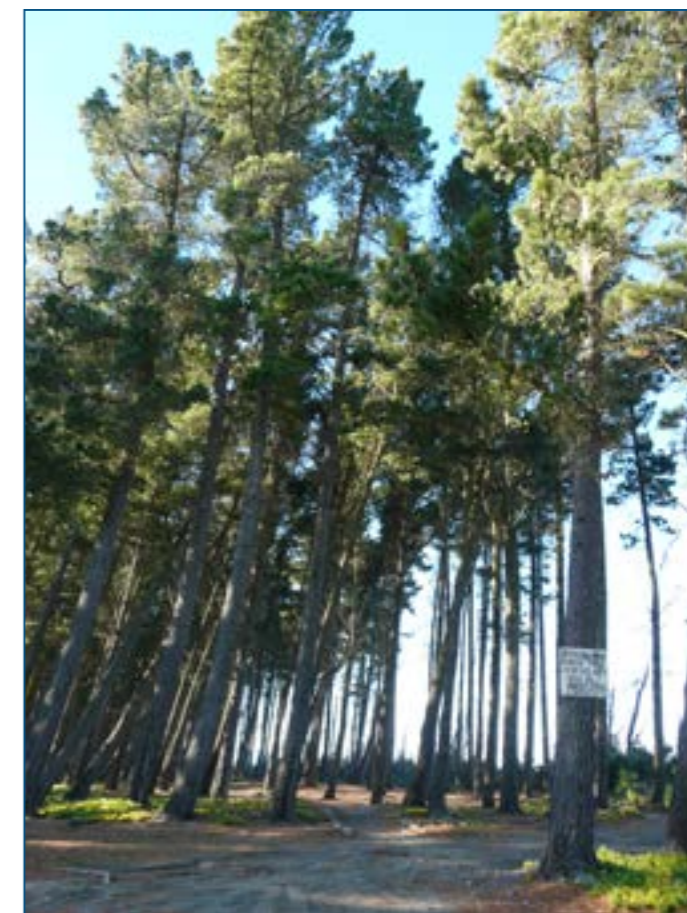
Specific Policies

- That further walkway development, and where appropriate access, be established to further link together the reserve areas and to encourage more use of all reserve spaces.
- That the current Lions walkway be maintained as part of the management of this reserve area.
- That the camping grounds be promoted as remote camping destinations, with maintenance and development undertaken to keep up with visitor demand.
- That signage be established and upgraded where necessary.
- That serious consideration be given to the utilisation of lagoon areas to address erosion and drainage issues, whilst ensuring their natural character and environmental value is sustained.
- That the Mimimoto Lagoon be cleared, levelled and developed to improve its use as a recreational area and potentially as a picnic spot.
- That major erosion and shelter planting be undertaken where necessary and in a timely manner.
- That planting be considered where appropriate for revegetation in lagoon areas and for amenity appeal in the central areas.
- That a picnic area be developed behind the car park at the Amberley Beach Coastal Reserve provided that there is local input into the project.
- That picnic tables and BBQs be installed as funds allow and as appropriate to each area and user demand.
- That for safety reasons, the focus be placed on the establishment of a children's play area at the Holton Road Reserve area, rather than the upgrading of equipment in the Amberley Beach Reserve.
- That further consideration be given as to whether the tennis courts at Amberley Beach Reserve are resurfaced when required or new courts established at the Holton Road Reserve.
- That the existing toilets be maintained and upgraded as required and as funds allow.

Future development potential

The local and wider community has greatly benefited from the Amberley Beach Lions Walkway project. Maintaining the high standard of this walkway will be important, and sets an example for the potential to establish further walkways to eventually link both lagoons. A loop walkway through all reserves would be a valuable community facility and ensure high usage of all reserves. The camping areas will need to be sensitively managed to ensure a balance between necessary developments due to visitor demand and maintaining its appeal as a remote camping destination.

Both lagoon areas and reserves bordering the coastline will need to be developed in a way which recognises and enhances their environmental values, meets recreational demand, and addresses wider drainage and erosion issues. All other development will be to enhance the usage and appeal of this reserve area as a whole and with consideration given to user demand.



Maori Reserve adjacent to Grierson Plantation, Amberley Beach

Amberley Eastern Reserve

Description

Location:	Amberley
Classification:	Recreation Reserve
Area (hectares):	3.7396
Legal description	Lot 100 DP48891
Adjacent land:	Farm land
Facilities:	None
Acquisition:	Vested in Hurunui District Council in 2016

Introduction

Amberley Eastern Reserve is a public reserve. The land was purchased by the Council and subsequently vested through the implementation of the Tekoa Estates subdivision. Set within a rural-residential context, it is situated on Kingfisher Avenue, Fantail Avenue and Double Corner Road, Amberley.

The reserve is currently undeveloped and is grazed for maintenance purposes. There is an existing offtal pit located near the boundary with Double Corner Road. A master concept plan has been prepared and it is intended that the reserve be developed to provide an international size cricket oval with associated facilities.

The reserve is being developed to cater for population growth which is driving demand for leisure and sporting facilities in the Amberley Ward. The total budgeted cost of the reserve, including land purchase is \$1.45m. The reserve is proposed to be funded largely through development contributions (90%) across the Amberley Ward, with a smaller share (10%) funded through the Amberley Ward amenity rates.



Amberley Eastern Reserve location map

Specific policies

- That the reserve be developed to include a full sized international cricket oval.
- That a junior cricket pitch is provided.
- That practise facilities for cricket be provided.
- That toilet facilities be established.
- That drainage and irrigation be installed.
- That a multi-use pavilion be constructed.
- That bollards or fencing be established around the perimeter of the site.
- That a low bund for public viewing be established around the north-western side of the cricket oval.
- That vehicular access be provided to the reserve.
- That car parking be established within the reserve.
- That amenity planting and landscaping be established.
- That lighting/flood lighting is installed.
- That an all-weather path be established through the reserve.
- That appropriate sight screens be installed.
- That an easily accessible shed be established to provide storage for maintenance facilities.



Amberley Eastern Reserve

Future development potential

There is potential for future sporting development.

There is also the potential to provide a fitness circuit around the periphery of the site in addition to the provision of boards which could set out the historical or cultural aspects of the site and the surrounding area.

Any future development of the reserve would need to take into account the existing offtal pit. Any works in the vicinity of the offtal pit may have implications in terms of the National Environmental Standard for Assessing and Managing Contaminants in Soil to Protect Human Health.



Amberley Reserve (Domain)

Description

Location	Amberley
Classification	Recreation Reserve
Area (hectares)	14.7785
Legal Description	Reserve 4317 & 4343, Rural Section 41168, Amberley Township
District Plan Notations	T1, T3, T5 ,T10, T92-98
Adjacent Land	The Kowai River (north branch) forms the reserves western boundary with pastoral land extending west. The Amberley Primary School adjoins the southern boundary.
Acquisition	Reserve 4343 gazetted as domain in 1902 p1513. Reserve 4317 gazetted as domain in 1933. Rural Section 41168 gazetted as domain in 1958 p.659. All gazetted as recreation reserve in 1997, p.3668.



Amberley Reserve (Domain) location map

Introduction

The Amberley Reserve (Domain) is located on Douglas Road, Amberley. The reserve is the premier location for the A&P show held annually and has been utilised as such since 1902.

The Amberley Reserve provides a multitude of sporting facilities including:

- Four sports buildings and pavilions.
- New and old toilet blocks .
- Two storage sheds, a pump shed for the Amberley water supply, a pump house for the swimming pool and sewage well.
- Bowls club.
- Cricket and rugby fields.
- Tennis and netball courts.
- Squash courts.
- Swimming pool complex.
- Adventure playground.
- Skate board park.
- Picnic facilities.
- A native vegetation area.

A combined rugby and community owned pavilion has the capacity to host indoor bowls, concerts and other public and special occasions.

The reserve is landscaped, with a large adventure playground with picnic facilities. The reserve features a



Playground at Amberley Reserve

Specific policies

- That the existing adventure playground continue to be maintained and upgraded as required.
- That the existing old toilet block be retained for use only on A&P show days.
- That multiple use of facilities by clubs or organisations be encouraged.
- That the pavilion be developed as required and funds become available.
- That the native plantation area on the bank above the rugby fields continue to be developed and maintained.
- That native riparian planting occur along the bank of the Kowai River.
- That the existing walking tracks within the reserve be maintained.
- That the public swimming pool continue to be upgraded.
- That the reserve continue to be developed as required.
- That the southern area of the reserve adjacent to Lawcocks Road be returned to active reserve and be expeditiously vacated by the contractor occupying this area.

Future development potential

The Amberley Reserve is a well utilised village green space for the Amberley community. The reserve is well developed and maintained and will continue to benefit from initiatives such as the native vegetation project.



Amberley Reserve

Balcairn Oak Tree Reserve

Description

Location	Balcairn
Classification	Recreation Reserve
Area (hectares)	2.487
Legal Description	Section 1 Survey Office 17789 Block XVI Grey Survey District
Adjacent Land	Farm land
Facilities	None
Acquisition	Vested in the Kowai County Council, Canterbury Provincial Gazette 7/08/1862 p.110 and NZ Gazette 21/06/1894 p.942. Classified recreation reserve 9/03/2006, p.527.

Introduction

The Balcairn Oak Tree Reserve is situated on Upper Sefton Road, Balcairn. The reserve was planted in oak trees in c.1877 to provide oak sleepers for the railway. The reserve offers an interesting landmark in the Balcairn landscape.

Although the oak trees were planted in the 1880's, their growth has been slow in the dry and exposed conditions and they have not attained the height expected of trees of this age. As such, emphasis must be placed on protection and management of the trees.

The reserve is fenced off from the surrounding farmland and is grazed. Currently, there is no public access to the reserve.



Balcairn Oak Tree Reserve



Balcairn Oak Tree Reserve location map

Specific policies

- That the Balcairn Oak Tree Reserve trees be placed on the register of protected trees.
- That an arboricultural report be prepared on the reserve's oak trees.
- That maintenance be completed on the oak trees in accordance with the arboricultural report.

Future development potential

The Balcairn Oak Tree Reserve features a unique stand of mature oak trees within Balcairn. If there was enough public demand, it could be partially opened up to the public for passive recreation purposes such as picnics and walks, when not being leased. Until such time, the reserve will remain fenced and grazed by sheep for maintenance purposes.

Balcairn Recreation Reserve

Description

Location	Balcairn
Classification	Recreation Reserve
Area (hectares)	1.6114
Legal Description	Rural Section 37929 Balcairn Township Block XVI Grey Survey District & Reserve 4669 Balcairn Township Block XVI Grey Survey District.
Adjacent Land	Farm land
Facilities	A single tennis court, water tank on stand and old pony club storage sheds.
Acquisition	Vested in Council, NZ Gazette 29/08/74 p.1798. Classified as Recreation Reserve, NZ Gazette 19/05/05 p.1915.

Introduction

The Balcairn Recreation Reserve is a triangular piece of land comprised of two contiguous lots being the domain (1.3673 ha) and the corner section (0.2441 ha). The reserve is bordered by the two converging roads of Robertson and Stokes Road that meet at the Balcairn-Amberley Road intersection. The northern end of the reserve is bounded by farmland. The reserve lacks signage, and is partially obscured by the large shelterbelt trees that surround it. The access gate is also closed to contain grazing stock.

In the past the domain has been the home of both the Balcairn Pony Club, and the Balcairn Tennis Club, however these clubs are currently in recess. The tennis court continues to be used for casual tennis games, and as an overflow venue by the Sefton and Amberley Tennis Clubs.

Specific policies

- That this land be considered as suitable for revocation and disposal due to low community utilisation.

Future development potential

A general decline of the reserve and its facilities in recent years reflects the lack of regular use and community participation in the upkeep of the reserve.



Balcairn Recreation Reserve location map



Balcairn Recreation Reserve

Cedar Place Reserve

Description

Location	Amberley
Classification	Recreation Reserve
Area (hectares)	0.0625
Legal Description	Lot 10 DP 60809 Block XII Grey Survey District
Adjacent Land	Cedar Place & Dock Creek
Facilities	None
Acquisition	Vested on deposit of plan in 1992. Classified by Council 16/05/07.

Introduction

The Cedar Place Reserve is a recreation reserve situated on Cedar Place, Amberley. The reserve was vested in Council in 1992.

Cedar Place Reserve has been developed as an amenity native planting area and is well maintained by the local residents. The plantings are aesthetically pleasing and will continue to be an asset to the community over time.

Specific policies

- That the reserve be maintained as an amenity native planting area.
- That “cabbage trees” are not suitable for the reserve and will not be planted at any time.

Future development potential

The reserve is suitable for further native plantings as required, and may be suitable for the development of a walkway.



Cedar Place Reserve location map



Cedar Place Reserve

Chamberlain Park

Description

Location	Amberley
Classification	Recreation Reserve
Area (hectares)	0.7783
Legal Description	Rural Section 41493 41494 Block XII Grey Survey District & Block VIII Teviotdale Survey District
District Plan	D19 T2
Notations	
Adjacent Land	State Highway 1 & Church Street
Facilities	Park benches and rubbish bins, toilets, scout den, Amberley Playcentre, historic cob cottage, children's play equipment, bird aviary and footbridge.
Acquisition	Gazetted in 1959, classified 1992.



Chamberlain Park location map

Introduction

Chamberlain Park is located in the centre of Amberley, on the western side of State Highway 1. Originally part of the old Amberley school grounds, the reserve was gifted to the people of Amberley by Mr. Chamberlain in 1959.

The reserve is divided into two rural sections of 2,930 square metres and 4,853 metres respectively. The smaller of the two rural sections is classified as a District Reserve and has frontage to the State Highway. This portion of the reserve contains an historic cob cottage, constructed sometime in the mid-1800s. It originally stood along May's Road in Leithfield, but was gifted to the Amberley Society by Mr T F May and relocated to Chamberlain Park following a severe battering from a nor-west gale in 1975. The remainder of the section is landscaped open space with seating for passive recreation.

The second rural section, situated to the west, is classified as Amenity Reserve and is linked via a walking bridge over Dock Creek. It has road frontage to Church Street and contains a scout den with adjoining toilet facilities for public use, the Amberley Playcentre, a bird aviary, and a children's playground. The bird aviary features a number of exotic birds and is managed by an Aviary Trust.

Chamberlain Park's overall tranquil character encourages casual recreational pursuits such as picnicking, walking, ball games and the use of play equipment. The cob cottage provides an historical element.



Playground

Specific policies

- That the larger of the rural sections of the reserve located to the west (being 4,853 metres) be re-classified as “local purpose- community use”.
- That the Amberley Playcentre and Amberley Scouts enter into a formal lease agreement with Council.
- That the Eucalyptus tree listed on the “Schedule of Notable Trees” be maintained by an arborist as required.
- That the Historical Society continue to manage the cob cottage.
- That the reserve continue to be developed as a natural area of both native and exotic vegetation.
- That Chamberlain Park continue to be maintained to a high standard for the use and enjoyment of the general public.



Cob Cottage

Future development potential

Any further building development must be carefully planned to maximize the use and aesthetic qualities of the reserve. Maintenance to a high standard is required due to its centrality as a reserve in the Amberley township and its appeal for people passing through on the State Highway.



Bird Aviary



Playcentre

Coppard Reserve

Description

Location: Leithfield
Classification: Recreation Reserve

Total area (hectares) 0.4988
Adjacent land Residential Housing

Acquisition Purchased by Hurunui District Council in 2010

Introduction

Coppard Reserve is situated between Old Main North Road, Brighton Street and Ramsgate Street in Leithfield. The reserve was named after Mr Malcolm Coppard who previously owned the land.

The reserve contains a number of established trees. The reserve also contains an open drain along the northern boundary of the site. The remainder of the reserve is landscaped open space. The reserve is ideal site for a passive recreation area.

Coppard Reserve is to be developed as a passive recreation space with seating areas.

Specific policies

- That the existing trees be pruned and maintained to ensure that they are safe.
- That an all-weather path be established through the reserve.
- That the banks of the drain be modified so that they have a more gradual slope.
- That picnic tables and bench seating be established.
- That the reserve entrances be improved and enhanced to create greater appeal.
- That the existing fencing along the Old Main North Road and Brighton Street road frontages be replaced with post and rail fences.
- That a connection to the Council's water supply be established.
- That a narrative board be established.
- That the macrocarpa hedge at the western entrance be removed.
- That a basketball hoop with a half court be installed.
- That the two or three adult cross trainer stations be installed.



Coppard Reserve location map



Coppard Reserve

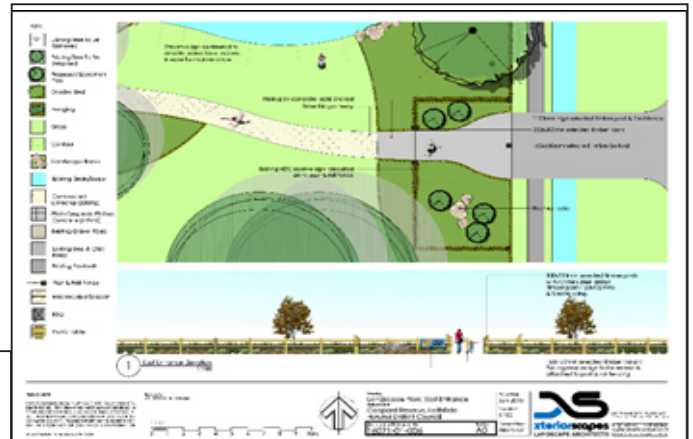
Future development potential

An area could be developed for community gardens which may include fruit trees, native plants, spring builds and plants which attract bees and birds.

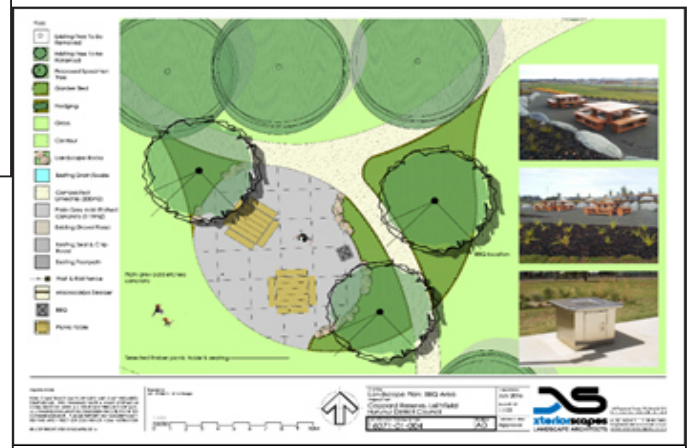
There is also the potential to establish public toilets and barbeque areas.



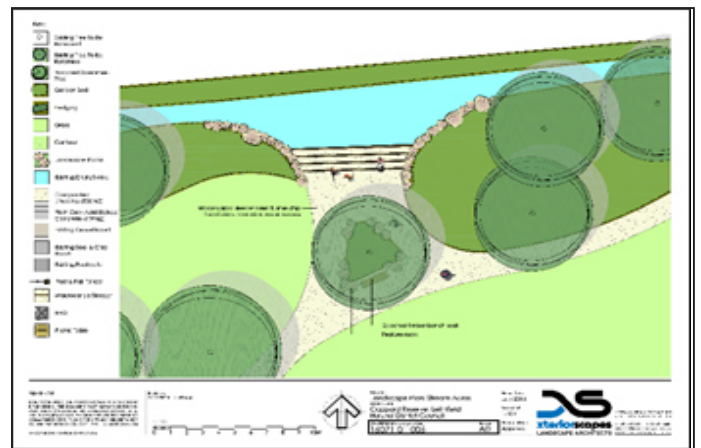
Overall concept plan for Coppard Reserve



Proposed entrance features - Old Main North Road



Proposed barbeque area



Stream access

Coulbeck Reserve

Description

Location:	Leithfield
Classification:	Recreation Reserve
Area (hectares):	0.2474
Legal description	Lot 1 DP 59926 & Lot 1 DP 28277 Block IX Teviotdale Survey District.
Adjacent land:	Farm land, Kowai River (south branch) to the north
Facilities:	Play ground equipment, water tank, picnic tables, seating, toilet block, rubbish bins and footbridge
Acquisition:	Purchased by the Hurunui District Council in 1992.

Introduction

Coulbeck Reserve is situated on Leithfield Road, approximately 200m from the Old Main North Road corner. The reserve was named after Mr. and Mrs. Coulbeck in recognition of their commitment to the development of the reserve and to the Leithfield community.

The reserve has good views of the riverbed plains, rural paddocks and Mount Grey to the north. The reserve is an ideal site for a passive recreation area. Since its original development, the reserve boasts a water tank, signage, seating, picnic tables, rubbish bins, amenity trees, barked native gardens, a footbridge with safety fencing, and well maintained child's play equipment.

Specific policies

- That Coulbeck Reserve continue to be maintained and developed as an open space for passive recreation and children's play.
- That the reserve continue to be maintained to its current high standard.

Future development potential

Further development of Coulbeck Reserve may include the creation of a walkway over the existing footbridge and along the south branch Kowai River bed to the north. Consideration will also need to be given to the extension of playground equipment to cater for increased growth within the area.



Coulbeck Reserve location map



Coulbeck Reserve

Farquhar Esplanade Reserve

Description

Location	Leithfield
Classification	Local Purpose Reserve - Esplanade
Area (hectares)	1.901
Legal Description	Lot 10 DP 65960 Block X VIII IX Teviotdale Survey District.
Adjacent Land	Farm land, Kowai River (north branch) to the west.
Facilities	None
Acquisition	Taken on subdivision of the Farquhar property, classified by Council 24/11/05.



Farquhar Esplanade Reserve location map

Introduction

The Farquhar Esplanade Reserve was formed on the subdivision of the Farquhar property in 1994. The reserve is situated on Ashworths Road and is bounded by the north branch of the Kowai River to the west.

The reserve is not fenced and is utilised and maintained by the adjoining land owner.

Specific policies

- That the esplanade reserve continue to be maintained by the adjoining land owner.
- That long grass and scrub be removed to prevent fire hazard danger.

Future development potential

The land could be enhanced by the removal of scrub and the planting of suitable native species where appropriate.



Farquhar Esplanade Reserve

Flemings Esplanade Reserve

Description

Location	Broomfield
Classification	Local Purpose Reserve - Esplanade
Area (hectares)	0.465
Legal Description	Lot 6 DP 62932 Block XV Grey Survey District
Adjacent Land	Kowai River to the north and farm land
Facilities	None
Acquisition	Vested in the Hurunui District Council in 1993



Flemings Esplanade Reserve location map

Introduction

The Flemings Esplanade Reserve was formed on subdivision in 1993. The reserve is situated off Flemings Road, Balcairn and is bounded by the Kowai River to the north. The reserve is fenced from the road and features a stand of silver poplars and willow trees.

Specific policies

- That grazing stock be restricted to protect the margins of the reserve.
- That adjoining owners be encouraged to manage the reserve in conjunction with their land holdings.

Future development potential

The Flemings Esplanade Reserve is currently well planted and fenced.



Flemings Esplanade Reserve

Gun Club Reserve

Description

Location	Broomfield
Classification	Recreation Reserve
Area (hectares)	4.0797
Legal Description	Reserve 2545 Lot 12 DP 77039 Block VIII Grey Survey District
Adjacent Land	Farm land
Facilities	Gun Club Buildings
Acquisition	Taken for gravel extraction purposes in 1894. NZ Gazette 1/12/77, p.3147. Reserve 2545 classified Recreation Reserve, NZ Gazette 19/05/05, p.1915. Lot 12 DP 77039, classified by Council 24/11/05.

Introduction

The Gun Club Reserve is situated at the intersection of Stanton and Racecourse Road, Broomfield. The reserve was vested in the Kowai County Council in 1894 as a gravel pit and was quarried accordingly.

In 1977, the reserve status was changed to Recreation Reserve as the land was utilised by the Amberley Gun Club. The reserve is leased to the Amberley Gun Club for a 33 year period, expiring in 2029. The reserve features Gun Club structures and a large gravel pit which is utilised by Council from time to time for the disposal of clean hard fill. To the south of the reserve is a 1.46 ha lot which has been purchased by the Club as an extension to their grounds.

Specific policies

- That the existing gravel pit be made available for the utilisation by Council from time to time for the disposal of clean hard fill.
- That the Gun Club grounds be kept free from gorse, broom, noxious weeds, rabbits and other vermin by the lessee.
- That the existing lease agreement be amended at the time of renewal to comply with the lease policy.

Future development potential

The Gun Club Reserve may be further developed for Gun Club purposes as required.



Gun Club Reserve location map



Gun Club Reserve

Holleth Hill Esplanade Reserve

Description

Location	Broomfield
Classification	Local Purpose Reserve - Esplanade
Area (hectares)	0.0813
Legal Description	Lot 6 DP 61684 Block VII Grey Survey District
Adjacent Land	The Kowai River (north branch) to the south, farm land
Facilities	None
Acquisition	Vested in Council on subdivision in 1993, classified by Council 16/05/07

Introduction

Holleth Hill Esplanade Reserve was vested in the Hurunui District Council in 1993 on the subdivision of the Anderson family property. The reserve features a raised cliff like face which can be viewed from Holleth Hill Road. However, the reserve itself is somewhat eroded and is not accessible by road.

Specific policies

- That the adjoining owners be encouraged to manage the reserve in conjunction with their land holdings.

Future development potential

This reserve is best managed in conjunction with the neighbouring landowners.



Holleth Hill Esplanade Reserve location map



Holleth Hill Esplanade Reserve

Hurunui Memorial Library

Description

Location	Amberley
Classification	Local Purpose Reserve - Community Building
Area (hectares)	0.1965
Legal Description	Lot 1 DP 369006
Adjacent Land	Play centre, rifle range and local businesses
Facilities	Library, RSA room, car park, war memorial monument
Acquisition	Vested on deposit of plan, classified by Council 25/01/07



Hurunui Memorial Library location map

Introduction

The Hurunui Memorial Library was vested in Council as a District Reserve when a larger portion of Council freehold land was subdivided. Previously this area housed the RSA building. There is now an RSA room within the new library.

The reserve area contains the library, car park and also a war memorial monument. The library was officially opened on 06 August 2005.

Specific policies

- That the Hurunui Memorial Library be promoted as a community meeting place.
- That the Hurunui Memorial Library be available for use as a community, social, cultural and educational facility.
- That the Hurunui Memorial Library be maintained to a standard which is suitable for its position as a district library.
- That the Hurunui Memorial Library continue to promote cultural heritage by collecting and preserving resources for current and future library users.

Future development potential

The Hurunui Memorial Library is a great asset to the District and care should be taken to ensure that it remains a high quality centre for the community. Any developments should also be sensitive to the district's requirements.



Hurunui Memorial Library

Karetu Esplanade Reserve

Description

Location	Amberley
Classification	Local Purpose Reserve - Esplanade
Area (hectares)	1.0700
Legal Description	Lot 3, DP 42494.
District Plan	113
Notations	
Adjacent Land	Forestry land, Karetu River to the west, and the Waimakariri District to the south.
Facilities	None
Acquisition	Vested on deposit of plan. Classified by Council 25/01/07



Karetu Esplanade Reserve location map

Introduction

Karetu Esplanade Reserve is located on Marshall Road, Whiterock on the boundary of the district. The reserve is situated amongst forestry land and is not accessible to the public.

Specific policies

- That adjoining owners be encouraged to manage the reserve in conjunction with their land holdings.

Future development potential

Karetu Esplanade Reserve is not considered suitable for active development at this time.



Karetu Esplanade Reserve

Kowai Council Chambers

Description

Location	Balcairn
Classification	Historic Reserve
Area (hectares)	0.1136
Legal Description	Lot 3 DP 76896 Block XVI Grey Survey District
Adjacent Land	Gravel pit and dog pound
Facilities	The Kowai Council Chamber building, Kowai Archives
Acquisition	Vested and classified NZ Gazette 7/06/07 p.1642

Introduction

The Kowai Council Chamber building is occupied by the Kowai Archives Society. The building was formerly the Kowai County Council Building and is listed as a Category II Historic Site under the Historic Places Act 1993.

The building was opened in 1923 and stands as a visual reminder of the former local authority administration in the area, and as a peace memorial to local soldiers in World War I. It houses a roll of honour to local servicemen who served in either of the World Wars.

In 1995, the Kowai Archives Society restored and began occupying the building which they continue to lease in exchange for maintaining the building and the grounds. The trust opens the building to the public on the second Sunday of each month for a few hours in the afternoon, or by arrangement for groups and researchers.

The building received some damage from the Canterbury earthquakes in 2010 and 2011. Its future needs to be determined based on the amount of repair and strengthening work required to bring the building back up to code.

Specific policies

- That the Kowai Council Chamber building be occupied by the Kowai Archives Society under a formal agreement.
- That the Kowai Council Chamber building retain its Historic Places Trust listing.
- That the Kowai Council Chamber building and grounds continue to be maintained in a tidy condition.



Kowai Council Chambers location map

Future development potential

The Kowai Archives Society perform a significant public good by maintaining the historic records of the Balcairn area and making those records available to the public. Further planting of the sites grounds would enhance the area, however further development is dependent on the building's earthquake-prone status.



Kowai Council Chambers

Kowai River Road Plantation Reserve

Description

Location	Leithfield
Classification	Local Purpose Reserve - Plantation
Area (hectares)	11.0069
Legal Description	Part Reserve 867 Block IX Teviotdale Survey District
Adjacent Land	Farm land and Kowai River to the south
Facilities	Ashley scheme water pump shed
Acquisition	Originally Reserve 867 and taken for river protection purposes

Introduction

The Kowai River Road Plantation Reserve is a plantation reserve situated on State Highway 1 next to the Kowai River. The reserve was originally vested as river protection land, however, in 1933, the reserve was re-classified as Plantation Reserve. Since that time, the reserve has been used for forestry purposes.

Currently, a community project is in progress on reserve land to the north of Kowai River Road. In 1990, the Farm Forestry Association in conjunction with Amberley and Leithfield Schools planted 3.2 ha in a stand of pine trees. In a joint project, the schools are undertaking silviculture on the trees and will be the beneficiaries when the trees reach maturity.

The balance of the reserve land was also planted in pine trees in 1996. The trees form part of the forestry assets administered by the Hurunui District Council.

The reserve is bisected by the informal accessway of Kowai River Road. This accessway is utilised by a number of private land owners. In order to formalise this accessway an easement is required.

Specific policies

- That the plantation reserve be maintained appropriately.
- That the informal accessway dissecting the reserve which provides access to the properties located on Kowai River Road be formalised by way of an easement under section 48 of the Reserves Act 1977.

Future development potential

Due to the reserve's high visibility from State Highway 1, care must be taken to ensure that any development is aesthetically pleasing. Development proposals are to be considered in conjunction with forestry purposes.



Kowai River Road Plantation Reserve location map

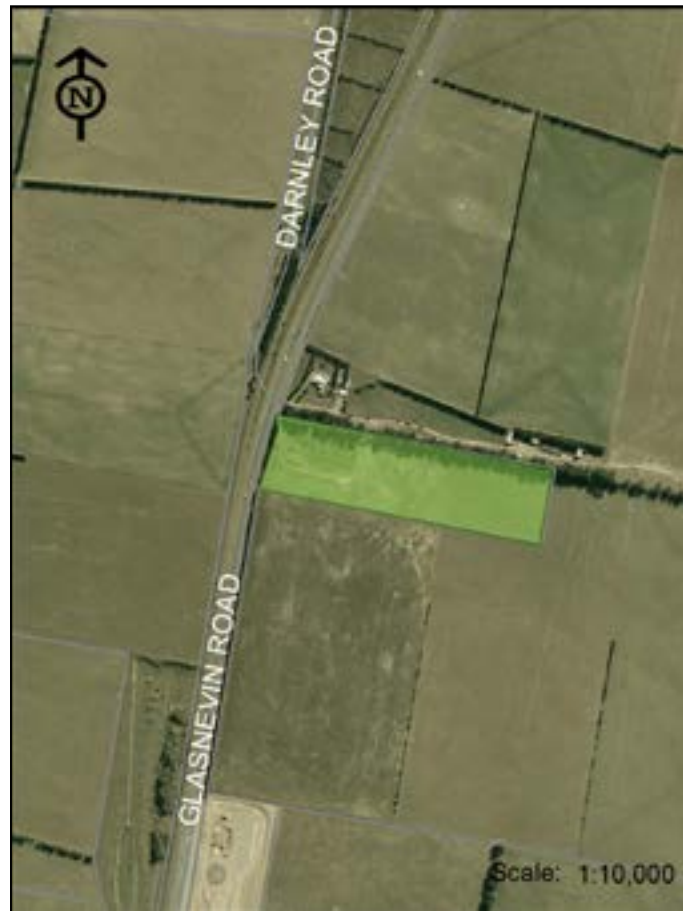


Kowai River Road Plantation Reserve

Lang Plantation Reserve

Description

Location	Broomfield
Classification	Local Purpose Reserve - Plantation
Area (hectares)	3.9567
Legal Description	Reserve 41818 Block 1 Teviotdale Survey District
Adjacent Land	Farm land
Facilities	None
Acquisition	Taken for gravel extraction purposes in 1877



Lang Plantation Reserve location map

Introduction

The Lang Plantation Reserve is situated on Glasnevin Road, approximately eight kilometres north of the Amberley Township.

In 1877, the reserve was classified as a gravel reserve and was quarried accordingly. This resulted in a gravel pit being formed about half a hectare in size. In 1983, Council resolved to change the classification of the reserve from gravel to plantation reserve, as gravel extraction had long since ceased.

Since 1972, the reserve has been leased for grazing purposes on a five yearly basis.

Specific policies

- That the land be kept free from gorse, broom, noxious weeds, rabbits and other vermin by the lessee.
- That grazing of the reserve continue until it is required for plantation or recreation purposes, or it is considered suitable for disposal.

Future development potential

The land shall continue to be leased to generate funding for district reserve development until such time as it can be disposed of.



Lang Plantation Reserve

Leithfield Beach Reserves (Individual Reserve Policies)

Description

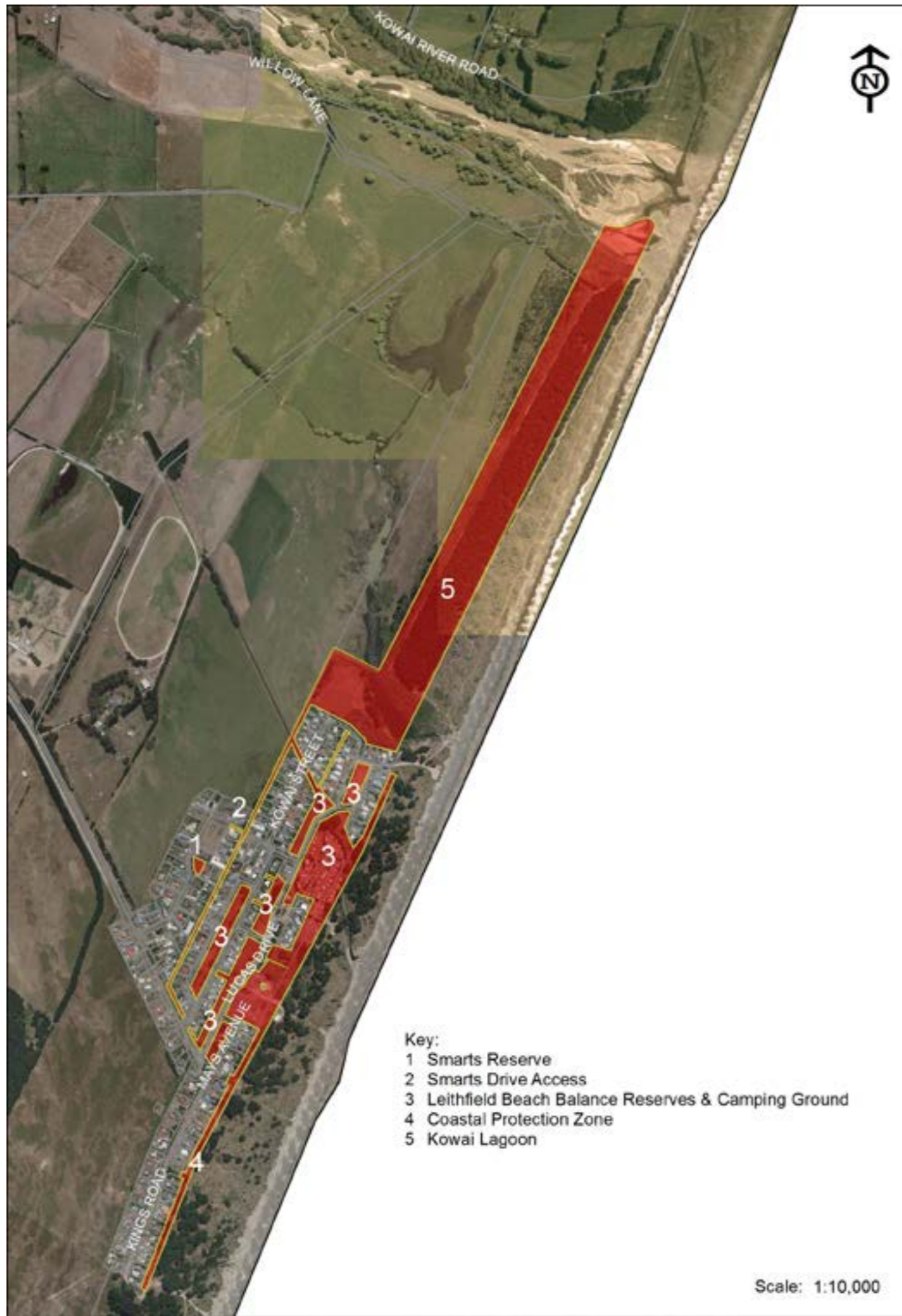
Location	Leithfield Beach
Classification	Recreation Reserve (with exceptions)
Total Area (hectares)	20.6307
District Plan Notations	3, T99
Adjacent Land	These reserve areas are surrounded in places by residential development, the coastline, and Kowai River to the north of the lagoon.
Facilities	<p>Balance Reserves: tennis courts, two playgrounds, open space picnic areas, community centre.</p> <p>Camping ground: caravan points, motor home effluent disposal point, kitchen, laundry, ablution blocks, children's paddling pool, community watch fire shed, craft co-operative workshop.</p>

Introduction

The Leithfield Beach Reserves consists of areas known as: Smarts Reserve, Smarts Drive Access, Leithfield Beach Balance Reserves, Leithfield Beach Camping Ground, Leithfield Coastal Protection Zone and Kowai Lagoon. All are classified as recreation reserves, with the exception of the Coastal Protection Zone which is Local Purpose Esplanade and Smarts Drive Access which is Local Purpose Accessway. Due to their close proximity, their current joint maintenance, and their similar future potential, their management is best looked at as a whole, rather than as separate unrelated parts. All the reserve areas are amenity funded with the exception of the Coastal Protection Zone which is district funded.

No	Reserve	Land Parcel	Acquisition	Area (ha)
1	Smarts Reserve	Lot 27 DP 49366,	Vested on deposit of plan in 1986. Classified by Council 16/05/07	0.0591
2	Smarts Drive Access	Lot 21 DP 61889	Vested on deposit of plan in 1993. Classified by Council 16/05/07	0.0148
3	Leithfield Beach Balance Reserves & Camping Ground	Part Reserve 3595, 4124, & 4647.	Vested in 1995.	5.3808
4	Coastal Protection Zone	Lot 1 DP 61575	Vested on deposit of plan 1992. Classified by Council 16/05/07.	1.788
5	Kowai Lagoon	Part Reserve 3595 & 4647	Vested & Classified, NZ Gazette 1994, p.64.	13.388





Smarts Reserve

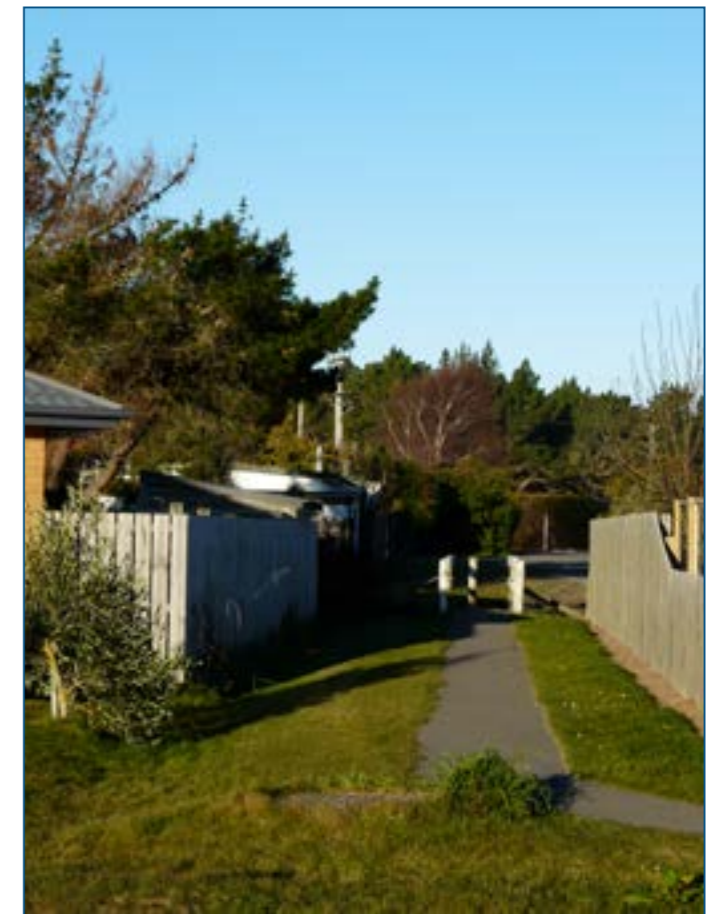
Smarts Reserve on Smarts Drive is a small passive open space reserve with amenity planting.



Smarts Reserve

Smarts Drive Accessway

Smarts Drive Access provides pedestrian access between Smarts Drive and James Avenue.



Smarts Drive Accessway

The Balance Reserves & Camping Ground

The Balance Reserves contain open space green areas for passive recreation and children’s play, as well as mature amenity trees in Penfold and Elizabeth Squares. Community tennis courts and a children’s play area are located opposite the camping ground with additional play equipment located at the northern most end of Lucas Drive. The tennis courts, although resurfaced in the last 10 years have surface issues. The community centre is regularly used and is managed by the Residents’ Association. The camping ground is situated on Lucas Drive, with the north park area leased. This is separated from the oval to the south by a narrow access width known as the alley. The old toilet block is currently used as an arts and crafts workshop.



Leithfield Reserves Balance Land

The Coastal Protection Zone

The Coastal Protection Zone provides a buffer strip between the beach settlement and the coastline, and extends the full length of the residential area. Vegetation on this strip provides some protection from weather and erosion and screening from the residential area.



Coastal Protection Zone

Kowai Lagoon

The Kowai Lagoon is a semi-natural wetland formed several decades ago, with progressive colonisation by vegetation such as willow and raupo leading to a decline in open water. The lagoon is surrounded by a grassed area and Department of Conservation land. The Kowai Walkway is located to the east of the reserve along the coastal strip, finishing at the Kowai River Bridge along State Highway 1.



Kowai Lagoon

Future development potential

The Leithfield Beach Reserves have generally been developed to a high standard, and thus the main issue for these reserves is maintenance which focuses on keeping this standard, and development in areas where that level has not been reached or user demand has increased. Any development in open space areas will need to be in keeping with this characteristic.

The Coastal Protection Zone in particular, could be more suitable for recreational purposes if it was cleared of debris. It is important to note that this area forms part of the Northern Pegasus Bay Coastal Management Plan which is a non-statutory document which its management should also be guided by. The Kowai Lagoon Reserve also has greater potential for development and enhancement as a passive recreational area.

Specific policies

- That access ways be kept clear and enhanced or developed as necessary to create a linking reserve network.
- That where appropriate, planting be undertaken for amenity value, or in order to replace existing trees as they age.
- That existing mature trees be maintained in accordance with arboicultural reports.
- That vegetation within the lagoon and surrounding grass area be managed as appropriate, including removals and plantings as required, in order to ensure the natural habitat, ecological value and water quality are maintained and enhanced.
- That all facilities and structures within the reserves be maintained to high standard and additional facilities added as required.
- That the oval area excluded from the camping ground lease be opened up and developed.
- That reserve areas cease to be utilised as informal dumping areas and signs prohibiting this be erected where necessary.

Leithfield Reserve

Description

Location	Leithfield
Classification	Recreation Reserve
Area (hectares)	12.5455
Legal Description	Part Reserve 3725 Block IX Teviotdale Survey District
District Plan	T100
Notations	
Adjacent Land	Kowai Bridge and Leithfield Village to the south-west
Facilities	None
Acquisition	Taken for river protection purposes in 1906, NZ Gazette 26/04/1906, p.1109 & NZ Gazette 14/06/1906, p.1516. Classified Recreation Reserve NZ Gazette 9/03/2006, p.527.



Leithfield Reserve location map

Introduction

Leithfield Reserve is situated at the intersection of Mill Road and State Highway 1 and was originally classified as Local Purpose - Bridge Protection in 1906. In 2006 this classification was changed to Recreation Reserve.

The reserve is significant due to its proximity to the Leithfield Village and its development potential. Currently, several leases have been let primarily for grazing purposes. The leased portions of land surround the bed of the Kowai River.

In 1996, the community considered the possible development of the reserve as a domain, however this project was not furthered.

Specific policies

- That the reserve continue to be leased for grazing purposes.

Future development potential

While there has been some desire for development as a recreation reserve for the local community, it is important to consider that any development undertaken may not be appropriate given the proximity to the river bed.



Leithfield Reserve

Millist Esplanade Reserve

Description

Location	Broomfield
Classification	Local Purpose Reserve - Esplanade
Area (hectares)	1.7100
Legal Description	Lot 2 DP 61994 Block 1 Teviotdale Survey District
Adjacent Land	Farm land, Waipara Boys Brigade Camp to the east, and the Waipara River to the north
Facilities	None
Acquisition	Taken on subdivision of the Millist property. Classified by Council 16/05/07



Millist Esplanade Reserve location map

Introduction

The Millist Esplanade Reserve was formed on the subdivision of the Millist family property. The reserve is located along the south bank of the Waipara River, upstream from the Waipara Boys Brigade Camp, off Georges Road. There is the potential to link the Millist Reserve via a walkway with a second esplanade reserve located directly adjoining the Waipara Boys Brigade Camp to the east. This reserve is owned and administered by the Department of Conservation.

Millist Esplanade Reserve is open and accessible from the river bed and consists of a shingle river bed and willow tree plantings.

Specific policies

- That adjoining owners be encouraged to manage the reserve in conjunction with their land holdings.
- That the reserve is enhanced with amenity and riparian plantings for passive recreational use.
- That a riverside walkway connecting with the adjoining DOC esplanade reserve be promoted.

Future development potential

The reserve could be enhanced with the establishment of some amenity trees and riparian plantings. It should be noted that the reserve forms part of the Waipara River Management Strategy, a non-statutory document which provides a framework for managing the Waipara River now and into the future. Any future development of the reserve should be guided by the recommendations in this document.



Millist Esplanade Reserve

Oakfields Reserve

Description

Location	Amberley
Classification	Recreation Reserve
Area (hectares)	0.1553
Legal Description	Lot 27 DP 75914
Adjacent Land	Medical Centre to the south.
Facilities	Seating, lighting, access paths and pergola
Acquisition	Vested in the Hurunui District Council in 1997, classified by Council 26/08/04.

Introduction

Oakfields Reserve was formed as part of the Oakfields residential development in 1997. The reserve is situated on the corner of Hilton Drive and Johnson Avenue and has been landscaped to provide a restful passive recreation space.

Oakfields Reserve features paths, seating areas, a rose garden and established vegetative areas.

Specific policies

- That the reserve be maintained to a high standard.
- That the existing flower beds be maintained on a regular basis.
- That the path edges be kept trimmed.
- That a sign be erected to identify the area as a reserve.

Future development potential

Oakfields Reserve has been developed as a park garden, providing a natural extension to the medical centre grounds. The existing flower beds will require a high level of maintenance to ensure that the reserve fulfils its aesthetic objectives.



Oakfields Reserve location map



Oakfields Reserve

Olive Grove Reserve

Description

Location	Broomfield
Classification	Local Purpose Reserve - Public Utility
Area (hectares)	1.4543
Legal Description	Reserve 2543, Block IV, Grey Survey District.
Adjacent Land	Farm land and Waipara River to the north.
Facilities	None
Acquisition	Vested NZ Gazette 1882, p.1344 & 1929, p.2148. Classified NZ Gazette 14/06/07 p.1699.

Introduction

The Olive Grove Reserve is situated on Georges Road, Broomfield. In 1882, the Olive Grove Reserve was taken as a gravel reserve and quarried accordingly. The reserve is leased for the purpose of cultivation or cropping of grapes/and or olives.

It should be noted that the Islington- Kikiwa B 220 kV AC double circuit line on towers traverses Olive Grove Reserve. Tower number 130 of this line is located in the south-western corner of the reserve.

Specific policies

- That the reserve be cultivated for olives and/or grapes in accordance with the lease.
- That the existing lease be updated to be in keeping with Council's lease policy.
- That any proposed development of the reserve duly considers Transpower's requirements for maintenance and upgrades.

Future development potential

The land is suitable for cultivation purposes.



Olive Grove Reserve location map



Olive Grove Reserve

Purchas Pit Gravel Reserve

Description

Location	Broomfield
Classification	Local Purpose Reserve - Public Utility
Area (hectares)	6.6975
Legal Description	Reserve 2544 Block VIII Grey Survey District
Adjacent Land	Farm land
Facilities	None
Acquisition	Vested NZ Gazette 1882, p.1344 & 1929, p.2148. Classified NZ Gazette 14/06/07, p.1699

Introduction

The Purchas Pit Gravel Reserve is an active gravel pit administered by the Hurunui District Council. The reserve was taken for gravel purposes in 1882.

In 1929, 1.8236 ha of the reserve was vested in the Kowai County Council as a gravel 14/06/pit. The balance 4.8739 ha of the reserve remained vested in the Department of Conservation.

Currently there is an agreement with the adjoining property owner for them to occupy the triangle at the south end of the gravel reserve, which will not be extracted from, provided that Council in turn may extract an equivalent volume of metal from the land to the west of the pit.

Specific policies

- That excavation of gravel material from the Purchas Pit Gravel Reserve continue.
- That the agreement between Council and the adjoining land owner be upheld.

Future development potential

The Purchas Pit Gravel Reserve has potential for further gravel material recovery. In the long term, the reserve may also be suitable for consideration as a recycling depot location.



Purchas Pit Gravel Reserve location map



Purchas Pit Gravel Reserve

Purchas Reserve

Description

Location	Broomfield
Classification	Local Purpose Reserve - Plantation
Area (hectares)	4.0469
Legal Description	Reserve 1369 Block V Teviotdale Survey District
Adjacent Land	Farm land
Facilities	None
Acquisition	Taken for gravel extraction purposes in 1894

Introduction

The Purchas Reserve is located on Purchas Road. In 1894, the reserve was vested as a gravel reserve and was quarried accordingly. In 1984, Council resolved to change the classification of the reserve to plantation.

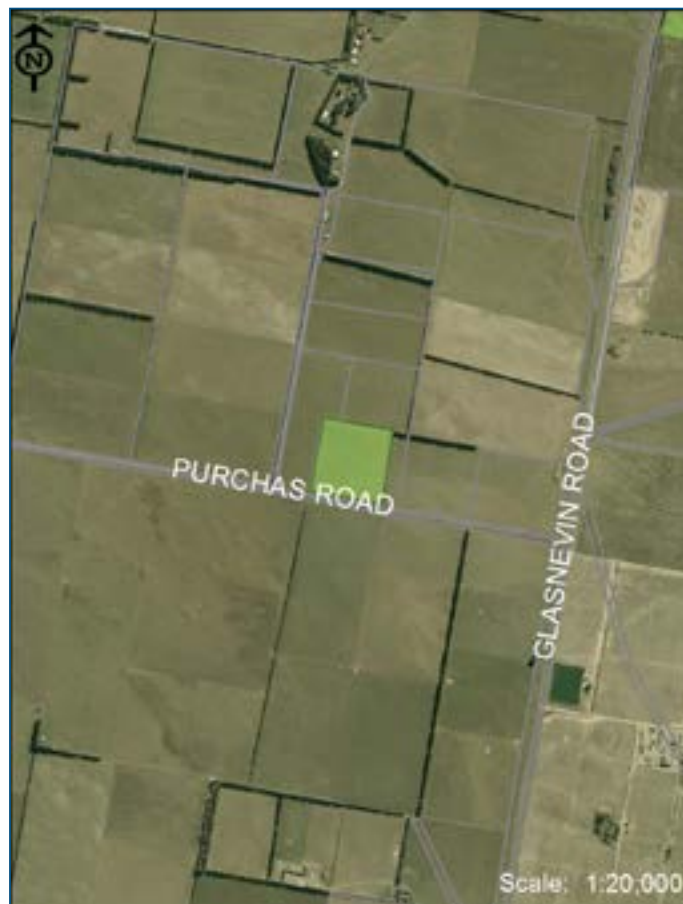
Purchas Reserve is good grazing land and is currently leased for grazing.

Specific policies

- That the land be kept free from gorse, broom, noxious weeds, rabbits and other vermin by the licensee.
- That grazing of the reserve continue until it is required for plantation or recreation purposes, or it is considered suitable for disposal.

Future development potential

The land shall continue to be leased to generate funding for district reserve development until such time as it can be disposed of.



Purchas Reserve location map



Purchas Reserve

Ram Paddock Reserve

Description

Location	Broomfield
Classification	Local Purpose Reserve - Public Utility
Area (hectares)	4.0469
Legal Description	Reserve 2347 Block III Grey Survey District
Adjacent Land	Farm land
Facilities	None
Acquisition	Vested NZ Gazette 1930, p.98 & 1930, p.747. Classified NZ Gazette 14/06/07 p.1699

Introduction

Ram Paddock Reserve is situated on the corner of Ram Paddock and Mound Road, Broomfield. In 1930, the reserve was classified as a gravel reserve and was quarried accordingly. This has resulted in a large pit in the centre of the reserve.

The reserve is currently leased for grazing and viticulture purposes.

Specific policies

- That consideration be given to the revocation and disposal of this reserve.

Future development potential

The land is suitable for cultivation or grazing purposes to generate funding for district reserve development, until such time as it can be disposed of.



Ram Paddock Reserve location map



Ram Paddock Reserve

Seadown Crescent Reserve

Description

Location	Amberley
Classification	Recreation Reserve
Area (hectares)	0.4077
Legal Description	Lot 47 DP 39223
Adjacent Land	Amberley township
Facilities	Amenity plantings, picnic table and playground equipment as detailed.
Acquisition	Vested on deposit of plan in 1977. Classified by Council 16/05/07.

Introduction

Seadown Crescent Reserve is situated on Seadown Crescent, Amberley. The reserve is also accessible from Amberley Beach Road.

The reserve contains some amenity plantings and an older playground consisting of a fort, ramp, stepping stone logs, slide and swing set. The play equipment is suitable for older children and requires maintenance work in order to cater for younger children's play.

Specific policies

- That the existing amenity plantings be maintained.
- That the playground be maintained and upgraded only until such time as further development on the eastern side of town requires consideration as to where a new playground is best located.
- That drainage issues around the perimeter of the reserve are addressed.
- That park benches are established away from the play area.
- That planting along the eastern boundary be established to screen the reserve from the vacant lot adjacent.

Future development potential

Seadown Crescent Reserve is an open green space area that could easily be developed into a picnic area to be enjoyed by residents within the locality. The establishment of shade trees and reserve seating is an appropriate development option for the reserve.



Seadown Crescent Reserve location map



Seadown Crescent Reserve