



Moutere - Waimea Ward Parks & Reserves Review 2020

Māpua & Districts Community Association (MDCA) thanks TDC for this opportunity to give feedback.

General:

1. At a recent MDCA public meeting Richard Hollier stated that TDC did not undertake assessments in relation to whether each reserve met its objective within the management plan. Therefore, we question how TDC are aware whether each reserve is meeting its objectives. Having an assessment program would help ensure all aspects of a communities recreational needs are being met.
2. It is noted that the general objective of the management plan is that reserves are of 'maximum community benefit'. Many reserve areas do not fulfil this objective.
3. It is important to cater for all ability levels and to encourage those less able to keep moving. Walking routes that have connective pathways offer the ability for shorter circuit options enabling a starting point to improve fitness levels in bite size sections.
4. Many of the areas within the maps showing the location of a reserve and/or easement status are not physically well defined, with very little local knowledge of their existence. Reserve and easement areas need to be well signposted.
5. It would have been helpful in this review process to understand the current status with regard classification and objectives (including bio-diversity) for each reserve type.

Interpreting the Maps:

1. The maps provided to undertake this review were difficult to interpret. It would have been helpful if different colours were used (with an explanation key) to help identify walkways, cycle ways, recreational reserves, sport fields and playgrounds that are fully operational to those that are not.
2. There were areas within the maps that have been established as a reserve but are not shown. Please see section titled 'Items not listed within the maps' further down.

Coastal Esplanade Reserves:

1. It is pleasing to see esplanade reserves have been acquired for public use. However, these reserves are very often not linked and have no physical access to them, making them of very little use at present.
2. Kina to Māpua. MDCA are aware the purpose of esplanade reserve is 'To enable public access to or along the sea, lake, or river'. With this in mind MDCA would like TDC to actively pursue the acquirement of land, whether it be through purchase or easement, to link all current coastal esplanade reserves together all the way from the Tasman Memorial Recreational Reserve at Rush Lane in Tasman (map 8) around the estuary to Kina Peninsula Esplanade Reserve Walkway (map 7), around the western estuary to Baigents Reserve (map 7), around the tip of Kina Peninsula alongside the channel between Kina and Jackets Island, all the Tasman Bay coastline to Ruby Bay and link onto the Langford Drive Walkway (map 15), including gaining an easement through Māpua Leisure Park.

3. Māpua to Richmond. As in item 2, MDCA strongly encourage TDC to provide an off road walk/cycleway linking Māpua with Richmond by linking all current coastal esplanade reserves by either purchase or easement of land currently unclassified. E-bike usage has hugely increased in recent years and with infrastructure in place could see cycling to Richmond as an alternative to using the family vehicle.
4. The acquisition and planning of these areas of land to complete the Coastal Esplanade Reserve needs a near future priority. Planning also needs to be mindful of future risk of sea level rise to ensure longevity of accessing esplanade reserves.

General:

Māpua/Ruby Bay/Tasman -

1. Connectivity between the Old Mill Walkway along the Seaton Valley Stream (map 12 items 4f & 5B) to the causeway at Toru St needs to be finalised and developed. When completed, this link will provide a much safer route for students to walk or cycle to and from Māpua School. It will also offer an alternative route for those cycling or walking the Great Taste Trail, moving people and bicycles away from the heavily congested on Aranui Road.
2. LEH Baigent Memorial Reserve (map 7) – keep this reserve for boating (power and non-power), waterskiing, kayaking, and picnicking. This area should not be used for overnight camping.
3. Decks Road Reserve (map 9) – signposts are required guiding traffic onto the track. Beach access for walkers needs to be maintained.
4. Pinehill Heights Reserve (map 10) – these tracks are a treasure of natural bush remnants that need to be preserved. Tracks need to be maintained so walkers experience the peace of nature while enhancing their health and wellbeing.
5. Stagecoach Walkway Easement (map 10) – when possible change the status to a reserve.
6. Pinehill Road Walkway (map 10) – this walkway is great for cyclists and walkers. MDCA recommend that the walkway be extended along Pippin Lane to get users of the road, especially since the recent subdivision has increased the traffic flow along Pippin Lane.
7. Seaton Valley Stream (map 12) – extend the current walkway over the private access road to continue along Seaton Valley Stream towards Moreland Place Reserve and beyond to the causeway at Toru Street.
8. Old Mill Walkway Purpose Reserve (map 12 & 13, items 5a & 6a) – Widen the western end of the path to match that of the eastern (seaward) end all the way to Aranui Road.
9. Seaton Valley Reserve (map 13) – This area needs to be define, developed and well signposted. There is a good opportunity to plant areas in native bush with pathways meandering through the bush (similar to Dominion Flats) along with some smaller open spaces with seats to rest and contemplate while taking in the view over Tasman Bay.
10. Catherine Road Reserve (map 13) – This reserve would be a suitable location for a small neighbourhood playground with a few items of play equipment.
11. Aranui Park (map 13) – With Tana’s Ark regeneration project occurring in this park, it has become a lovely place to walk the paths, stop and rest for a while and undertake peaceful contemplation. Aranui Park would also provide a perfect location for community gardens to be established in the future.
12. Warren Place Recreational Reserve (map 13) – Develop the pathway on the northern side to link into the existing southern path that goes along the side and behind Māpua School.
13. Aranui Road Local Purpose reserve (map 13) – Commonly known locally as the Seaton Valley stream walkway (north end). This path is not an all weather path and floods often after a king tide, after rain, and especially in winter with a combination of either heavy rain and /or a king tide can be inaccessible for many days. A boardwalk place approx. ½ to ¾ metre above the low lying sections of the path would create an all weather option. MDCA encourage TDC to make an all weather option possible.
14. Māpua Recreational Reserve (map 14) – Commonly known locally as Māpua Domain. This reserve is a multi-purpose reserve and is extremely well used by a wider of residents and actively types. The RoW from Aranui Road north of the tennis courts is one of only two vehicle access points into the reserve and is the most used access due to the access point from Iwa Street in the south eastern corner has a locked barrier arm in place. The

RoW of Aranui Road feeds vehicle traffic in on a daily basis to the Māpua Playcentre, Tamaha Sea Scout Den, and the Māpua Bowling Club. The state of this RoW is less than satisfactory (with many pot holes) for the volume of vehicles that are constantly using it.

MDCA would like to see this RoW sealed and feel that the cost of sealing would pay for itself in the long term.

MDCA are currently investigating the feasibility and possibility of raising funds to install Exercise Stations within the reserve, possible along the southern boundary bush line. MDCA would like TDC to support and grant approval for this pending project.

15. Māpua Estuary (map 14) – see comments under Coastal Esplanade Reserves item 1.
16. Aranui Road to Langford Drive Walkway (map 15) – This walkway needs to have an extension made to the east so as to create an additional walkway link to Tahi Street along the southern boundary of the remediated land TDC acquired from Fruitgrowers Chemical.
17. Grossi Point Esplanade Reserve (map 15) - see comments under Coastal Esplanade Reserves item 1.
18. Grossi Point Recreational Reserve (map 15) – Maintain status as is until an alternative boat ramp for Māpua has been resolved. Then, and only then, convert Grossi Point to a space for non-power boats, Kayaks etc, swimming and picnicking with no overnight camping. MDCA are aware the ‘Māpua Waterfront Working Group (MWWG)’ will be consulting the community in due course in relation to their task for future enhancements/usage as a task of MWWG implementing the ‘Māpua Waterfront Masterplan’
19. Māpua Waterfront Park (map 15) – Investigate how this park can meet the needs of recreational pursuits of the Māpua and Districts residents that are not currently being catered for. Māpua has some great open spaces catering for a wide variety of activities types, so it makes sense to look into those activities that haven’t been. MDCA are aware this park comes under the umbrella of the MWWG.
20. Ngaio Park (map 15) – commonly known locally as Ngaio Tree Reserve. Complete the development plan MWWG and TDC are currently working on. Reclassify the area as a public space only to avoid future conflict with wharf business encroachment. Designate the area as ‘Alcohol Free’
21. Dominion Flats and Dominion Flats Walkway (map 16) – The local community volunteers who are replanting and managing the maintenance and development of this area are doing a tremendous job and must be commended. TDC along with the community must encourage and support the continued efforts. This area provides great walking circuit within the site as well as tracks that link beyond. It is an amazing place for exercise, rest and peaceful contemplation.
22. Higgs Reserve West (map 16) – Encourage native regeneration. Create a walking/cycling link across SH60 north to Higgs Reserve East and Dominion Flats. Provide an area to sit and rest.
23. Higgs Reserve East (map 16) – Establish more walking tracks within the area and across the stream. Also include tracks that link across SH60 to Higgs Reserve West. Continue with the native planting and establish seating for rest and contemplation. Keep area maintained and weed free while young plants are getting established.

Moutere Hills -

1. McIndoe Reserve (map 18) – Add clear signage, establish pathways throughout the reserve and an area near the estuary for seating to rest and contemplate the peaceful location.
2. Bronte Road West to Trafalgar Road Walkway (map 19) – Has this walkway been formed? Are the entry points clear and signposted? Is it maintained? If not, it needs to be.
3. Stringer Reserve (map 19) – This is a great location to become a peaceful, relaxing space with seats and walking path among native trees with the odd pocket of open space.
Has this reserve been formed? Are the entry points clearly signposted? Is it being maintained? If not, it needs to be.
4. O’Connor Creek Esplanade Reserve (map 21) – The ideal would be for this reserve to continue on and link with the estuary and the Coastal Esplanade Reserve.
5. Ridgeview Reserve (map 21) – there is an opportunity to link this reserve with nearby walkways to create a longer walking circuit. This walkway could be linked with the Coastal Esplanade Reserves on the northern side of SH60. Safe crossing options would need to be provided.

6. Bronte Road Walkway (map 18, item 2a & 2b) – The gap between these two walkways needs to be close to enable continued access from Bronte Road to the estuary and the Coastal Esplanade Reserves.

Items not listed within the maps:

Māpua/Kina/Tasman –

1. Dickers Road walkway (not shown on Map 8) – This is a current walkway that links Dickers Road along the ridge adjacent to Mamaku Drive through to the northern most end of Stagecoach Road and along a paper road that links into the top of Williams Road. This walkway needs to be recognised and classified as a walkway.
2. Kina Beach Road to Dee Road (not shown on map 8) – There is currently a walkway that goes up the hill to near the end of Dee Road from Kina Beach Road. This walkway needs to be recognised and classified as a walkway with either the correct easement or property purchase undertaken.
3. Langford Drive/Aranui Road Reserve (not shown on Map 14) – the grassed area on the north western corner of Langford Drive and Aranui Road which is approximately the size of a residential section and has a footpath meandering through it and a huge willow tree on it, is not shown as a reserve on the map. Instead, on the map it is shown as part of the road. This area needs to be reclassified into reserve.

MDCA are very happy with how the following reserves are currently being managed and would like TDC to ensure this level of maintenance and involvement continue moving into the future.

Map 8:

Harley Road Walkway

Tasman Memorial Recreation Reserve

Kina Beach Recreation reserve

Map 10:

McKee Memorial Recreation & Scenic Reserves

Pine Hill Recreation Reserve

Map 12:

Chaytor Reserve

Map 14:

Iwa St/Māpua Recreation Reserve Walkway

Lionel Place to Te Aroha Place Walkway

Jessie St Reserve

Aranui Road to Langford Drive Walkway (item 7) - this walkway actually links Langford Drive with Citrus Grove.

Moutere Hills RSA Hall & Memorial Library

Map 16:

Dawson Road Walkway

Map 21:

Redmill Walkway

Hoddy Road Estuary Reserve

Research Orchard Road Reserve

Thank you for this opportunity to make comment about the Parks and Reserve in the Moutere – Waimea Ward. Please feel welcome to come back to the Māpua and Districts Community Association Executive with any questions you wish to ask.

Kind Regards

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