

Report Moutere- Waimea Ward Reserve Management Plan Hearing

Submissions were heard via Zoom on 28 February, 2022 and Wayne Chisnall reported on the Māpua Bowling Club submission with particular focus on the Māpua Recreation Reserve.

In a preamble it was noted that a Management plan tends to be future – focused but the impacts of the options on offer for the Māpua Domain and extension to the Morely Drain require addressing now. The Bowling Club and the Community Association have made repeated requests to TDC officers to upgrade the driveway from Aranui Road and the parking area adjacent to the Bowling Club. To emphasise what is considered important the road into the Playcentre, Scout Den and Bowling Club ideally needs to be remediated and the car park sealed and marked out to make parking more efficient. This would include disabled parking, a responsibility that lies with the TDC but has never been completed. Any expansion of sporting activities would require the parking area to be enlarged. Whilst the tree-lined driveway may need an edged 620 Metal type laid, there is no impediment to sealing the car park now.

Whilst the maintenance of the driveway is poor an added problem is the dangerous exit onto Aranui Road. The overgrowth impacting exiting drivers vision and danger to users of the footpath has been detailed in the submission. As part of the overdue upgrade the Iwa Street walkway that borders the Bowling Club needs to be extended to Aranui Road and properly designated as outlined in the submission.

The Bowling Club asks to be consulted regarding any decisions on the use of the Māpua Recreational Reserve. Membership is growing and the addition of an astro turf green should be considered in the mix.

During question time Councillor Christeen McKenzie noted that submissions from the Bowling Club, Tennis Club and Tamaha Scouts all referred to possible expansions into the Reserve area. It might make sense for the Māpua and Districts Community Association (MDCA) to co-ordinate discussions amongst interested parties on the integrated and efficient use of extra space in the Reserve area.

Actions from the Hearing:

1. Wayne Chisnall to raise the co-ordination of interested parties with the MDCA
2. The MBC to follow up with Richard Hilton on the issue of further planting on the eastern side of the MBC clubhouse.

The Hearing was recorded and it is assumed that there will be feedback from the TDC to the submitters.