

WAIPA COUNTY COUNCIL

PUKEATUA RECREATION RESERVE

APPROVED MANAGEMENT PLAN

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"That :

A draft management plan for the Pukeatua Recreation Reserve having been advertised for objection pursuant to Section 41 of the Reserves Act, 1977 and objections and submissions having been considered approval be now given to the said management plan."

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above resolution is a true and correct extract from the Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 20th August 1984.



H.A. Sherwin
COUNTY CHAIRMAN

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Management Plan for Pukeatua Recreation Reserve is concerned with establishing and developing objectives and policies for the management of the reserve as specified by the Reserves Act 1977 with particular reference to Sections 17(1) and 41(3) which read : -

"17. Recreation reserves - (1) It is hereby declared that the appropriate provisions of this Act shall have effect, in relation to reserves classified as recreation reserves, for the purposes of providing areas for the recreation and sporting activities and the physical welfare and enjoyment of the public, and for the protection of the natural environment and beauty of the countryside, with emphasis on the retention of open spaces and on outdoor recreational activities, including recreational tracks in the countryside."

"41(3) "The management plan shall provide for and ensure the use, enjoyment, maintenance, protection and preservation, as the case may require, and, to the extent that the administering body's resources permit, the development, as appropriate, of the reserve for the purposes for which it is classified ..."

This management plan is designed to provide guidelines for future decisions made about the Reserve. It will also give indications of appropriate uses in the Reserve and how these should be regulated."

This reserve was originally administered by the Pukeatua Domain Board but was declared to be a recreation reserve and vested in the Waipa County Council by NZ Gazette 1968 page 2425.

Classification :

The reserve has been classified for recreation purposes pursuant to the Reserves Act 1977 by NZ Gazette 1982 page 1028.

2. LOCALITY, ACCESS & LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Pukeatua Recreation Reserve is a remnant stand of native bush on the south-western side of the Pukeatua township on the Kihikihi-Arapuni Road. It is described as 1.9285 hectares, more or less, being Part Section 33 S and Section 35 S, Tautari Settlement, situated in Block X, Maungatautari Survey District. (See Figure 1).

A rest area pull off for travellers has been constructed on the road edge facilitating easy direct access to the bush stand.

3. RESOURCE INFORMATION

The reserve lies on a plateau with extensive views across grazed farmland to the south and west. The bush is typical of remnants found around the town which have been grazed to the point where they show very few structural characteristics of undisturbed bush. Since the construction of a fence in 1977 to protect the reserve from grazing, seedlings are surviving and understorey plants are beginning to prosper.

At present the stand comprises what seem to be primeval tawa (*Beilschmiedia tawa*) making up a more or less even canopy interspersed with occasional pukatea (*Laurelia novae-zelandiae*), rewarewa (*Knightia excelsa*) and mangeao (*Litsea calicaris*). Beneath this canopy a sub-canopy comprising occasional towai (*Weinmannia silvicola*), smaller tawa, and some rata (*Metrosideros diffusa*) occurs. A tall shrub layer is well defined and is made up of kawakawa (*Macropiper excelsus*), broadleaf (*Griselinia littoralis*), mapou (*Myrsine australis*) and hangehange (*Geniostoma ligustrifolium*). Some of these species, particularly broadleaf and titoki, merge with the sub-canopy tier. Throughout the stand of bush epiphytic plants and lianes proliferate. These include supplejack (*Rhipogonum scandens*), bush lawyer (*Rubus cissoides*) and kiekie (*Freycinetia banksii*). Occasional tree ferns (*Cyathea dealbata*) of enormous size are to be found while a few hen and chicken ferns (*Asplenium bulbiferum*) have managed to survive on the forest floor. There is a single podocarp, a miro sapling (*Prumnopitys ferrugineus*).

The forest floor contains considerable numbers of titoki and tawa seedlings along with small areas of mapou seedlings. Open ground between the bush stands is mown grass with some recent plantings of mainly native species, however a couple of exotic trees have been planted, (*Robinia frisia*). These should be transplanted outside the reserve fence.

4. OBJECTIVES

- (i) To preserve in perpetuity for the benefit, enjoyment and use of the public, the qualities of scenic and natural interest that exist within the reserve.
- (ii) To maintain and develop the planting programme to enhance the revegetative processes in the reserve.

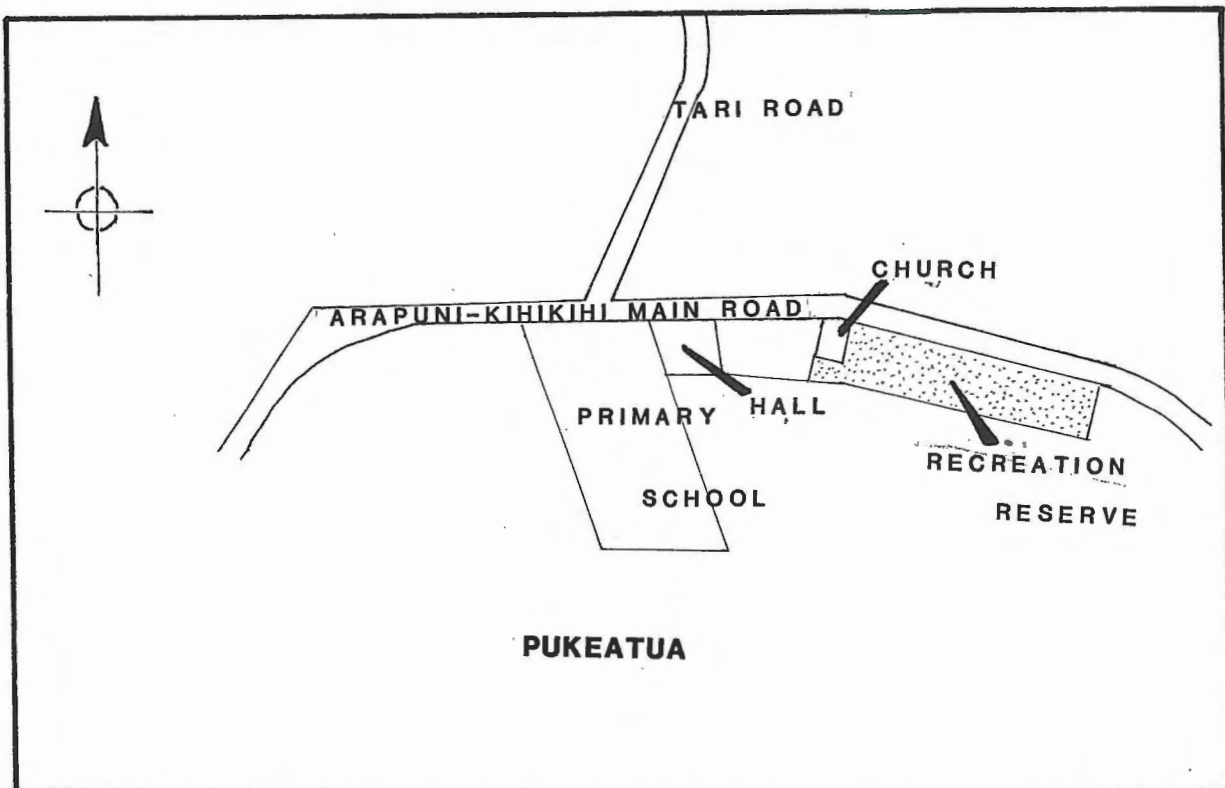
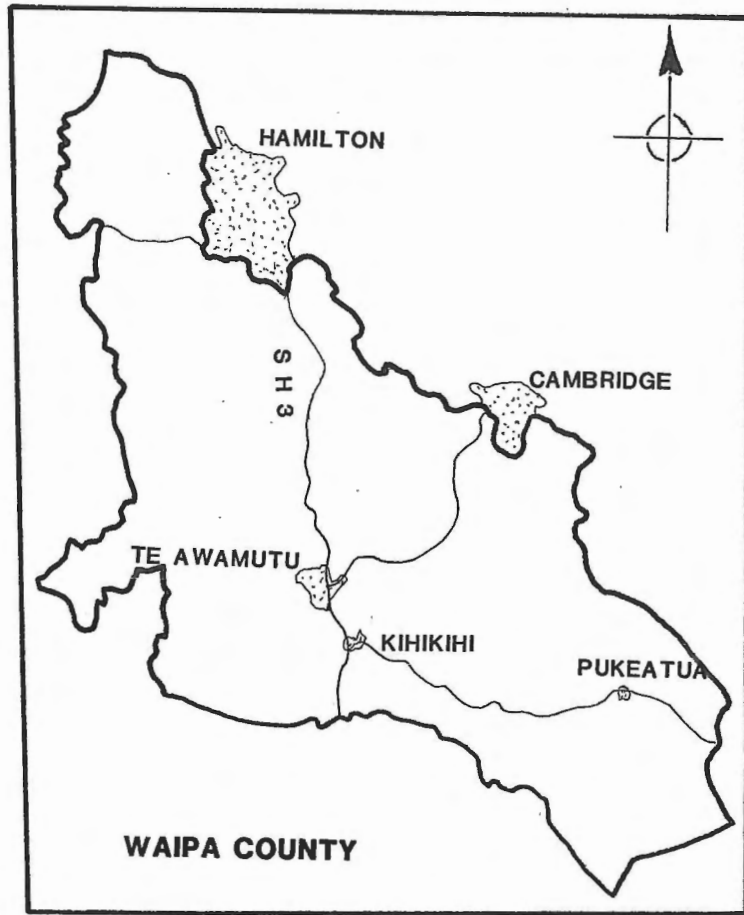


FIGURE 1 LOCALITY MAP

- (iii) To provide an opportunity for travellers to break their journey at the adjacent Rest Area with a short walk and refreshment facilities at picnic tables.

5. POLICIES

- (i) No tree should be removed except where it is a threat to public safety in the view of the Reserve Committee, Waipa County Council.
- (ii) Species planted must reflect the existing native vegetation in and around the reserve.
- (iii) A small open mown grass area should be maintained to allow travellers an opportunity to stretch their legs.
- (iv) Picnic tables and rubbish tins should be provided for travellers to utilise at the Rest Area.