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10 October 2023

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Request for Information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) (the LGOIMA)

Thank you for your email of **18 September 2023** requesting the following information:

- 1. The original documents pertaining to Horowhenua County council's purchase of 82 acres of the Field Estate, 15 February 1958, and the additional top up of 380 pounds that Dr Charles Fleming donated in order for the Council to achieve the winning bid and complete the purchase.***

Relevant pages of the following minutes have been attached in single document:

- Tuesday 21 January, 1958
- Saturday 1 February, 1958
- Friday 7 February, 1958
- Tuesday 11 February 1958
- Tuesday 25 February 1958
- Tuesday 25 March 1958
- Wednesday 2 April 1958
- Tuesday 22 April 1958
- Tuesday 29 April 1958
- Tuesday 27 May 1958

Also attached are:

- A letter the Secretary of the Waikanae County Town Committee to the County Clerk of the Horowhenua County Council, 3 February 1958
- A letter from Charles Fleming to the Secretary of the Waikanae County Town Committee, 22 March 1958

Please note that any information provided in response to your request may be published on the Council website, with your personal details removed.

- History of the purchase of Waikanae Park from Waikanae District Progressive and Ratepayers Association July 1960
- Summary of Meetings of the Waikanae District Progressive and Ratepayers Association January 1958 to June 1960

2. *The minutes from subsequent meetings with Council 25 February 1958 and 12 April 1958.*

The minutes of the meeting of the Waikanae County Town Committee 25 February 1958 are included above.

We cannot find the minutes of the meeting held at 9.30am Saturday 12 April at the Slaughterhouse gate, Ngarara Road, to discuss the future development of the recreational area and so this part of your request is declined under section 17(e) of the LGOIMA as the documents alleged to contain the information requested does not exist, or despite reasonable efforts to locate them, they cannot be found.

3. *We would also like a digital copy of the August 1993 Waikanae Park Management Plan.*

A digital copy of the August 1993 Waikanae Park Management Plan is attached.

You have the right to request the Ombudsman to review this decision. Complaints can be sent by email to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz, by fax to (04) 471 2254, or by post to The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Ngā mihi,



Mike Mendonça

Acting Group Manager Place and Space
Te Kaiwhakahaere roopu, Takiwa me te Waahi

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42 WADESTOWN ROAD

WELLINGTON, N.Z

NEW ZEALAND

The Secretary

Waikanae County Town

Committee

Mar 22, 1958

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for advising me of the Committee's invitation to be present at a meeting at the new sports area on Sat. 29. Mar.

I will try to be there, but in case anything prevents me I would like the Committee to know that I do not wish my action in connection with the purchase of the area to be taken as showing that I

have any more than average interest in the way the area is developed. In that, the representatives of the sports concerned will have much more definite ideas than I.

(P.T.O.)

Yours faithfully B. G. Fleming

P.S.

For future correspondence please
would you note my residential
address (see letter head) which
is preferable to my business
address.

Car.

COPY.

The County Clerk,
Horowhenua County Council,
P. O. Box 17,

Seddon Street,
Waikanae.

LEVIN.

3rd February, 1958.

Dear Sir,

re: Purchase of Recreational Area.

CONFIDENTIAL.

I beg to advise that my Committee has unanimously resolved to recommend to the Council that an area of land be purchased in the Field's Subdivision, which is being offered for sale by auction on the 15th instant, for the purpose of providing a sports and general recreational area.

The Committee is of the opinion that section No. 10 comprising on 32½ acres would be the most suitable for this purpose.

Owing to the urgent circumstances relating to the proposal, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following procedure by the Council:-

- (a) That to the extent of finance being available in the current financial year, due to works not proceeding in the year, the same be applied to meeting the sale conditions of 10% on the fall of the hammer and 30% cash on settlement.
- (b) That any balance required to complete purchase be provided on the estimates for 1958-59.
- (c) That the Chairman of the Committee be authorised to bid at the sale up to an amount of £6,000, or negotiate for the purchase within this limit.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

July 1960

WAIKANAE PARK.

This project was first initiated by the Sports Bodies of Waikanae, on learning that the Parata Family had decided on a progressive sub-division scheme of their property which would ultimately include the ground used for football, Gymkhanas and other sports gatherings. We were informed that Mr. Phil Bennett had approached the Surveyor General relative to a possible subsidy if a Sports Ground was purchased. He was advised that nothing could be done until an area was secured and approved for the purpose. An approach was then made to the Field Estate Trustees regarding the possible purchase of the 11 acre block of land in Te Moana Road, at that time used for School Picnics, etc., and later sub-divided and sold by auction. The price asked for this area was £10,000, and as there was little prospect of raising this sum, the project was dropped by the Sports Bodies and the County Town Committee was asked to take the matter over. The Committee at once investigated the matter and it was decided to open negotiations with the Parata Estate Trustees in an endeavour to purchase an additional 6 acres contiguous to the small area of reserve already held in Ngarara Road. This land was very stony and not suitable for football etc., unless ^{liberally} covered with soil or some other processing undertaken to remove the stones from the surface. However, the price asked for this land was £1,000 per acre, to which would have to be added processing costs - possibly £1,000.

Quite suddenly it was made known that Messrs. Jack and Geoff Field were proposing to sell the Ngarara Lands to which they had just received individual title. These lands were to be sold in the original blocks, without re-survey or cutting up. The area of approximately 20 acres in area, locally known as "the Hay Paddock", was considered to be eminently suitable for a sports area and negotiations were immediately commenced with the Field Bros. in an endeavour to buy this area privately. We were first advised that this land was part of an original 82 acre block and must be sold as such and finally only a short time before the sale it was decided that all the land must go to auction. The Committee immediately sought authority from the County Council to bid for the 82 acre block at the sale and this was granted, up to a limit of £6,000. Thanks to the generosity of Dr. Charles Fleming, who was at the sale and sponsored the additional cost, the area was purchased for £6,380 - but still only £6,000 of ratepayers money. So it will be seen that this magnificent area of 82 acres was purchased for the same cost as that asked for 6 acres of less suitable land on the opposite side of the road and £4,000 less than the price asked for 11 acres in Te Moana Road.

It is important to note that prior to the purchase of the land at auction and in view of the very limited time available before the sale, the County Town Committee sent a special deputation to the Executive of the Waikanae District Progressive and Ratepayers' Association to explain the proposition and ask for the support of that body. Mr. E.A. Antcliff (then Chairman), Mr. E.R. Render and Mr. Q. Angus (Secretary), waited on the Association Executive on 10th February, 1958, and the plan was expounded in detail. Mr. Antcliff asked the Executive for a resolution to be forwarded to the Horowhenua County Council supporting the proposition and this was agreed to unanimously after full discussion. - I quote the actual minute relative to this supplied by the Secretary of the Association. All members of the Executive were present at this meeting with the exception of Mr. G. Amps. This minute was subsequently confirmed by the Executive.

The purchase of the area was completed with the generous temporary assistance of the Horowhenua County Council, who were re-imbursed from County Town Funds within twelve months.

The Public must surely realise that an amenity such as a Sports and Recreational area must not be regarded as an investment but rather as a pleasure giving service and health promoting facility for the community. Despite this the great value of this area to-day cannot be disputed and the future will prove what a great asset it is to the district. What would Christchurch be without Hagley Park?, Auckland has its Domain and the great cities of Sydney and Melbourne have their Domain and Botanical Garden right in the city area - regarded as among their greatest assets.

Quite considerable revenue is being received from the area already, for grazing rights, and it is intended to continue to lease any area, not immediately required for development, until required. And so there is already some return from this expenditure as opposed to no possible return from other district facilities and services. What revenue is derived from the £1,000 convenience block on the Domain? or from the Car Park? As stated before these are not investments but public amenities for the convenience and pleasure of the public, as it is expected the Local Body will provide. No sane person will dispute their value or necessity. The same applies to Waikanae Park, but it is additionally satisfactory to know that it can earn some revenue to be used in its development. Citizens and visitors of the future will applaud the foresight and good sense of those who had the courage and energy to promote this great project. We are sure the residents and ratepayers of Waikanae share this view.

REGARDING EFFECT OF PURCHASE ON INCREASE IN RATES:- It must be remembered that this purchase was made 2 years ago. It was impossible for anyone to foresee then that the policy of the Roads Board would be changed regarding the existence of Main Highways and the method of subsidising them - a policy that had been in operation for 20 years. To this changed policy alone can be attributed the necessary increase in rates, if we are to continue to maintain and develop our roading system.

TOTAL CAPITAL COST:- £5,421.12.11 (Includes Legal Costs).

TOTAL EXPENDITURE TO DATE:-	1958/59	£452	Nox. Wds. Eradication.
	1959/60	£283	" " "
	1959/60	£ 94	Fencing
	1959/60	£ 36	Sundries
		<u>£865</u>	

TOTAL REVENUE TO DATE:-	1959/60	<u>£132</u>
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EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE
OF THE WAIKANAЕ DISTRICT PROGRESSIVE & RATEPAYERS'
ASSOCIATION (INC.) HELD ON MONDAY 10TH FEBRUARY, 1958.

Attendance at the Meeting on 10th February, 1958.

PRESENT: Messrs. Harry (Chair), Burgess, Simmons, Watts, Wood, Webb,
Ronaldson, Cork, Fairley, Morris, Strange & Watson.

APOLOGY: An apology was received from Mr. Amps.

SPORTS AREA: Messrs. Antcliff, Angus and Render were present representing
the Waikanae County Town Committee.

Mr. HARRY explained the presence of the representatives.

Mr. ANTCLIFF outlined the history of the search for a sports
area, he explained the present scheme for obtaining $82\frac{1}{2}$ acres
of the Field Estate fronting onto Ngarara Road.

Mr. BURGESS said that the Sports Bodies had formed a joint
sub-committee and are keen on this scheme. He supported
the scheme.

Mr. CORK enquired as to the suitability of the soil for the
sports envisaged, he was reassured on this point and supported
the scheme.

Mr. RENDER stressed the necessity of taking a long term view,
he pointed out that this was a unique opportunity.

Mr. WOOD supported the scheme.

Mr. ANGUS pointed out that this appeared to be the only piece
of land that is likely to be suitable in the County Town area.

Mr. CORK raised the question of Tutere Street, the utilisation
of all available finance for the sports area would cause
further delay in the work on this scheme.

Mr. MORRIS pointed out that this is the only opportunity for
obtaining this land, while the Tutere Street work was only to
be postponed.

Mr. HARRY explained the position re rates and finance.

Proposed Mr. Simmons, seconded Mr. Webb:-

"THAT this Executive, on behalf of the Waikanae District
Progressive & Ratepayers' Association, wholeheartedly supports
the Waikanae County Town Committee in its endeavours to obtain
land for a Sports Area at the forthcoming sale of part of the
Field Estate, and pledges its continued support if the purchase
is successful". CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. ANTCLIFF asked that a copy of the Motion be forwarded to
the Horowhenua County Council (marked confidential).

Pg. 233 O.B: The letter to the County Clerk was read setting out this Committee's views on the proposed extension of the existing Parata Reserve. The Secretary reported that he had ascertained that the proposed extension to the reserve would be of a limited area, and apart from a narrow strip on the northern boundary of the existing reserve, the whole of the extension would be to the eastern boundary of the existing reserve. However, Councillor Antcliff reported that it may still be possible to obtain the area stipulated by this Committee, from land which is not in the pool area of the Parata Estate. It was reported that a Combined Sports Committee has been formed to investigate a suitable recreation reserve. It has been suggested that Field's hay paddock which contains 12 acres or more of flat land would be suitable. Mr Burgess and Mr Harry are to wait on Mr Jack Field and Mr Mowbray to investigate the matter and to report to this Committee.

Special Meeting: Pg.238: The meeting was called to consider the purchase of a recreation reserve from the Field family. This Meeting was called at short notice in view of the fact that the land which it is proposed to acquire is to be sold by Public Auction on the 15th February next.

Mr Harry reported that negotiations had already commenced, and Mr Jack Field and Mr G. Field had been asked to put a price on the area of approximately 42 acres. However, the Fields have now decided to put the land up for Public Auction and it was therefore necessary to endeavour to obtain authority from the Council to authorise the necessary expenditure to purchase the land. The block of 42 acres has for the purpose of the been combined with the adjoining block of land and the total

area of the Lot to be sold by auction is approximately $82\frac{1}{2}$ acres.

Mr Mowbray outlined the negotiations which had already been conducted with the Fields and the Chairman asked Mr Mowbray for his opinion of the value of the total area. Mr Mowbray also stated that it is proposed to expend the money which the sports bodies have available in effecting improvements to the land if such land is obtained for recreational purposes. Mr Burgess's opinion was that the value of the land would be approximately £6000.

It was agreed by this Committee that in an endeavour to obtain the land by private contract that the sub-committee comprising Mr Harry and Mr Burgess be deputed to approach Mr Jack Field to advise him that this Committee recommends that the proposed recreation ground be named Fields Memorial Park in honour of the late Mr W.H. Field subject to satisfactory negotiations for the purchase of the land for such purposes being completed.

In view of the fact that it was highly desirable to obtain this land for recreational purposes it was moved ^{by} Mr Harry seconded Mr Perrett that it be recommendation to the Council that Lot 10 comprising of $82\frac{1}{2}$ acres of Fields land be purchased for recreational purposes - passed unanimously.

Councillor Antcliff is to investigate the necessary steps to enable the land to be purchased and will report back as soon as possible

28.1.58 Pg.241: The letter to the County Clerk was read stating that this Committee recommended that the offer put forward by the Parata Estate be declined. Councillor Antcliff stated that a meeting will be

held on the 29th instant comprising the Chairman, Councillors Brown and Antcliff and the County Clerk and the County Engineer in connection with the proposed reserve in the Field Subdivision.

Special Meeting 1.2.58. Pg. 245 The meeting was called to consider a report from Councillor Antcliff on the meeting held on the 29th January in connection with the proposed purchase of recreational area in the Field's Subdivision. Councillor Antcliff stated that those present at the meeting were the Chairman, (Councillor Guy) Councillors Brown & Antcliff, the County Clerk and the County Engineer. Councillor Antcliff stated that it was the opinion of the meeting that a letter from this Committee be drafted and forwarded to the Council. After discussion a letter in the following terms was drafted:

That this Committee has unanimously resolved to recommend to the Council that an area of land be purchased in the Fields Subdivision, which is being offered for sale by auction of the 15th instant, for the purpose of providing a sports and general recreational area.

The Committee is of the opinion that section No.10 comprising of $82\frac{1}{2}$ acres would be the most suitable for this purpose.

Owing to the urgent circumstances relating to the proposal, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following procedure by the Council:-

(a) That to the extent of finance being available in the current financial year, due to works not proceedings in the year, the same be applied to meeting the sale conditions of 10% on the fall of the hammer and 30% cash on settlement.

(b) That any balance required to complete purchase be provided on the estimate for 1958/59.

(c) That the Chairman of the Committee be authorised to bid at the sale up to an amount of £6000 or negotiate for the purchase within this limit.

Special Meeting 7.2.58 Pg.247 Mr Harry reported that the subcommittee had interviewed Mrssrs Jack and Geoff Field and Mr Rainey with the proposal that they accept an offer of £4000 for Lot 10 and if accepted the ground would be called the "W.H. Field Memorial Park." The offer was declined. The subcommittee did not increase the offer, in the absence of willingness on the part of the vendors to negotiate as to do so might affect the auction price. The meeting approved the course taken by the subcommittee.

Mr Antcliff reported that he had discussed the proposals of this Committee with Councillor Guy, and the County Clerk and had received a promise that the Council would provide finance up to £6000 repayable to the Council by the County Town at a later date and Councillor Antcliff was authorised to bid at the auction. It was expected that this would be confirmed at the monthly meeting of the Council to be held on February 12. The Committee considered the arrangement very satisfactory.

A general discussion followed during which Mr Harry stated that the Ratepayers Association would be dealing with this question at an adjourned meeting on Monday Feb. 10 and invited Councillor Antcliff and other members to be present. It was agreed that the invitation be accepted and that Councillor Antcliff review the action taken by this Committee using discretion.

Special Meeting 11.2.58 Pg.248 Councillor Antcliff welcomed Con. Brown

and outlined the negotiations which had taken place with reference to the proposed purchase of a recreational area. Considerable discussion took place with reference to the market price of the land and Councillor

Brown stated that in his opinion the land as farm land was not attractive to farmers but that it could possibly bring a good price at auction.

Councillor Antcliff reported that the proposal to purchase the land would be brought before the Council tomorrow and that the Ratepayers Association had unanimously passed a resolution ^{supporting} concerning the proposal.

25.2.58 Pg.249 The letter to the County Clerk in connection with the purchase of the Recreational Reserve was read. Councillor Antcliff reported that he had attended the auction on the 15th February and that he had been authorised to bid up to £6000. The property was knocked down at £6380, Dr Fleming standing for the difference namely £380.

It was agreed that the Combined Sports Club the Pony Club, the Horticultural Society and Dr Fleming be invited to a meeting to be held at 9.30 a.m. on the 29 March to discuss the future development of the area.

Mr Render undertook to prepare a survey of other reserved with the object of ascertaining which would be sold and the proceeds to be applied towards the cost of the new reserve.

25.3.58 Pg.257 The letters inviting the representatives of the Sports Bodies, Horticultural Society, Pony Club and Dr Fleming to the meeting to be held to discuss the future development of the area were read. It was resolved that the County Clerk be asked to make immediate application through the local Member for a subsidy from the Art Union fund which Mr Maher has informed us is available to assist in the purchase and/or deve-

lopment of the recreational area.

Special Meeting 2.4.58 Pg. 261 Councillor Antcliff reported that the meeting with the representatives of the Sports Bodies and other bodies in connection with the Recreation reserve was cancelled. After discussion it was agreed that this Committee meet the representatives of the Sports Bodies on the newly acquired Recreational area on Saturday 12th April at 9.30 a.m.

The Secretary was instructed to write to the Council requesting that this Committee be given control of the Recreational Area with powers similar to those exercised over the Domain.

22.4.58 - Pg. 262 Councillor Antcliff reported that the Council had recommended that part only of the area be designated as a Recreational Reserve, and after discussion the Secretary was instructed to write to the Council requesting that the whole of the area be designated as a Recreational Reserve and not the smaller area as recommended by the Council and reported to this Committee by Coun. Antcliff.

Coun. Antcliff reported that permission has been given to the Sports bodies to arrange for the feeding off and for the carrying out of preliminary work on the area, but before any major work could be done, the Sports Bodies concerned must put a proposition to this Committee.

It was agreed that Councillor Antcliff and Messrs Burgess and Harry form a subcommittee for the development of the area.

Coun. Antcliff reported that the Manawatu Hunt Club had requested permission to hunt over part of the recreational area, but after discussion it was agreed that this permission cannot be given in view of the fact

that there are bird sanctuaries in the area. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Hunt Club accordingly.

Mr Render presented a report in connection with the development of the recreational area.

The Secretary was instructed to advise the Council that this Committee intends to enlist the services of Mr Hutt to advise on the general lay out of the area.

The Horowhenua Pony Club was given permission to use the area in May for grazing and training purposes.

Special Meeting:- 29.4.58 - Pg. 268 The meeting was called for the purpose of discussing the future development of the recreational area with the representatives of the various sports bodies concerned.

Mr Mowbray introduced the representatives to the members of the County Town Committee and outlined the reasons for calling this meeting. He stated that it was necessary to raise capital to develop the area, and before the Public could be approached it was necessary to clarify the question of tenure and what charges would be made for the use of the land. Councillor Antcliff stated that in his view the recreational area was for the use of all sports bodies.

Mr Render stated his views on the development which would be necessary and suggested that perhaps a percentage of gate charges could be used for this purpose.

Mr Perrett stated that the representatives could rest assured that this Committee was behind all the sports bodies.

Mr Harry considered that the maintenance of the area should be a charge

on the Ratepayers but that capital expenditure should not be so. He considered that the sports bodies should not be charged for the use of the area during the development period. When the Rugby Union fix a gate then a charge could be made against the Union. He suggested that a combined Annual event should be held to raise funds for the development.

Discussion then took place concerning the control of the use of the ground and it was suggested that there be a controlling Committee consisting of this Committee and representatives of the various sports bodies

Application would be made for fixtures and the various sports bodies would be allocated their fixed days.

Mr Burgess pointed out that the Rugby Club has to have the ground for the whole season.

Mr Price stated that the Bodies needed a concrete assurance before putting money into the development and the erection of buildings.

Mr Kemsley gave his views on the immediate development of the area and he stated that the first instance 8 to 9 acres would need to be developed

Mr Render outlined his researches relating to the development of the recreational area.

Mr Wakelin stated that the sports bodies would be prepared to raise funds but they required an assurance that they would have the use of the land.

It was not really a question of the control of the land or of the charge that would be made. Mr Harry then gave notice to this meeting that at the next meeting of the County Town Committee he would move the following resolution: "That this Committee recommend that the use of the area of ground to be developed, be free to all sports clubs for 5 years provided

no charge be made for admission. When a charge is made a percentage of the gate may be claimed by the Controlling Authority for ground development and maintenance."

Permission was given for preliminary bull-dozing work to be carried out by the sports bodies.

27.5.58 - Pg.271 The following letters were read.

- (a) To the Horowhenua Pony Club granting permission to use a portion of the slaughterhouse paddock
- (b) To the Manawatu Hunt club declining permission for the Club to hunt over the reserve.
- (c) To the County Clerk advising that this Committee proposes to enlist the services of Mr Hutt to advise on the general layout of the area.
- (d) To the County Clerk requesting that the whole area be designated a recreational reserve.

The letter from the Waikanae Pony Club was read requesting permission to the Club to hold its rallies on the Slaughterhouse grounds and this permission was granted by the Committee.

It was also agreed that as a matter of policy no individuals be granted permission to use the ground. It was resolved that the services of Mr Hutt be deferred - three members of the Committee dissenting.

The following resolution was carried: "That this Committee recommend that the use of the area of ground to be developed be free to all sports bodies for 5 years from this date provided no charge be made for admission. When a charge is made a percentage of the gate may be claimed by the controlling authority for ground development and maintenance."

24.6.58 - Pg 1 N.B. The letter to the County Clerk stating that the matter of enlisting the services of Mr Hutt had been deferred was read. The letter from the County Clerk enclosing a copy of a letter from the Waik-

anae Pony Club requesting a bridle track along the Waimeha Stream was read. The Secretary was instructed to advise the Pony Club that Mr Harry has been deputed to investigate the matter and requesting that the Club contact him.

22.7.58 - Pg. 7 The letter to the Waikanae Pony Club in connection with the proposed bridle track was read and it was reported that arrangements are to be made by the Pony Club to meet Mr Harry. Councillor Antcliff is to request the County Clerk to ascertain from the Council's Solicitors, the position relating to the right of way set out in the conditions of sale.

A letter from the County Clerk enclosing a copy of a letter from the Department of Internal Affairs was read, requesting information for the purpose of obtaining financial assistance towards the purchase of the area. The Secretary was instructed to reply giving the information required.

26.8.58 - Pg. 16 The letter to the County Clerk giving particulars requested for the purpose of obtaining a subsidy was read. Coun. Antcliff reported that only one subsidy could be obtained for this area in view of the fact that the whole of the area has been designated as a recreation reserve. Letters of appreciation from the Waikanae Pony Club and the Horowhenua Pony Club were read.

It was resolved that as the time is now opportune for naming the Recreation Area, the Ratepayers' Association be requested to supply suggestions for a name and that a similar request be made to the sports bodies.

Coun. Antcliff reported that it will not be possible to accede to the Pony Club's request for a bridle track as there is no right of way appur-

tenant to the recreation area.

23.9.58 - Pg.22 The letter to the sports bodies and to the Ratepayers' Association requesting a name for the Reserve were read. It was resolved that this Committee recommends that the balance of the Recreational Reserve containing approximately 60 acres and which is not at present being used for recreational purposes, be leased, and that tenders be called for the letting of sheep grazing rights only.

The letter from the County Clerk was read, confirming the free use of the Recreational area to the sports bodies and the Secretary was instructed to advise the sports bodies accordingly.

28.10.58 - Pg.28 Some suggested names have come to hand, and the Secretary was instructed to compile a list of these suggestions to be considered at a later meeting.

The Secretary was instructed to write to the County Clerk advising that this Committee recommends that the noxious weeds and fences on the above mentioned recreation area be dealt with as follows:

- (a) Crush gorse and burn where necessary otherwise spray remainder of gorse.
- (b) Repair old boundary fences and erect new boundary fences where necessary.
- (c) Spray secondary growth of gorse.

A letter from the County Clerk was read stating that the Engineer had been instructed to prepare an estimate of the cost of putting the fences in order before tenders are called for the grazing rights of the reserve.

25.11.58 - Pg.33 A letter to the County Clerk giving this Committee's

recommendations with regard to the noxious weeds and fences on the Reserve was read, together with the County Clerk's reply thereto, stating that the Council has approved the course of action set out in this Committee's letter.

27.1.59 - pg.41 A letter of thanks to the Engineer was read. The Secretary was instructed to advise the County Clerk of the necessity for a contour and fence line map of the area.

25.2.59 - pg.53 The letter from the County Clerk together with a copy of a letter from the Minister of Internal Affairs was read. The Minister stated that the Council would be well advised to take the necessary action to have the reserve declared a Public Reserve within the terms of the Reserves and Domains Act in order to be eligible for assistance from the funds administered by the Department of Lands and Survey. After discussion, the Secretary was instructed to write to the Council advising that this Committee is not in favour of the area being created a Public Reserve within the terms of the Act as suggested by the Minister.

A letter from the Ratepayers' was also read, stating that the Executive of that Association would request whether a sign could be erected at the entrance to the Reserve prohibiting shooting and also dogs unless on a lead. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Council recommending that two signs be erected at prominent positions prohibiting shooting and also dogs unless on a lead.

20.3.59 - pg.59 The Secretary read the letter to the County Clerk in connection with the shooting on the Recreational area, and the County Clerk's reply thereto stating that the Engineer has been authorised to attend to the erection of the signs recommended by this Committee. The

Secretary also read the letter to the County Clerk advising that this Committee is not in favour of the area being created a Public Reserve within the terms of the Reserves and Domains Act 1953, as suggested by the Minister. The Secretary also read a letter to the Ratepayers' Association advising that the matter of shooting on the Recreational Area was receiving attention.

28.4.59 - pg. 72 It was agreed that an estimate should be obtained from Mr Mowbray for fencing and that he should receive reasonable reimbursement for his trouble in giving such an estimate. (The need for sheep in the cemetery was also stressed.)

26.5.59 - pg. 78 The letter from Mr M Smith was read requesting this Committee to let the recreation area for three months for £40 for grazing purposes, and he stated that he would erect a fence from the end of an existing fence adjacent to the old slaughterhouse to one on the east side of the Late Dr Smith's property. This would confine the stock to the west of the area used by the Pony Club and Mr Liddle's garden. It was resolved that tenders be called for the grazing of the reserve for 6 months as is, tenderer to erect necessary fences to confine stock and exclude stock from the Pony Club area and the paddock known as the hay paddock.

12.6.59 - Pg. 80 Mr Burgess reported to this Committee that he had been advised that the Recreation area should be designated by the County Council for Recreation purposes in order to qualify for subsidies etc. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Council that the successful tenderer be requested to ring fence pampas grass to prevent the development of sand drift.

30.6.59 - pg. 81 The letter from the County Clerk was read advising

that the Engineer has been asked to attend to the matter of ring fencing the pampus grass area and also advising that as this fencing was not mentioned in the conditions of Tender, it is not possible now to expect the successful tenderer to undertake this additional work, The highest tender for grazing of £72-5-0 submitted by Mr M Smith of Waikanae has been accepted.

(A copy of the letter which had been sent to the Council by the Ratepayers' Association was read relating to shooting on the Recreation Reserve

25.7.59 - pg.92 The Secretary read the letter from the County Clerk

enclosing a copy of a letter received from the Commissioner of Crown Lands which stated the terms ^{on} ~~at~~ which a grant from the Land Subdivision in Counties Fund could be made available for the reserve. After discussion it was resolved that the land be created a Recreation Reserve under Sect. 13 of the Reserves and Domains Act, and the Secretary was instructed to advise the Council accordingly. It was resolved that this Committee recommends to the Council that Tenders be called for the letting for grazing and hay cropping all the area at present leased to Mr Mowbray. Such new letting to be for 5 months from the date of expiry of the present letting.

The letter from the Waikanae Pony Club was read requesting that permission to clean up and paint the slaughterhouse and also to put up a notice board to enable members to ascertain dates and times for Proposed rallies and a notice at the front entrance as a guide to visiting clubs, who now complain that they are unable to find out the location.

It was resolved that permission be given subject to members of the Pony

Club keeping within the boundaries of the Slaughterhouse paddock.

22.9.59 - pg. 100 The letter to the Pony Club was read.

The letter to the County Clerk requesting that tenders be called for the letting of grazing and hay cropping of the area at present leased to Mr Mowbray was read. The reply from the County Clerk was read stating that tenders are to be called forthwith.

The Secretary read the letter to the County Clerk recommending that the land be created a recreation reserve under Sect. 13 of the Reserves and Domains Act. The Secretary reported on the meeting at Levin with the Assistant Commissioner of Crown Lands, and after discussion by this Committee, the Secretary was instructed to write to the Council re-affirming this Committee's recommendation and emphasising that the whole area be created a recreation reserve.

Messrs Harry and Burgess were instructed to make inquiries from Mr Gurney as to the cost of the development of the recreation area.

27.10.59 - pg.105 The Secretary read the letter to the County Clerk together with his reply thereto requesting particulars as to future proposals for the development of the area. The County Clerk stated that before the Council is willing to consider passing the requisite resolution and taking steps to obtain a grant, it considers this Committee should submit a long term plan of how it is envisaged the reserve shall be developed, giving some details at least of what is proposed for this year and next year, and of what sum of money the grant at present contemplated should be comprised and to what work it is intended it should be put. It was reported that levelling sufficient for a football field and a sports ground comprising approximately four and a half acres would

cost one thousand pounds the cost of levelling eight acres would be approximately two to three thousand pounds.

It was reported that there has been an error in the plan relating to the leasing of the Hay Paddock and Councillor Antcliff is to investigate this forthwith. The matter of the future plans and naming of the recreation reserve was deferred until the next meeting.

17.11.59 - pg.115 The question of improvements to the recreation area was deferred. It was resolved that the name of the area be Waikanae Park

26.1.60 - pg. 119 The Secretary read the letter from the County Clerk enclosing a copy of a letter from Mr H.M. Anderson which requested the council to consider selling him a portion of the Reserve at Waikanae.

The Secretary was instructed to advise the Council that this Committee recommends that the portion of the land should not be sold to Mr Anderson. This Committee considers that the existing boundary can be fenced.

23.2.60 - pg.125 The Secretary read the letter from the Waikanae Districts Sports Club advising that a resolution was passed by the club to the effect "That the Secretary write to the County Town Committee, and request that a Public meeting be called to discuss the development of the 82 acres purchased for a recreation ground." The Secretary was instructed to reply to the Sports Club that this Committee is applying for a grant to enable improvements to be effected to Waikanae Park. A report is being prepared and this Committee would be pleased to discuss the proposals with the club when the report is finalised.

The Park subcommittee and the Secretary are to prepare the report.

Mr Burgess reported that he is favourably impressed with the weed killing work carried out by the Noxious Weeds Inspector. It was resolved that

the Council call tenders for a lease of three years (subject to this being in order) of the area of approximately 60 acres recently let to Mr M Smith. Such lease to contain the usual clauses relating to the control of the noxious weeds by the Lessee and the cost of maintenance and erection of fences to be borne by the Lessee.

22.3.60 - pg.132 The secretary was instructed to write to the Council recommending that an area of approximately 10 acres developed by levelling and terracing as shown on the plan prepared by Mr Burgess.

26.4.60 - pg.136 The Secretary was instructed to confirm that the amount of grant to be applied for is £3000.

24.5.60 - pg. 140 The Secretary read the letter from the County Clerk which stated that public notice has been given of the Council's intention to resolve at its June meeting to declare Waikanae Park to be a reserve for recreational purposes in terms of the Reserves and Domains Act. As soon as the formalities have been complied with the Lands & Survey Dept. will be apprised and the Dept. will be asked to consider providing a grant of £3000 towards the development work. The Secretary read a further letter with reference to the survey of Waikanae Park which stated that survey of the southern boundary is underway.

17.6.60 - pg. 143. A letter was received from the Association Football club requesting whether something could be done with respect to the provision of a ground at Waikanae. The Secretary was instructed to reply that it is hoped that a ground will be available next season.

It was agreed that a meeting with the County Chairman and the County Clerk be arranged to discuss the procedure to be following with respect to the calling of a public meeting pursuant to the petition circulating.

WAIKANAЕ PARK
MANAGEMENT PLAN

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PREFACE

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Kapiti Coast District Council's Parks and Recreation Department is formulating a comprehensive set of management plans for its public reserves. Preparation of these plans enables the Council and the Department to review current management practices and determine future management strategies for individual reserves. It will also assist in identifying priorities and planning the future allocation of resources between the Council's numerous reserves.
- 1.2 Public consultation is an important part of the project, as reserve management needs to be responsive to the needs and concerns of the community. In November 1992, the Council advertised its intention to prepare the first fifteen management plans and invited the public to submit suggestions and concerns for the drafting stage. Draft Plans were then prepared and further public comment invited in April 1993. The concerns and suggestions expressed in the submissions are reflected in the final Management Plans. The Council thanks all those who made submissions for their valuable contribution.

2.0 Management Plans

- 2.1 A Management Plan is a working document which sets out the objectives and policies of management and how these should be achieved. It also records changes and additional information as it becomes available.

Management Plans provide a framework within which all future management will be carried out subject only to review at defined intervals, usually five years. A Management Plan sets out the principles governing the management of an area in a way which will be readily understood by those whose actions or interests will be affected by the plan; if the plan is not understood it will be set aside and ignored.

Management Plans should be the foundation on which all future management practices are based. Simply to record what is currently being done would be to evade the challenge of re-examining current practices.

- 2.2 A Management Plan has several requirements:
 - (i) It must be comprehensive. Omission of some aspects may give rise to ambiguity and misinterpretation.
 - (ii) It must be practical and it must permit some flexibility yet within prescribed limits. Too rigid prescriptions may be self-defeating.
 - (iii) It must be clear, concise and easy to understand, conveying its message in the simplest yet most effective way.

- (iv) To remain appropriate, it must provide for review so that changed or changing circumstances may be taken into account.
- 2.3 A comprehensive Management Plan is a means of ensuring continuity of management. It is also a means of explaining to the general public the reasons behind the decisions made by the Kapiti Coast District Council.
- 2.4 While a Management Plan provides the overall direction for ongoing management, there is generally a need for an annual programme of special works to be drawn up and priorities assigned. An effective way for this to be achieved is for a management schedule to be prepared which would be updated annually and would be available to the public. The management schedule should specifically cover two aspects:
 - (i) A description of the special works to be completed in the year.
 - (ii) A budget with specific costings of works to be completed in that year.
- 3.0 **Management Plan Format**
- 3.1 The Management Plan begins with a basic description of the reserve and its uses. This is by no means exhaustive and additional descriptive information is included where necessary in the later Policy sections. The Aim(s) and Objectives of the Management Plan are then identified, followed by a Policies Section which sets out the ways in which the aim(s) and objectives are to be achieved.
- 3.2 The Policy section has been written so as to provide a complete reference on each particular topic rather than having to refer to several sections to gain a complete understanding. Under each Policy heading relevant background information provides the rationale to the policy statement that follow it. The policies are grouped under three headings: Administration and Management, Management of Resources and Use and Development.

M W Cardiff
Reserves Superintendent

PART ONE: DESCRIPTION

1.1 Legal Description and Location

1.1.1 Waikanae Park consists of 32.9208 hectares of land comprising:

- Lot 1 DP 23513
- Lot 3 DP 47449
- Lots 21 and 22 DP 42690.

1.1.2 An area at the western end of the Park is designated as a refuse tip but will conform to its over-riding designation as Recreation Reserve once the tip closes. The rest of the Park is designated as Recreation Reserve.

1.1.3 The Park is located approximately 1.5 kilometres west of State Highway One occupying a central location in the Waikanae/Waikanae Beach area. It is bounded by Park Avenue and Ngarara Road to the south and east and farmland to the north and west.

1.1.4 South and east of the Park is residential housing. To north and west, the immediately adjacent farmland is zoned Residential A with a Limited Rural use zoning beyond that.

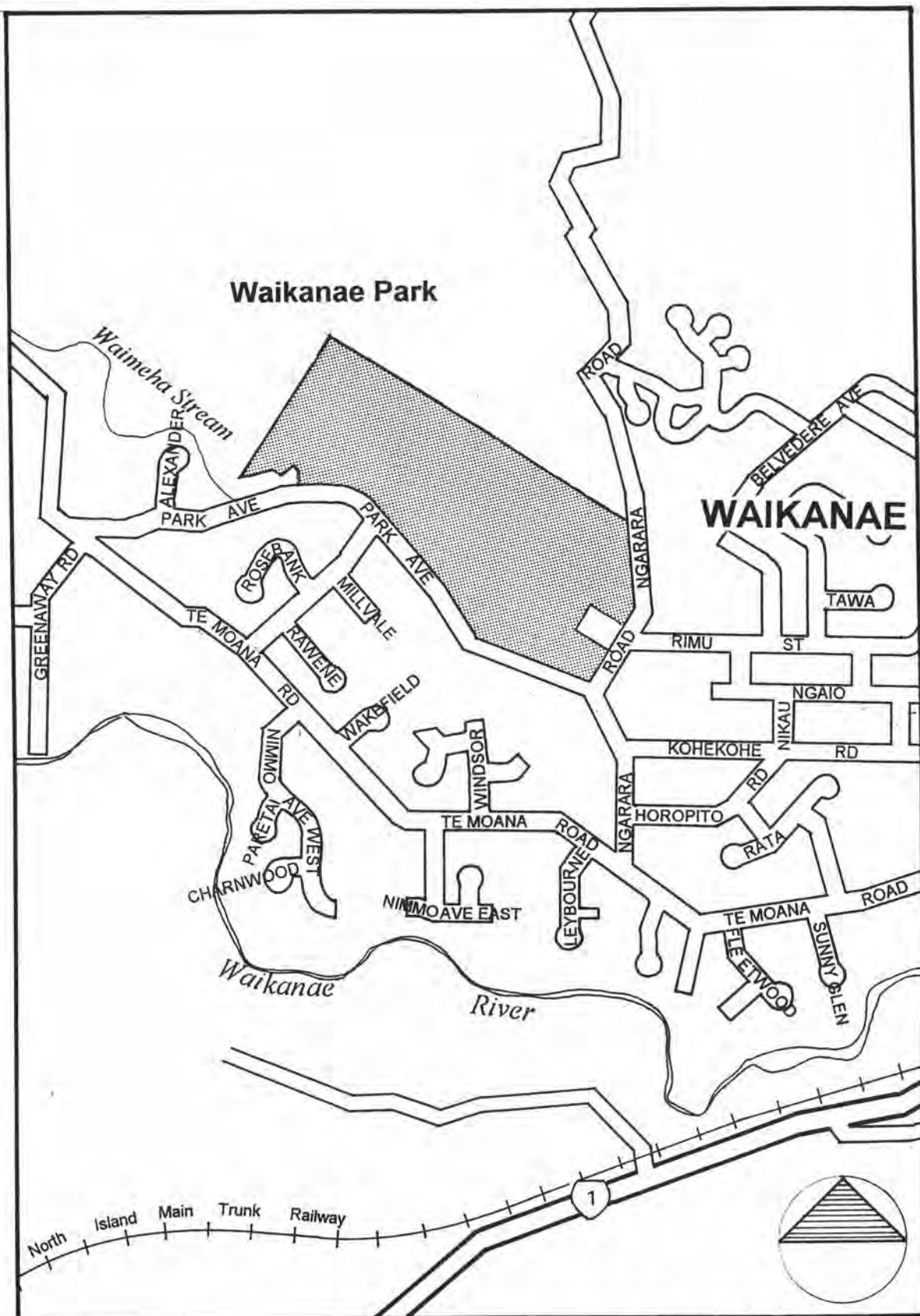
1.2 Physical and Natural Features

1.2.1 The central and north-western part of the Park is elevated ground consisting of old, undulating sand dunes which rise to a local high point (Kaiwaru trig, 37 amsl) in the central area. To the south, the dunes fall away steeply to a stretch of low ground which extends along Park Avenue. This side is drained by the Waimeha Stream which emerges from a storm water culvert by the croquet club. On the north side of the dunes a small creek drains into the Ngarara Stream catchment.

1.2.2 At the eastern end of the Park the dunes have been extensively modified to form playing fields. This levelled area now forms a basin enclosed by higher dunes to north, east and west and which opens out to the south.

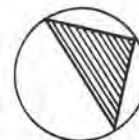
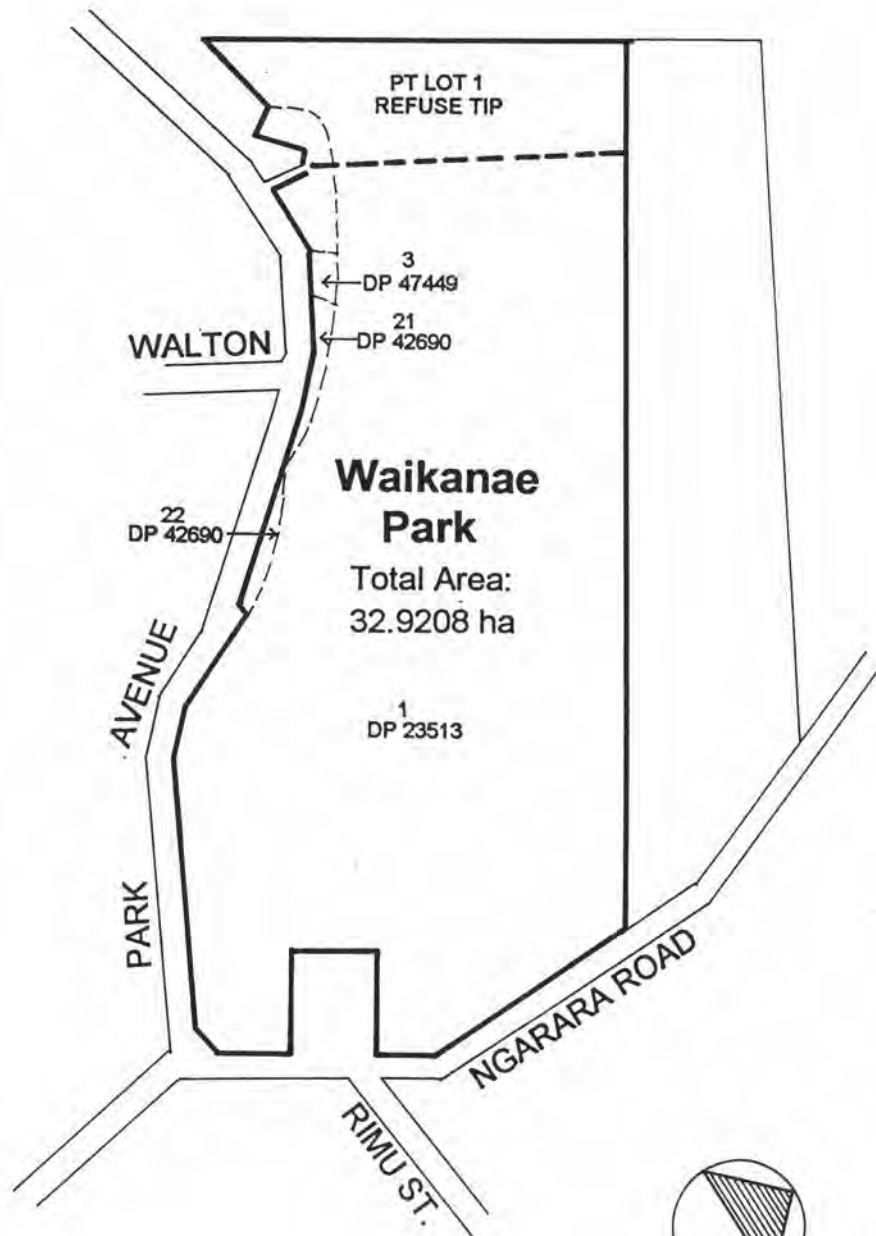
1.2.3 Much of the Park is maintained in open grass but there is also significant vegetation comprising principally:

- mature stands of pine and macrocarpa partially enclosing the playing field basin and tip site;
- a stand of kohekohe adjacent to the playground which is a remnant of a forest type once common in the area;
- a remnant of native vegetation on the north-draining creek which includes a diverse range of species;



LOCATION PLAN





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Legal Description

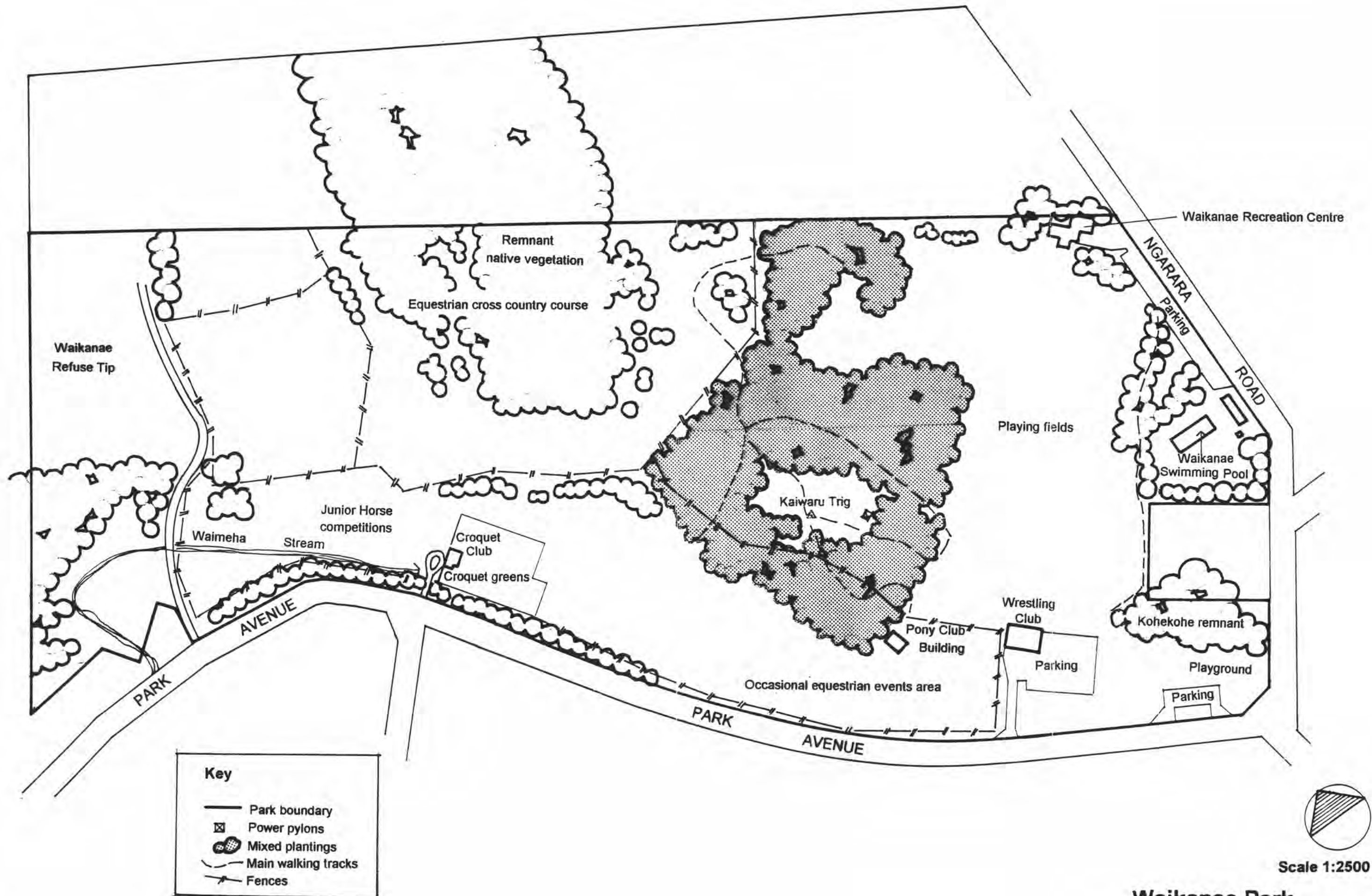
- extensive mixed plantings of native and introduced species in the central dune area including blocks of pine, cryptomeria and Douglas fir, and more scattered plantings of ornamental conifers, pohutukawa, ake ake, lemonwood, banksia, eucalyptus, acacia, photinia, eugenia, hawthorne, griselinia, magnolia and ash amongst others;
 - well-established eugenia and *Eucalyptus ficifolia* at the western end of Park Avenue;
 - mixed plantings of native and introduced species in the swimming pool complex and on the slope immediately north of it.
- 1.2.4 The soils on the dunes are sandy and free draining but well enough developed to be stable and reasonably deep. The lower ground is also free-draining but with a significant proportion of alluvial silt content.
- 1.2.5 The climate is characterised by typically warm summers and mild winters. Rainfall is 800-1000 mm per annum, evenly distributed throughout the year. West to north-west winds prevail with quite frequent gales.

1.3 History and Present Use

- 1.3.1 The Park was purchased at auction in 1958 from the Field Estate. Bidding during the auction exceeded the then Horowhenua Council's limit and it was only through the generosity of Charles Fleming that the final bid could be made. His gift was made on the condition that the land be available for pony club activities in perpetuity.
- 1.3.2 The Waikanae Pony Club has used the Park since that time and has contributed significantly to improvement and maintenance of the Park's land over the years. The area of the Park available for horse-riding activities, however, has steadily diminished with the establishment of playing fields and facilities for other sporting clubs and use of the eastern end for a tip site. In addition to providing instruction for its members and opportunities for recreational horse-riding, the club also hosts competition events including dressage, show-jumping and cross country eventing. These equestrian events are very popular, attracting large crowds of both competitors and spectators to the Park.
- 1.3.3 In the early 1970's a ground water well was drilled for irrigation and a swimming pool was built. Playing fields were built on the site of the pony club's former event area. The children's play area and rugby clubrooms were built in 1976 and 1978. The croquet greens were established in 1979, funded and developed by the Waikanae Croquet Club, also on land previously used by the pony club.
- 1.3.4 In 1980, floodlights were installed around the rugby field and in 1983 a wrestling club and gymnasium venue was built off Park Avenue. Cricket pitches were developed in 1984 following the establishment of the Waikanae Cricket Club in the previous year. The playground was upgraded in 1986 and a skateboard ramp installed in 1989. Recent recreation development has included the construction of the Waikanae Recreation Centre on

Ngarara Road with squash courts and new rugby clubrooms, upgrading of the cricket pitches and installation of practice cricket cages.

- 1.3.5 There is little detailed record of major earthworks or planting although evidence of both can be seen. The Lions Club carried out a planting project in 1982 on the Trig Hill, organised by Professor John Salmon.
- 1.3.6 The Park is a popular walking area with comparatively undeveloped areas suitable for dog walking and a high point affording excellent views of the local area.
- 1.3.7 Events such as the Waikanae District Sports Day with dog obedience displays, wood chopping and equestrian events have also been held annually for almost forty years.



PART TWO: AIM AND OBJECTIVES

2.1 Aim

- 2.1.1 Waikanae Park is extremely important in the local area because its size permits diverse recreational use and its central location between Waikanae and Waikanae Beach gives it the potential to be a focus of an open space network between the two communities. Historically, the Park has derived a semi-rural character from the adjacent farm land and pony club use, which has been, and still is, greatly enjoyed by local residents. As suburban development advances around the Park, it is important that this character is preserved for continuing local enjoyment of relatively undeveloped land.
- 2.1.2 The aim of this Management Plan is to manage and develop Waikanae Park for public recreation and enjoyment whilst at the same time protecting the natural features and extensive open space quality of the Park.

2.2 Objectives

- 2.2.1 To protect and enhance the informal open space quality of the Park.
- 2.2.2 To uphold the usage rights granted in perpetuity for horse and pony events as a condition of the Park purchase and to prevent any further encroachments on land and facilities available for such events.
- 2.2.3 To provide appropriate facilities to encourage compatible multiple use of the Park for both organised and informal recreation.
- 2.2.4 To protect and enhance natural features including land forms, native vegetation and water courses.
- 2.2.5 To recognise opportunities for open space linkages from the Park and to develop and enhance the Park as an intrinsic part of the open space network in the Waikanae area.
- 2.2.6 To manage and then restore the tip site to ensure its eventual integration into the Park.
- 2.2.7 To identify management zones within the Park to facilitate effective management of different use and character areas.
- 2.2.8 To develop a comprehensive plan and implementation strategy for the development and management of the Park.

PART THREE: POLICIES

ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT

3.1 Administration

- 3.1.1 Waikanae Park is administered by the Parks and Recreation Department of the Kapiti Coast District Council under the direction of the Reserves Superintendent. Administration includes not only the organising of day-to-day management but also Park financing and long-term development planning. Specialist expertise may be sought on occasion to provide advice or specialist service on specific management issues such as tree maintenance or sportsground development.
- 3.1.2 As Waikanae Park is a public reserve the Kapiti Coast District Council recognises that liaison with the local community and user groups is an integral part of its management, enabling the Council to be responsive to user needs and local concerns. Interested and affected parties include the Waikanae Community Board, the Waikanae Pony Club and other horse riding groups with permanent use rights, other clubs with formal use arrangements, local residents and informal Park users.
- 3.1.3 Community groups may also be interested in participating in special projects such as planting programmes. This can be of benefit, not only by extending Council resources, but by fostering community involvement and pride in the Park.

Policies

- i The Recreation Reserve classification shall be retained.
- ii The Park shall be administered and managed by the Parks and Recreation Department of the Kapiti Coast District Council.
- iii Specialist expertise shall be sought when required to ensure a high standard of Park management.
- iv The permanent usage rights of horse and pony activities in the Park shall be upheld and the affected horse riding groups consulted regularly about their special needs, and Park management concerns.
- v The Waikanae Community Board, local residents, Park users and interested community groups shall be consulted about management issues and their participation in Park protection and special projects encouraged.
- vi The management plan shall be reviewed regularly and amended where necessary in accordance with the requirements of the Reserves Act 1977.

3.2 Interpretation of Policies

- 3.2.1 The Policies section of this Management Plan (Part Three) sets out the policies required to achieve the Aim and Objectives identified in Part Two.

Each policy area has descriptive paragraphs (eg, 3.7.1) followed by specific policy statements (eg, 3.7, i, ii, iii, iv). The policy statements are to be read and applied in the context of the preceding related descriptive paragraphs.

- 3.2.2 To make the text of the Management Plan more readable the full name of the Kapiti Coast District Council is generally shortened to "the Council" or "the Council".

Policy

- i No activity or action that is contrary to the descriptive paragraphs shall be undertaken without the express permission of the Reserves Superintendent and the Waikanae Community Board or its authorised delegate.
- ii Where the text in the Policies section (Part Three) refers to "the Council" or "Council" this means the Kapiti Coast District Council.

3.3 Management Zones

- 3.3.1 In a park of this size which has varied features and demand for a diverse range of recreational uses, a broad zoning strategy is required to clarify management issues. Five main management zones have been identified to match appropriate recreational use and land use.

In brief, these are:

Zone 1: Active Recreation

This area is to be managed primarily for organised recreation with playing fields, sport clubrooms and the Waikanae Swimming Pool.

Zone 2: Informal Recreation

This is to be maintained as relatively undeveloped open space with an informal parkland character of woodlots and amenity planting and a network of walking tracks and bridle trails. Until the refuse tip area is added to the Park, the Park Avenue frontage is to continue to be used as an equestrian events area.

Zone 3: Equestrian Area

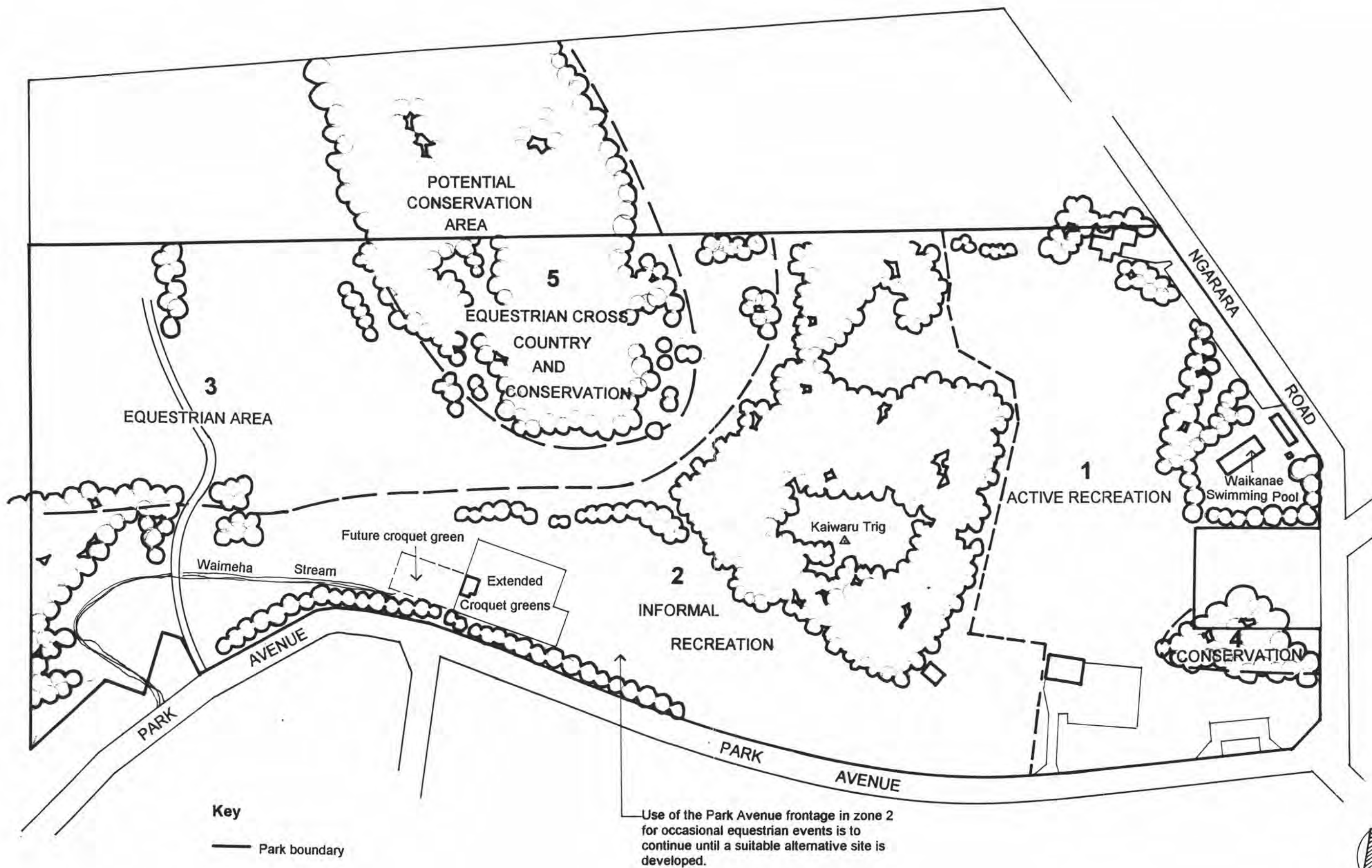
This will also be an informal open space area used as a base for equestrian events, part of the cross country course and horse grazing but with general public access permitted for walking opportunities.

Zone 4: Conservation Zone

Here protection of native vegetation is to be given priority.

Zone 5: Equestrian Cross Country Course and Conservation Zone

Continued use of the cross country course is to be integrated with conservation of remnant native vegetation.



**Waikanae Park
Management Zones**

Policy

- i Management zones shall be established as an aid to clarifying management policies and resolving management issues.

3.4 Adjacent Land Use

- 3.4.1 Waikanae Park is located in a residential zoning area, with housing on the opposite sides of Ngarara Road and Park Avenue. Farmland is adjacent to the north and west boundaries but this is likely to be subdivided into housing in the future. Concerns can arise for local residents from any nearby public park including noise levels, user behaviour, fencing requirements and environmental effects of park vegetation. Open communication between the Council and local residents can do much to alleviate such concerns.

Policies

- i The Parks and Recreation Department of the Council shall maintain regular communication with local residents over Park issues.
- ii The Council shall negotiate fencing covenants with adjoining land owners as required to ensure the privacy and protection of adjacent land.

3.5 Leases, Licences and Contracts

- 3.5.1 General policies about leases and related funding arrangements are currently being reviewed by the Council. The issue of exclusive uses in reserves and the Council's funding for these uses, which is a matter of community concern, is to be addressed in the review. The following points reflect existing policies and lease holders will be notified of any changes.

- 3.5.2 Leases and licences relating to public reserves are issued for uses considered compatible with the aims and objectives of the particular reserve.

It is generally not the Council's policy to grant exclusive use leases over reserve land as this can limit public access and multiple use of resources. The Council does make Reserve land available for bowling and croquet clubs, however, to facilitate community recreation and does permit their exclusive use because the greens are vulnerable to damage if freely available for general use. (See 3.18.5). At Waikanae Park the croquet club lease provides for extension to allow for two more greens (see 3.18.6) but, to preserve public access the Council does not intend to grant any more leases over open space in the Park which would exclude public access.

- 3.5.3 Leases are subject to conditions set down by Council policy including standards of behaviour and maintenance and are reviewed annually. The Parks and Recreation Department of the Council may have particular requirements for lessees or licence holders to comply with reserve management standards, including maintenance of buildings, colour schemes

for buildings, design and maintenance of equipment such as fencing or floodlights and clean-up operations after events such as sporting fixtures.

- 3.5.4 Council policy requires leases and licences to have common tenure periods and anniversary dates to aid administration. Existing leases and licences on Council's reserve lands are gradually being brought in to line with this policy.
- 3.5.5 Currently, leases are held for the Recreation Centre (including rugby clubrooms), the Wrestling Club building, the croquet greens and club buildings and the cross country course used by the Waikanae Pony Club. A formal lease is to be negotiated for the pony club's use of the Park Avenue event area to assure the Club's continued use. This will not exclude public access.
- 3.5.6 Operation of the swimming pool is contracted out and managed by a private operator on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Department of the Council.

Policies

- i Leases and licences shall be negotiated on terms to encourage use of the Park's recreational facilities.
- ii The granting of leases over open space in the Park that exclude public access shall be limited to the existing croquet club lease.
- iii All leases and licences shall have common tenure periods and anniversary dates and shall be reviewed annually.
- iv The operation of the Waikanae Swimming Pool shall be contracted out on terms to ensure a high standard of service and safety to the public.
- v Lessees and licence holders shall be required to comply with the Council's requirements for maintenance and management of buildings and equipment, rubbish disposal and management of special events.

3.6 Water Use

- 3.6.1 A well was drilled at Waikanae Park in the early 1970s.
- 3.6.2 It is Council policy that water needed for extensive irrigation of reserve land should not be taken from the town water supply. Instead separate wells are to be drilled to supply irrigation needs. The taking of ground water is subject to a water right permit issued by the Wellington Regional Council, which specifies the quantity of water and extraction time allowed. Permits are issued for a specified number of years and must be reapplied for upon expiry.

Policies

- i Ground water extraction shall not exceed the permitted usage levels set out in the water right.

- ii Subject to continued need for irrigation at the Park, the water right shall be reapplied for from the expiry date of the existing permit.

3.7 Environmental Controls

- 3.7.1 The extent and type of public use and the condition of the Park needs to be monitored and appropriate action taken to ensure the enjoyment and safety of Park users and protection of the Park itself.
- 3.7.2 The general appearance and upkeep of reserves, particularly in suburban locations, is a common issue of public concern. This is reflected in the submissions about reserve management that were received in response to the Council's notification of intention to prepare Management Plans in 1992 (see Preface). Aspects of mowing, rubbish disposal, weed control, drainage and ground conditions were frequently mentioned. High standards of maintenance appropriate to the informal character of Waikanae Park are required to facilitate safe and enjoyable use and to promote pride in the Park.
- 3.7.3 The Council must also set an example of sound environmental management on reserves, including the control of noxious and invasive plants, control of noxious animals and skilled vegetation management. Maintenance methods must be carefully considered and controlled to ensure the safety and protection of Park users and adjacent residential areas; in particular, the use of herbicides, pesticides and fertilisers, and the use of heavy equipment.
- 3.7.4 At Waikanae Park there is a severe rabbit problem. This is causing damage to ground and vegetation and is likely to adversely affect new plantings and future protection programmes of the native bush remnants. The extent of the rabbit population needs to be assessed and an appropriate eradication programme devised, subject to strict safety controls and consultation with the local community and Park users. The rabbit population will then need monitoring on a continuing basis as rabbits are likely to spread from adjacent farm land
- 3.7.5 In exceptional circumstances it may be necessary to close the entire Park from the public to protect public safety or to protect the Park environment. For example, flooding, reparation of extensive damage (such as storm damage) or major redevelopment.

Policies

- i The Park shall be maintained regularly to a high standard and damage or environmental problems rectified promptly.
- ii Rubbish bins shall be provided to adequately service the sportsgrounds, playground and parking areas and shall be emptied regularly. Additional rubbish receptacles and disposal shall be provided for special events.

- iii Activities that are damaging to Park resources shall be restricted while appropriate protective measures are taken or prohibited if incompatible with the Park's aims and objectives.
- iv In exceptional circumstances, the Park shall be closed to the public, at the discretion of the Reserves Superintendent.
- v Noxious animals, particularly rabbits, shall be controlled and, if possible, exterminated.
- vi Noxious, invasive or unwanted weeds shall be controlled and, if possible, eliminated.
- vii The use of herbicides and pesticides shall be used as little as possible and shall be strictly controlled. Where particular safety concerns arise, local residents shall be consulted prior to use.

3.8 Signs

3.8.1 Signs are necessary in public parks to:

- identify places and routes;
- inform about public use and safety;
- in some cases, provide information of interest about the site or locality. (This is generally referred to as interpretation).

These signs are the responsibility of the administering body.

3.8.2 Two other types of signs are also to be found in Kapiti Coast District Reserves:

1. Signs used by lessees and licence holders. These may be to identify their facilities (eg. club room names) or may provide information about concession or similar operations (eg. swimming pool charges and opening times).
2. Advertising hoardings, usually erected at sports grounds to promote sponsors.

3.8.3 Well designed signs, used sparingly in well chosen locations, can be inviting and complement a park's image and intended use. Proliferation of different signs can, on the other hand, be obtrusive and off-putting. Signs in many Kapiti Coast District reserves have been erected on a rather ad hoc basis, with unco-ordinated styles and physically scattered messages. To remedy this situation, a unified Parks and Recreation Department sign system is to be designed for use throughout all reserves and a replacement programme implemented as resources permit. There are several advantages:

- A well designed standard sign system will enhance the Council's public image.

- Standard construction is more economic and allows for rapid replacement of damaged signs.
- The effectiveness of existing signs can be reviewed during the replacement programme and new signs adapted to current needs.

The sign system will also to provide guidelines about the design of signs used by lessees and licence holders which will relate to size, style and colour schemes.

- 3.8.4 Generally, advertising hoardings are not to be permitted on public reserves. However, where a sports club relies upon sponsorship to fund fixtures or facilities, advertising signs may be permitted for specified fixtures provided that they are appropriate to the event, do not obstruct the public or damage the Park and are removed promptly after the fixture.
- 3.8.5 At Waikanae Park, the diversity of uses in different areas necessitates particularly informative signage. For instance, explanation and a clear signposting system will be needed to define bridle paths or to inform dog owners about areas where they may or may not take their dogs. Interpretative signs about the native vegetation remnants should also be considered for their local interest and to encourage public co-operation in protecting these remnants. Consideration should also be given to an appropriate memorial acknowledgement of Sir Charles Fleming's contribution in the original purchase of the Park's land.

Policies

- i Sign requirements shall be reviewed and signs upgraded in accordance with a standard Council Parks and Recreation Department sign system.
- ii Signs shall be designed, constructed and maintained to a high standard.
- iii Advertising hoardings shall be permitted on a temporary basis only, at the discretion of the Reserves Superintendent.

MANAGEMENT OF RESOURCES

3.9 Landscape Character

3.9.1 There are four main types of landscape character in Waikanae Park defined principally by topography and vegetation types.

(i) Sportsground/Park Avenue Frontage

This comprises the low-lying ground and is characterised by large areas of mown grass. The adjacent dunes provide an important backdrop and element of shelter but the area presents a bare frontage along Park Avenue, particularly at the eastern end.

(ii) The Central Dunes

This is undulating higher ground with areas of native vegetation and planting interspersed with open ground. Extensive mixed plantings are prominent on the higher eastern end and slopes facing Park Avenue. The ground slopes away more gently to the north forming the catchment for a small creek in which there is remnant native vegetation. Open areas here are grazed by horses.

(iii) The Tip Site

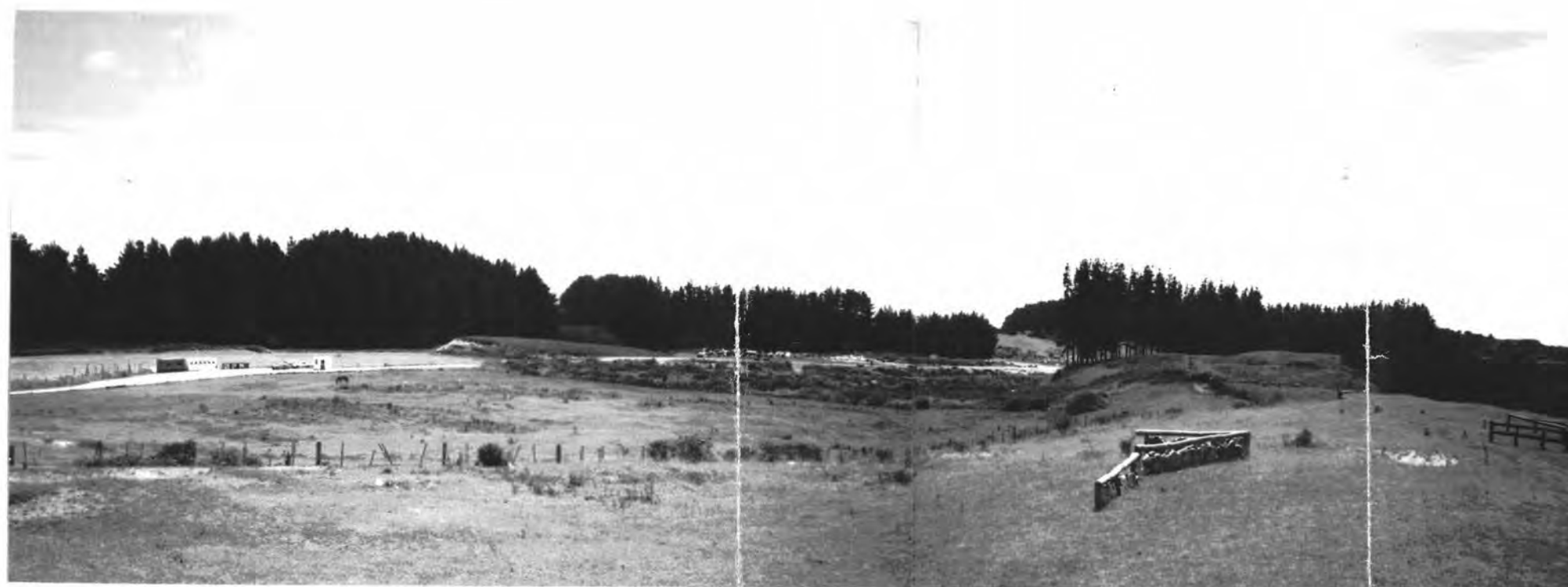
This is a secluded amphitheatre defined by higher ground with significant stands of mature pines to east, north and west. It is currently dominated by the land fill operation and also contains a horse-grazing paddock.

(iv) The Swimming Pool Complex

This is a self-contained area separated from the rest of the Park and sheltered from the north by higher ground with mixed plantings of exotic and native species. Similar plantings extend into the pool area.

3.9.2 These character areas provide the clue to defining the Management Zones discussed in 3.3 above. These Management Zones essentially provide a guide to planning recreation use and appropriate landscape settings but a comprehensive landscape development plan is needed to properly implement management objectives. This plan needs to address a range of issues including:

- a thorough landscape assessment to identify important values, opportunities and constraints of the site and its locality;
- site planning to ensure that functional requirements, including pony club and horse riding rights of use and development of other recreational opportunities, are met without detracting from landscape values;
- structural planting to provide an appropriate visual framework throughout the Park;



The tip site is a secluded amphitheatre which is to be rehabilitated when the tip closes as a base for equestrian events and horse riding with walking opportunities for the general public.



The central dunes area:- The existing equestrian cross country course will remain but the main areas of remnant native vegetation are to be fenced off and protected. Walking access is to be developed.

- integration of planting to complement underlying landforms. The planting in the trig area, for instance, has several blocks of visually dominant conifers which are producing an obtrusive checkerboard effect. These mixed plantings, in particular, need to be surveyed and assessed in terms of their design and suitability.
- rehabilitation of the tip site;
- development of an attractive frontage along Park Road;
- visual integration with the surrounding landscape. This applies particularly to the north and west boundaries where the less developed area of the Park is complemented by the rural outlook. This outlook is likely to change dramatically in the future with residential development. Planning is required now to ensure an appropriate visual setting in the future.

Policies

- i The landscape character and scenic value of the Park shall be protected and enhanced.
- ii A landscape assessment shall be carried out to provide the basis for a landscape development plan.
- iii A comprehensive landscape development plan shall be prepared to ensure functional and visually appropriate settings are developed for diverse recreational use and to achieve integration of the Management Zones.

3.10 Remnant Native Vegetation

- 3.10.1 There are two significant areas of remnant native vegetation in the Park which warrant special management to preserve the existing growth and to encourage healthy regeneration for the future. These are to be managed as conservation zones within the Park (see 3.3 above).
- 3.10.2 The kohekohe remnant near the playground is a remnant of a forest type, once common in this area, but now rare. Although small in area, it is significant because of its rarity. It has been identified as a valuable, though not yet protected, natural area in a recent Department of Conservation survey, carried out under the Protected Natural Areas Programme. The area is used as an extension of the playground. Consequently, there is almost no understorey and no regeneration of the kohekohe because of trampling.

Specialist advice should be sought to assess the general condition of the remnant and formulate a specific management plan for its conservation. The impact of use generated by the adjacent playground should be assessed and its long-term relocation within the Park considered (see 3.15.3 below) along with other options for protection.

- 3.10.3 The other area of remnant vegetation lies in the creek which drains the central dunes. It is predominantly manuka but a diverse range of other species is also present including lancewood, cabbage trees, matai, mahoe, mingimingi and matipo. Regeneration is occurring in places but extensive areas have been overtaken by blackberry.

The pony club's equestrian cross country course passes through this zone. Controlled grazing and clearance of blackberry has done much to make this an attractive and sheltered area with recreational potential. Use of the cross country course is to continue in recognition of the pony club's permanent usage rights at the Park. However, significant stands of the native vegetation remain unaffected by this use and it is intended that these be protected.

Again, specialist advice needs to be sought to survey the occurrence and distribution of species, assess the general condition of the remnant and the impact of existing and potential recreational use. A specific management plan for the conservation of this zone is also needed. The plan must be prepared in close consultation with the Waikanae Pony Club so that the conservation objective can be integrated with the cross country course.

- 3.10.4 Control of noxious weeds (particularly Old Man's Beard and blackberry) and animals (particularly possums and rabbits) will be needed to protect both areas of vegetation.
- 3.10.5 Involvement of the local community and particularly local environmental groups such as the Forest and Bird Society with monitoring and protection is to be encouraged as this would extend Council's limited resources and promote local understanding of the conservation objectives.

Policies

- i The two conservation zones shall be monitored and managed to protect the health and regeneration of native vegetation.
- ii A protection programme shall be prepared and implemented for both areas including such aspects as fencing requirements and control of noxious weeds and animals.
- iii The Waikanae Pony Club shall be consulted to accommodate their needs in the preparation of the protection programme for the bush remnant in the central dunes.
- iv Participation of the local community and environmental groups in the protection programmes shall be encouraged.

3.11 Other Vegetation

- 3.11.1 Planting at Waikanae Park consists mainly of mature pine and macrocarpa stands which existed before the Park was established and extensive mixed plantings in the trig area which were established some time in the 1980s. These latter plantings also extend to shelter belts of eucalyptus and eugenia in the croquet green area.



Mature pines are a significant feature of the playing field basin.



A comprehensive survey and management strategy of the mixed plantings in the trig area is needed.

3.11.2 The mature pines are a significant landscape feature at each end of the Park. They contribute significantly to the sheltered basin character of the playing field area and are important in defining the amphitheatre effect at the tip site. It should be noted, however, that most of the pines that provide a visual backdrop at the west end are on private land so their future is uncertain. The pines within the Park need to be managed and maintained to protect their longevity and aesthetic form. Their likely lifespan needs to be assessed and a re-planting programme implemented when necessary to ensure continuity of tree cover.

3.11.3 The mixed plantings in the trig area are extensive and occupy a prominent site so they will have increasing impact upon the visual character of the Park as they mature. A detailed survey and assessment is required to:

- evaluate visual impact (see 3.9.2 above);
- identify maintenance needs such as pruning and thinning of the fast-developing conifer blocks;
- compare growth and success rates of different species as a guide to future planting strategies.

This survey should be carried out in conjunction with the preparation of the landscape development plan so that modification and maintenance of existing plantings can be integrated with a more comprehensive planting strategy.

3.11.4 Essentially, the long-term planting strategy should aim to establish a strong, simple framework of vegetation using species that are typical of and thrive in the area such as pines, eucalyptus and native species. Within this, concentrated areas of special interest plantings can be incorporated. Scattering of special interest species through the site is to be avoided as this dilutes the unifying function of the basic planting structure.

3.11.5 The landscape development plan needs to give the basis for a long-term programme of vegetation management. To begin with, a detailed survey and assessment of all existing vegetation and site conditions is needed to identify constraints and opportunities which prevail within the site itself and in the local context. Once completed, informed and practical planning and design decisions can be made. Available resources must also be considered as the management programme must be achievable in terms of finance and skills available. For instance, plant survival and rate of growth is dependent upon thorough site preparation and regular follow-up maintenance demanding extra budgetary and labour allocations for several years.

Policies

- i The mature pines and macrocarpa in the Park are a significant landscape feature and shall be protected and maintained for good health.
- ii Sound horticultural practices shall be applied in the maintenance and management of the Park's vegetation.

- iii A detailed survey and assessment of all plantings shall be carried out to evaluate maintenance needs and provide base information for planning vegetation management.
- iv A planting strategy and vegetation management programme shall be devised in the course of preparing a comprehensive landscape development plan for the Park.

3.12 The Refuse Tip

- 3.12.1 Once the tip site has reached capacity, it is to be rehabilitated and added to Waikanae Park as part of the future Equestrian Area, Zone 3. Subsidence and drainage problems frequently occur on previous tip sites but the tip can be managed to minimise future ground problems and achieve a high standard of rehabilitation. To this end, liaison with the Council's Operational Services Department is needed to fully inform that Department of future management considerations. Co-operation between the Council's Parks and Recreation and Operational Services Departments and consultation with the Waikanae Pony Club will be needed to decide upon the land forms ultimately wanted and to establish a progressive rehabilitation programme.
- 3.12.2 Development of the area for comprehensive horse/pony facilities must be carefully planned in full consultation with the Pony Club. Toilets and power supply will be provided as part of the Park development strategy. Responsibility for other facilities such as the equipment building will be negotiated closer to the time.
- 3.12.3 Zone 3, which includes the tip site, is to be developed solely for horse/pony activities and compatible public recreation such as walking.

Policies

- i Within the Council the Parks and Recreation Department shall liaise with the Operational Services Department to establish a tip management and rehabilitation programme to minimise future environmental problems at the site.
- ii The tip site shall be developed solely as a venue for horse-riding and informal public recreation when it becomes available.
- iii The Waikanae Pony Club shall be consulted about their needs when planning the rehabilitation and development of the site.

3.13 Stream Management

- 3.13.1 There are two small streams at Waikanae Park: the Waimeha Stream which emerges from a culvert on Park Avenue and an unnamed creek which begins in the central dunes. These streams must be managed to minimise water quality, siltation and flooding problems downstream. In particular, the central dunes form the headwaters of the creek where control of grazing and



The croquet greens are to be extended a short distance into the equestrian events area (middle picture) and provision made for an extra green and parking to the west (right, off picture).



The kohekohe remnant.

maintenance of riparian vegetation will benefit water quality and soil conservation.

- 3.13.2 Both streams have potential as visual and recreational features in the Park. The Waimeha Stream could be enhanced as a setting for picnicking and passive recreation while the creek area and associated native vegetation offers walking opportunities in a natural setting.

Policies

- i The streams shall be managed and maintained to protect soil and water values.
- ii The Parks and Recreation and Operational Services Departments of the Council shall consult over stream management issues, as required.
- iii Stream management shall aim to enhance the streams as visual and recreational features.

3.14 Sportsgrounds and Equestrian Events Area

- 3.14.1 The playing fields are used for rugby and cricket. A high standard of maintenance is required to ensure the ground is suitable for competition play.
- 3.14.2 The equestrian event area is used for training and competitions. Although a less frequent mowing regime is needed this area also requires that a healthy turf and smooth surface is maintained.
- 3.14.3 The croquet greens also require a high standard of ground keeping to maintain a healthy, fine sward and an even playing surface. The greens are in need of upgrading and this will be done when the croquet area is extended (see 3.18.6).
- 3.14.4 Monitoring of all these areas is essential to ensure that winter drainage and summer irrigation is adequate and to prevent inappropriate use and over-use.
- 3.14.5 The Parks and Recreation Department of the Council carries out and funds ground maintenance where the ground is available for both general public and sports club use. Currently, the Department also maintains the croquet greens but as the greens are used exclusively by the croquet club a greater financial contribution than the materials currently provided by the club may be sought. This will be subject to the outcome of the Council's review of leases (see 3.5.1) and consultation with the croquet club.

The provision and maintenance of equipment such as floodlights, goal posts and horse jumps is the responsibility of the sports clubs.

Policies

- i The sportsground, croquet green and equestrian events surfaces shall be maintained to high standards suitable for competitions in both the winter and summer seasons.
- ii The condition of the ground surfaces shall be regularly monitored. Training sessions and sporting fixtures shall be restricted or cancelled at the discretion of the Reserves Superintendent to protect the ground surface.
- iii Equipment used for sporting activities including goal posts, screens and floodlights, shall be installed and maintained by the ground users and, where the equipment would interfere with the next season's sport, shall be dismantled within 14 days of the end of the season.
- iv Responsibility for and funding of maintaining the croquet greens is to be reviewed in consultation with the Waikanae Croquet Club.

3.15 Children's Play Area

- 3.15.1 The design and location of children's play areas should provide stimulating and safe play opportunities for a range of ages, with both play structures and open space for ball games and exploration. Where possible, site features such as varied ground forms should be incorporated into the design to extend play opportunities. The site should also provide an environment which encourages year-round use with adequate sunlight, shade, shelter and seating for supervision.
- 3.15.2 The play area at Waikanae Park was developed in 1976 and upgraded in 1989. Nevertheless, a comprehensive review of its safety and design should be carried out in terms of the New Zealand Standard for Playgrounds and Play Equipment 1986, with particular consideration to:
 - the provision of appropriate safety surfacing under all equipment from which there is potential for children to fall;
 - detailed inspection for faults and damage.
- 3.15.3 The playground design, suitability of equipment and additional opportunities should also be reviewed. Most importantly, the impact of intensive use from the playground on the adjacent kohekohe remnant needs to be assessed. This remnant provides an attractive, sheltered setting for the play area but, as discussed in 3.10 above, it has important conservation values. In the long-term it may be appropriate to relocate the playground within the Park or relocate some equipment within the play area to reduce the level of use in the kohekohe remnant.
- 3.15.4 Consultation with children and parents who use the playground is essential to identify use levels, needs and issues. In particular, the issue of managing the kohekohe remnant and possibly relocating the playground within the Park, if other solutions are impracticable, will need to be discussed.

Policies

- i The playground equipment shall be maintained to a high standard of safety and repair to conform with the requirements of New Zealand Standard 5828, 1986.
- ii Appropriate safety surfacing shall be installed under all play structures.
- iii The playground equipment shall be inspected regularly and thoroughly for damage and faults and any necessary remedial work carried out promptly.
- iv The impact of playground use upon the kohekohe remnant shall be assessed and appropriate measures to protect it investigated.
- v The local community shall be consulted about management issues relating to the play area.
- vi The Building Department of the Kapiti Coast District Council shall be consulted about the design of any new play structures or alterations to existing structures, to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Building Act 1991.

3.16 Buildings, Structures and Site Furniture

- 3.16.1 The design and location of buildings, structures, paving and site furniture can have a major impact upon the visual appeal of a reserve, either positive or negative. Many public reserves suffer from ad hoc development where poorly placed structures and unrelated styles and materials are unnecessarily obtrusive.

As a general principle, constructed features should be complementary to the open space qualities of a reserve, achieved by:

- design appropriate to the site and unified throughout;
- locations chosen to reduce visual impact or to enhance natural features.

3.16.2 Buildings

The buildings at Waikanae Park are widely distributed so each building needs to be considered in the context of its setting. For instance, the swimming pool building is of a scale and character that fits in well with adjacent residential housing. The new recreation centre has been well designed to fit into the land form and is a visual and functional focal point for the sportsground. Its prominence is therefore appropriate to the site although a darker roof colour would relate it better to the background pines.

The buildings along Park Avenue are more obtrusive principally due to their location on bare, flat ground. The wrestling club building, in particular, needs extensive planting and a more recessive colour scheme.

There may be future demand for more built facilities. Proliferation of buildings must be balanced against the objective to preserve the Park's open space qualities. The need for and placement of new buildings must be considered in terms of:

- facilitating appropriate Park uses;
- whether the building will attract more use than the Park can withstand;
- the space required for the building and associated access, parking, planting etc which may impinge upon open space requirements for such activities as horse riding;
- the potential to meet additional needs through the multiple use of existing buildings.

3.16.3 Site Furniture

Site furniture includes such items as seating, vehicle barriers, and rubbish bins. Although small in scale, these elements can produce visual clutter so careful thought must be given to both their design and placement. Rubbish bins, for instance, must be easily seen and placed where they will be used, but can be less obtrusive if placed on existing structures or close to planting. The timber vehicle barriers generally used by the Parks and Recreation Department of the Council are of an informal character appropriate to most Kapiti Coast Reserves, but can be dominant on the open ground frequently found around parking areas. This is certainly the case at Waikanae Park, where planting would reduce their impact.

3.16.4 Fencing

Fencing requirements for horse grazing and the equestrian cross country course needs to be reviewed in consultation with the Pony Club with particular consideration to the conservation objective in Zone 5. In the long term fencing will need to be planned with the Pony Club for the Zone 3 Equestrian Area after the tip site is rehabilitated.

Factors to be considered include:

- fencing to protect the native vegetation in the creek area to be considered in the bush remnant management plan (see 3.9.3);
- planning of the fencing layout to facilitate pedestrian access;
- provision of stiles and self-closing gates that may be necessary to protect fences and ensure that horses remain in designated grazing areas.

3.16.5 Maintenance

Poorly maintained buildings and structures can detract from a reserve's image and attract anti-social behaviour such as vandalism. This applies not only to the standard of repair but to the cleanliness of changing rooms and toilets.

Policies

- i All buildings, structures and site furniture shall be of a high design standard and shall be maintained in a state of good repair.
- ii Changing facilities and toilets shall be regularly maintained to a high standard of cleanliness.
- iii The Parks and Recreation Department of the Council shall endeavour to achieve unity of constructed Park features which complement the Park's character through co-ordinated colour schemes and consistent design styles appropriate to the setting.
- iv New buildings, structures and site furniture shall be sited to complement the Park's character while meeting functional requirements.

The addition of new buildings shall be subject to planning approval under the Kapiti Coast District Scheme and shall be considered against the objectives of preserving the Park's open space qualities and providing for recreation.
- v All new buildings and structures, and alterations to those existing, shall comply with the requirements of the Building Act 1991.
- vi Boundary fencing adjoining residential properties shall be maintained in a state of good repair and its visibility reduced with the use of planting and/or landform.
- vii Fencing for horse grazing shall be well maintained and a programme planned in consultation with the Pony Club for new fencing requirements to conform with overall Park development.

3.17 The Swimming Pool Complex

- 3.17.1 The swimming pool attracts large crowds in summer because of its attractive grounds, with well maintained lawns and shade trees. Family groups use the area not only for swimming but as a picnic venue. It is therefore important that the amenity value of the grounds is maintained.
- 3.17.2 Upgrading of the road frontage is needed to rationalise the entrance area which is currently cluttered with superfluous vehicle barriers and bicycle stands.

Policies

- i The Parks and Recreation Department of the Council shall maintain a co-operative working relationship with the swimming pool operator to ensure a high standard of pool and grounds maintenance.
- ii The amenity value of the grounds shall be maintained and enhanced.
- iii The entrance to the swimming pool complex shall be upgraded as resources permit.

USE AND DEVELOPMENT

3.18 Recreation

3.18.1 The extensive size and varied character of Waikanae Park provides the opportunity to accommodate a diverse range of both informal and organised recreation. Development for recreation will be needed in the future, including walking routes, picnicking areas, additional toilets, recreational and competition horse riding facilities. Careful planning is required to make full and appropriate use of the Park's resources whilst ensuring compatibility of recreational use and protection of the Park's landscape qualities. Appropriate development of recreational facilities must, therefore, be addressed in the comprehensive landscape development plan discussed in 3.9.3 above.

3.18.2 In the meantime, broad management zones have been identified to help clarify objectives and integrate the various types of recreation (see 3.3 above). In broad terms, these zones provide for:

- organised sports and recreation at the east end of the Park, including playing fields, the swimming pool, and clubrooms;
- informal recreation in the central area with walking tracks, the cross country horse riding course and picnic areas. The croquet greens, although an organised sport, will remain in the existing location on the Park Avenue frontage;
- a base for horse-riding at the west end and central dunes area, including grazing land and areas suitable for competition horse events. This will also be available for informal recreation.

3.18.3 These zones are to provide a basic management structure and are not to be exclusive. For instance, horse-riding will still continue in suitable parts of the central and eastern zones, and conversely, walking access will be provided in the horse-riding area. Flexibility of use is also desirable to encourage compatible multiple use of the Park's open spaces and to accommodate special events. For instance, the annual Waikanae District Sports Days owe much of their popularity to the wide variety of activities involved including wood chopping competitions, dog obedience displays and equestrian events. At present these Sports Days are held on the playing fields and Park Avenue equestrian events area. In the long term, when horse riding is based at the western end of the Park, all the events may need to be based further west to preserve the carnival atmosphere of closely combined activities.

3.18.4 Horse Riding Activities

Horse and pony activities, for which there is considerable demand, have permanent usage rights at Waikanae Park (see 1.3.1 above). The Council's Parks and Recreation Department must, therefore, ensure that there is adequate and suitable land available for these activities.

Currently, the Waikanae Pony Club uses two main areas:

- the central dunes area for its cross country course and grazing;
- the long strip of open ground adjacent to Park Avenue for competition events such as dressage and show jumping.

Use of these areas is to continue unchanged until such time as the tip site becomes available, subject to the development of an area at the west end of the existing events area for croquet greens (see 3.18.6 below).

Once the tip site is adequately rehabilitated it is to be developed as a base for equestrian activities. Provision for horse riding needs will be reviewed in detail with the Pony Club at that time. It is envisaged that the cross country course will be retained as a long term facility but that a new events area will be developed at the west end including the tip site (Zone 3). This zone will be developed solely for horse/pony activities and compatible informal public recreation.

3.18.5 Exclusive Recreational Use

In general, exclusive use of reserve land is not encouraged as this can limit free public access and multiple use of resources. Playing fields, although used by private sports groups, remain public ground available for general use. Leases of clubrooms by these groups, however, is encouraged particularly if shared between compatible groups, as this facilitates recreational use of reserves.

Bowling and croquet greens are the main exception to this policy. Both sports are significant recreational activities in the Kapiti community but would be hard-pressed to finance privately-owned land for greens. Therefore, the Council makes appropriate land available for these groups and permits their exclusive use because the greens are vulnerable to damage if open for general use.

To preserve public access at Waikanae Park exclusive use of Park open space is to be limited to that of the Waikanae Croquet Club.

3.18.6 The Croquet Club

The Waikanae Croquet Club's lease provides for two additional greens to be developed, when required, to the east of the existing greens. With growing membership, the club now wishes to proceed with the extra greens. Extension of the two full greens to the east has been a matter of controversy because it would encroach upon the horse riding events area to the extent that competitions could no longer be held. Instead, the croquet club has agreed to the existing greens (which are in need of upgrading) being redeveloped and extended a lesser distance to the east to incorporate an extra green with alternative provision made for another extra green to the west. This will accommodate the croquet club's needs and allow enough space for the equestrian competition events to continue (see Management Zones map).

Policies

- i The Park shall be developed and managed to facilitate a wide range of both organised and informal recreation.
- ii Compatible multiple use of recreational facilities shall be encouraged to maximise efficient use of resources.
- iii Appropriate development of recreational facilities and opportunities shall be addressed in a comprehensive landscape development plan.
- iv Existing areas used for horse riding activities shall not be diminished, except for the agreed croquet green extension, unless alternative areas suitable for the existing activities of horse riding groups can be provided.
- v Exclusive use of the Park's open space shall be limited to the croquet greens.
- vi The croquet greens shall be extended to accommodate two extra greens so that equestrian events can still continue on the Park Avenue frontage.
- vii Events and activities of a recreational nature or value to the local community such as fetes, festivals and sports competitions shall be encouraged provided that they do not damage the Park, excessively conflict with recreation use or cause unacceptable disturbance to local residents. Such events shall be subject to prior approval of the Reserves Superintendent.
- viii Short term commercial use shall be permitted provided it does not cause damage nor unnecessarily conflict with recreational use and enjoyment of the Park. Such uses shall be subject to prior written approval of the Reserves Superintendent.
- ix The Reserves Superintendent shall administer a bookings system for formal use of the playing field and facilities building and shall give notice of restrictions and cancellations by way of agreed avenues. (e.g. radio announcements).

3.19 Access and Parking

- 3.19.1 Off-street parking areas have been developed at Ngarara Road and the eastern end of Park Avenue to accommodate parking needs for the swimming pool, recreation centre and playing fields. As the Park is developed, it is envisaged that additional parking areas will be developed at the western end for equestrian events along the Park Avenue frontage.
- 3.19.2 Currently, a bridle and pedestrian path connects Ngarara Road and Park Avenue by the sports field, and a series of mown walking tracks are maintained in the trig area. A track network needs to be planned and developed to provide adequately for access requirements. There is also considerable opportunity to extend pedestrian and horse-riding routes within the Park.

- 3.19.3 Ongoing consultation with the Waikanae Pony Club is needed to maintain and manage continued access for horse riding activities. Compatibility with other users and protection of the Park's surfaces in critical areas must also be addressed. Separate horse riding and pedestrian routes may need to be designated in certain areas to protect pedestrian safety.

Policies

- i Vehicle access shall be restricted to developed parking areas.
- ii Additional parking shall be developed as necessary along the Park Avenue frontage.
- iii A network of walking tracks and bridle trails shall be planned and developed.
- iv Horse grazing and riding shall continue with guidelines agreed between the Council's Parks and Recreation Department and the Waikanae Pony Club. This is a permanent access right which dates from the founding condition of the Park's purchase (see 1.3.1).

3.20 Controls and Prohibitions

- 3.20.1 Public parks inevitably attract activities which are incompatible with management objectives. Although the Council's Parks and Recreation Department seeks to encourage multiple recreation use of the Park, it must impose certain controls to protect it from damage, maintain safety standards and promote its compatible use. The controls and prohibitions are a response to management problems that have consistently arisen over a period of years and are not simply a standard set of rules.

Two issues here require some additional explanation:

3.20.2 Dogs

Uncontrolled dogs and dog fouling frequently detracts from the enjoyment of other Park users. This is particularly so in playgrounds and on playing fields where ground hygiene and child safety are concerns. The Council has, therefore, adopted a policy that dogs will be prohibited from these areas.

Therefore, dogs are to be prohibited from the eastern, active recreation Management Zone.

Walking and exercising dogs is recognised as a genuine recreational pursuit, however, and the Council's Parks and Recreation Department endeavours to accommodate this where possible. The informal character and walking opportunities of the other two Management Zones provides a suitable area for dogs subject to adequate control, particularly in areas where horses are grazing. Therefore, dogs will be permitted on these areas.

This policy will need to be adequately explained in the Park signage.

3.20.3 Anti-social behaviour

Anti-social behaviour and vandalism is, to a large extent, beyond the control of the Council. However, it is generally recognised that poorly maintained public areas tend to attract these kind of problems. High maintenance standards and rapid repair of damage may, therefore, have some effect in counteracting such behaviour.

It is also recognised that this type of problem occurs less where the local community is actively involved in park projects and management. Community involvement and consultation is another avenue which may be explored, therefore.

Policies

- i Unauthorised vehicle access shall not be permitted in the Park except in designated parking areas.
- ii Dogs shall not be permitted in the Active Recreation Management Zone 1.
- iii Dogs shall be permitted provided they are kept under control on a leash in the Equestrian and the Equestrian Cross Country Course/Informal Recreation Management Zones 2 and 3.
- iv Golfing and other recreation activities which may damage the Park's resources or compromise public safety shall not be permitted.
- v Horse grazing and riding shall be subject to controls to be set down by the Reserves Superintendent in consultation with the Waikanae Pony Club.
- vi Littering and rubbish dumping shall be prohibited and offenders may be prosecuted under the Litter Act 1979.
- vii The lighting of open fires shall not be permitted but portable barbeques may be used for special events at the discretion of the Reserves Superintendent.
- viii Measures to reduce and, if possible, eliminate anti-social behaviour and vandalism shall be investigated and, where appropriate, actioned.

3.21 **Development**

- 3.21.1 Development, whether it is planting, new buildings or changed uses must be considered in terms of the Park aim and objectives and, specifically, the likely effects upon landscape character, adjacent properties, patterns and levels of use and opportunities to enhance open space qualities. A comprehensive landscape development plan is needed before any new development occurs to ensure efficient site planning and development which is appropriate to the landscape setting. Development will occur on a progressive basis as resources permit and preparation of a long-term strategy now will provide the basis for forward budget planning and consistent development over the years.

Policies

- i Only development that is in accordance with the aim and objectives of the Management Plan shall be permitted.
- ii Future development shall be subject to a comprehensive, long-term landscape and recreational development plan.

3.22 Open Space Opportunities

- 3.22.1 There is potential to link Waikanae Park with a wider pedestrian and open space network in the local area. Firstly, there is an opportunity to develop a walking route along the Waimeha Stream to the Waikanae Golf Links. Although private ownership of adjacent land may be a problem negotiation of public access should be investigated.
- 3.22.2 Secondly, the native vegetation remnant in the central dune area extends beyond the Park down the creek. The area is zoned Residential A and at such time as the land is subdivided it may be possible to acquire it as a reserve contribution, in order to preserve the whole remnant. This could provide the basis for developing a walking route northward from the Park linking up with the cemetery.

Policies

- i Opportunities for developing walking routes to link the Park with other open space areas shall be investigated.
- ii Opportunities to acquire and preserve the native bush remnant adjacent to the north of the Park shall be investigated.

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WAIKANAĒ COUNTY TOWN COMMITTEE

held in the County Town Office, Rauparaha Street, Waikanae Beach
on Tuesday 21st January, 1958 at 8 p.m.

Present: All the members of the Committee were present together
with Mr Mowbray representing various Sports Bodies in
the County Town area.

Business: The meeting was called to consider the purchase of a
recreation reserve from the Field family. This
Meeting was called at short notice in view of the
fact that the land which it is proposed to acquire
is to be sold by Public Auction on the 15th February
next.

Mr Harry reported that negotiations had
already commenced, and Mr Jack Field and Mr G. Field
had been asked to put a price on the area of approx-
imately 42 acres. However, the Fields have now
decided to put the land up for Public Auction and it
was therefore necessary to endeavour to obtain authority
from the Council to authorise the necessary expenditure
to purchase the land. The block of 42 acres has for
the purpose of the auction been combined with the ad-
joining block of land and the total area of the Lot
to be sold by auction is approximately 82½ acres.

Mr Mowbray outlined the negotiations which
had already been conducted with the Fields and the
Chairman asked Mr Mowbray for his opinion of the value
of the total area. Mr Mowbray stated that in view of
the fact that the area of 82½ acres consisted of some
very poor quality land the value per acre would not
exceed £50 per acre. Mr Mowbray also stated that it
is proposed to expend the money which the sports bodies
have available in effecting improvements to the land if
such land is obtained for recreational purposes. Mr

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Burgess's opinion was that the value of the land would be approximately £6000.

It was agreed by this Committee that in an endeavour to obtain the land by private contract that the sub-committee comprising Mr Harry and Mr Burgess be deputed to approach Mr Jack Field to advise him that this Committee recommends that the proposed recreation ground be named Field's Memorial Park in honour of the late Mr W. H. Field subject to satisfactory negotiations for the purchase of the land for such purposes being completed.

In view of the fact that it was highly desirable to obtain this land for recreational purposes it was moved Mr Harry seconded Mr Perrett that it be a recommendation to the Council that Lot 10 comprising of 82½ acres of Fields land be purchased for recreational purposes - passed unanimously.

Councillor Antcliff is to investigate the necessary steps to enable the land to be purchased and will report back as soon as possible.

Closure:

The meeting closed at 9 40 p.m.

Confirmed:

Date:

A. Antcliff
28th Jan. 58.

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Building Inspector's

report:

Catchment Board

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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WAIKANAĒ COUNTY TOWN

COMMITTEE held in the County Town Office, Rauparaha Street, Waikanae Beach on Saturday, 1st February, at 10 a.m.

Present: Councillor Antcliff (in the Chair) Messrs Burgess, Harry, Perrett and Angus (Secretary).

Apologies: Messrs Wood and Render were out of the district and therefore it was impossible to advise them of the meeting.

Business: The meeting was called to consider a report from Councillor Antcliff on the meeting held on the 29th January in connection with the proposed purchase of recreational area in the Field's Subdivision. Councillor Antcliff stated that those present at the meeting were the Chairman, (Councillor Guy), Councillors Brown and Antcliff, the County Clerk and the County Engineer. Councillor Antcliff stated that it was the opinion of the meeting that a letter from this Committee be drafted and forwarded to the Council. After discussion a letter in the following terms was drafted:

That this Committee has unanimously resolved to recommend to the Council that an area of land be purchased in the Field's Subdivision, which is being offered for sale by auction on the 15th instant, for the purpose of providing a sports and general recreational area.

The Committee is of the opinion that section No. 10 comprising of 82½ acres would be the most suitable for this purpose.

Owing to the urgent circumstances relating to the proposal, the Committee recommend the adoption of the following procedure by the Council:-

- (a) That to the extent of finance being available in the current financial year, due to works not proceedings in the year, the same be applied to meeting the sale conditions of 10% on the fall of the hammer and 30% cash on settlement.
- (b) That any balance required to complete purchase be provided on the estimates for 1958-59.
- (c) That the Chairman of the Committee be authorised to bid at the sale up to an amount of £6,000, or negotiate for the purchase within this limit.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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and other members to be present. It was agreed that the invitation be accepted and that Councillor Antcliff review the action taken by this Committee using discretion.

Adjournment of
Meeting:

The meeting then stood adjourned until Tuesday next, February 11th at 8 p.m.

Confirmed:

D. J. Antcliff

Date: 25 Feb. 58.

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WAIKANAĒ COUNTY TOWN

COMMITTEE held in the County Town Office, Rauparaha Street, Waikanae Beach, on Friday, February 7th 1958, at 8 p.m.

Present: Councillor E. A. Antcliff (Chairman) Messrs Burgess, Harry, Perrett, Render and Wood.

Apology: An apology was received on behalf of Mr Q. E. Angus.

Business: The meeting was called to consider further the question of the purchase of land for recreational purposes.

Field's Land: Mr Harry reported that the subcommittee had interviewed Messrs Jack and Geoff Field and Mr Rainey with the proposal that they accept an offer of £4,000 for Lot 10 and if accepted the ground would be called the "W. H. Field Memorial Park." The offer was declined. The Subcommittee did not increase the offer, in the absence of a willingness on the part of the vendors to negotiate as to do so might affect the auction price. The meeting approved the course taken by the subcommittee.

Mr Antcliff reported that he had discussed the proposals of this Committee with Councillor Guy, and the County Clerk and had received a promise that the Council would provide finance up to £6,000 repayable to the Council by the County Town at a later date, and Councillor Antcliff was authorised to bid at the auction. It was expected that this would be confirmed at the monthly meeting of the Council to be held on February 12th. The Committee considered the arrangement very satisfactory.

A general discussion followed during which Mr Harry stated that the Ratepayers Association would be dealing with this question at an adjourned meeting on Monday, February 10th and invited Councillor Antcliff

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MINUTES OF AN SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WAIKANAĒ COUNTY TOWN

Committee held in the County Town Office, Rauparaha Street, Waikanae Beach, on Tuesday, February 11th at 8p.m.

Present: All the members of the Committee were present together with Councillor L. F. Brown.

Business: The meeting was called to consider further the question of the purchase of land for recreational purposes.

Field's Land: Councillor Antcliff welcomed Councillor Brown and outlined the negotiations which had taken place with reference to the proposed purchase of a recreational area. Considerable discussion took place, with reference to the market price of the land and Councillor Brown stated that in his opinion the land as farm land was not attractive to farmers but that it could possibly bring a good price at auction.

Councillor Antcliff reported that the proposal to purchase the land would be brought before the Council tomorrow and that the Ratepayers Association had unanimously passed a resolution concerning the proposal.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Confirmed:

E. A. Antcliff

Date:

25. Feb. 58.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WAIKANAE COUNTY TOWN
COMMITTEE held in the County Town Office, Rauparaha
 Street, Waikanae Beach on Tuesday 25th February 1958,
 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: All the members of the Committee were present.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on the 28th January, 1958
 and of the Special Meetings held on the 1st February,
 7th February and 11th February 1958 respectively, as
 circulated were taken as read and confirmed.

Recreational Reserve: The letter to the County Clerk in connection with
 the purchase of the Recreational Reserve was read.
 Councillor Antcliff reported that he had attended the
 auction on the 15th February and that he had been author-
 ised to bid up to £6000. The property was knocked down
 at £6,380, Dr Fleming standing for the difference,
 namely £380.

It was agreed that the combined Sports Club,
 the Pony Club, the Horticultural Society and Dr Fleming
 be invited to a meeting to be held at 9.30 a.m. on the
 29th March to discuss the future development of the area.

Mr Render undertook to prepare a survey of
 other reserves with the object of ascertaining which would
 be sold and the proceeds to be applied towards the cost of
 the new reserve.

Building Inspector's report: The Building Inspector's report was read and received.

Councillor Antcliff is to make further investigations in
 connection with the building at Seddon Street extension.

Resealing Hemara Street. It was reported to this Committee that Mr Pitt had been

wrongly instructed in connection with the resealing of
 Hemara Street and that the sealing equipment had been
 sent back before the work was carried out.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WAIKANAE COUNTY TOWN COMMITTEE

held in the County Town Office, Rauparaha Street, Waikanae

Beach on Tuesday 25th March, 1958 at 7.30 p.m.

- Present: All the members of the Committee were present.
- Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on the 25th February 1958 and of the Special Meeting held on the 11th March 1958 as circulated were taken as read and confirmed.
- Building Inspection: The Building Inspector's report was read. Councillor Antcliff reported that the permit in connection with the dwelling in the Hemi Matenga Estate had been issued prior to the present Engineer's appointment and the records have not yet been found.
- Recreational Reserve: The letters inviting the representatives of the Sports Bodies, Horticultural Society, Pony Club and Dr Fleming, to the meeting to be held to discuss the future development of the area were read. It was resolved that the County Clerk be asked to make immediate application through the Local Member for a subsidy from the Art Union fund which Mr Maher has informed is available to assist in the purchase and/or development of the recreational area.
- Conveniences: It was resolved that application be made to the Commissioner of Crown Lands for a subsidy on the cost of erection of the conveniences on the Domain.
- Secondhand timber: The letter to the County Clerk and his reply thereto were read.
- Noxious Weeds: The letter to the County Clerk and his reply thereto were read. Mr Render reported that the botanical name of the weed known as water celery is *Apium*.

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Dog Registration:

Council Work:

Catchment Board Scheme:

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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WAIKANAE COUNTY

TOWN COMMITTEE held in the County Town Office, Rauparaha Street, Waikanae Beach, on Wednesday 2nd April 1956 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

All the members of the Committee were present.

Recreational Reserve:

Councillor Antcliff reported that the meeting with the representatives of the Sports Bodies and other bodies in connection with the Recreation Reserve was cancelled. After discussion it was agreed that this Committee meet the representative of the Sports Bodies on the newly acquired Recreational area on Saturday 12th April at 9.30 a.m.

The Secretary was instructed to write to the Council requesting that this Committee be given control of the Recreational Area with powers similar to those exercised over the Domain.

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Stream:

It was reported that Mr Kilsby is blocking the culvert by Coe's. Councillor Antcliff is to investigate the matter.

Waimea Water Supply:

The Secretary was instructed to write to the County Council advising that further complaints have come to hand concerning damage to laundry by the discoloured water and that this Committee requests that remedial action be taken.

Town Plan:

The Secretary was instructed to write to the Council requesting a copy of the Town Plan and Code of Ordinances.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

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Date:

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WAIKANAE COUNTY TOWN COMMITTEE

held in the County Town Office, Rauparaha Street, Waikanae

Beach on Tuesday 22nd April 1958, at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

All the members of the Committee were present.

Building Inspection:

The Building Inspector, Mr Osborne, was present and
 the Secretary read his report. The Building In-
 spector reported that he has received two applica-
 tions for caravans to be permitted on sections to be
 used as living quarters pending completion of
 dwellings. He reported verbally that the sanitary
 arrangements are inspected by Mr Corrin.

Councillor Antcliff reported that our
 request for a by-law relating to second hand timber
 had been refused by the Council. The Secretary
 was instructed to request the Council to reconsider
 the matter and to give as an illustration that a
 house in sections has been placed on land but no
 permit has been issued.

Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on the 25th March
 and of the Special Meeting held on the 2nd April
 were taken as read and confirmed.

Subdivisional Sealing:

It was agreed that a deputation from this Committee
 should meet the Council to go into the question of
 subdivisional sealing.

Recreational Reserve:

Councillor Antcliff reported that the Council had
 recommended that part only of the area be designated
 as a Recreational Reserve, and after discussion the
 Secretary was instructed to write to the Council re-
 questing that the whole of the area be designated
 as a Recreational Reserve and not the smaller area
 as recommended by the Council and reported to this

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Committee by Councillor Antcliff.

Councillor Antcliff reported that permission has been given to the Sports Bodies to arrange for the feeding off and for the carrying out of preliminary work on the area, but before any major work could be done, the Sports Bodies concerned must put a proposition to this Committee.

It was agreed that Councillor Antcliff and Messrs Burgess and Harry form a Sub-committee for the development of the area.

Councillor Antcliff reported that the Manawatu Hunt Club had requested permission to hunt over part of the recreational area, but after discussion it was agreed that this permission cannot be given in view of the fact that there are bird sanctuaries in the area. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Hunt Club accordingly.

Mr Render presented a report in connection with the development of the recreational area.

The Secretary was instructed to advise the Council that this Committee intends to enlist the services of Mr Hutt to advise on the general lay out of the area.

The Horowhenua Pony Club was given permission to use the area in May for grazing and training purposes.

Cemetery:

The letter from the County Clerk enclosing statement of receipts and expenditure with respect to the cemetery was read, and the Secretary was instructed to reply to the County Clerk's letter of the 13th February last stating that this Committee is agreeable to meeting only 50% of the outstanding debit

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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WAIKANAЕ COUNTY

TOWN COMMITTEE held in the County Town Office,

Rauparaha Street, Waikanae Beach on Tuesday 29th April,

1958 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

All the members of the Committee were present, together with Mrs Collins, representing the Pony Club, Messrs Wakelin, Price, Mowbray. Greig and F. P. Kemsley, representing the Sports Club and the Football Club.

Business:

The meeting was called for the purpose of discussing the future development of the recreational area with the representatives of the various sports bodies concerned.

Mr Mowbray introduced the representatives to the members of the County Town Committee and outlined the reasons for calling this meeting. He stated that it was necessary to raise capital to develop the area, and before the Public could be approached it was necessary to clarify the question of tenure and what charges would be made for the use of the land.

Councillor Antcliff stated that in his view the recreational area was for the use of all Sports Bodies.

Mr Render stated his views on the development which would be necessary and suggested that perhaps a percentage of gate charges could be used for this purpose.

Mr Perrett stated that the representatives could rest assured that this Committee was behind all the Sports Bodies.

Mr Harry considered that the maintenance of the area should be a charge on the Ratepayers but that capital expenditure should not be so. He considered

that the Sports Bodies should not be charged for the use of the area during the development period. When the Rugby Union fix a gate then a charge could be made against the Union. He suggested that a combined Annual Event should be held to raise funds for the development.

Discussion then took place concerning the control of the use of the ground and it was suggested that there be a controlling Committee consisting of this Committee and representatives of the various Sports Bodies. Application would be made for fixtures and the various Sports Bodies would be allocated their fixed days.

Mr Burgess pointed out that the Rugby Club has to have the ground for the whole season.

Mr Price stated that the Bodies needed a concrete assurance before putting money into the development and the erection of buildings.

Mr Kemsley have his views on the immediate development of the area and he stated that the first instance 8 to 9 acres would need to be developed.

Mr Render outlined his researches relating to the development of the recreational area.

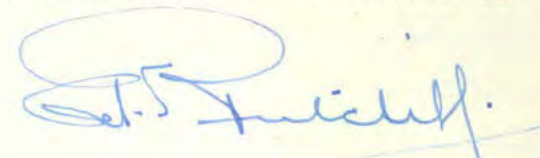
Mr Wakelin stated that the Sports Bodies would be prepared to raise funds but they required an assurance that they would have the use of the land. It was not really a question of the control of the land or of the charge that would be made. Mr Harry then gave notice to this meeting that at the next meeting of the County Town Committee he would move the following resolution: "That this Committee recommend that the use of the area of ground to be developed, be free to all Sports Clubs for 5 years provided no charge be made for admission. When a charge is made a percentage of the gate may be

claimed by the Controlling Authority for ground development and maintenance."

Permission was given for preliminary bulldozing work to be carried out by the Sports Bodies.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

Confirmed:


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Date:

Street, Waikanae Beach on Tuesday, 27th May at 7.30p.m.

Present: All the members of the Committee were present.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd April 1958 and of the Special Meeting held on the 29th April 1958 as circulated were taken as read and confirmed.

Fire Hazard: Mr Olliver, Chief Fire Officer, attended and advised that he is concerned at the burning of rubbish on certain business sections, and he suggested that rubbish be collected from businesses weekly. At the present time it is impossible to comply with the by law as there is insufficient room on the sections for an incinerator.

Building Inspection: The Building Inspector's report was read. Mr Osborne reported that he had made an inspection of the Hemi Matenga Estate as requested by this Committee, but that he wished for further particulars before making his report. He stated that he had a complaint concerning a lavatory erected alongside an existing shed, but so far he had been unable to get in touch with the owner of the property. He also reported that several sheds are being erected on the Hemi Matenga Estate but these are Builder's sheds.

Permits have been issued for 4 dwellings to the value of £8994 and one garage to the value of £100.

It was reported that there is a building in Seddon Street extension consisting of mainly tin and glass and the Building Inspector is to be notified of this and requested to report back.

It was agreed that temporary building permits have a limit of one year. The letter from the County Clerk declining our request for a by-law relating to secondhand timber was read. The Secretary was instructed to reply to this letter stating that this Committee was still of the opinion that it is necessary to have such a by law formulated and to give the reasons therefor.

Recreational Reserve: The following letters were read.

- (a) To the Horowhenua Pony Club granting permission to use a portion of the slaughterhouse paddock.
- (b) To the Manawatu Hunt Club declining permission for the Club to hunt over the Reserve.
- (c) To the County Clerk advising that this Committee proposes to enlist the services of Mr Hutt to advise on the general layout of the area.
- (d) To the County Clerk requesting that the whole area be designated a recreational reserve.

The letter from the Waikanae Pony Club was read requesting permission to the Club to hold its rallies on the Slaughterhouse grounds and this permission was granted by the Committee.

It was also agreed that as a matter of policy no individuals be granted permission to use the ground. It was resolved that the services of Mr Hutt be deferred - three members of the Committee dissenting.

Cemetery:

Honorary Beach Inspectors:

Waimena Water Supply:

Karu Crescent:

Catchment Board Scheme:

Estimates:

Town Plan:

Road Hazards:

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Bus Shelter - Waikanae:

The following resolution was carried:

"That this Committee recommend that the use of the area of ground to be developed be free to all Sports Bodies for 5 years from this date provided no charge be made for admission. When a charge is made a percentage of the gate may be claimed the controlling authority for ground development and maintenance.

A letter to the County Clerk with reference to past and future maintenance of the cemetery was read, and the Secretary was instructed to write a further letter to the County Clerk requesting that the gates and coloured concrete brick veneer posts be erected by Mr Olliver.

The question of the revision of cemetery charges was deferred until the next meeting.

The letter to the County Clerk advising the names of the proposed appointees was read.

A letter from the Ratepayers' Association requesting that warning be given when the water supply is to be cut off was read, and the Secretary was instructed to forward a copy of this letter to the County Council.

The letter to the Ratepayers' Association was read. It was reported to this Committee that the hurdles erected at both ends of the Karu Crescent right of way had not been erected satisfactorily and that there are 2'6" gaps on both sides of the hurdles at each end.

The letter from the Manawatu Catchment Board was read stating that the work will probably commence early in May, and it was reported that the work has commenced. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Catchment Board to inform the Board that the Waimena Stream is reverting to its old southern course and this Committee therefore recommends that action be taken to arrest this as soon as possible.

A letter to the County Clerk enclosing the proposed estimates for the ensuing year was read.

A letter from Mrs Bidwell Watson relating to a public reserve shown on the Town Plan was read and the Secretary was instructed to forward a copy of this letter to the Town Planner for comment. It was agreed that a meeting should be held on Tuesday, 10th June to discuss matters relating to the Town Plan.

A letter from the Ratepayers' Association relating to road hazards caused through cars parking on the corners adjacent to Mr T. Daniel's and Miss F. Alp's properties was read and Councillor Antcliff is to investigate the matter.

A letter from the Ratepayers' Association criticising the quality of some of the work carried out by the roadman was read. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Association pointing out that such sweeping criticism cannot be considered and that specific instances should be given in complaints of this nature.

A letter from the Ratepayers' Association enclosing a copy of the letter which had been forwarded to the