

Appendix C: PTTRHP Reserve Management Plan Review: Request For Public Feedback Summary Document

Introduction

We've written this document to introduce you to the Pou Tu o Te Rangi and Harding Park Reserve Management Plan Review process.

The Pou Tu o Te Rangi and Harding Park Reserve Management Plan 2012 is a guide for the Council and the Pou Tu Te Rangi Joint Management Committee for the ongoing joint management of Pou Tu o Te Rangi and Harding Park.

The Reserve Management Plan is now eight years old and needs reviewing to ensure it meets the requirements of the Reserves Act and the aspirations of the community.

This document includes background information about the review process, key issues to consider, and how you can be involved in determining the future direction of Pou Tu o Te Rangi and Harding Park.

What is a reserve management plan?

One of the responsibilities of the Council under the Reserves Act 1977 is to manage these reserves efficiently both now and in the future.

Reserve management plans set out how council intends to provide for and ensure the use, enjoyment, maintenance, protection, and preservation, as the case may require, and, to the extent resources permit, the development of reserve.

Reserve management plans contain statements that guide how council will manage its reserves. For example, they help establish how we will balance the protection of natural resources with recreational opportunities for the community. Reserve management plans are subject to continuous review to adapt to changing circumstances.

The Pou Tu o Te Rangi and Harding Park Reserve Management Plan will reflect what residents value about the reserves now, and how they use them. It will also identify issues that should be considered as reserves are managed and developed in the future, to make sure they meet the needs of future generations.

How is a management plan prepared?

Management plans are prepared with the involvement of the whole community.

A key part of the process is consulting with members of the public. We will also speak to the Dargaville Museum and Kaipara Heritage Machinery (Dargaville) Inc, and groups and organisations that use Pou Tu o Te Rangi and Harding Park Reserve on a regular basis. Throughout we are working closely with mana whenua to make sure that the Pou Tu o Te Rangi Harding Park Reserve Management Plan reflects Māori values and aspirations.



Public Consultation

The Reserves Act 1977 details the following process for the full review of the management plan:

Stage	Process
1	Council publicly notifies its intention to prepare the management plan and invites interested parties / persons to send in written suggestions on the proposed plan within a set time period (usually one month).
2	A draft management plan is prepared giving consideration to comments received (see below for further consultation detail).
3	The draft management plan is adopted and advertised for submissions for a minimum of two months
4	Consideration is given to submissions and objections and a hearing is held
5	Appropriate changes are made to the management plan
6	The final management plan is adopted by Council and signed and sealed (Ministerial approval is not required for recreation reserves).
7	The final management plan is produced and implemented, and all those who made submissions are notified that the plan has been prepared and is available if they require a copy
8	The Management Plan is kept under continuous review

There are three opportunities for members of the public to participate in the consultation process being:

- Initial feedback from the public is gathered on what the review should include
- Feedback on the draft reserve management plan is sought from the public
- A hearing is held where members for the public can express their views on the draft reserve management plan.

The current reserve management plan

A full copy of the current reserve management plan can be found here: <https://www.kaipara.govt.nz/uploads/documents/h/Reserve%20Management%20Plan%20July%202012%20FINAL%20-%20full%20appendice%20version.pdf>

We want to hear from you

We want to understand how you use Pou Tu o Te Rangi and Harding Park Reserve, and how you'd like to use the reserves in the future. We'd also like to hear about any issues you think the Council should address as we review the management plan. We hope to hear from a wide range of people, so we can make sure that the Management Plan truly reflects the views of the Kaipara Community.

Key considerations

Key points you may wish to consider when providing feedback m

Encouraging use of the reserves

How the reserves can be managed and/or developed to encourage and provide for a range of users and increase visitors to the reserves.

Improving visitor experience

The reserve offers a range of visitor experiences including Maori cultural/ heritage, European history, passive and activity recreation experiences. How the reserves can be managed to enhance visitor experience.



Recognising different park uses

The reserves should meet the needs of a wide range of users.

Recognising and protecting historical and cultural significance

Pou Tu o Te Rangi Pa, Harding Park, the Old Mount Wesley Cemetery and the Harding Park Family Cemetery is an area rich in history and culture of both Maori and European. The reserves need to be managed to recognise and protect the sites historical and cultural significance.

Protecting, maintenance and enhancement of landscape and natural character

To reserves have significant views of the surrounding landscape.

Funding for the reserve

To provide for development of the reserve a range of funding options need to be explored. Currently Pou Tu o Te Rangi and Harding Park receives very little funding outside that allocated by Council.

Leasing and Licensing

Currently the Kaipara Heritage Machinery (Dargaville) Club and the Dargaville museum hold head leases. There may be additional leasing, licences or concessions in the future.

Provide your initial feedback

Tell us what we should consider in the review process and what we should include in the draft Reserve Management plan – Insert detail here on how the public can have their say.