

The purpose of Recreation Reserves (*Proposed* Gisborne District Combined Regional Land and District Plan) is to enable the community to provide for its sports and leisure needs in such a way that the scale and organised nature of such activities does not create adverse effects. The objectives and policies for Hatea-A-Rangi Memorial Park should reflect the purpose of the reserve under the District Plan and the Reserves Act 1977.

3.1 **Main Objectives:**

- 3.1.1 To provide quality open space and recreation facilities which meet the sporting, leisure, and recreation needs of the community.
- 3.1.2 To allow sustainable recreation opportunities.
- 3.1.3 To encourage and develop multiple use facilities to allow for maximum active recreational opportunities.
- 3.1.4 To develop and maintain a landscape within the reserve which is in character with the reserves intended purpose.

3.2 **Policies:**

3.2.1 **Development**

- a. Any development on Hatea-A-Rangi Memorial Park shall comply with the objectives and policies of the *Proposed* Gisborne District Combined Regional Land and District Plan and this management plan prepared under Section 41 of the Reserves Act 1977.
- b. Development shall recognise and appreciate the value of open space for active and passive recreation opportunities.

3.2.2 **The Location of Structures**

Sculpture, artwork, plaques, and play equipment at Hatea-A-Rangi Memorial Park will be located where:

- a. They will be most highly utilised by reserve users.
- b. The reserve retains optimum openspace.

3.2.3 **Memorial Gates**

The gates are to be maintained and preserved as a memorial to those from the locality that served in two world wars.

3.2.3 Substandard Buildings

Substandard buildings and structures shall be removed and replaced when necessary.

3.2.4 Leases

Short-term leases (up to 5 years) will be permitted with reputable summer or winter sporting bodies.

3.2.5 Overnight Camping

Formal camping facilities will not be provided (camping on a casual basis may be allowed with written consent from Council).

3.2.6 Commercial Activity

Temporary small-scale commercial activity such as gala days, flea markets, and concerts will be permitted if the following conditions are met:

- a. Organisers must gain the written permission of Council to hold such events.
- b. Council may require a bond to cover damage to vegetation or buildings, and rubbish collection.
- c. Commercial activities on Hatea-A-Rangi Memorial Park may only be an occasional event at the Reserve Supervisors discretion. Regular commercial events will not be permitted.

3.2.7 Charge Events

Charge events will be permitted if the following conditions are met:

- a. Organisers gain the written permission of Council to hold such events.
- b. Council may require a bond to cover any damage resulting from the charge event activities.

3.2.8 Visitor Numbers

There is no restriction on the number of visitor numbers at Hatea-A-Rangi Memorial Park (except in those conditions outlined below);

- a. Special events such as galas and charge events that may attract large numbers of people to a particular reserve may require written consent from the Council (See policy 3.2.6a and 3.2.7(a)). Council will determine whether visitor numbers maybe too high and can impose conditions, transfer the event to another park, or not permit it to go ahead.

3.2.9 Tree Maintenance and Removal

Existing trees shall be maintained in good condition and may be removed only for reasons of safety or good management as set out below:

- a. The tree is dead, dying or diseased.
- b. The tree has become a danger to public safety (ie. the tree is growing into power lines).
- c. The tree is obstructing the water flow in any drainage system, or the stream.
- d. The tree is suppressing or inhibiting growth of a more desirable specimen of tree or other vegetation of greater interest to the public (ie. native).
- e. The tree is a poor specimen or is unsuited to the site due to soil type or other factors and needs to be removed in order that the area is replanted with trees that will make better specimens.
- f. No tree removal will commence without the approval of the Reserves Supervisor. Before any major planting Reserves Planning and Reserves Supervisors should be consulted.

3.2.10 New Tree Planting

New planting will take place in appropriate areas where they will enhance the environment of the reserve in order to:

- a. Provide shelter and shade for reserve users.
- b. Replace trees removed for reasons listed in Policy 3.2.9.
- c. Increase soil stability and erosion control.
- d. Screen the boundaries of the Park.
- e. At appropriate opportunities native species shall be selected for new planting.
- f. New planting will be undertaken as staffing and financing permits.
- g. No trees are planted on reserves by members of the public without written permission from the Reserves Supervisor.

- h. The type of tree chosen must be appropriate for the site and the Reserve Supervisor must approve the selection.

3.2.11 Landscaping

All landscaping will take into consideration the location of the reserve and the recreational needs of the surrounding community.

3.2.12 Ground Management

Council will maintain Hatea-A-Rangi Memorial Park's grounds to a level acceptable for active recreation (sports fields) and passive recreation (including seating and shade provision) for the safety and enjoyment of reserve users.

3.2.13 Site Furniture and Fittings

To provide site furniture and fittings appropriate to Hatea-A-Rangi Memorial Park and compliant with the reserves policies to facilitate public use and the enjoyment of the reserve.

- a. Furniture and fittings shall be designed so that they relate to one and other. They should be 'user-friendly' to users of all ages and abilities.
- b. Seating and picnic tables shall be placed under trees where appropriate for shade coverage and give regard to visibility and views.
- c. Rubbish receptacles be placed in high use areas.

3.2.14 Fences

- a. The fence shall be of a height and design to minimise visual impact.
- b. The fence shall restrict vehicle access and parking on non-designated areas.
- c. All fences and boundaries must comply with the provisions of the *Proposed* Gisborne District Combined Regional Land and District Plan and Building Act 1991.
- d. Fences and boundaries will be of a design, which is consistent with their intended function and use.
- e. The Fencing Act (1977) will be invoked to ensure cost sharing for the maintenance and construction of boundary fences if necessary.

3.2.15 Vehicle Access and Parking

- a. Council vehicles and other vehicles authorised by the Council shall have access to all parts of the reserve where their use is necessary.
- b. Parking should occur in the designated car parking area.

3.2.16 Signs

Signs located on Hatea-A-Rangi Memorial Park will be subject to the following design criteria:

- a. All signs on reserves are to comply with the provisions of the *Proposed* Gisborne District Combined Regional Land and District Plan.
- b. A sign should be erected on Hatea-A-Rangi Reserve in a prominent position that will give the name of the reserve and relevant reserve information (ie permitted recreational activities).

3.2.17 Lighting of Reserves

- a. Lighting on reserves will follow those standards set out in the *Proposed* Gisborne District Combined Regional Land and District Plan, and shall comply with the operative New Zealand Standard for outdoor lighting (see Appendix 6.1).
- b. Cables for light fixtures should be underground wherever possible.
- c. Hours of operation of lights shall be limited to those approved by the Reserve Supervisor.

3.2.18 Dog Control

Hatea-A-Rangi Memorial Park should be used as a 'Dog Exercise Area' which means dogs may be exercised on the reserve but only when on a lead or harness. (Dogs should be kept off the sports fields at all times for health purposes).

3.2.19 Fire Control

No lighting of open fires on Hatea-A-Rangi Memorial Park unless written permission has been received from the Reserves Supervisor prior to the lighting of the fire.



3.0 Objectives / Policies for Hatea-a-Rangi Memorial Park

3.2.20 Play Equipment

- a. A limited amount of play equipment may be provided.
- b. New play equipment should comply with NZS 5828 Parts 1-3, “General Guidelines for new and existing Playground, Equipment, and Surfacing”.
- c. New play equipment will require a building consent if there is a fall height of over 2.4 metres.

3.2.21 Weed Control

- a. Council and its contractors are required to adhere to the Agrichemical Users Code of Practices NZS 8409:1995 produced by Standards New Zealand and the New Zealand Agrichemical Education Trust, or any successive code of practice adopted by Council.
- b. Community Facilities Division with the assistance and guidance of the Noxious Plants and Pests Division of Council will actively monitor, identify and remove all known and classified noxious plants and pests within Hatea-A-Rangi Memorial Park.

3.2.22 Pest Control

Animal pests such as wasps, rats, possums and rabbits may be controlled on Hatea-A-Rangi Memorial Park as required (where their presence effects the recreation opportunities for reserve users [also see 3.2.21 b]).

3.2.23 Vandalism

- a. Where possible, facilities will be located to reduce the risk of vandalism and be constructed in a way that will reduce the effects of vandalism.
- b. If vandals are apprehended and brought to the notice of the Police, Council will seek restitution for their damage, or repair if practicable and if sufficient supervision can be provided.
- c. Vandalism at Hatea-A-Rangi Memorial Park will be repaired/removed as soon as funding and staffing allow.



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3.2.24 Litter Control and Dumping of Wastes

- a. Council will provide rubbish receptacles on Hatea-A-Rangi Memorial Park where considered necessary by the Reserve Supervisor.
- b. Litter will be removed prior to the mowing of Hatea-A-Rangi Memorial Park (especially concerned about broken grass and aluminium cans).
- c. The dumping of refuse, including garden wastes on Hatea-A-Rangi Memorial Park will not be permitted. This is enforced under the terms of the Resource Management Act 1991, Litter Act, and Council Bylaws.

3.2.25 Noise Control

Noise levels must abide with the 11.12.2 of the *Proposed* Gisborne District Combined Regional Land and District Plan.