

4.0 Development

All following development suggestions for Hatea-A-Rangi Memorial Park shall be achieved as the Reserves budget and staffing allow.

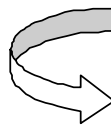
4.1 Reserve Signage

Hatea-A-Rangi Memorial Park currently has one form of signage. This is the Tokomaru Bay United Sports Club sign. Hatea-A-Rangi Memorial Park also needs a 'reserve sign'. Reserve signs confirm a common name for the reserve for locals, travellers, council etc. Reserve signs illustrate permitted activities appropriate for the particular reserve, ensuring there can be no misunderstandings. Reserve signs create an identity for the reserve.

4.2 New Fencing

Wire fencing encloses most of Hatea-A-Rangi Memorial Park. There is one area of the reserve that is not enclosed by fencing. This area (53 metres) is alongside the drive entering the reserve and continues to the clubrooms. If this area was fenced it would stop vehicular access to the No. 1 and 2 fields. Currently vehicles are driving over the grounds, and are a popular thoroughfare to the school. Vehicular pressure on the grounds is having an adverse effect on the quality of the sports fields. Bollards and chains could work successfully, allowing the flexibility of vehicular access when required by Council or contractors for maintenance work.

Driveway into the reserve. Only area of the reserve un-fenced, allowing unauthorised vehicle access over the sports fields.



4.3 Cricket Wicket

To develop a 'soft' wicket on the No. 2 ground. A cricket wicket would be very popular with a large proportion of the Tokomaru Bay community. The wicket would possibly be used for organised games (there are members of the community very keen in organising a tournament) and would also be used for unorganised sport. A 'soft' wicket means that the field can still be used for other sports, not limiting the ground to one use. As Hatea-A-Rangi Memorial Park is the only recreation reserve (sports ground) in Tokomaru Bay. Reserves Planning would like to ensure the ground is available for a range of sporting activities (obviously a concrete wicket would limit this opportunity).

4.4 ***New Tree Planting - Crimson Project***

Tokomaru Bay enjoys hot and dry weather during the summer months. Currently there are very few trees planted at Hatea-A-Rangi Memorial Park. There is a row of Pohutakawas which grow along the fence line from the driveway entrance to the Clubrooms. More trees are needed around other boundaries of the reserve so spectators and active recreation reserve users can enjoy some shade whilst at the reserve.

The Crimson Project was initiated and funded by Carter Holt Harvey and is in partnership with the Department of Conservation. The Trust co-ordinates schools, community groups and Councils to plant and care for pohutakawa and rata. Each year the Trust calls for applications for funding (*see appendix 6.4*). Reserves Planning suggests the Crimson Project as an excellent way to fund further pohutakawa planting. A group of locals will need to be involved if this project is to be a success. Their support and ownership of the project would be vital in the summer months for watering the pohutakawa.



Row of Pohutakawa trees along the reserve boundary (Moana Street boundary). Further planting of trees in a more accessible area of the reserve would improve the experiences of reserve users (especially passive recreation during the summer months).

4.5 ***New Seating***

Some seating around the perimeter of the reserve under the shade of trees (following new planting) would allow spectators and reserve users to sit and escape the harsh sun during the summer months to enjoy passive recreation in a safe environment. Picnic tables are available along the foreshore reserve.

4.6 Proposed Development Site Plan

