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There are lots of recreation facilities in Tokomaru Bay. The coastal environment also provides a number of opportunities at the beach and in the ocean.

At the northern end of Tokomaru Beach just after SH35 turns inland there is a small foreshore reserve with swings, basketball hoop and pad, toilets, and a parking area. Council has placed four new barbeque tables along the foreshore reserve for passive reserve users.

There are also other recreation facilities in Tokomaru Bay, that are not Council owned.



Basketball hoop and pad on the foreshore reserve (by Beach Road).

Swings on the foreshore reserve. These are very popular. Public toilets are also on this site.



Other facilities are play equipment in Potae Street, netball courts and swimming pool at Hatea-A-Rangi School. The school uses Hatea-A-Rangi Memorial Park for physical education classes and other recreational activities requiring large areas of openspace. Hatea-A-Rangi Memorial Park has the only sports fields in Tokomaru Bay.

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### **Tokomaru Bay United Sports Club**

The Tokomaru Bay United Sports Club is an important recreation and community facility/centre for the Tokomaru Bay community. The club has a membership of approximately 250 people, half of the Tokomaru Bay population. Many of the members are not rugby players, and some of the members belong to the rival Waima United Rugby Football Club. In recent years the popularity of the club has grown, not just as a sporting facility but also a community facility used for both recreational and community activities. The clubrooms maybe the only large public building to accommodate recreational and community activities in Tokomaru Bay.

### **5.2 Landscape Work**

Hatea-A-Rangi Memorial Park is a well-developed functional recreation reserve with two adequate sports fields for the purposes of active recreation. There is a pavilion and sports club also on the reserve. The car parking area is not sealed.

Future landscape work requires the car park to be sealed. Seating should be placed around the perimeter of the reserve, and trees suitable for the coastal environment should be planted around the perimeter also - the seating should be placed under the trees to provide shade from the sun during the summer months.

### **5.3 Tree Establishment**

There is a need for tree planting around the perimeter of the reserve, for aesthetic and recreation values. The harsh environmental conditions during the summer months in the district, combined with a lack of water availability in the reserve makes conditions unfavourable for plant growth.

Native varieties that could be planted in this area include Pohutakawa, Karo, Karaka, Pittosporum, Hebe, and Cordyline. (See 4.4 for further planting suggestions.)

### **5.4 Vehicle Restraints**

Council vehicles and other vehicles authorised by Council shall have access to all parts of the reserve. Other vehicles must be parked in the designated car park area.

### **5.5 Use of Facilities**

Council owned structural property on the Reserve includes the Memorial Gates, the public toilets/changing rooms alongside the clubrooms, and the pavilion.

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The memorial gates are maintained to a high standard as a memorial to those from the locality that served in the two world wars. These memorial gates provide an excellent pedestrian access to the reserve.

The public toilets are made available to Tokomaru Bay United Sports Club. For the usage of these toilets the club is expected to maintain them. The Club is entitled to keep the toilets locked when the club is not using the reserve, as supervising the toilets can be difficult. There are other public toilets available at the northern end of the foreshore reserve by Beach Road.

### **5.6 Reserve Users**

The whole community uses Hatea-A-Rangi Memorial Park. There are over two hundred members belonging to the Tokomaru Bay United Sports Club alone. The school uses the reserve, and youths use the reserve also for unorganised sports, and of course with the organised sports players the reserve is used by a huge percentage of the community and is a vital recreation facility for the local community, and the East Coast.

### **5.7 Vandalism**

Recently there have been no problems with vandalism, including graffiti. The public toilets are locked when the Club is not using the reserve.

### **5.8 Maintenance Cost**

The Gisborne District Council maintains Hatea-A-Rangi Memorial Park as a Recreation Reserve under the Reserves Act 1977. As a Recreation Reserve the two sports fields are maintained and preserved to an adequate standard for organised sporting activities. Maintaining Hatea-A-Rangi Memorial Park to its present standard costs Council \$5,000 p.a. Capital expenditure for Hatea-A-Rangi Memorial Park varies annually.

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Memorial Gates at Hatea-A-Rangi Memorial Park, dedicated to those from the locality who served in the First and Second World Wars.

A site characteristic of the reserve - The Pavilion.



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The Pavilion and Tokomaru Bay United Sports Club. The Clubrooms were built in 1997.

Play equipment at the adjoining primary school offering play opportunities for young children.

