

The purpose of Recreation Reserves (according to the *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 Waikirikiri Reserve need to 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 for sustainable recreation opportunities.
- 3.1.3 To provide open space for active recreation with subsidiary uses being passive recreation including child's play.

3.2 Policies

3.2.1 Development

- a. Any development on Waikirikiri Reserve shall comply with the objectives and policies of the *Proposed* Gisborne District Combined Regional Land and District Plan and this management plan.
- b. Development shall recognise 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 Waikirikiri Reserve will be located where:

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

3.2.3 Substandard Buildings

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

3.2.4 Leases

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

3.2.5 Overnight Camping

Overnight camping at Waikirikiri Reserve is prohibited.

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 the 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 Waikirikiri Reserve 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 Waikirikiri Reserve (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 a permit from the Council (See policy 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 (i.e. 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 (i.e. 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 be 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 above.
- c. Increase soil stability and control erosion.
- 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 to be 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 selection must be approved by the Reserve Supervisor.

3.2.11 Landscaping

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

3.2.12 Ground Management

The Council will maintain Waikirikiri Reserve's grounds to a level acceptable for formal active recreation (adequate sports fields) and passive recreation including child's play.

3.2.13 Site Furniture and Fittings

To provide site furniture and fittings appropriate to Waikirikiri Reserve and compliant with the reserves policies to facilitate public use and 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 should 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 there use is necessary.
- b. Parking should occur in the designated carparking area or on adjacent street berms.

3.2.16 Signs

Signs located on reserves 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 will be erected on Waikirikiri Reserve in a prominent position that will give the name of the reserve and relevant reserve information as to permitted 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.
- b. Lighting of the proposed path shall be provided if required for the safety and convenience of the public.
- c. Cables for light fixtures should be underground wherever possible.
- d. Hours of operation of lights shall be limited to those approved by Reserve Supervisor.
- e. Lighting and installations shall be designed to avoid excessive light spill and glare into surrounding residential areas.

3.2.18 Dog Control

Waikirikiri Reserve is a 'Dog Exercise Area'. This area allows dogs to be exercised only when on a lead or harness.

3.2.19 Fire Control

The lighting of open fires on Waikirikiri Reserve is prohibited. Permission may be granted for barbeques if written permission has been sought from the Reserves Supervisor.

3.2.20 Play Equipment

- a. Existing play equipment will be maintained to a level of safety complying with recognised safety standards to be specified by Council. This standard is presently NZS 5828 Parts 1-3, “General Guidelines for New and Existing Playgrounds, Equipment and Surfacing”. This item may be reviewed by Council on the production of a successive joint Australia/New Zealand Safety Standard.
- b. 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 ‘Agrochemical 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 where present all known and classified noxious plants and pests within Neighbourhood Reserves.

3.2.22 Pest Control

Animal pests may be controlled on Waikirikiri Reserve as required or 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 vandals.

- 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 sufficient supervision can be provided.
- c. Vandalism on Waikirikiri Reserve will be repaired/removed as soon as funding and staffing allow.

3.2.24 Litter Control and Dumping of Wastes

- a. Council will provide rubbish receptacles on Waikirikiri Reserve where considered necessary by the Reserve Supervisor.
- b. Litter will be removed prior to the mowing of Waikirikiri Reserve (especially concerned about broken grass and aluminum cans).
- c) The dumping of refuse, including garden wastes on Waikirikiri Reserve 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.