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Introduction

The Waikanae Beach Reserve is to be used primarily for passive recreation particularly for water related activities in association with the beach and the Turanganui River. This reserve is to provide a focus for these activities. It is to be developed as a venue for public use and enjoyment of the beach. **It is also intended to provide a pedestrian link between the riverbank walkway through the city and a coastal walkway to Midway Beach and beyond.** As such, access to the reserve is to be enhanced which would see the need to provide an extension of pedestrian paths and more readily available space for carparking. Sufficient area is available to provide for supporting facilities such as toilets, changing rooms, surf clubrooms, play equipment and tennis courts.

Concern has been expressed about the movement of vehicles and the design of any parking facilities, particularly in regard to the camping ground, the surf club, the toilets and changing rooms and the protection of the natural features in the area of the Cut and the foreshore.

Design Requirements

Space should be provided for carparking sufficient to cater for the expected visitors to a prominent beach venue such as this. The carparking has to be located with possible view of the beach. This design reflects public demand as shown in current patterns of use. Vehicle access is to be provided from Grey Street with ready access to parking to stem the flow away from this beach further west when parking at the beach end is full.

Improved entry, access and exiting are required to and from Awapuni Road. A formed and sealed vehicle accessway is required, designed to protect the greenery. Roadways, parking areas and pedestrian accessways should be clearly defined around and through the existing vegetation. A system of bollards and low timber fences is proposed. All vehicles are to be excluded from the grassed area adjacent to the foreshore and river.

New enhancement plantings are to be carried out with similar species to those already existing. These will need mulching to assist with re-establishment. All deadwood, broken branches and other rubbish will need removing from the existing vegetation.

Existing Norfolk Pines need their lower limbs trimmed, the Pohutukawas pruned around their bases and other seedlings and self-sown vegetation removed. The seedling plum tree and other less desirable species next to the camping ground are to be removed.



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Additional trees and shrubs are needed around the perimeter of the camping ground for both shelter and screening and in the open area next to the Waikanae Creek

The grass areas that have eroded and compacted with vehicle use or concentrated pedestrian use will be restored. Soil and reseeded work is necessary to fill low areas, cover exposed tree roots and to return the ground to its original contour.

Pedestrian access to the other side of the Waikanae Creek by way of a footbridge is proposed as a direct link from the beach to the river walkway into the centre of town and the harbour basin.