

Extracts from the Motueka Ward Reserve Management Plan

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Relationship to Port Motueka Structure Plan

The Port Motueka Structure Plan covers the area outlined in green:



Within this area are several park and reserve areas covered by the Motueka Ward Reserve Management Plan:

- North Street Recreation Reserve
- Saltwater Baths Recreation Reserve
- Motueka Beach Recreation Reserve
- Link Park
- Moutere Inlet Esplanade Reserves

Details about the locations and management objectives and policies for each of these parks and reserves is presented on pages 2-9 of this document.

Map 22 - Motueka Town Reserves (South - East)

1. Motueka Community Gardens
2. Motueka Skate Park/BMX Track/ Go-Kart track
3. Moutere Inlet Walkway area
4. Puketutu Esplanade Reserve
5. Trewavas Street Recreation Reserve
- 5(a) - (5d).** Trewavas Street Walkway Reserves
(Lots 133 - 136 DP 2619)
6. York Park Recreation Reserve
7. Moutere Inlet Walkway Reserve
8. North Street Recreation Reserve
9. Saltwater Baths Recreation Reserve
10. Motueka Beach Recreation Reserve
(Lot 2 DP 4706)
(Sec 289 Motueka Dist)
(Lot 3 DP 4706)
(Lot 2 DP 14481)
11. Wharf Road (Inlet Walkway) Esplanade Reserve



5.6.40 NORTH STREET RECREATION RESERVE

Location

North Street Recreation Reserve is located between residential properties on North Street, Motueka and the foreshore (see Maps 20 and 22). This narrow reserve adjoins Trewavas Street Recreation Reserve to the north.



Classification, Legal Description and Size

- Classification: Recreation Reserve
- Legal Description: Lot 1 DP 4706
- Area: 0.6497 ha

History

The history outlined in the following paragraph applies to several different land parcels: reserves currently known as North Street Recreation Reserve, Trewavas Street Recreation Reserve, Saltwater Baths Recreation Reserve and Motueka Beach Recreation Reserve.

The land was taken under the Public Works Act 1908 for the purposes of a recreation ground in 1915 and vested in the Mayor, Councillors and Burgesses of the Borough of Motueka (NZ Gazette 1915, p2611, Proc No. 320). Prior to its taking, the land had formed parts of Native Reserves 144-147 which, at the time, were vested in the Public Trustee pursuant to Section 8 of the Native Reserves Act 1882. In 1953, this vesting was cancelled and the land was vested in Her Majesty the Queen for a public domain subject to Part II of the Public Reserves Domains and National Parks Act 1928, as part of the Motueka Domain. Then in 1965, the Minister of Lands declared that the Motueka Beach Domain was deemed to be a recreation reserve subject to Part II of the Reserves and Domains Act 1953 and vested the reserve in Motueka Borough Council in trust, for recreation purposes (NZ Gazette 1965, p385).

The current land status of the North Street Recreation Reserve is Crown land, vested in Tasman District Council. It was classified as Recreation Reserve in 2018.

Values

This gently undulating coastal reserve is mainly covered with mown grass and clusters of trees and shrubs. A gravel path provides walking and cycling access through the reserve. Seats, picnic tables, barbeques and rubbish bins are provided. A large playground is located on a low-lying area of the reserve, near the western boundary. Part of the car park at the eastern end of Everett Street lies just inside the southern boundary. A low wooden rail fence separates the reserve from North Street and the car park.

The reserve provides opportunities for walking, cycling, swimming, boat launching, picnics/barbeques and playing. The gravel path through the reserve forms part of a walkway/cycleway link along the foreshore from Port Motueka in the south to Staples Street in the north. The reserve also protects residential properties on North Street from coastal erosion.

Issues and Options

Previous attempts to protect the foreshore from coastal erosion are evident, including concrete slabs and rock. There is considerable potential to restore native foreshore vegetation and wildlife habitat.

Wood-fired barbeques have previously been provided at this reserve. These are due for replacement. Some of the larger shade trees were recently removed, leaving little natural shelter from the sun.

POLICIES

- 1 Continue to maintain the reserve for passive and informal recreation, including swimming and hand-launching small non-motorised watercraft.
- 2 Upgrade/replace playground equipment and barbeques as required.
- 3 Plant shade trees to replace old pine trees recently removed.
- 4 Work with the local community to implement a CoastCare restoration programme along the length of the foreshore.

Also see Council's 'Reserves General Policies' document.

5.6.41 SALTWATER BATHS RECREATION RESERVE

Location

Saltwater Baths Recreation Reserve is located in the coastal marine area, east of Everett Street, Motueka (see Maps 20 and 22).



Classification, Legal Description and Size

- Classification: Recreation Reserve
- Legal Description: Lot 4 DP 4706
- Area: 1.6203 ha

History

The history outlined in the following paragraph applies to several different land parcels: reserves currently known as Saltwater Baths Recreation Reserve, Trewavas Street Recreation Reserve, North Street Recreation Reserve and Motueka Beach Recreation Reserve.

The land was taken under the Public Works Act 1908 for the purposes of a recreation ground in 1915 and vested in the Mayor, Councillors and Burgesses of the Borough of Motueka (NZ Gazette 1915, p2611, Proc No. 320). Prior to its taking, the land had formed parts of Native Reserves 144-147 which, at the time, were vested in the Public Trustee pursuant to Section 8 of the Native Reserves Act 1882. In 1953, this vesting was cancelled and the land was vested in Her Majesty the Queen for a public domain subject to Part II of the Public Reserves Domains and National Parks Act 1928, as part of the Motueka Domain. Then in 1965, the Minister of Lands declared that the Motueka Beach Domain was deemed to be a recreation reserve subject to Part II of the Reserves and Domains Act 1953 and vested the reserve in Motueka Borough Council in trust, for recreation purposes (NZ Gazette 1965, p385).

The current land status of the Saltwater Baths Recreation Reserve is Crown land, vested in Tasman District Council. It was classified as Recreation Reserve in 2018.

The following history of the Saltwater Baths facility is an extract from 'Along the Path – Motueka's Historic Plaques' by Eileen Stewart (2012) – printed with permission:

At some time during the early 1920s, the beach at Motueka was considered dangerous for swimming, as there were sharks in Tasman Bay/Te Tai-o-Aorere. In 1926, money raised by a gala was used to enclose an area of the sea with galvanised wire.

The wire soon rusted away in the saltwater, so in 1938 a pool was built with three concrete walls and wings extending up the beach. This made the pool the depth of the high tide. There was no concrete bottom to the pool, just the beach sand. Eventually the wings were removed by order of the Harbour Board as it was believed they were causing erosion.

In 1950, a Domain Board was formed. The area west of the baths was levelled and grassed, toilets were installed and a short time later the fourth wall of the pool was built.

By 1992 the baths had deteriorated badly, so once more a committee was formed to upgrade the whole area. A concrete floor was added to the baths, with steps at both ends, and a paddling pool was included. A floodgate, childproof gates in the fence around the pool, decking on the shore side and a walkway to the beach were also added. In the Domain area, a new unit containing changing rooms and toilets was built to replace the old facilities and night lighting was installed.

This project was achieved through various grants and donations and the goodwill of local businesses, who gave goods and services. Council matched the fundraising dollar for dollar and, like previous projects, a vast amount of volunteer work helped ensure its completion.

Values

The Saltwater Baths facility lies just inside the western boundary of this reserve. The boardwalk that provides pedestrian access between the foreshore and baths lies outside of the reserve area. The entire reserve area lies within the tidal zone.

In 2005, the Saltwater Baths was registered as a Category II Historic Place, under the then Historic Places Act 1993.

Issues and Options

Volunteers have assisted Council with the ongoing maintenance of the Saltwater Baths for many years and are likely to continue to do so in future. Potential health and

safety issues associated with these tasks need to be considered and addressed.



As at the time of writing, Council's Dog Control Bylaw prohibits dogs at the Saltwater Baths.

POLICIES

- 1 Continue to maintain the saltwater baths facility and regularly flush the seawater, more frequently during the summer swimming season.
- 2 Develop an MOU with volunteer group, outlining health and safety protocols (see Appendix 3, Table B).

Also see Council's 'Reserves General Policies' document.

5.6.42 MOTUEKA BEACH RECREATION RESERVE

Location

Motueka Beach Recreation Reserve is located at 10 Everett Street, Motueka (see Maps 20 and 22). It borders Massey Street to the west, East Quay to the south and extends part way into the coastal marine area to the east.



Classification, Legal Description, Size and Year Acquired

Motueka Beach Recreation Reserve comprises of four parcels of land:

- (1) Western land parcel:
 - Classification: Recreation Reserve
 - Legal Description: Lot 2 DP 4706, Pt Sec 144 District of Motueka
 - Area: 1.0029 ha
 - Year acquired: 1915
- (2) Central land parcel:
 - Classification: Recreation Reserve
 - Legal Description: Sec 289, District of Motueka, Block IV Motueka S D (SO Plan 10400)
 - Area: 0.3313 ha
 - Year acquired: 1965
- (3) Eastern land parcel:
 - Classification: Recreation Reserve
 - Legal Description: Lot 3 DP 4706, Pt Sec 144 District of Motueka
 - Area: 0.7696 ha
 - Year acquired: 1915
- (4) Southern land parcel:
 - Classification: Recreation Reserve
 - Legal Description: Lot 2 DP 14481
 - Area: 0.1001 ha
 - Year acquired: 1990

History

The history outlined in the following paragraph applies to several different land parcels: reserves currently known as Motueka Beach Recreation Reserve (with the exception of the central and southern land parcels), Trewavas Street Recreation Reserve, North Street Recreation Reserve and Saltwater Baths Recreation Reserve.

The land was taken under the Public Works Act 1908 for the purposes of a recreation ground in 1915 and vested in the Mayor, Councillors and Burgesses of the Borough of Motueka (NZ Gazette 1915, p2611, Proc No. 320). Prior to its taking, the land had formed parts of Native Reserves 144-147 which, at the time, were vested in the Public Trustee pursuant to Section 8 of the Native Reserves Act 1882. In 1953, this vesting was cancelled and the land was vested in Her Majesty the Queen for a public domain subject to Part II of the Public Reserves Domains and National Parks Act 1928, as part of the Motueka Domain. Then in 1965, the Minister of Lands declared that the Motueka Beach Domain was deemed to be a recreation reserve subject to Part II of the Reserves and Domains Act 1953 and vested the reserve in Motueka Borough Council in trust, for recreation purposes (NZ Gazette 1965, p385). In 1965, the central land parcel of Motueka Beach Recreation Reserve was set apart as a reserve for recreation purposes under the Land Act 1948 and vested in the Mayor, Councillors and Citizens of the Borough of Motueka in trust,

for that purpose, pursuant to the Reserves and Domains Act 1953.

The current land status of the Motueka Beach Recreation Reserve (with the exception of the southern-most land parcel) is Crown land, vested in Tasman District Council.

The land parcel to the south was acquired by Council via subdivision in 1990.

The entire reserve area (i.e. all four land parcels) was classified as Recreation Reserve in 2018.

Values

Most of the reserve area is covered with mown grass. Low wooden fences prevent vehicles from driving onto these open space areas. Clusters of trees and shrubs are dotted around the reserve, with rows of trees along the foreshore and southern boundary. A path meanders in a loop around the outskirts of the reserve and along the foreshore. Small gardens have been planted either side of this path, near the western border with Massey Street.

In the northeastern corner of the reserve is a small building containing public toilets, a cold water shower and changing rooms. An old ablutions block is sited just south of the formed car park. An outdoor sink has recently been attached to this building, for campers to wash dishes at.

Motueka Beach Recreation Reserve was used as a motorcamp for several years, up until 1999. For the past 20 years, management has focused primarily on maintaining areas of open space for informal recreation and public use.

Currently, overnight camping in self-contained vehicles for a maximum stay of two nights is permitted within the formed parking area located in the northern/central area of the reserve, as defined on Figure 14 (Council's Freedom Camping Bylaw 2017).



Figure 14: Vehicle camping areas at Motueka Beach Recreation Reserve car park, as at May 2019.

Vehicle camping is permitted within the area shaded yellow on Figure 14, between the hours of 6pm and 7am every day, in self-contained vehicles only. In all other areas of the car park/Motueka Beach Recreation Reserve, camping is not allowed.

Camping is restricted to a maximum period of two nights in any calendar month or consecutive four-week period. Campers must comply with Council's Freedom Camping Bylaw and any parking restrictions that apply to this car parking area.

Issues and Options

Council has received ongoing complaints about freedom campers staying in non-self contained vehicles at this reserve and other locations near the foreshore over many years. This issue requires ongoing enforcement.

During 2019, Council is developing and consulting on a Draft Freedom Camping Strategy for Tasman District. The future of vehicle camping at Motueka Beach Recreation Reserve will be considered as part of this project. Depending on the outcome of this separate public consultation process, an amendment to the relevant policies of this Motueka Ward Reserve Management Plan may be required, to give effect to the new Freedom Camping Strategy. A review of Council's Freedom Camping Bylaw may also be required.

POLICIES

- 1 Manage the Motueka Beach Recreation Reserve primarily for the maintenance of open space, picnicking and informal recreation.
- 2 Ensure that the development of facilities or car parking does not significantly reduce the area of open space in the reserve.
- 3 Continue to remove exotic trees and shrubs along the foreshore and replace with native species, to assist with foreshore protection and provide shelter for the reserve.
- 4 Upgrade/replace the toilet/shower facilities.
- 5 If provided for, overnight camping at Motueka Beach Recreation Reserve must comply with Council's Freedom Camping Bylaw and any parking restrictions that apply to the car parking area.

Also see Council's 'Reserves General Policies' document.

**Map 23 - Motueka Town
Reserves (cnr Wharf Road
and Trewavas Street)**

1. Link Park

2. Moutere Inlet Esplanade Reserves

(Lot 2 DP 10449)

(Lot 3 DP 16035)



5.6.44 LINK PARK

Location

Link Park is located west of 93 Wharf Road, Motueka (see Maps 20 and 23). The Moutere Inlet adjoins the northern reserve boundary.



Classification, Legal Description and Size

- Unclassified
- Legal Description: Lot 1 DP 19868, Pts Sec 3 11 12 25 Block IV Motueka S D, Pt Sec 144 Motueka District, Lots 21 22 and Pt Lots 13 17 20 DP 780
- Area of Link Park: 0.1005

This land parcel is held together with other Council land at Port Motueka; Link Park is the only parcel located north of Wharf Road. The land has not been declared a reserve under the Reserves Act 1977, hence remains unclassified.

History

Port Motueka had a new wharf built in 1916, specifically as a fruit port. The former wharf (at end of Old Wharf Road) wasn't suitable for bigger ships. The position for the new and present wharf was chosen because of the channel that poured water into the Moutere Inlet each tide.

The Motueka Harbour Board was formed in 1905 and administered ports located between Mapua and Torrent Bay. This function was transferred from the Waimea County Council to the Nelson Harbour Board in 1966. Tasman District Council has administered the ex-Harbour Board land at Port Motueka, including Link Park, since 1989.

Link Park is the only parcel of ex-Harbour Board land located north of Wharf Road. It has not been required for port purposes in recent years; so is currently an open

space area managed by Council's Reserves and Facilities team.

Values

This triangular area of land provides an area of open space for passive and informal recreation alongside the Moutere Inlet. Part of the Inlet margin is contained within a strip of land inside the northern boundary of Link Park. Most of the area is covered with mown grass, with shrubs along the southern and eastern boundaries. Small gardens have been created and seats provided, offering scenic views across the Inlet. An information panel is also provided at Link Park.

A gravel path provides walking/cycling access through Link Park. The path forms part of the loop walkway around the Moutere Inlet (between Old Wharf Road and Wharf Road). The land overlooks several islets in the Moutere Inlet that provide significant habitat for wildlife (see Part 3, Section 1.3.6 for further details).

Issues and Options

No known issues. There is scope to further enhance the coastal margin by revegetating with appropriate native species.

POLICIES

- 1 Continue to maintain the amenity plantings and the section of loop walkway through the land.
- 2 Continue to restore the section of Moutere Inlet margin contained within Link Park by planting appropriate native species.

Also see Council's 'Reserves General Policies' document.

5.6.45 MOUTERE INLET ESPLANADE RESERVES

Location

The two Moutere Inlet Esplanade Reserves are located between the Moutere Inlet and the northern boundaries of 93, 95 and 97 Wharf Road, Motueka (see Maps 20 and 23).

Classification, Legal Description, Size and Year Acquired

Motueka Inlet Esplanade Reserve comprises of two parcels of land:

- (1) Western land parcel:
 - Classification: Local Purpose (Esplanade) Reserve
 - Legal Description: Lot 3 DP 16035
 - Area: 0.0145
 - Year Acquired: 1994
- (2) Eastern land parcel:
 - Classification: Local Purpose (Esplanade) Reserve
 - Legal Description: Lot 2 DP 10449
 - Area: 0.0123
 - Year Acquired: 1979

History

Both reserves were created via subdivision (one in 1979 and the other in 1994) and both were classified as Local Purpose (Esplanade) Reserve in 2018.

Values

Well-established trees, shrubs, garden plants and long grass line the esplanade reserve area. It is difficult to distinguish the boundary between the reserves and adjoining residential properties on the ground. Public use of the reserves is rare, as the loop walkway bypasses these reserves via a boardwalk section in this corner of the Moutere Inlet.



Issues and Options

There is potential to re-establish native Inlet-margin vegetation within the two reserve areas.

POLICIES

- 1 Enhance the Inlet margin habitat by removing weeds and planting appropriate native coastal species.

Also see Council's 'Reserves General Policies' document.