



**I give notice that  
a Turangi Reserves Management Plan Committee Meeting will be held  
on:**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Thursday, 30 November 2017</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>9.00am</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Senior Citizens Hall (Te Kapua Park) Town Centre Turangi</b>

# **AGENDA**

## **MEMBERSHIP**

**Chairperson** Mr Ngaiterangi SmallmanCr Tangonui Kingi

**Deputy Chairperson**

**Members** Cr Barry Hickling  
Miss Tina Porou  
Ms Hine Mohi  
Mr Wally van der Aa

**Quorum** 3

**Gareth Green**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

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**3.1 EXTRAORDINARY TURANGI RESERVES MANAGEMENT PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING - 28 AUGUST 2017**

**Author:** Raeleen Rihari, Democratic Services Support Officer

**Authorised by:** John Ridd, Group Manager: Business and Technology

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

That the minutes of the Turangi Reserves Management Plan Committee meeting held on Monday 28 August 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Turangi Reserves Management Plan Committee Meeting Minutes - 28 August 2017 

**4.1 ADOPTION OF MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2018**

**Author:** Sue Mavor, Senior Policy Advisor

**Authorised by:** John Ridd, Group Manager: Business and Technology

**PURPOSE**

To approve a schedule of meetings for the 2018 calendar year.

**DISCUSSION**

The Committee may choose to adopt a schedule of meetings for the year ahead. This will provide certainty for committee members, elected members, staff and public.

A draft schedule based on the work programme in the project plan is outlined below for consideration.

February 2018– Presentation of the final cultural impact assessment report

March 2018 – Draft Reserve Management Plan considered

Mid/late June 2018 - Hearings and deliberations (two days)

Late July 2018 - Final workshop to consider the Reserves Management plan prior to adoption

August 2018 – Final recommendation to full Council

Committee members need to agree suitable dates for the Committee meetings in these months to finalise the schedule.

Once approved, the schedule will be available on Council's website. Additional meetings can be scheduled during the year as required, in accordance with the Local Government Act and, the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

**CONCLUSION**

It is recommended that the Committee agrees dates for their meetings for 2018.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

That the Turangi Reserves Management Plan Committee adopts the following schedule of meetings for 2018:

\_\_\_ February 2018;

\_\_\_ March 2018;

\_\_\_ June 2018;

\_\_\_ July 2018; and

\_\_\_ August 2018.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

**4.2 TO DETERMINE THE APPROACH TO DRAFTING THE TURANGI RESERVES MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**Author:** Nathan Mourie, Senior Reserves Planner

**Authorised by:** Kevin Strongman, Group Manager, Operational Services

**PURPOSE**

For the Committee to indicate a preferred direction for the draft Turangi Reserves Management Plan.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- (1) That the Turangi Reserves Management Plan Committee receives the report and confirms the direction proposed in this report for the draft Turangi Reserves Management Plan.

Or

- (2) That the Turangi Reserves Management Plan Committee directs officers to adopt the following approach to preparing the draft Turangi Reserves Management Plan.....

**BACKGROUND**

The Turangi Reserves Management Plan Committee (the Committee) has previously discussed this item on 13 March, 12 June and 28 August 2017.

Officers are looking for a firm direction from the committee about the approach to take in a number of areas relevant to the drafting of the management plan.

The committee and officers have held a number of meetings and discussions with members of the Turangi community to try and determine what priorities, preferences, desires and values they hold in relation to the park which will help inform the content of the draft management plan.

**DISCUSSION**

The Committee held an open workshop with the public on 24 July. The majority of the public present at the workshop were affiliated with various sporting groups from the Turangi district.

The main area of discussion at the workshop was around keeping the large area at Tūrāngitukua Sports Park open and maintained for sporting activities, or developing a more focused location for sports at Te Kapua Park in co-operation with the local high school.

The public were largely in favour of retaining the current situation with the sports focus being at Tūrāngitukua Sports Park. Representatives from rugby union and rugby league indicated that they respectively require four and three full sized playing fields. There appeared to be concern with losing what already exists, and an optimism that all of the spaces will be needed at some time in the future, even if all fields are not required currently.

It is possible to locate up to four full fields on Te Kapua Park and the high school grounds.

It was also frequently mentioned that the current Tūrāngitukua Sports Park facilities are not suitable for use, and new changing rooms and public conveniences are strongly desired.

The focus of the public present primarily centred on sports fields and changing rooms and did not expand much into the wider requirements of a community or the inherent challenges present in Turangi from a holistic perspective.

Committee members subsequently carried out further consultation with a wider group and supplied additional information about the two main potential sportsground sites. The outcome of those discussions appears to be that there is a general community desire to retain Tūrāngitukua Sports Park as the main sporting hub for the Turangi community.

There seems to be a general acceptance of reducing the overall number of individual / neighbourhood playgrounds, while at least retaining the existing total numbers of equipment. This would result in fewer playgrounds, however the remaining playgrounds would each provide a better experience than the current small, scattered and isolated playgrounds layout.

The following areas of interest and the associated proposed indicative methods of dealing with them are the main areas for decision to influence the management plans directions:

- A main focus of the plan will be to elaborate on the partnership model for making decisions around what is suitable for Turangi parks. The preferred form this may take should be indicated by this committee.
- The introductory elements to the plan will ensure that the history of the sites is well explained, including the acknowledgements of the wrongs done to Ngāti Tūrangitukua by the Crown in their acquisition of the land which currently comprises Turangi parks.
- The plan will outline activities that are acceptable, and the measures which will be taken into consideration when assessing activities. Activities which do not fall within those measures will be assessed in conjunction with Ngāti Tūrangitukua, with Ngāti Tūrangitukua having the final say on whether or not an activity is to be allowed (unless there is an overriding legal aspect which would supersede Ngāti Tūrangitukua rights as landowner). However, any activity which falls within the measures may be approved by council parks officers at their discretion without having to consult Ngāti Tūrangitukua. This allows for special or potentially unsuitable requests to be considered by Ngāti Tūrangitukua, without the need to bother people for activities which meet the pre-defined criteria which have already been agreed to.
- In addition, there will be criteria defined as definitely unsuitable. Any activity which falls into these criteria will be declined by officers as well, without being required to be taken to Ngāti Tūrangitukua for comment or approval.
- Sites of significance as identified in the cultural impact assessment are to be acknowledged in a way that is considered appropriate by Ngāti Tūrangitukua. It is understood that some areas which are significant to local iwi may not be suitable for acknowledgement by the wider public due to the individual circumstances of each site. Suitable actions will be taken for each of these sites where the reasons for those actions may not necessarily be made public. Any disclosure of personal Ngāti Tūrangitukua information and history will be at the discretion of Ngāti Tūrangitukua's representatives.
- Opportunities to promote Ngāti Tūrangitukua and make people aware of the land's history will be taken advantage of where appropriate.
- Decisions made concerning the land, information and activities will go through formally acknowledged channels between the committee, Ngāti Tūrangitukua representatives and Council. This is to reduce potential conflict and to make sure that Council has a consistent and transparent channel to contact Ngāti Tūrangitukua without risk of conflicting information.
- It is anticipated that either Ngāti Tūrangitukua will nominate specific persons to be points of contact, or that the Ngāti Tūrangitukua representatives on the Committee will be empowered to make decisions on behalf of Ngāti Tūrangitukua.
- Due to the changing nature of the population, appropriate services and facilities may be consolidated, mainly at Te Kapua Park and Tūrangitukua Sports Park. This may mean that isolated pieces of playground equipment for example, such as solitary swing sets, may be removed and a greater emphasis placed on improving the playground at Te Kapua Park. In essence, making one or two better facilities in preference to spreading around numerous lesser facilities.
- Tūrangitukua Sports Park will have modified service levels. This park has a few marginalised facilities which have been abandoned, or are unfit for purpose. The buildings on the park which are unfit are likely to be recommended for removal, primarily the toilet block and clubrooms. The park will be redefined and improved to better accommodate the current and anticipated uses – primarily horse sports, rugby and cultural events. Removed unsuitable facilities should be replaced with a better sited and more appropriate multi-use structure to better reflect the needs of the users.
- Parks with no purpose should be assessed for their suitability for retention.
- Any areas identified which are not necessary for park purposes, and it is not anticipated that they will be needed in the future if the Turangi population increases, may be ear-marked for removal from Taupō District Council administration. Those areas owned by Ngāti Tūrangitukua will be returned to Ngāti Tūrangitukua as fee simple land. Any such land would no longer be eligible for support from council in terms of funding or maintenance, and Council may remove any or all of its assets on the land following discussion with Ngāti Tūrangitukua. Land owned by Council may be returned or offered back for sale to Ngāti Tūrangitukua, or sold to any other entity following the appropriate legal processes.

- There will be a focus on maintaining appropriate vegetation on parks, with a strong emphasis on weed control and improving native bio-diversity and ecology in appropriate locations. The most high profile location for this work is likely to be the stream area which is located in the areas currently identified as A-E.
- Review the current names of all the parks in order to reinforce and assure the correct names have been given to all the reserves which accurately reflect the Ngāti Tūrangitukua history with the land. In particular, the stream in the A-E areas may be re-named to something more suitable if appropriate.

The indication from the initial public consultations was that establishing a strong central series of open spaces was more preferable than retaining existing spaces and maintaining possibly unfeasible levels of service, for so many different spaces. Given that the town was planned and developed for around 10,000 people, and the current population was less than 3,000 at the 2013 census (a decrease of 9% since 2006), with no indication of significant population growth in the future, it was felt that it was appropriate to provide better services in a central location for the current population rather than rationalising resources over a wider area.

Officers are looking for a clear direction from Committee members about how they see the draft Reserves Management Plan evolving so that an appropriate draft can be prepared for consideration. One of the main aspects which will impact on most areas of the plan is the basic principle of retaining all existing areas and levels of service, or attempting to rationalise them and concentrating resources on providing improved levels of service into central areas.

Officers believe that strengthening the partnership between Ngāti Tūrangitukua and Council, clarifying expectations and decision-making processes, and underpinning the cultural history of the land in an appropriate manner approved by Ngāti Turangitukua and Council is essential to achieving a good outcome.

Officers also believe that strengthening the ecological considerations of important areas such as waterways is a goal which meets the desires of all parties.

If clear directions and desires for Turangi open spaces are not laid out immediately, there is the possibility that funding through the LTP (Long Term Plan) will be jeopardised as any identified projects and priorities will not be able to be included in the relevant Parks and Recreation Activity Management Plan. The LTP process occurs every three years and sets Councils direction for spending prioritisation for the next 10 years. If Turangi misses the opportunity to apply during this LTP round, it is possible/likely that it will be another three years before any large projects can be considered by the Councillors for funding.

## **CONCLUSION**

Officers require a clear direction for the principles of the draft Turangi Reserves Management Plan. The draft cannot be adequately completed without an indication of what principles are suitable for inclusion. Officers desire a decision today on whether or not the proposed issues and methods of dealing with them are suitable, or if the Committee desires officers to draft the plan with other principles in mind.

Officers still believe that the best route for strengthening the open spaces, facilities and community is to centralise many of the services and facilities, retain some facilities in specific locations for specific services overflow use, and where there is an obvious need.

If Tūrangitukua Sports Park had a reduced level of service which was not focused on traditional field sports, the level of service could easily be increased again if Turangi required a large area of sports fields once more due to population and/or demand increase.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil