

Memorandum



To: Mauao Project Steering Group

From: s 7(2)(f)(ii)

Subject: RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLANS

Date: 16 January 2012

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the Mauao Project Steering Group with information regarding:

- The legislative requirements of the Reserves Act 1977 in relation to Reserve Management Plans
- The purpose and function of a Reserve Management Plan
- Council's approach to developing Reserve Management Plans
- Timeframes for preparation of the Mauao Reserve Management Plan

Reserves Act 1977

The Reserves Act is the central piece of legislation that governs the administration of public reserves and sets out the powers and duties of local authorities as administering bodies of reserves.

Section 41 of the Reserves Act requires all administering bodies to prepare Reserve Management Plans for all reserves under their control, management or administration.

What is a Reserve Management Plan?

The purpose of a Reserve Management Plan, as specified by the Reserves Act, is to "***provide for ensure the use, enjoyment, maintenance, protection and preservation***" of the reserve for the purpose for which it is classified.

Reserve Management Plans set out how the Council as the administering body intends to manage, maintain and protect our reserves and help determine how we will balance the protection of the natural resources with recreational opportunities for the community. They contain the Council's objectives and policies that relate to how we manage our reserves on a day to day basis, as well as specific actions for individual reserves and in some instances concept plans.

Generally Reserve Management Plans should be reviewed at least every ten years but this does not necessarily require a complete re-write.

Reserve Management Plan Guidelines 2011

Council's Reserves Management Plan guidelines were developed in 2011 and provide specific direction for Council staff in the preparation of Reserve Management Plans. The purpose of the

guidelines is to ensure a consistent format and to the development of Reserve Management Plans moving forward.

Mauao Reserve Management Plan

Mauao currently sits in the Mount Maunganui Reserves Management Plan along with Mount Main Beach, Pilot Bay, Moturiki and Hopukioire.

It is intended that a separate individual Reserve Management Plan will be prepared for Mauao. The current timeframe to commence the review process is mid 2012, however this is somewhat dependent on the progress with the Coastal Reserves Management Plan.

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