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## Summary

The Reserve Management Plan for Parrs Park and Sherrybrooke Esplanade sets out the objectives and policies for the management of the park. The plan has been produced within the context of Waitakere City's wider objectives as well as the views of the local and wider community

Key Management Issues are outlined below:

The Management Plan for Parrs Park seeks to maintain and improve the existing sports fields in the southern part of the park whilst increasing significantly the amenity value of the northern portion of the park and protecting and restoring the Waikumete Stream and its associated natural values.

The existing sports fields will remain and some improvements by lessees will be allowed to enhance sporting activities. The use of the sports fields by summer and shoulder season codes will be encouraged. The continued use by children's midget soccer will be encouraged.

Passive amenity values of the park will be increased to encourage the wider use of the park by the public.

The northern section of the park will be developed with picnic areas, barbecues and walking tracks. More gardens, trees, equipment for young people, including a two park skate park, and lit walkways through the park will be installed. A stage for events will also be constructed. An eight court petanque facility will be installed in the middle region of the park.

The Waikumete stream will be restored by riparian plantings and weed control. Access to the stream will also be improved. There is potential for wetlands and associated boardwalks. There is potential for contemplation gardens here and linkages to neighbouring land and parks.

Access to and within the park will be improved. An access road off Seymour Road is already planned. The carparks will be re-laid to maximise parking spaces.

Integral to the development of Parrs Park is the proposal for the development of the Waterhole which will provide additional recreational facilities and carparking. This proposal is detailed in Section 6.



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## 1.0 Introduction and Background

### 1.1 Parrs Park

Parrs Park, 24.5948ha, is a park of local and citywide significance. Parrs Park occupies a visually dominant site at the junction of West Coast/Parrs Cross and Seymour Roads in Oratia in the heart of a rapidly growing area, and neighbouring the first tertiary institute to be established in Waitakere City.

The Parr family were one of the earliest families to settle in the area and the nursery that they established in 1854 is now Parrs Park.

As the surrounding orchards, vineyards and farm lots are developed for residential purposes, pressure is put on the natural environment and the community that lives there making Parrs Park an important green area at the rural/urban interface.

The management of Parrs Park is therefore important as a step in retaining the history and open space character of Oratia and Waitakere City whilst providing sporting and recreational needs of the local and wider community.

- provides an understanding in the community of how the reserve will be managed;
- simplifies administration by providing clear Council policy statements with regard to the park, which are designed to encourage consistency in decision making and guide future management;
- ensures that these decisions will take into account the broad public interest, rather than being on an ad hoc basis;
- contains management policies which can be readily understood and implemented within the context of the Council's Long Term Financial Strategy and Greenprint;
- is clear about general intentions and attitudes while retaining the flexibility to deal with matters of detail on their individual merits within the general framework;
- provides a procedure for public involvement during its preparation and review;
- sets governing principles for management which will be readily understood by those whose actions or interests will be affected by the plan.

### 1.2 Sherrybrooke Esplanade

Sherrybrooke Esplanade, 0.5130ha, adjoins Parrs Park. It extends along the northwestern side of the Waikumete Stream from the railway line to half way along Sherrybrooke Place.

### 1.3 Purpose of the Parrs Park Reserve Management Plan

The aim of the Parrs Park Reserve Management Plan is to provide for the enjoyment of sporting, recreational and environmental opportunities for the local and wider community in a manner which is in keeping with the existing character of the area and within the capabilities of its natural resources.

This Reserve Management Plan:

### 1.4 The Management Plan Process

The process that was followed in the production of this plan was in accordance with the provisions of the Reserves Act 1977 and included extensive public consultation.

Although previous management plans have been prepared for Parrs Park, the most recent was in 1989, and is now 10 years out of date and no longer reflects today's needs.

This Reserve Management plan has been prepared from ideas and submissions received during the extensive consultation associated both with the Tertiary Institute (Wananga) development on land adjacent to the present boundaries of Parrs Park and with the development options of Parrs Park itself.

The steps involved in this process are shown following:



## 1.5 How to use the Management Plan

The Management Plan is laid out in three parts:

- (a) The first part contains the background information relating to the statutory and strategic framework for the Reserve Management Plan and describes the current state of Parrs Park.
- (b) The second part comprises the Reserve Management Plan itself. It contains the detailed objectives for the management of the Parrs Park and an explanation of these. It outlines the policies used to meet these objectives and how these policies will be implemented.
- (c) The third part describes the development plans for Parrs Park in specific detail.

The Appendices, outline the legal description and documentation of the park as well as a summary of written submissions and comments given at community consultation events.

## 2.0 Statutory Context

### 2.1 Reserves Act 1977

The Reserves Act requires that every recreation and scenic reserve have a management plan prepared. Once accepted, the plan is to be subject to continuous review to adapt to changing circumstances or increased knowledge about the reserve.

The intention of the plan is to:

*“provide for and ensure the use, enjoyment, protection and preservation, as the case may require, and to the extent that the administering body’s resources permit, the development, as appropriate, of the reserve for the purposes for which it was classified.”*

Parrs Park has been classified as Recreation Reserve under the Reserves Act 1977, Section 17. Recreation reserves are:



*“for the purpose of providing areas for the recreation and sporting activities and the physical welfare and enjoyment of the public, and for the protection of the natural environment and beauty of the countryside, with emphasis on the retention of open spaces and on outdoor recreational activities, including recreational tracks in the countryside.”*

Sherrybrooke Esplanade has been classified as a Local Purpose (Esplanade) Reserve under the Reserves Act 1977, Section 23. Local Purpose Reserves are:

*“for the purpose of providing and retaining areas for such local purpose or purposes as are specified in any classification of the reserve”*

*every local purpose reserve shall be so administered and maintained under the appropriate provisions of this Act that –*

- (a) *Where scenic, historic, archaeological, biological, or natural features are present on the reserve, those features shall be managed and protected to the extent compatible with the principal or primary purpose of the reserve:*
- (b) *To the extent compatible with the principal or primary purpose of the reserve, its value as a soil, water, and forest conservation area shall be maintained.*

## 2.2 Resource Management Act 1991

The purpose of the Act is to:

*“promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources.”*

Issues which are considered to be of National Importance are:

- (a) *The preservation of the natural character of the coastal environment, wetlands, and lakes and rivers and their margins, and the protection of them from*

*inappropriate subdivision, use, and development,*

- (b) *The protection of outstanding natural features and landscapes from inappropriate subdivision, use, and development,*
- (c) *The protection of areas of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna,*
- (d) *The maintenance and enhancement of public access to and along the coastal marine area, lakes and rivers,*
- (e) *The relationship of Maori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral lands, water, sites, waahi tapu and other taonga.*

## 2.3 New Zealand's Biodiversity Strategy

The aim of the Draft Biodiversity Strategy, 1999 is to halt the decline of New Zealand's native plants, animals, habitats and ecosystems. The Biodiversity Strategy is a result of New Zealand's signature to the Convention on Biological Diversity at the 1992 Earth Summit. It outlines some of New Zealand's unique species and ecosystems and reasons for the loss of some of them. It also sets out the steps needed to reduce or even halt this loss and ways to enhance and restore New Zealand's natural biodiversity and resources.

Some of these steps are incorporated into the Reserve Management Plan for Parrs Park to improve biodiversity at a local scale.

## 2.4 Waitakere City Council District Plan

The Proposed District Plan identifies Waitakere City's parks as Open Space Environment, overlain by the Natural Area characteristics on those parklands. Areas of natural vegetation, wildlife habitat and potential habitat (restoration areas) are part of a “Green Network” that are afforded special protection under the policies and rules of the Plan.

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Parts of Parrs Park and Sherrybrooke Esplanade close to the Waikumete Stream are identified within the Proposed District Plan as Restoration Areas (20-50% native vegetation) or Ecological Linkage Opportunities (less than 20% native vegetation).

The Waikumete Stream within Parrs Park has a 15m riparian margin which limits the extent of development on the stream bank within the margins.

Parts of the Sherrybrooke Stream within Sherrybrooke Esplanade has a 7m riparian margin.

The Parrs Park Reserve Management Plan will provide detailed management and planning for the placement of any sports facilities, buildings, paths and active play areas. The District Plan rules will be used to manage the effects of activities on surrounding areas, in particular, noise, lighting, traffic movements and the placement of structures at the boundary, together with effects on the natural environment with regard to earthworks, vegetation clearance or enhancement and impermeable surfaces.

## 3.0 Strategic Context

### 3.1 Greenprint

This document contains the overall strategic framework within which Waitakere City operates. The Greenprint identifies key changes and actions required for Waitakere to become an eco-city and targets a number of key focus areas to realise this vision. These are:

- Communities
- City form and design
- Transport and communications
- Economic development
- Taonga
- City well-being
- Energy, Resources and Waste

### 3.2 Green Network

The Green Network is an approach to integrate native ecosystems on private and public land by recreating a vegetated green link between the Waitakere Ranges and the Waitemata Harbour thereby:

- Providing ecosystem protection
- Forming ecological corridors for the movement of wildlife
- Protecting and enhancing the landscape
- Enhancing public access to native forests, streams and the coast
- Enhancing passive recreation opportunities
- Avoiding or mitigating natural hazards
- Protecting water quality

The Parrs Park Reserve Management Plan will promote the goals of the Green Network.

### 3.3 Parks Strategy

The Parks Strategy has been developed in accordance with Waitakere City's Greenprint and provides guidelines for the management of parks within the City. The management plan for Parrs Park and Sherrybrooke Esplanade will be prepared within the framework of the Parks Strategy. Eight detailed objectives and targets for the open space in the city have been developed. The objectives set out a programme for change and improvement of the open space areas within the city.

The objectives are to:

- Increase the use and enjoyment of parks
- Extend and improve the city's natural ecosystems
- Increase the opportunities for people to enjoy nature on parks
- Sustainably manage parks as part of the wider landscape
- Increase the use, range and quality of sports facilities within the city



- Protect the heritage values within the city
- Provide quality local and neighbourhood parks that are within walking distance throughout the city
- Work in partnership with iwi on the management of Waahi Tapu
- Involve communities in the design and management of parks
- Improve the management and administration of parks
- maintenance of spiritual and cultural values,
- environmental and heritage protection and enhancement,
- social and economic development

Matters of significance covered by objectives and policies within the statement include social, economic and cultural well-being, heritage, koiwi and artefacts, water, coastal marine area, waste, land and landscape, flora and fauna and design.

In addition to this statement the report for Management of Natural Resources and Heritage in Waitakere Parks has as one of its objectives, *“to ensure opportunities are provided for urban marae komiti to provide input on matters of tikanga and kaitiakitanga.”*

The Parks Strategy classifies a park according to the facilities it provides, its size, location and role within the reserve network. The classes are citywide parks, local parks and neighbourhood parks. Citywide parks are seen as the key method of meeting the needs of Waitakere City residents in the future, and as providing a significant recreational and ecological function within the wider parks network.

Parrs Park is a large park that provides significant areas of native ecosystems and has a variety of landscapes and recreational opportunities. It is used by people from across Waitakere City and provides for many sporting codes and has a significant stream running through it with associated natural values. Hence Parrs Park is managed as a citywide park. Its significance to the City, therefore, as well as its use as a park for the local community, must be considered in the preparation of its Management Plan.

Sherrybrooke Esplanade is classed as a local park.

### 3.4 Te Kawerau A Maki Trust Resource Management Statement

The Resource Management Statement outlines the concerns and goals of the Kawerau a Maki Trust with regard to the sustainable management of the Taonga within the tribal area of Te Kawerau A Maki. Resource management issues are addressed by the Kawera A Maki Trust within the context of achieving balance between:

### 3.5 Te Hao O Ngati Whatua Environmental Report

This report outlines traditional approaches and practices for sustainable resource management with regard to issues of concern to Ngati Whatua.

Matters of concern to tangata whenua include:

- enhancing and protecting the mauri of water,
- air quality
- retainment and enhancement of natural native forests

Objectives include:

- water quality in water bodies and coastal waters, enhancement of the mauri of waterways
- stimulation in numbers of native birds
- protection of small stands of native species including manuka, kanuka and flax
- traditional methods for harvesting
- protection and enhancement of our ecosystems
- eradication of noxious plants

- careful planning of walking tracks to protect root systems
- protection of all waahi tapu sites
- identification and protection of cultural and heritage sites

### 3.6 Oratia and Waikumete Streams Restoration Strategy

This report describes the flora of the Oratia and Waikumete Streams to assist with their restoration and enhancement.

These streams are important to Waitakere City because they have high visual, landscape, recreational and amenity value. They are important ecological linkages providing habitat diversity and are becoming increasing rare examples of lowland freshwater ecosystems.

These streams have suffered through destruction of natural vegetation, piping, weed invasion and pollution. Public access to streams has become increasingly limited due to subdivision and urbanisation.

The Oratia and Waikumete Streams Restoration Strategy as well as describing the current state describes various restoration possibilities which will be incorporated into the Parrs Park Reserve Management Plan.

## 4.0 Current State

### 4.1. Location

The 24.5948ha of Parrs Park and 0.5130ha of Sherrybrooke Esplanade are located in Oratia in the Waitakere Ward of Waitakere City. The parks are situated between Seymour Road to the west, Parrs Cross Road, West Coast Road to the south, the proposed Tertiary Institute and existing Marae to the east and the Waikumete Stream to the northeast.

Parrs Park is at the interface of the rural and urban boundary in Oratia. Parrs Park is used

as a local park by residents from Oratia Valley, McLaren Park, Sunnyvale and Glen Eden but also attracts residents from throughout the City.

There are a number of local schools nearby including the Oratia District School, Bruce McLaren Intermediate, Prospect School, Sunnyvale Primary School and Te Kura Kaupapa O Hoani Waititi.

#### Reserve Management Plan Issues

- *Retain open space in rapidly urbanising area*
- *Provide for local community*
- *Integrate Parrs Park with the proposed Tertiary Institute*

## 4.2 History

Parrs Park was part of the ancestral land of the Te Kawerau a Maki people who maintained a settlement at nearby Oratia (off Holden's Road) in pre European times. It was also near the main route through to the Kaipara Harbour at Helensville.


In 1854 the first attempt at horticulture in the western districts was the nursery established by John and Thomas Parr on what is now Parrs Park.

The Parr family was possibly one of the earliest to settle in the area. The original Parrs, Thomas and Jane Elizabeth, arrived in New Zealand in 1843 with their four children, Edward John, Thomas, Jane and John. After first buying land in Mt Eden, they moved to Waikomiti in 1854. The boundaries of the block they purchased extended from the stream at Woodglen Road, Glen Eden, to Oratia Stream at the bottom of Izards Orchard.

The Parrs first house was built on the highest point adjacent to the south boundary of the property, near present day, Glengarry Road. In 1970 the house was shifted to the Albion Vale site near the Oratia Bowling Club. A second house, named Albion Vale was built in front by the eldest son Edward John in 1880.

The brother of Jane Elizabeth Parr (nee Davidson) lived in a small cottage opposite





Woodglen Road. The bridge alongside this cottage was known as Bootmakers Bridge, this being Davidson's livelihood. The Parrs' built the first bridges along West Coast Road. The first orchard planted by the Parrs' was on their original house site and another orchard on the alluvial flats along the Oratia Stream next to Albion Vale. Six acres surrounding the homestead were used for grafting and budding stock for the 'Albion Vale Nurseries'. The nursery business began shortly after the move in 1870 and had by 1887, reached the stage of employing several hands.

Thomas Parr died in 1877 and the business was then re-organised as E J Parr and Sons, the sons being Thomas, John and Edward. The nursery continued under this title until E J Parr died in 1889. His son John carried on the business until his death in 1910. A catalogue of 1888-1899 advertises over six hundred varieties of apples, (of which only a few are around today) as well as plums, pears, roses, blackberries, gooseberries, nectarines, peaches and other miscellaneous fruits. A terrific hailstorm in 1904 marked fruit so badly that prices were very low in the markets. This prompted the Parrs to start one of Auckland's first canneries called Atherton after Thomas Parr's wife, Martha Atherton. They canned apples, pears, plums and peaches. Thomas Parr went to America to observe machinery methods to make work easier. He then travelled to Australia where he married and settled for some time, before returning to New Zealand.

Over the years, the land was split between the family.

Parrs Park was formed from land purchased or acquired by Waitakere City Council since 1966.

Waitakere City Council bought 9.1981ha from Martha Parr and 9.6837ha from Philip Parr in 1966. 5.2379ha was acquired from the Dragicevich brothers in 1968. A further 1820m<sup>2</sup> was acquired as reserve contribution when the Universal Homes subdivision occurred. This land is recreation reserve. A further 71m<sup>2</sup> of Benita Place was acquired as local purpose (accessway) reserve. There has been a recent purchase of land of Bentia Place for drainage purposes which will be added to the park.

As outlined in 4.11, Waitakere City Council has resolved to use the 5.4272ha of Parrs Park behind the Marae for the Tertiary Institute (Wananga) development.

#### Reserve Management Plan Issues

- *Retain heritage vegetation and values of Parrs Park*

### 4.3 Archaeology

No archaeological sites are documented as existing on Parrs Park.

### 4.4 Geology and Soils

The site is underlain by alluvium of eroded terrace remnants (Whau formation) pertaining to the Pleistocene epoch. No signs of instability were noted and the slopes are too gentle for any major problems to be foreseeable.

### 4.5 Landscape

The land at Parrs Park is flat in terrain, but with an overall gentle slope towards the Waikumete Stream in the north eastern corner.

Parrs Park is comprised of several parcels of land and occupies a visually dominant site at the junction of West Coast/Parrs Cross & Seymour Roads in the Oratia area of the city.

The park is bounded by existing and developing residential properties. To the east is the land for the new tertiary institute (Wananga).

To the northeast is Waikumete Cemetery which is connected to the park via the Waikumete Stream and its associated esplanades, although the Auckland – Helensville Railway provides a boundary between these two areas.

Sherrybrooke Esplanade joins Parrs Park and encompasses a small part of the Sherrybrooke Stream.

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### Reserve Management Plan Issues

- *Proximity to public transport route*
- *Access to Parrs Park from north*
- *Eventual linkages to Singer Park and Waikumete Cemetery*

## 4.6 Vegetation

About a third of Parrs Park is in sportsfields and is mainly covered in sportsturf grass.

Whilst the majority of the park is currently in pasture, currently grazed but is being overrun with weeds such as blackberry, woolly nightshade, wattle, honeysuckle, privet and gorse, there are important remnants of vegetation from the time of Parrs Park use as an orchard. This includes some stands of old pear trees, most on the land bordering with the proposed Tertiary Institute (Wananga).

There is an old shelterbelt of large macrocarpas growing on land currently grazed by the Pony Club.

In the northeastern section there are many mature trees and some stands of manuka and native bush (10%) exist along the Waikumete Stream banks. There are many small willows and a dense understorey of privet and wandering jew.

There is more native vegetation on the stream banks approaching Sherrybrooke Esplanade. Native plants have been planted on the stream bank opposite Sherrybrooke Esplanade, accessed via Bentia Place, following the recent removal of willows that were infesting the Waikumete Stream.

Large eucalypts are growing on the West Coast Road boundary, however some are suffering from an Australian parasite and native specimen trees have been planted underneath. Shrubs have also been planted by the carparks. Recently planted Rimu and Kahikatea are struggling in the poor soil and harsh conditions. Liquid Ambers and sheoaks are common specimen trees on the park.

Parrs Park was the site for the "Trees for Babies" in April 1999 during which native trees and shrubs were planted by the West Coast Road entrance.

### Reserve Management Plan Issues

- *Retain and improve native vegetation*
- *Plant specimen trees suitable to the site conditions*
- *Retain vegetation representative of Parrs Park orcharding history*
- *Control environmentally damaging weeds*

## 4.7 Water

The Waikumete Stream flows through the north eastern corner of Parrs Park. The land immediately bordering the stream is in the flood plain and hence development on this land is limited. The Waikumete Stream is a slow flowing low gradient stream about 2m wide and rather shallow. Riparian vegetation is both native and exotic and the banks are undercut providing fish habitats.

The Sherrybrooke Stream flows south into the Waikumete in Sherrybrooke Esplanade Reserve.

The Parrs Stream flows north into the Waikumete Stream just east of the Parrs Park boundary.

There are also a number of open drains running through parts of Parrs Park. These drains are concrete lined and look unattractive and due to their steep sides and lack of fencing are a significant safety hazard.

### Reserve Management Plan Issues

- *Development must be designed to accommodate flood plain*
- *Further land in flood plain may be acquired as reserve as neighbouring land is developed*
- *Retrofitting open drains*

## 4.8 Fauna

The Waikumete Stream has been given a moderate ecological rating, because of the presence of two or more fish species and riparian vegetation. Macroinvertebrates are not common.



Habitat values show improvement with increasing dense riparian vegetation.

However, freshwater surveys undertaken further upstream in the Waikumete Stream revealed the presence of native longfinned eel, banded kokopu, shrimps, koura, common and Cran's bully. A rare crab was also found in the stream supporting the streams significance as faunal habitat.

Birds observed in the area include: Mallard duck, spur-winged plover, eastern rosella, kingfisher, welcome swallow, grey warbler, fantail, song thrush, blackbird, silvereye, tui, grennfinch, chaffinch, house sparrow, starling, indian myna and magpie.

#### Reserve Management Plan Issues

- *Aquatic habitat enhancement*
- *Avifauna habitat enhancement*
- *Pest control*

## 4.9 Leases

Leases play an important role in the City Council's ability to regulate activities on reserves. Leases often give exclusive access to a reserve, or part of a reserve for a particular user and there is a need to ensure that the benefits of such exclusive use outweigh the disadvantages and that such leases are equitable and fair to the whole community.

There are four current leases over parts of Parrs Park, with a fifth currently expired.

The leases are:

- (1) The Waitemata Table Tennis Association Incorporated lease an area of 6272 sq.m from 1 September 1975 for a period of 33 years and with a similar right of renewal at Council's option. The amount of land leased is far in excess of the building site (437 sq.m), thus allowing for carparking and expansion. **Expires 2008**
- (2) The Waterhole Swimming Centre Limited was granted a lease over its building site

(1600 sq.m) in October 1982. The term of the lease is for for 33 years from 1 October 19 82 with an annual rent of \$5.00. There is provision in the lease for a renewal for a further term of 33 years. This lease is legal in terms of the Reserves Act 1977 in view that it was granted by the former Waitemata City Council pursuant to section 54(1)(d) of the Reserves Act 1977 with the prior consent of the then Minister of Lands. This section of the Act authorises the granting of leases for the carrying on of any trade, business or occupation on any specified site on a recreation reserve. Under Clause 4 (\*n) of the lease, the leasee is required to advise the council of admission fees charged to the public for access and use of the premises. The amount of the fees are subject to the final consent by the Minister of Conservation.

**Expires 2015**

- (3) Documented occupation of part of the park by the Oratia United Association Football Club was first arranged in 1977. This was for a 'Permit to Occupy' to enable the club to commence building its clubhouse. This was replaced in 1978 by a 33 year lease over the clubhouse site. The amount of land leased is not definitively quoted, but from the plan attached to the document this appears to be around 400 sq.m. There has been confusion in the past over the leased area but a legal opinion has confirmed that the lease was intended for the clubhouse building site only. A right of renewal at the option of Council exists in the lease for a second term of 33 years. **Expires 2011**



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(4) The Scout Association of New Zealand (Sunnyvale Scout Group) was leased an area of 222m<sup>2</sup> for a period of 33 years from 1 July 1983 at an annuity of \$5.00. There are provisions for 3 yearly rental reviews and a right of renewal for a further period of 33 years. The Sunnyvale Scout Hall was destroyed by arson in 1998 and is yet to be rebuilt. **Expires 2016**

(5) The expired lease is to the Glen Eden Pony Club Incorporated. They graze horses on 4.8ha of land by the Waikumete Stream but are moving to Henderson Valley Park in January 2000.

#### Reserve Management Plan Issues

- *Clarification of lease agreements*
- *Expansion of Table Tennis Club and live in caretaker*
- *Commercial venture on Recreation Reserve*
- *Expansion of Waterhole*
- *Soccer Club Facilities*
- *Rebuilding of Scout Hall*

### 4.10 Hoani Waititi Marae

In 1973-74 3.45 ha of Parrs Park was leased by the Hoani Waititi Marae (Inc.) to construct urban marae facilities to cater for the needs of West Auckland.

Hoani Waititi Marae is named after a well known educational figure from the Whanau Apanui tribe in the Bay of Plenty. From the 1950s he had pushed for the construction of urban marae in Auckland to meet the needs of Maori who had migrated to the city.

The site clearing, access road formation off Seymour Road and the laying of services cables were completed for the Marae early in 1974. Plans for a 24m x 9m Te Kaha style meeting house were produced and negotiations commenced for the massive carving project.

John Taiapa of the Rotorua Institute of Arts and Crafts was commissioned as master carver to complete the carving work. Stage II the Whareniui (meeting house) construction work was then commenced. The totara for the carving project felled earlier at the Minginui Forest and stored at the marae site, was sorted and the 110 pieces (20 tonnes) were transported to Rotorua by the marae committee and Te Rangitahi Workers.

The meeting house shell was completed in 1977. The Meeting House is named 'Tumanako' which means hope for the future.

In 1979 the marae internal roading and site work developments were completed. Included in this work was the ceremonial entry gate and the palisading as well as landscaping, stormwater drains, paving works and grassing. On 19 April 1980 the official opening of the Wharewhakairo (Ornamented Meeting House) and Wharekai (dining hall) took place according to traditional Maori custom, with representatives from all the tribes of New Zealand attending.

Work at the sites has continued with ground improvements, landscaping and maintenance work, while a temporary prefab classroom has been located on site for a Tukutuku (weaving) Centre. In 1982 a 218m<sup>2</sup> building was relocated on site, adjoining the dining hall, to house the education, cultural and administration centre of the marae and provide a Kohanga Reo. During 1983 an additional workroom was constructed adjoining the carpark area and a 1.2m high timber and punga fence was built at the rear of the cultural and administration centre.

As the Reserves Act 1977 did not allow for Stage III of the marae development (Kaumatua Housing) on a recreational reserve, Council agreed to revoke the reserve status for the marae section of Parrs Park and to issue a long term lease to the John Waititi Marae Committee for the area of their existing lease plus an additional adjoining area fronting West Coast Road.

The new lease was executed on 6 February 1988 to commemorate Waitangi Day, for a term of 3 x 33 years at a nominal rental with right of renewal. The reserve status was revoked and the area



extended to 5.7345 ha. The land is held in fee simple by Waitakere City Council.

A kohanga, kura kaupapa and secondary school, have been built on this site.

## 4.11 Tertiary Institute – Wananga

Council was approached by Hoani Waititi Marae and Te Whanau O Waipareira Trust in May 1996 for assistance in developing a wananga/tertiary institute in Waitakere City. In September 1997, Council entered into a partnership with the Trust and Marae to establish a tertiary institute at Parrs Park, Glen Eden.

Te Whanau O Waipareira Trust has purchased approximately 12 hectares of land next to the Marae and Parrs Park to use as part of the Wananga.

Council has resolved to use 5.4272ha of Parrs Park behind the Marae (currently used by the Glen Eden Pony Club) for the Wananga development. (See attached map). This proposal was publicly notified in accordance with the Reserves Act 1977, and a Council subcommittee considered submissions. The Department of Conservation has approved the revocation of reserve status, subject to the development going ahead. This will necessitate changes to the District Plan, which will be a publicly notified process.

3727m<sup>2</sup> of this land opposite Solea Road will be retained by Council but a right of way easement will be granted to allow access to the institute.

A community design process was held in relation to the Parrs Park area and the Wananga over the period 17 June to 29 June 1998. This allowed the community to raise issues of concern in relation to the proposed development, their vision for the area and the things that they value in the area. Designers working for the Trust and the Marae together with Council staff and other stakeholders then set about producing concept designs.

The partners are continuing to liaise with other tertiary providers in terms of provision of courses and with the Ministry of Education over funding for the institute. Currently, a Memorandum of

Understanding is being drafted between Massey University and the project partners, with the aim of providing a Bachelor of Business Studies course from the new campus by 2000. A joint venture has already been developed between Auckland College of Education and Te Whanau O Waipareira Trust, with a bridging course in Maori education being run this year. These students will be eligible to enrol in primary teacher training upon completion of this course.

While being driven by the Maori community, the new institute will provide tertiary education for all people. It will cater for up to 5000 students with development being staged over the next 10 years.

The Te Whanau O Waipareira Trust in association with the Tertiary Institute Proposal have proposed a joint venture with the Waterhole to expand to include a recreation centre for joint community and Tertiary Institute use. Alternative sites exist elsewhere on the Tertiary Institute/Marae land but may not be as suitable. Carparking associated with the recreation centre may be able to be accommodated on the Tertiary Institute land to reduce the impact on Parrs Park.

### Reserve Management Plan Issues

- *Integration of Parrs Park and Wananga and associated walkways*
- *Access roads to Wananga through Parrs Park*
- *Provision of carparks*
- *Increased visitors to Parrs Park associated with Wananga*
- *Proposal to develop Recreation Centre as a joint venture with the Waterhole*

## 4.12 Services

A high pressure natural gas and petroleum products pipeline runs along the Parrs Boundary on Seymour Road, crosses Parrs Park and continues on past the end of Sherrybrooke Place.

### Reserve Management Plan Issues

- *Building constraints on/near pipeline*

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## 4.13 Buildings

There are currently five buildings on Parrs Park, aside from the Marae facilities:

- The Waterhole swimming pool complex
- The Oratia Soccer Club Rooms and changing/toilet facilities
- The Waitemata Table Tennis Hall (A single storey 375m<sup>2</sup> building was built in 1977.)
- Glen Eden Pony Club Tack Room
- Public toilets

The Sunnyvale Scout Hall, which burnt down in 1998 as a result of an arson attack, is yet to be rebuilt.

### Reserve Management Plan Issues

- *Rebuilding of Scout Hall*
- *Expansion of existing buildings by leasees*

## 4.14 Access And Use

Parrs Park is a large park which provides for a variety of sporting facilities.

### Soccer Fields

The park is used for soccer from (March - August) contains 2 soccer fields, 1 training field and 12 sand slit midget soccer fields. Parrs Park is the main soccer facility in West Auckland. The Oratia United Football Club has 550 active and social members. They wish to erect a permanent fence in order to charge for spectators, fencing being required if playing in the Premier League of New Zealand Soccer.

The Western Districts Midget Soccer Club consists of 12 clubs co-jointly utilising the grounds. Approximately 2000 juniors use the grounds each weekend in winter. This puts significant pressure on carparking facilities and access into the park.

In the 1999/2000 financial year completion of a through road from Seymour Road to the central

carparking area is expected to alleviate some of the weekend traffic congestion problems.

### Cricket & Kilikiti

The summer use of Parrs Park (November - March) is predominantly cricket and kilikiti. Since 1991, cricket has been allocated usage of the park as an additional summer code. The Auckland Cricket Association (seniors) operate Saturday afternoons whilst the Western District Junior Cricket Association utilise the pitches during Saturday mornings. A total of 3 pitches exist with the artificial wickets having 1 concrete base and two roll-up.

### Aussie Rules

Aussie Rules use Parrs Park in the shoulder season (September - November).

### Volleyball

A sand area has been developed between the cricket pitches opposite the Parrs Cross and West Coast Road intersection. This caters for mainly Pacific Island summer sports but the permanent surface has the potential for year round use.

### Swimming Pool

The Waterhole consists of one 25m pool and a smaller children's pool. There are three options for development here. The first allows for the construction of a larger pool, the second option allows for the construction of a 50m pool and associated facilities, the third option is for the Waterhole to enter into a joint venture with the proposed Tertiary Institute to construct a recreation centre on Parrs Park.

### Basketball Court

A basketball half court was constructed in 1997 and is heavily used.

### Skate Ramp

There is currently one wooden skate ramp opposite the marae.





### Playground

There is a large playground on Parrs Park near Parrs Cross Road.

### Roads & Carparks

Entrances are currently provided off West Coast Road, with the road extending into the second carparking area by the Waterhole and Oratia Soccer Club and off Seymour Road providing access to the Table Tennis Club, Pony Club and site of the old scout Hall. The Table Tennis Club has a carpark on their leased land. A fourth carpark exists off Parrs Cross Road providing access to the toilets and basketball court.

### Reserve Management Plan Issues

- *Maximise use of sportsfields*
- *Facilities associated with sports clubs*
- *Provision of play equipment*
- *Layout and provision of carparking*
- *Access into and through park*

## 5.0 Management Objectives and Policies

### Vision Statement

*The Parrs Park Reserve Management Plan will provide for the enjoyment of sporting, recreational and environmental opportunities for the local and wider community in a manner which is in keeping with the existing character of the area and within the capabilities of its natural resources.*

### Objective 1

*To Increase the Use and Enjoyment of Parrs Parks*

### Policies

- 1.1 *Provide a safe environment for park users*
- 1.2 *Provide facilities which present a diverse range of experiences and challenges for the public especially for youth, older people and women*
- 1.3 *Provide appropriate access to the park for all groups including those with limited mobility*

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1.4 *Develop lit walkways which contribute to the Waitakere Integrated Transport Strategy and encourage pedestrian access throughout the park while not detrimentally affecting use of the park and personal safety*

1.5 *Improve the quality and quantity of passive open space which is available for passive or casual recreational use*

1.6 *Control lease agreements to ensure the effective and equitable use of the park*

## Implementation

- Implement “Safer Design for the Green Network: Design Guidelines” to ensure that buildings, facilities and plantings are designed in a way that minimises safety concerns and maximises surveillance
  - All play equipment shall be erected and maintained in accordance with NZS 5828 and Council Safety Standards and all buildings and structures shall comply with the Building Code
  - Provide appropriate park furniture including litterbins, seats, signs and to cater for local and wider community use
  - Increase the road frontage of Parrs Park by constructing a new road through the park with adequate lighting
  - Construct another two park skate facility with design input from teenagers and ensure adequate surveillance from the road
  - Construct an all weather path through Parrs Park which is suitable for wheelchairs and has clear visibility into the park and which links to other parks, reserves or walking and cycling networks as opportunities arise
  - Improve drainage on passive recreation areas
  - Install a visually permeable fence (utilising chain mesh and planting) along the back of the main field to prevent balls entering the road and carpark areas.
  - Ensure leases on Parrs Park provide for community use and wellbeing with reviews
- to ensure maximum potential of the park is realised for the community.
- Ensuring that new applications for leases and applications to extend leased areas or buildings will conform to the criteria as set out in the Community Assistance Policy and Parks Strategy. In addition the applicant will need to satisfy the Waitakere City Council that the proposed use:
    - a) will be in accordance with the objectives and policies of this plan;
    - b) will not detract from the existing environment and use of the park;
    - c) will generally provide a benefit (or benefits) to the public which is greater than any adverse effect caused by granting the lease;
    - d) is in an appropriate location;
    - e) will not cater exclusively to any one sector of the public except where this is provided for and is appropriate in terms of the objectives and policies of this plan
    - f) fulfils a city wide need and is appropriate for a city wide park
    - g) does not allow permanent fencing

## Objective 2

*To Extend and Improve Natural Ecosystems on Parrs Park*

## Policies

- 2.1 *Manage Parrs Park using sustainable practices consistent with the Resource Management Act, Biosecurity Act and District Plan*
- 2.2 *Conserve, enhance and restore native elements of the flora and fauna, particularly threatened species*
- 2.3 *Restore the life sustaining capabilities of the Waikumete Stream and associated watercourses*



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## Implementation

- Identify and protect important elements of the native flora and fauna
- Restore bush and stream areas of Parrs Park using locally sourced native plants that are sited in such a way to increase faunal habitats and facilitate natural regeneration
- Replace the concrete lined stormwater channel within the park with a grass bioswale.
- Use native plants were appropriate in all landscape plans
- Prioritise weeds and animal pests for removal and control or where possible eradicate
- Undertake riparian plantings along the Waikumete Stream to prevent erosion, decrease flooding and improve water quality as described in the Oratia and Waikumete Stream Restoration Strategy
- Provide fish passages as required in the Waikumete Steam to facilitate fish migration
- Replace the concrete lined channel alongside the road with a bioswale as the opportunity arises

## Objective 3

*To Increase the Opportunities for People to Enjoy Nature on Parrs Park*

### Policies

- 3.1 *Facilitate public access to the Waikumete Stream by the provision of safe walking tracks and passive amenity areas which do not compromise ecological values*
- 3.2 *Increase the public's understanding of environmental processes on Parrs Park by providing interpretative material.*
- 3.3 *Ensure activities and facilities do not cause permanent damage to Parrs Park flora and fauna*
- 3.4 *Ensure any new buildings location, design and colour scheme integrate with the natural landscape*

## Implementation

- Provide walkway and passive facilities along the Waikumete Stream
- Provide interpretative signs on Parrs Park
- Hold regular community planting days and involve the local community in any restoration efforts
- Ensure that the siting, design and appearance, of facilities and park furniture, complement the surrounding natural environment
- Encourage redevelopment of existing buildings and require new buildings to integrate visually with the park environment
- Provide dog litter bins

## Objective 4

*To Sustainably Manage Parrs Park as part of the Wider Landscape*

### Policies

- 4.1 *Incorporate sustainable features wherever possible in buildings and structures to minimise adverse effects on the environment by reducing water and energy consumption*
- 4.2 *Encourage adjoining land owners to undertake weed control and restoration of native plants*
- 4.3 *Use permeable and semi-permeable surfaces wherever possible so as to reduce the quantity of stormwater entering the stream and reduce flooding potential*
- 4.4 *Where stormwater discharges directly into the stream, implement methods that divert the stormwater through low impact filtering devices (e.g. soak holes, artificial wetlands, riparian planting and swales)*
- 4.5 *To ensure that utility services are only located on Parrs Park if required for some function of the reserve itself*
- 4.6 *Encourage linkages to nearby parks and reserves as opportunities arise by acquiring*

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*reserve contributions from subdivisions or easements for paths*

4.7 *Develop lit walkways which contribute to the Waitakere Integrated Transport Strategy and encourage pedestrian access through and to the park*

4.8 *Encourage the use of design guidelines for all buildings on the park including leased buildings and additions*

4.9 *Ensure integration between the design of the Wananga and Parrs Park*

### Implementation

- Install water saving devices in public toilets
- Install energy efficient lighting
- Plant trees and sports turf which require less watering
- Continue to advocate restoration on adjacent properties through the Non-regulatory Incentive program which provides financial assistance to landowners who are actively restoring their properties
- Replant stream banks of the Waikumete Stream
- Provide access to public transport routes
- Allow for public open space and access ways which link Parrs Park and Wananga

### Objective 5

*To Increase the Use, Range and Quality of Sports Facilities on Parrs Park*

#### Policies

- 5.1 Maintain the use of Parrs Park as a city wide park for soccer, particularly children's soccer
- 5.2 Encourage and provide for the use of sportsfields by summer and shoulder codes
- 5.3 Provide sporting facilities which encourage the involvement of youth, older people, women and all cultures

5.4 Improve the range of informal recreation opportunities on the park

5.5 Extensions to buildings and improvements by leasees to enhance sporting facilities and activities are not provided for. Any proposals for extensions and improvements are to be assessed by the Community Board and any such work will be subject to Community Board approval and subsequent Resource Consent Requirements.

### Implementation

- Maintain the high standard of most of the sports fields
- Work with sportsfield users to upgrade other sportsfields. In particular, the No 1 field at Parrs Park is planned to be sand slitted in the 2001/2002 financial year subject to annual plan constraints.
- Upgrade current training field to improve drainage and allow for alternative uses
- Construct a pentanque facility comprising of at least 8 courts
- Provide for possible future development of the Waterhole facility.

### Objective 6

*To Protect the Heritage Values within Parrs Park*

#### Policies

- 6.1 *Identify and protect all heritage sites on Parrs Park*
- 6.2 *Provide interpretative material on-site about the heritage aspects of Parrs Park*
- 6.3 *Establish links between heritage features on Parrs Park and other heritage sites in the community*
- 6.4 *Reflect the heritage themes of Parrs Park by appropriate planting*



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## Implementation

- Any development or works shall avoid damaging or modifying any heritage sites
- Provide interpretative signs on Parrs Park
- Develop information about heritage sites on Waitakere city parks, including Parrs Park
- Use local art and sculpture on Parrs Park to promote local heritage themes
- Plant amenity trees such as fruit trees to reflect Parrs Park's history as an orchard

## Objective 7

*To Work in Partnership with Iwi (and where relevant the Wider Maori Community) on the Management of Waahi Tapu and Sites of Significance*

## Policies

- 7.1 *Identify any waahi tapu and sites of significance on Parrs Park, protect their integrity and ensure Iwi have access to them*
- 7.2 *Recognise and provide for the mauri of any site of significance on Parrs Park*
- 7.3 *Involve Iwi and pan tribal groups in the design of Parrs Park*

## Implementation

- Consult Iwi and pan tribal groups in the design and management of Parrs Park
- Any cultural harvesting of plants must be consistent with the draft Cultural Harvesting Protocols
- Signage on Parrs Park should be bilingual

## Objective 8

*To Involve Communities in the Design and Management of Parrs Parks*

## Policies

- 8.1 *Involve the local community in the Parrs Park Reserve Management Plan*
- 8.2 *Encourage community ownership of Parrs Park*

- 8.3 *Involve key stakeholders and leasees in improving the recreational opportunities on Parrs Park*

## Implementation

- Hold public meetings to discuss the Reserve Management Plan for Parrs Park, discuss local issues, encourage public submissions and amend the draft accordingly
- Display final concept plan for Parrs Park on the park
- Hold regular community days such as "Trees For Babies"
- Continue to use local art work where appropriate on Parrs Park
- Encourage surveillance of Parrs Park by the construction of semi permeable fences on neighbouring boundaries
- Work with key stakeholders and leasees to enhance the recreational opportunities on the park
- Consult over the most suitable site for a joint venture recreation centre

## Objective 9

*To Improve the Management and Administration of Parks*

## Policies

- 9.1 *Improve road access into and around the Parrs Park*
- 9.2 *Encourage clubs to combine or share facilities*
- 9.3 *Ensure the reserves are managed in terms of their reserve classifications for the enjoyment and use of the local and regional community, now and in the future.*
- 9.4 *Ensure that any commercial activity on Parrs Park shall require a lease agreement to operate and shall be in keeping with the overall objectives of the Management Plan. It is Council policy to grant 5 year terms for commercial leases on reserves.*

9.5 *To ensure that any facilities on the reserves are maintained to minimise any potential hazard to users.*

### Implementation

- Administer Parrs Park & Sherrybrooke Esplanade in accordance with the Reserves Act 1977 as a recreation reserve.
- Recommend to Community Facilities and Recreation Committee to combine Sherrybrooke Esplanade and Parrs Park to be known as Parrs Park.
- Construct a road from Seymour Road allowing access to the western carpark to parking and congestion on Seymour Road and the entrance way off West Coast Road
- Redesign carparks, with amenity planting to mitigate adverse visual effects of carparking, on West Coast and Parrs Cross Roads to maximise parking spaces
- Work with the Scout Association to rebuild the Scout Hall in the most suitable location as detailed on the concept plans
- Ensure that any activity, lease or development not provided for under the policies in the Management Plan will not be permitted **unless** such an activity or development **at least** complies with District Plan rules for Open Space Environment and the General By-laws 1990.
- Ensure that any major change to the overall emphasis or specific policies of this Management Plan will need to be addressed following the processes outlined in section 41(2) of the Reserves Act.
- To achieve the actions outlined within each policy in this document Waitakere City Council will follow an Annual Plan process to allocate funds for achieving the outcomes in the Management Plan.
- That commercial activity will not be permitted unless it meets the following criteria:

- a) is in accordance with all statutory regulations and local bylaws effecting the reserve
  - b) will be in accordance with the objectives and policies of this plan priority will be given to activities which take advantage or benefit from the natural values of the park and will not detract from the existing character and use of the park
  - c) no commercial activities will be permitted in the park which have the potential to damage native flora and fauna
  - d) the commercial activity will generally provide a benefit to the public which is greater than any adverse effects caused
  - e) that the commercial activity must be necessary to enable the public to obtain the benefit and enjoyment of the reserve or for the convenience of persons using the reserve.
  - f) the commercial activity will not cater exclusively to any one sector of the public except where this is provided for and is appropriate in terms of the objectives and policies of this plan
- Ensure that all leases exclude leasee from acting as an off licence
  - Manage the upgrade of Parrs Park in a staged manner within yearly financial constraints and in association with the development of the Tertiary Institute (Wananga), leasee plans and neighbouring subdivisions.



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## 6.0 Park Development Plan

The draft development plan seeks to realise the full recreational potential of the reserves while protecting and enhancing the environmental qualities which make it so attractive.

The draft development plan outline preliminary ideas on potential redevelopment of the reserves. The development concept plan seek to address the issues that have been raised during the consultation process so far, as well as long term issues which have been raised regarding the reserves.

The development plan is only a concept at this stage and the detailed design of all areas will need to be prepared prior to implementation of the development plans.

The draft development plan will include areas of land currently owned by Te Whauna O Waipareira Trust intended to be included within Parrs Park when the tertiary institute develops.

Development of Parrs Park will be staged in order to meet immediate needs, financial constraints and requirements as the Tertiary Institute (Wananga) develops.

The existing sportsfields will remain and some improvements by leasees will be allowed to enhance sporting activities. The use of the sportsfields by summer and shoulder season codes will be encouraged. The continued use by children's midget soccer will be encouraged.

Passive amenity values of the park will be increased to encourage the wider use of the park by the public. The northern section of the park will be developed with picnic areas, barbecues and walking tracks. More gardens, trees, equipment for young people, including a two part skate park, additional lit basketball halfcourts and lit walkways through the park will be installed. A stage for events will also be constructed. An eight court petanque facility will be installed in the middle region of the park.

The Waikumete stream will be restored by riparian plantings and weed control. Access to the

stream will also be improved. There is potential for wetlands and associated boardwalks. There is potential for contemplation gardens here and linkages to neighbouring land and parks.

Access to and within the park will be improved. An access road off Seymour Road is already planned. The carparks will be re-laid to maximise parking spaces.

Walkways will be built to facilitate access through the park they will be lit and will also act as cycleways.

An important aspect of the development of Parrs Park is the upgrading and extension of the Waterhole Facility. Three development options were assessed during the Management Plan process. The Option which was allowed for is detailed below:

### Option 1b

A staged development of the Waterhole is provided for within the plan. This would include two additional pools, seating, upgrading of the changing rooms, a café and shop, kitchen, club rooms, outdoor BBQ area, a service lane and additional parking.

All costs associated with this proposed development and maintenance (including carparking) would be the responsibility of the Waterhole management.

Details on carparking, design and layout would be discussed with Council and the Community Board through the Resource Consent process required for the development.

Further consultation with the public would be carried out following submission of details for the proposal.

A review of the lease and expansion of the leased area for the Waterhole would be required to accommodate this development.

The following stages are proposed, but will be dependent upon the Tertiary Institute development and associated student needs, leasee requirements and financial constraints.

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### Stage One

- Construct access road into Parrs Park from Seymour Road to complete loop road with lighting
- Construct main walking track through Parrs Park with possible solar lighting
- Upgrade carparks
- Start skatepark
- Ensure integration with wananga
- Tree planting
- Interpretative signage
- Upgrade no. 1 field by sand slitting to improve drainage

### Stage Two

- Development of northern picnic area of Parrs Park by Benita Place
- Streamside revegetation in Sherrybrooke Esplanade
- Tree planting by West Coast and Parrs Cross roads

### Stage Three

- Upgrade of current training field for multiuse sporting activities

- Construct Petanque court
- Develop gardens and carparking by petanque court
- Develop small play area in northern part of Parrs Park

### Stage Four

- Extend original playground with additional lighted basketball halfcourts
- Construct stage
- Extend paths through Parrs Park, Wananga and beyond

### Stage Five

- Further restoration of Waikumete Stream
- Develop linkages with Waikumete Cemetery, Singer Park, neighbouring subdivision reserves
- Develop seating area by the main field adjacent to Parrs Cross Road

Throughout the development of the park there will be ongoing maintenance of the park including planting, installation of furniture, signage and lighting etc.





## Appendix One: Consultation Workshops Summary

Summary of suggestions from public meeting on Tertiary Institute and Parrs Park Reserve Management Plan held on 24<sup>th</sup> November 1998.

### People wanted

- To beautify the stream: work on flood control, bridges, to make it more accessible, weed control
- Special features: water features, sculptures, tiles involving local artists, band rotunda, music in parks,
- More passive facilities: seating, bike trails,

dog exercise areas & litter bin, walkways for wheelchairs, drinking fountain, BBQ, picnic areas

- Safety features: lights, low see through boundary fences
- To retain or increase sporting facilities: free playing fields for public use, petanque, tennis courts, integrate waterhole with a gymnasium and soccer club with other clubs
- Facilities for Youth: skateboard area,
- Vehicle access: road slowing measures and increased carparking
- Access to the Wananga: public access to its library

Summary of written submissions received.

Submitter	Issue / Requests
Oratia United Association Football Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Install a fence around the main field so that they have a charged ground entry</li> <li>• Transfer flood lighting to new sand slit field</li> <li>• Provide seating on the bank for spectators</li> <li>• Sand slit field outside clubrooms</li> <li>• To build changing facilities in clubroom</li> <li>• To build a indoor training facility which could also be used for functions</li> </ul>
Waterhole	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build another pool (20x50m)</li> <li>• May need to increase carparking</li> <li>• Discussed joint expansion with Wanaga for teaching, training, recreation</li> <li>• Total area of lease requested 1600m<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>
Jack Warland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skate Park for Glen Eden youth which is suitable for bikes and rollerblades, not just ramp</li> <li>• Track to park</li> </ul>
Lynn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An area where people can sit with flowers, seats, arbour pond, waterfall</li> <li>• Place for old people</li> <li>• Skateboard facility</li> </ul>

Submitter	Issue / Requests
Sport Waitakere	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Petanque, 8 court near trees, seats, tables, shelter</li> <li>• Maze</li> </ul>
Ray Martell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Labyrinth for healing process, among gardens and seats as a peaceful area</li> <li>• Skate park</li> </ul>
Andrew Geddes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognise historical significance of the land with plaque to Parrs family</li> <li>• Use design concepts from plan he prepared in 1970's</li> <li>• Extend through road to the table tennis exit at Seymour Road</li> <li>• Should be predominantly sports park</li> <li>• Control buildings and uses, fencing off playing field was contrary to overall quality of park</li> <li>• Plant suitable trees</li> <li>• Establish passive garden area near centre of park similar to Western Springs</li> <li>• Develop Sherrybrooke Esplanade at Benita Place as an integral part of the park</li> <li>• Upgrade Waikumete Stream by planting, tracks, landscaping</li> <li>• Liaise with wanaga over shared parks facilities</li> </ul>
cjaluman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Petanque</li> <li>• Café with terrace</li> <li>• More trees, amenity and native and gardens</li> <li>• Walks, picnic areas</li> <li>• Sculpture, fountains</li> <li>• Gallery for local arts and crafts</li> <li>• Open air theatre</li> <li>• Adult education courses at wananga</li> </ul>
Oratia Air Scout Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rebuild larger hall destroyed by fire in less flammable materials with equipment storage area</li> <li>• Security issues</li> <li>• More effective use of facility, eg shared, after school, computers</li> <li>• Basketball courts and more facilities for youth</li> </ul>
W.S Ellis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3m wide paths which circle and cross the park for running, prams, bikes, the elderly with warning signs installed in flood prone areas</li> </ul>



Submitter	Issue / Requests
New Zealand Fire service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>adequate road access</li> <li>adequate building protection systems</li> <li>adequate water supply</li> </ul>
Oratia Residents and Ratepayers Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More youth facilities</li> <li>More walkways for elderly</li> <li>Large skate park close to road, carparks with nearby basketball facilities and playground</li> <li>Avoid expensive consultant fees</li> <li>Planting too reflect Maori and Pakeha heritage, eg. oaks</li> <li>Investigate alternatives to road through park</li> </ul>
Te Whanau O Waipareia Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proposal to enter into joint venture with Waterhole to develop a recreation centre (4900m<sup>2</sup>) for joint community/tertiary institute use. Other sites are considered less desirable in terms of bringing together the community and tertiary institute.</li> </ul>
Waitemata Table Tennis Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wish to expand</li> <li>Provide more tables in a new (9x13.5m) room off the main hall</li> <li>Want a free standing, 50x60m<sup>2</sup>, one bedroom caretaker cottage</li> <li>Do not want Scout Hall to adjoin Table Tennis hall</li> </ul>

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## Appendix Two: Legal Descriptions, Titles, Areas and Acquisitions

### Parrs Park

Legal Description	Area	Acquisition	Date	Type	Certificate of Title
Part of Allotment 14	9.1981ha	Purchased	25/11/1966	Recreation	753/20
Lot 2, DP 24269	9.6837ha	Purchased	30/11/1966	Recreation	50B/897
Lot 22 DP40521	5.2379ha	Acquired	7/6/1968	Recreation	50B/926
Lot 20 DP 80691	1820m <sup>2</sup>	Developers Reserve Contribution	4/8/1977	Recreation	51D/1062
Lot 21, DP 80691	71m <sup>2</sup>	Developers Reserve Contribution	4/8/1977	Local Purpose (Access way)	51D/1061
<b>Current total</b>	24.5948ha				
	5.4242ha	To be revoked for Wananga development	/6/1998	Reserve Status to be revoked	50B/897 (pt) 50B/926 (pt)
<b>Future Total</b>	19.1676ha				

### Sherrybrooke Esplanade

Legal Description	Area	Acquisition	Date	Type	Certificate of Title
Lot 3 DP 91457	1.6083ha	Acquired	28/7/1980	Local Purpose (Esplanade) Reserve	981/9
Lot 6 DP 138347	6980m <sup>2</sup>	Acquired	8/2/1991	Local Purpose (Esplanade) Reserve	23C/1109
<b>Total</b>					





connection to Sunnyvale Train Station

proposed connection to Sherrybrooke Esplanade

Albionvale Road

**Future Wananga Area**  
stock fencing and weeds removed. used temporarily until Wananga is developed as informal open space accessible by public

temporary gravel footpath

permeable fencing

possible future pathway connection

Waikumete Stream

riparian restoration planting

proposed carpark

bridge

culvert stream

Hoani Waititi Marae

future connection to Wananga

extension to table tennis building

existing table tennis building

proposed Waterhole facility

existing pedestrian crossing

proposed road with parking and raingarden planting

entry

curling

possible high level grandstand overlooking artificial turf field

possible public changing and toilet facility

existing waterhole facility

existing macrocarpa shelter belt to be removed

swimming pool

facilities

existing road

proposed carpark extension

toilet

pram crossing

EXISTING FIELDS 8 AND 9

bus drop off/pick up

existing carpark

FIELD 2

Seymour Road

extension to Football Club

Oratia United Association Football Club

key



existing vegetation



proposed specimen trees



existing vegetation to be removed



proposed seating



proposed speed table/pedestrian crossing



existing speed table



proposed pathway



existing pathway

new low permeable fence to protect artificial turf multi - use as handrail on edge of path

possible informal athletics opportunities

possible terraced seating in bank

existing field marking feild 8 and 9

new artificial turf field with floodlights

FIELD 1



**Parris Park  
Concept Plan**

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