

**Anzac Reserve Management Plan**  
Waiheke Island Reserves

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## 1.0 Introduction

### 1.1 Context

Anzac reserve is situated in the settlement of Ostend, Waiheke Island (Figure 1). It is bordered on three sides by roads, these being Belgium Street, Ostend Road and Putiki Road. Retail, commercial and residential subdivision surround the Park on all sides.

The Park occupies lots 29-35 DP 11378. It actually consists of two reserves, being lots 30 and 31 DP 11378 (Local Purpose (Community building) Reserve) and lots 29 and 32-35 DP 11378 (Recreation Reserve). The total area occupied by the Park is 8,201 m<sup>2</sup> (Figure B). Under the provisions of the Auckland City District Plan (Hauraki Gulf Islands section) the reserve is zoned as Land Unit 19: Community Activities. The objectives, policies and rules of this zoning are given in Appendix 1 to this management plan.

### 1.2 General characteristics and use

Anzac Reserve consists of a number of buildings and structures, some areas of native plantings and grassed open spaces. A War Memorial Hall is located over lots 30 and 31 adjacent to the junction of Belgium Street and Ostend Road. This hall is available for hire to casual users or formal groups, and (together with the grassed public open space surrounding it) is the venue for the regular and very popular Saturday market days.



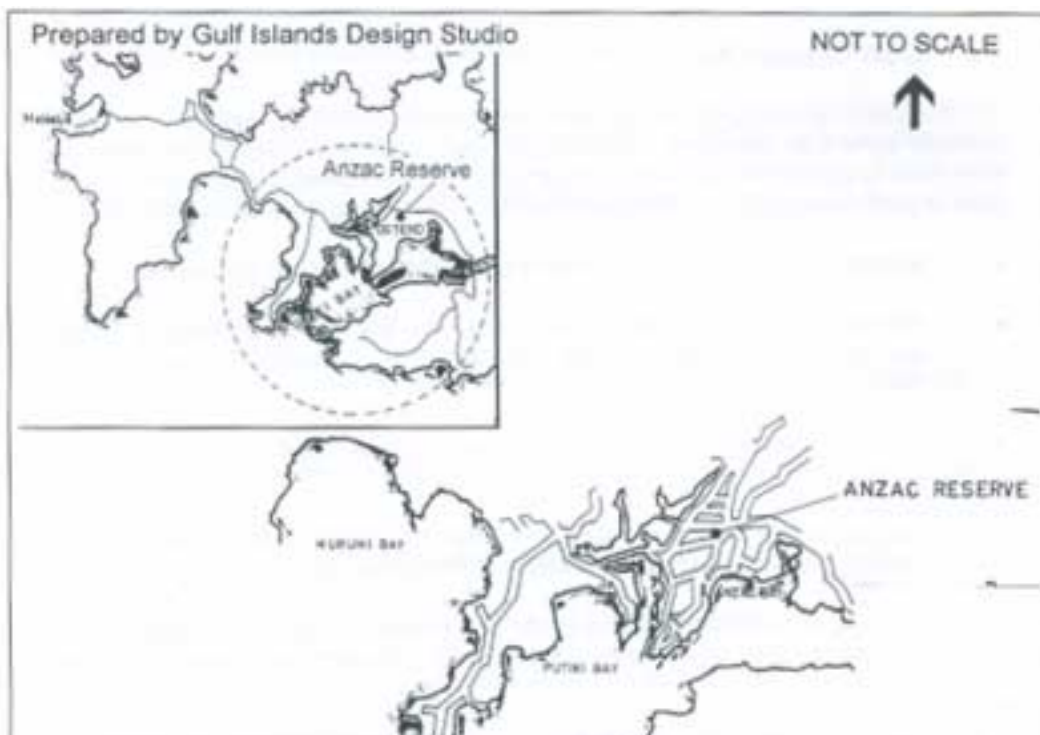
**Figure 1 Anzac Reserve houses the Waiheke War Memorial Hall and RSA**

The Returned Services Association (RSA) has its clubrooms also located over lots 30 and 31, attached to the War Memorial Hall. They have a lease over part of these two lots up until 2013.

The RSA also maintains a cenotaph at the front of the War Memorial Hall for ANZAC Day purposes. A peace tree and plinth are also located on Lot 30, and a concrete foundation on parts of lots 29 and 30 mark an area previously occupied by a small museum.

In addition to the War Memorial Hall and RSA clubrooms the park also houses the Catherine Mitchell Cultural Society Hall. This is a popular venue for Society members who undertake a variety of activities therein, including pottery, weaving, painting and bridge. The hall is located on lots 34 and 35 and the Society holds the lease over these up until the year 2013.

The reserve has an excess ground water problem. The two principal causes of this are thought to be stormwater run off from Ostend Road and the effluent disposal system of the RSA and War Memorial Hall. This system utilises evapo-transpiration beds along the eastern boundary of the Park. However, these beds are not functioning to expectations and may need to be expanded.



**Figure 2 Locality Plan**

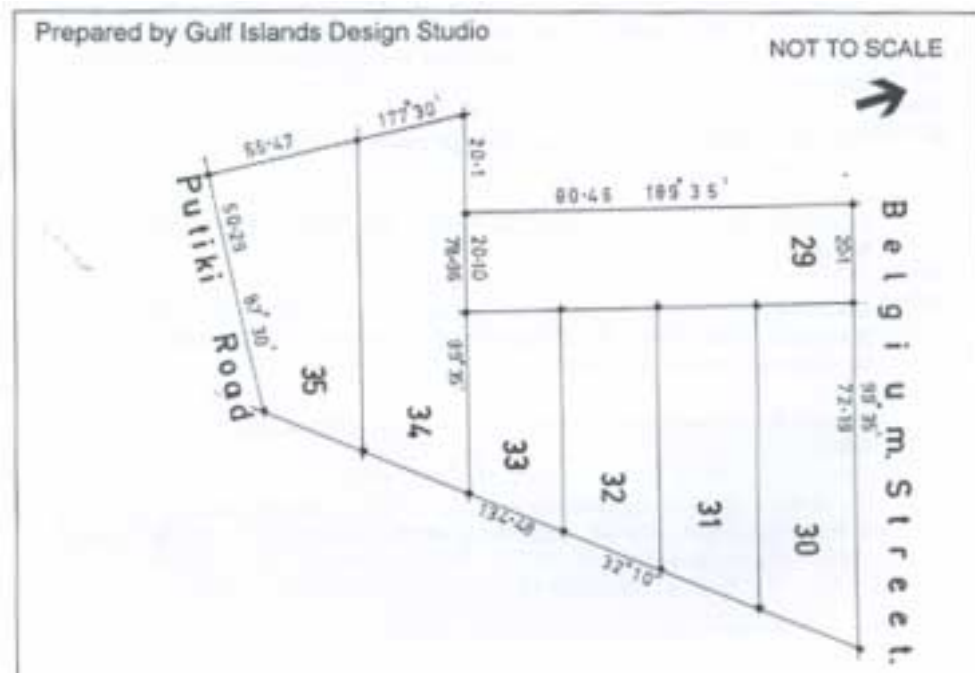


Figure 3 Legal Description

### 1.3 Summary of management suggestions received

Auckland City Council publicly notified its intention of preparing a management plan for Anzac Reserve in 1994, and invited members of the public to submit suggestions as to its future use and development. The suggestions that Council received in response to this are summarised below:

- Provide a children's playground
- Continue Saturday market days in the War Memorial Hall (with use of the reserves grassed open spaces also if needed)
- Restrict any further buildings on the reserve
- Retain the remaining unbuilt are as an open space
- Improve stormwater drainage around and through the reserve to allow all year access and use – provide pathways through reserve
- Carry out planting along the western boundary (Lot 29) and provide some specimen trees for shade
- Improve parking for hall users
- Retain the current uses of the reserve and enforce all consents and leases for use
- Relocate the RSA cenotaph to the corner of Lot 30 and Lot 29 adjacent to Belgium Street

#### **1.4 Draft concept plan**

Suggestions on the future use and development of Anzac Reserve were received and were duly considered by Council. The outcome of these considerations were then compiled into a draft concept plan. This itemised the proposed future uses of (and development within) the Park, as summarised below:

- Maintain the War Memorial Hall and complete its internal refurbishment
- Provide for a management group to manage the hall (i.e. promote a similar situation to that of the Surfdale Hall Committee's management of Surfdale Hall)
- Continue the use of Lot 30 and 21 by the RSA for clubrooms and RSA purposes
- Suggest to the RSA that the best location for the cenotaph (other than the existing location) is within the eastern corner of Lot 32
- Retain Lots 29, 32 and 33 as public open space – improve drainage of this area (with particular attention to stormwater originating from the surrounding streets)
- Remove the existing concrete foundation from the site of the old museum
- Undertake stormwater control measures off Ostend Road. Seal the car park and catch all stormwater for removal by pipe to a discharge area beyond the reserve. (This will be achieved following the Belgium Street/Ostend Road upgrading in 1995)
- Provide a network of pathways through the reserve linking Belgium Street with Putiki Road
- Continue the use of Lots 34 and 35 by the Catherine Mitchell Cultural Society
- Consider the provision of an unregimented gobi mat surface along the reserve boundary adjacent to Belgium Street to give an all-weather surface for Saturday market day stalls
- Provide for a formal lease to the Market Day Committee for use of part of the reserve
- Carry out a planting programme around the boundaries of reserve, including daffodil beds in appropriate locations given the name of this reserve. Screen the water tanks of hall

#### **1.5 Submissions analysis and decisions**

The draft concept plan containing the above proposals was then publicly released and the local community invited to make submissions. These submissions were then analysed and considered by the Waiheke Island Community Board. A summary of the key decisions taken by that Board is given below:

- The cenotaph stays in its current location
- Rationalise car parking in accordance with road improvement plans
- Reshape the concrete foundation at the site of the old museum into a rotunda shape and construct a public shelter upon this
- Continue the planting programme, and ensure the predominant use of native species
- Approve the use of gobi matting along the Park frontage with Belgium Street
- Negotiate a formal lease for the Market Day Committee

- Incorporate appropriate mechanisms to deal with issues including other leases, liquor licensing, plan monitoring, special events, commercial activities, future developments and compliance with District Plan provisions
- Approve all other proposed uses and facilities as per the amended draft concept plan

These decisions of the Board have provided the basis for the development of the management policies, which are contained within the following sections. These policies have been summarised diagrammatically in the concept plan for this park (Figure 4).

### **1.6 Objectives of this management plan**

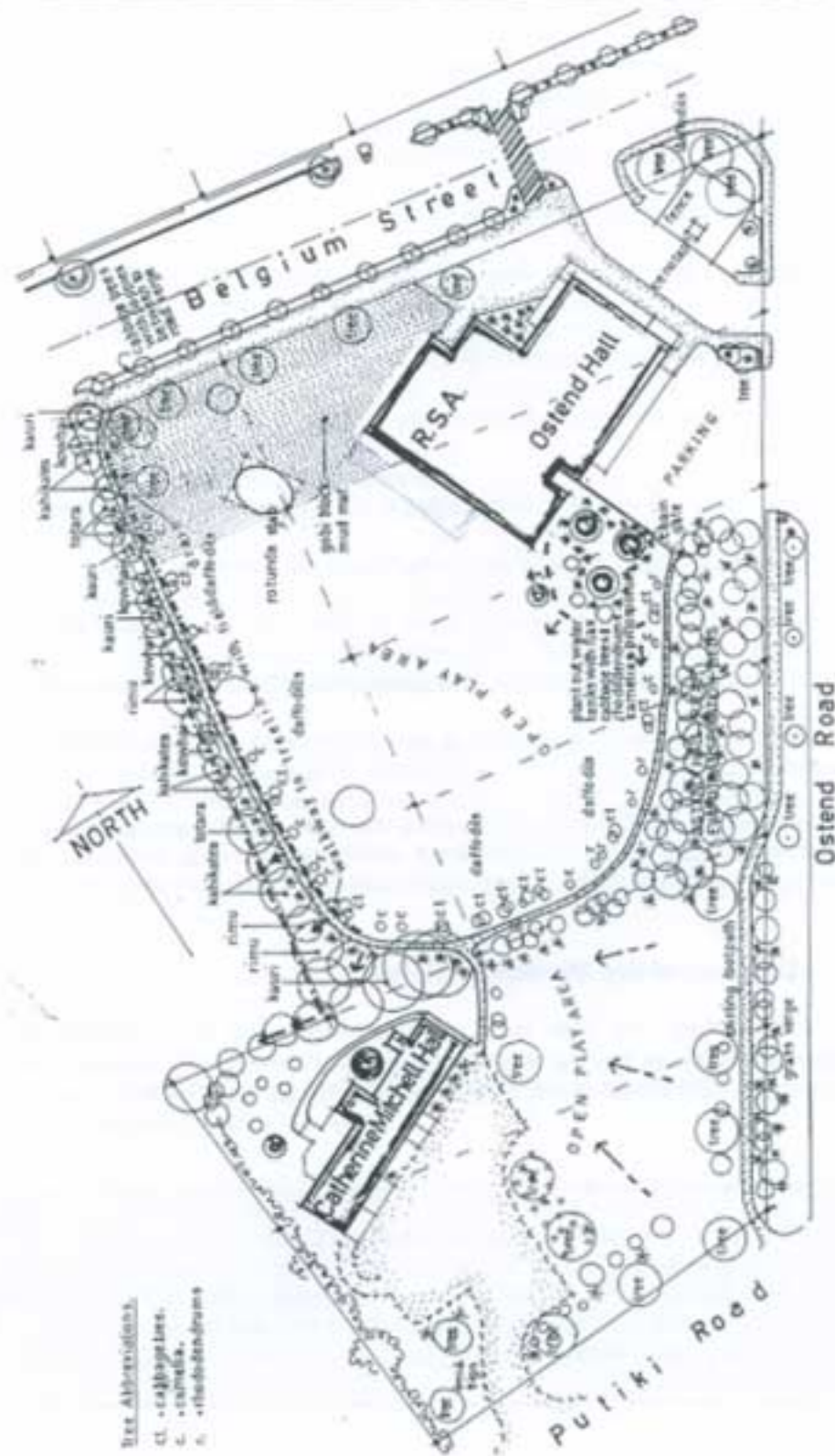
The intention under this plan is to achieve responsible management of the landscape, recreational and social values of Anzac Reserve for community benefit and enjoyment. The objective for the Park is therefore established as:

#### **Anzac Reserve Management Objective**

For the benefit and enjoyment of the community, to enhance the leisure and recreational opportunities of Anzac reserve while maintaining and improving its social and aesthetic values.

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- Key Abbreviations:
- cl. - calligaya lilies.
  - c. - camellia.
  - r. - rhipidolobium

Figure 4 Concept Plan

## 2.0 Visual and amenity values

### 2.1 Background

The landscape qualities and sensitivities of the reserve are influenced by both its visual context and its visual amenity. The former refers to the visual relationship, which exists between the Park and its adjoining areas, whereas the latter refers to the relationships between the various elements which comprise the landscape character of the park itself.

Retail, commercial and residential subdivision adjoin the Park on all four sides, although along three of these a road separates the two land uses. The eastern, western and southern boundaries of the Park have all been planted to some degree, with dense screening vegetation along the former two frontages. The southern (Putiki Road) boundary is somewhat sparse however, and it is not effective in screening the road and adjacent residential lots from the Park. Additional plantings of appropriate species would be of benefit here.

The screen planting along the eastern frontage with Ostend Road is predominantly native, and provides a visually attractive and interesting feature. The western boundary plantings (adjoining residential and retail subdivision) contain a substantial number of exotic species and weeds, including some that are smothering native trees and shrubs. In addition the density of the plantings along this frontage is not consistent, and the screening (of the adjacent land uses and activities) is therefore not completely effective.



**Figure 5** The reserve is a pleasant oasis in the middle of Ostend

The Northern boundary (fronting Belgium Street) is sparsely vegetated, with a small number of plantings in beds along the frontage. This is the only area which allows uninterrupted views (and non-directed access) into the park. These views across the reserve make a pleasant contribution to the Belgium Street landscape and should be retained. The boundary definition along this frontage could be improved however, (while retaining views and providing access) by some judicious planting of well-spaced specimen trees.

The visual character of the park can be divided into three distinct areas, as follows:

- the buildings, car park and cenotaph at the intersection of Ostend Road and Belgium Street
- the grassed open space area associated with the hall
- the Catherine Mitchell Cultural Society Hall, car park and associated grassed open space

The War Memorial Hall and RSA form a visually dominant component of the reserve, due both to the size of the building and its prominent corner location. While the exterior of the hall has recently been upgraded there remains potential for better integration of these buildings within the park.

The grassed open space to the west of the hall is visually supported by plantings, including those being used for evpo-transpiration purposes (as part of the RSA and hall effluent disposal system). This provides a visual link between the plantings along the western frontage and those adjoining Ostend Road, resulting in a pleasant U-shaped enclave accessible from Belgium Street. The aesthetic and amenity values of this enclave would be enhanced if the hall and its water tanks were screened out by way of plantings.

The third visual character area consists of three well integrated components, being the Catherine Mitchell Cultural Society hall, its car parking area and an associated grassed open space with border plantings. The positioning of the hall in the western corner gives its pleasant backdrop of trees and shrubs, and this together with its design, shape and colours results in a structure which is visually well integrated. The gravel car parking area associated with this building is also reasonably well integrated with its environs, utilising screen plantings as both a backdrop and foreground. Its informal character and irregular shape also assists in its visual integration.



**Figure 6** The Catherine Mitchell hall is visually well integrated

## **2.2 Visual and amenity values issues**

- The northern boundary of the park (i.e. Belgium Street) has a weak spatial definition
- Views into the park from Belgium Street are important but could be enhanced by an appropriate visual foreground
- There are impacts on the visual qualities of the park from external activities, in particular traffic, housing and retail/commercial buildings
- The north eastern corner of the park is relatively stark and unattractive, with opportunities to improve this visually and functionally significant corner of the reserve
- Some existing screen plantings need to be reinforced with additional plants
- The War Memorial Hall and RSA clubrooms are not well integrated into the park

## **2.3 Visual and amenity values policies**

### **Policy 1**

To screen external activities which detract from the amenity of the park primarily by way of appropriate and strategic planting.

### ***Explanation***

The visual relationship between the park and adjoining activities can be improved by excluding less attractive views from the park through the strategic use of screen planting.

### ***Implementation***

- Enhance the existing screen plantings along the following park boundaries:
  - the western frontage with the residential and retail subdivision
  - the southern frontage along Putiki Road
  - the eastern frontage along Ostend Road

### **Policy 2**

**To protect and enhance significant views into the park from Belgium Street.**

### ***Explanation***

The travel experience (both pedestrian and vehicular) along the busy traffic route of Belgium Street is enhanced by views into the park. These views need to be maintained, but at the same time there is scope for enframing these and for improving the aesthetic value of this frontage and its contribution to the streetscape by way of strategic specimen tree planting.

### ***Implementation***

- Improve the spatial definition of the Belgium Street frontage by planting a double row of specimen shade trees along this boundary.

### **Policy 3**

**To maintain and enhance the visual character of the park.**

### ***Explanation***

While it is important to retain much of the existing open space within the park there are opportunities for planting which will provide a better visual context for its built features. Furthermore, it will be important to ensure that any new structural elements added to the park as a result of this plan enhance rather than detract from the existing visual character and quality.

### ***Implementation***

- Develop concepts for strategic planting in order to assist the visual integration of the following:
  - the water tanks
  - the car park fence
  - the western and northern faces of the RSA clubrooms and War Memorial Hall
- Establish flower gardens at strategic places within the Park in association with the plantings. Given the name of this reserve it would be appropriate that daffodils and/or poppies feature as two of the main flower species to be used.
- Improve the visual character and quality of the north east corner of the reserve so as to provide an appropriate visual focal point and entry to reserve. Consider the following:

- Plant low-growing shrubs along the southern and eastern walls of the War Memorial Hall;
  - Improve the boundary between Ostend Road and the gravel car park area;
  - Plant to provide an appropriate context for the cenotaph;
  - Maintain the exterior appearance of the hall.
- Ensure that any new activities, structures, features or furniture to be sited within the park are located with appropriate regard to the existing visual quality and landscape sensitivities.



**Figure 7 Some physical features of the reserve are not well integrated**

#### Policy 4

**To co-ordinate and integrate all plantings undertaken within the park.**

#### ***Explanation***

It is important that all planting, whether for screening or amenity purposes or for the enhancement of natural values, be co-ordinated and carefully planned. This will optimise the success of such plantings.

#### ***Implementation***

- Planting plants will be prepared for all areas of the park which are scheduled for amenity and/or screening plantings or for revegetation.

- These planting plans will list species, source, numbers, planting locations and will also schedule all maintenance works for planted areas (i.e. watering, mulching, weeding etc).
- Up-to-date records will be kept with regard to the success of plantings to enable ongoing development of planting policy.
- This planting plan will apply to both native and exotic species.
- Integrate this planting plan with the provisions of Policy 18 (predominant use of native species).

## 3.0 Recreation and use

### 3.1 Background

The park is a focus area for a wide variety of activities. These include informal and passive recreation (such as sitting and talking, eating lunch, walking and relaxing), leisure-time pursuits (in particular at the Catherine Mitchell Cultural Society Hall, where activities such as pottery, weaving, painting and bridge are popular), provision of a headquarters for the Waiheke RSA, provision of a hall venue for meetings and the like, and the provision of a site for popular market days.

The RSA leases its headquarters at the reserve, with these being physically attached to the War Memorial Hall. This lease is valid up until the year 2013. Likewise, the Catherine Mitchell Cultural Society lease the area on which their hall is located, with their lease being valid up until 2013 also. Use of the RSA clubrooms and the War Memorial Hall has resulted in some problems regarding on-site effluent disposal. The disposal system for this complex is not functioning to expectations, and together with stormwater run-off from Ostend Road makes a major contribution to saturating the area to the west and south of the hall.

Probably the greatest use the reserve gets is on Saturday market days, when both the War Memorial Hall and its associated grassed open spaces are filled with stalls, vendors and interested members of the public. Unfortunately these market days are so popular that there are associated problems with car parking and with maintenance of the turf in the open space areas utilised.

Aside from these activities, the park is used on a daily basis by members of the public as a place of tranquillity within a busy area. In addition, the Catherine Mitchell Hall is used regularly by society members and the War Memorial Hall is periodically hired out as a venue for various community group meetings.

### 3.2 Recreation and use issues

- The park is well suited to provide for a wide range of recreational and leisure uses and activities – these will all need to be accommodated and provided for.
- While the primary purpose of the park is for informal recreation and leisure pursuits there are periodic market days which are popular and should be retained.
- There may well be future requests for additional concessions to be granted for a variety of commercial activities in addition to the present market days. Criteria needs to be developed against which to assess these requests.
- While the primary purpose of the park is for informal recreation and leisure pursuits there may be periodic requests for special events and/or activities. Criteria need to be developed against which to assess these requests.
- Some informal recreation activities, while not being mutually exclusive, have the potential to cause conflict if undertaken in the same area (e.g. horse riding, walking and exercising dogs).
- Use of the reserve for Saturday market days has an adverse effect on the condition of the parks turf.
- Use of the War Memorial Hall and RSA clubrooms contributes to the excess water problems of the reserve.

### 3.3 Recreation and use policies

#### Policy 5

**To encourage informal recreation and leisure as the predominant uses within the grassed open areas of the park.**

#### *Explanation*

The open areas of the park are predominately used for informal recreation, leisure and low key activities. It is important to ensure that these are not displaced by other more active or organised activities. Notwithstanding this, Saturday market days held on the park grounds are very popular and should continue to be permitted (see Policy 7).

#### *Implementation*

- The park will remain as freely open space for the informal recreational use and enjoyment of all visitors.
- Any sports, whether organised or otherwise and whether by professional, amateur or social teams, which:
  - require permanent fields and markings
  - establish a need for regular use of car parking
  - require exclusive occupation of an unreasonably large area
  - are noisy in nature
  - are likely to periodically or occasionally “spill over “ out of the area of play, and thereby disrupt other park users –are not permitted.
- Activities which may temporarily affect informal recreational use of the park will only be permitted where they comply with the provisions of Policies 6 and/or 7.



**Figure 8** The open space of the Park is a valuable asset

#### **Policy 6**

**To provide for short term special events.**

#### ***Explanation***

Criteria are needed to assess the appropriateness or otherwise of special events.

#### ***Implementation***

- Proposals for short term special events other than market days will be assessed against the following criteria:
  - events must be of public interest and value;
  - event must be consistent with informal recreation and/or leisure;
  - there must be no conflict with parks values;
  - there must be no long term occupation or utilisation of any part of the park;
  - there must be no conflict with any other Auckland City policies.
- There must be full compliance with all conditions Council attaches to the permit allowing the short term event.

## Policy 7

**To provide for limited forms of commercial activity within the park.**

### ***Explanation***

Commercial activity which would permanently occupy otherwise public space within the park is not appropriate. However, limited forms of commercialism can be appropriate in certain circumstances. In particular the current periodic Saturday market days should be permitted to continue. Additionally, temporary concessions may be appropriate when associated with short term special events. For the purposes of this policy “commercial activities” include anything involving a vendor. However, they do not include recreational or community groups which may charge a membership fee.

### ***Implementation***

- Saturday market days are permitted within the reserve pursuant to Policy 8. Use of the War Memorial Hall for such market days is also permitted provided that permission has been granted by Council or the Hall Management Committee (see Policy 9).
- The grassed frontage between the park and Belgium Street (where most of the outside stalls are normally located on Saturday market days) will be reinforced with an unregimented gobi mat surface. This will provide an all-weather surface for these stalls and will better protect the parks turf.
- Other than for Saturday market days no concessions shall be granted for commercial activities, with the exception of temporary concessions for commercial activities which are associated with short term special events approved by Council pursuant to Policy 6.
- The activities to which any such temporary concessions may apply must fulfil the following criteria:
  - be wholly compatible and entirely in keeping with the nature and intent of the short term special event
  - Be of a character which does not place pressure upon nor pose a threat to any of the values associated with the park
  - Be of a temporary duration not exceeding the duration of the short term special event it is to be associated with
  - Be of a form and structural nature which will enable the concession holder to return the site to its original state by the expiry term of the concession
- There must be full compliance with all conditions which Council may attach to any such temporary concessions.

## Policy 8

**To provide for leases of parts of the reserve.**

### ***Explanation***

The CMCS have a lease over their hall until the year 2013. Furthermore, the RSA have a lease over their clubrooms until the year 2013 also. In addition, leases of other areas of the reserve may be appropriate.

### ***Implementation***

- The existing leases to the CMCS and the RSA may continue until their stated date of lapse, whereupon they shall be reviewed and subsequently renewed (with or without alteration) or cancelled.
- A formal licence will be negotiated with the Market Day Committee for use of part of the park grounds for market day activities.
- Additional leases for other areas of the park may be issued at the discretion of Council as long as they are consistent with the intent and provisions of this management plan.
- Any new lease granted for part of the park shall not grant the leaseholder exclusive rights of occupation except for on those occasions as specified in the lease.
- Any lease may be amended or surrendered at any time, subject to the agreement of the respective party and Council and compliance with the provisions of the Reserves Act and/or the provisions of this management plan.
- Any current lease holder shall be bound by the provisions of this management plan.
- Any issues relating to liquor licensing within any leased part of the reserve shall be handled within the terms and conditions of the relevant lease.

### **Policy 9**

#### **To consider greater community management and use of the park and War Memorial Hall.**

### ***Explanation***

Local management of park buildings encourages greater community use of such assets.

### ***Implementation***

- Provide for a Hall Management Committee to manage the War Memorial Hall, subject to the guidance of Council.
- The War Memorial Hall will be kept available for use by community, leisure and/or recreational groups.

### **Picture 4.**

- Groups wishing to use the War Memorial Hall must pre-book in advance with Council or the Hall Management Committee.



Figure 9 A community committee should manage the War Memorial Hall

#### Policy 10

**To provide for a variety of informal recreational pursuits while respecting the needs and values of all users.**

#### *Explanation*

People currently exercise their dogs within the Park. This creates the potential for conflict either between dogs or between dogs and people.

#### *Implementation*

- Dogs must be controlled at all times (i.e. be on a leash).
- Appropriate signage will be provided.
- Compliance is required with all relevant Council bylaws.

#### Policy 11

**To maintain the park buildings and their associated facilities.**

#### *Explanation*

Both the Catherine Mitchell Hall and the War Memorial Hall are will used venues for a variety of community and/or leisure activities. They are highly valued by many different user groups, and need to be maintained as safe and comfortable places. In addition to the buildings themselves it is necessary to also maintain their associated facilities, in particular the effluent disposal system if the War Memorial Hall and RSA.

***Implementation***

- Complete the internal refurbishment of the War Memorial Hall as a matter of urgency.
- Maintain both the Catherine Mitchell Cultural Society hall and the War Memorial Hall in a good state of repair.
- Expand the evapo-transpiration beds further south along the frontage with Ostend Road. Integrate this extension with Policy 1 (i.e. boundary plantings).

## 4.0 Access and circulation

### 4.1 Background

While access into the park can be gained from anywhere along its frontage with Belgium Street pedestrian entry from Ostend Road or Putiki Road is more restricted. This is due to boundary planting along these edges of the reserve.

However, access is available from Ostend Road in the form of two low-key entrances which pass through the planted trees and shrubs. These are linked by a concrete footpath running parallel with Ostend Road, providing a safe and picturesque route for pedestrians travelling down this street. This footpath is the only pathway within the reserve and hence there is very little internal circulation between Putiki Road and Belgium Street.

The only access into the park from Putiki Road is by way of a driveway leading down to the Catherine Mitchell Hall. This driveway is unsealed at present, consisting of a gravel surface. The associated car park is also unsealed, and can comfortably accommodate several cars. The reserve has a second car park, adjacent to the southern face of the War Memorial Hall. This car park is unsealed also (consisting of a gravel surface) and can accommodate several cars. Presently there are major road works being undertaken along Belgium Street, and the intention is to seal this car park as part of these works.

A sealed roadway runs between the War Memorial Hall and the cenotaph, providing a vehicle link between Ostend Road and Belgium Street. This is often also used for car parking purposes at times when the reserve is busy, such as on Saturday market days. On these occasions much of the road berms surrounding the reserve are also used for parking cars. Any rationalisation of the car parking issues pertaining to the reserve will need to be undertaken within this wider context, involving Belgium Street and both Putiki and Ostend Roads.

### 4.2 Access and circulation issues

- There is no pathway network within the reserve, making circulation through it difficult.
- Car parking problems need to be resolved within a wider context which includes the three roads surrounding the reserve.
- There is no formal entrance into the park from Belgium Street.

### 4.3 Access and circulation policies

#### Policy 12

**To improve pedestrian accessibility and entrances into the park.**

#### *Explanation*

At present the only formal pedestrian entrances into the park are off Ostend Road. A formal pedestrian only entrance is needed along the frontage with Belgium Street.

### ***Implementation***

- Construct a formal pedestrian entrance into the park from Belgium Street. Integrate this with the plantings along this boundary (see Policy 2).
- Enhance the existing entrances into the park from off Ostend Road by way of improved planting and appropriate signage.

### **Policy 13**

**To provide adequate car parking for visitors to the reserve.**

### ***Explanation***

While the two existing car parks are generally adequate for normal patronage levels at both the park and halls there are periodic events (i.e. market days) when these cannot cope with the volume of visitors. During such times all nearby road berms are used and traffic flows become interrupted.

### ***Implementation***

- Maintain the current levels of car parking within the park.
- Maintain the existing car parks in a state of good repair.
- Promote the inclusion of car parking considerations in all major road works undertaken adjacent to the reserve.



**Figure 10 Existing provision for car parking is adequate most of the time**

**To provide for an appropriate and safe network of paths for all park users.**

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***Explanation***

Pedestrian access and circulation within the park needs to be appropriate and safe. It also needs to allow access to the variety of recreational and leisure resources within the park.

***Implementation***

- Construct an internal pathway network for the park in accordance with the design specified in the concept plan.
- Pathway surfaces will be of aggregate material.
- The pathway linking Ostend Road with Belgium Street will meet route criteria for disabled access in accordance with NZS 4121 1985.

## 5.0 Park furniture and structures

### 5.0 Background

Park furniture and structures include items such as play equipment, signs, plaques, statues, memorials, seating, picnic tables, fencing and rubbish bins. Although small in scale, these elements can reinforce the character and identity of a park or visually degrade and conflict with the area. The park currently has only two pieces of furniture, being a solitary seat and a sign for the Catherine Mitchell Hall. Furthermore, the only structures that are present are the cenotaph and its fence, a concrete foundation for what was once a small museum, and water tanks associated with both of the halls.

When selecting the furniture for the park it will be important to ensure that the designs of the various pieces are complementary and provide a sense of cohesion. This will ensure a recognisable park identity through a unity of design and a distinct “family” of furniture and structures.

### 5.1 Park furniture and structures issues

- The Parks existing furniture is very limited in both nature and extent and needs to be expanded.
- All furniture and structures need to present a coherent unity of design and contribute to the overall quality of the park as a recreational environment.
- Park furniture and structures need to be located in appropriate places.
- The concrete foundation of the old museum could be used as the foundation for a new (appropriate) structure.
- There may be some future proposals for additional park furniture and/or structures within the reserve, and criteria needs to be developed against which to access such requests.

### 5.2 Park furniture and structures policies

#### Policy 15

**To adopt a unified approach to the design of park furniture and structures.**

#### ***Explanation***

A unified design approach to all park furniture and structures located and maintained to meet the needs of park users, is essential to convey an image of quality. This design will need to be in harmony with the buildings on-site.

#### ***Implementation***

- Apply high standards of design and materials when selecting which furniture and structures to use in the park. Ensure these designs and materials are complementary both to each other and to the nature and character of the park.
- Develop and adopt a standardised design for all park signs, utilising a size and colour sympathetic to the aesthetic values of the park.
- Locate all furniture and structures in those areas as specified in the concept plan.

- Locate rubbish bins at strategic places alongside the pathway network.
- Leave the cenotaph in its present location.
- Subject to final design specifications, re-configure the concrete foundation of the old museum into a rotunda shape and provide for an appropriate rotunda/gazebo type structure to be located thereupon for use by the general public.

#### Policy 16

**To ensure that any future park furniture and structures are complementary to the values and qualities of the park.**

#### ***Explanation***

There may be some future proposal(s) for additional park furniture and structure within the park. Accordingly, criteria are needed against which to assess the appropriateness or otherwise of any such proposals.

#### ***Implementation***

- Assess any future proposals for park furniture and/or structure against the following criteria:
  - The need for such to be within the park
  - The appropriateness of the intended location
  - The protection of values and views from disturbance
  - The contribution it would make to the quality and experience of the park
  - The particular design and its relationship to the park character
  - The public benefit to be obtained from such
  - The impact on the immediate neighbourhood
  - An ability to meet relevant District Plan requirements
  - An ability to meet the objective and policies of this plan
- Ensure that the following is achieved in relation to all future park furniture and/or structures.
  - Design which is appropriate to the site and consistent with both the character of the park and all other existing park furniture and structures
  - Locations appropriate to the function of the park furniture or structure

## 6.0 Natural values

### 6.1 Background

The park contains limited natural values, with these being in the form of the native plantings that are present. However, the predominant use of the reserve is for recreation and leisure (rather than scenic) purposes, and hence the management effort for this park must be clearly focused towards these. Accordingly, the recreational and leisure values of the reserve will be maintained and enhanced by way of retaining the open space areas and the two halls.

Notwithstanding this, opportunities exist to enhance the natural values of the park also. There are two such opportunities in this regard – firstly, by utilising indigenous species when undertaking future plantings, and secondly by keeping the park free of weeds.

A full list of the native and exotic plant species found within the park is given in Appendix 2 of this management plan.

### 6.2 Natural values issues

- There exist opportunities for enhancing the natural values of the park, principally by using native species in the screen plantings and keeping the area free of weeds.
- Weed control will need to follow a weed management programme if it is to be effective.



**Figure 11** The open space of the Park is a valuable asset

## 6.2 Natural values policies

### Policy 17

**To eradicate or control all weeds within the park.**

#### ***Explanation***

Eradication or control efforts will be most effective if undertaken within the context of a weed management strategy.

#### ***Implementation***

- The weed management strategy for Anzac Reserve is as follows:

##### **Short term (1 year)**

- weed the native plantings on Ostend Road and eliminate elaeagnus in this area.
- Remove loquat from the evapo-transpiration plantings, and check for any other weeds (particularly Chinese privet) and remove.
- Remove Japanese honeysuckle from the Putiki Road frontage.
- Pass on the weed information in this report to the Catherine Mitchell Society for their information and use.
- Cut back the honeysuckle on Lot 20, and remove its dead and dying foliage from the canopy where possible.

##### **Mid term (1-5 years)**

- remove the sub-canopy weeds on Lot 29

##### **Ongoing**

- periodic checking on and weeding of the existing native plantings
- periodic checking of the other areas of the reserve for reinfestation.
- Weed control methods should be in accordance with the Waiheke Island Weed Management Strategy.

### Policy 18

**To predominantly use indigenous species in the amenity and screen plantings.**

#### ***Explanation***

Tree planting within the reserve will be limited to that which is necessary for screening and amenity purposes. A bias towards the use of native species in these plantings will enhance the limited natural values of the park.

#### ***Implementation***

- Favour the use of native trees and shrubs in most of the planting areas.

- The following three ecological principles will apply to the use of native species in all plantings:
  - use species which are naturally occurring on Waiheke Island
  - use plant material sourced from Waiheke Island
  - locate plants only within their natural habitat types
- While the predominant species planted will be native trees and shrubs, a selection of exotic species may also be appropriate. These should be selected on the basis of their form, visual appeal and/or other features of interest or benefit (such as their contribution as an off-seasonal food source for native bird species).

## 7.0 Administration and management

### 7.1 Background

The primary mechanism by which the provisions of this management plan will be implemented is through the Auckland City Council Annual Plan. This specifies the works and actions which will be undertaken in any given financial year.

In order to feed into this process an annual works programme for the park will need to be prepared. It will be necessary for the staff who prepare this annual works programme to have due regard to the longer term park management strategies, in particular any building maintenance or planting programmes as well as the weed management strategy.

### 7.2 Administration and management issues

- The implementation of this plan will require appropriate management processes to be in place.
- There are other statutory documents which apply to the park and which need to be complied with.
- The effectiveness of this management plan will need to be continuously monitored, with provision for a full periodic review.

### 7.3 Administration and management policies

#### Policy 19

**To implement the provisions of this plan in a structured and integrated manner.**

#### *Explanation*

There is a need to develop appropriate, integrated and well planned strategies in order to secure adequate resources for the effective implementation of the provisions of this plan.

#### *Implementation*

- An annual works programme shall be prepared for the park based upon the provisions of this management plan. This works programme will be used to prioritise management tasks and to estimate the budget required from Council Annual Plan for park management purposes.
- The preparation of this annual works programme will have particular regard to the provisions of the park weed management strategy and park planting programme.

#### Policy 20

**To have regard to other statutory documents and Council policy in implementing this plan and managing the reserve.**

***Explanation***

There needs to be compliance with Auckland City policies and other relevant legislation in respect to the management and operation of this plan.

***Implementation***

- There will be compliance with all legislation, District Plan provisions, strategies, Council policy and by-laws as it affects the park in all activities and actions undertaken therein.
- There will be compliance with Council’s policy on the disposal of waste water from off-site sewage treatment plants onto Council public reserves (see Appendix 3).

**Policy 21**

**To keep this management plan under continuous review.**

***Explanation***

All parts of this plan will be kept under a continuous review in order to be able to adapt to changing circumstances or to adapt in accordance with increased knowledge. Notwithstanding this, a full review will be undertaken ten years from the date of the final approval by Council of this plan.

***Implementation***

- Adapt parts of this plan as required in order to meet changing circumstances or to adapt in accordance with increased knowledge.
- Ensure public input into any plan changes.
- Undertake a full review of the entire plan within ten years of its date of approval.

# Appendix 1

## APPENDIX 1

### District Plan Provisions for Land Unit 19 : Community Activities

#### 6.19.0 DESCRIPTION

The Land Unit 19 applies to a number of local reserve areas throughout the Western Waiheke SMA in such locations as Blackpool, Ostend and Palm Beach. The areas are generally of moderate size and are generally developed for community and neighbourhood purposes.

#### 6.19.1 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ISSUES

- Ensure use opportunities for community and neighbourhood based activities are maximised.
- Maintenance of a balance between open space and buildings to ensure retention of the character of the land unit.
- Continuation of historical uses of buildings and land.
- Provision for a diverse range of general recreational pursuits.

#### 6.19.2 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

The resource management strategy for Land Unit 19 is to use rules to facilitate and maximise neighbourhood and community use of land within the land unit in order to foster community and cultural activities. Buildings are permitted but only through controlled activity rules so that their design, appearance and size are compatible with the surrounding residential uses and that activities undertaken within buildings and on the land must not detract from the amenities of residential areas. The strategy seeks through the Plan's rules to ensure that a diverse range on non-active recreational activities can be carried out within the land unit. Small scale, community based land use activities are seen as being appropriate for the land unit.

#### 6.19.3 OBJECTIVES

##### 6.19.3.1 OBJECTIVE

To provide for a balanced range of community activities for the cultural needs of the community.

*Policies:*

- A. By providing for buildings and for community needs.*
- B. By providing for informal recreation activities.*

#### 6.19.4 LAND UNIT RULES

##### 6.19.4.1 PERMITTED ACTIVITIES

###### A. GENERAL RULES

Any activity shall be regarded as a permitted activity where it:

- (a) Conforms to the standards contained in Part 5B, and
- (b) Meets the requirements of Rule 6.19.4.1B below; except where it has been otherwise provided for in the rules for this land unit as a controlled, discretionary or prohibited activity.

###### B. PARTICULAR RULES

- (a) Any use of land or buildings must be consistent with any operative management plan pursuant to the Reserves Act 1977 or the Conservation Act 1987.

### 6.19.4.2 CONTROLLED ACTIVITIES

#### A. GENERAL RULES

Application must be made for a resource consent for a controlled activity under the following circumstances:

- (a) Where it is proposed to erect, alter or add to any building(s).

(b) Where required by policy area rules in Part 7 of this Plan when the land unit is contained within Policy Area 7.

#### B. PARTICULAR RULES

Any building shall meet all those standards in Part 6B.

#### C. CONTROLLED ACTIVITY CRITERIA.

The Council shall give consideration to the following criteria in assessing an application for a controlled activity:

- (a) All existing native bush, or other vegetation which contributes to visual amenity shall be retained, except where it is necessary to remove vegetation to create a building platform, or where sufficient landscape planting of appropriate species is provided to ensure that buildings are integrated with the existing natural character of the surrounding landscape.
- (b) Any earthworks necessary for the creation of building platforms or access shall be such that they create minimum disturbance to the landscape and character of the site.
- (c) Any driveway, parking and turning areas shall be constructed in a manner which requires minimal disturbance to existing landform or vegetation. Generally, any driveway should have a gradient of less than 1 in 6.
- (d) The exterior finish of proposed buildings shall be complementary to those which are found in the surrounding natural landscape.

Note: Reference will be made to the document Colour for Structures in the Landscape, Heath, T. for the interpretation of this criterion, (available at Auckland City Council Offices).

- (e) The scale and form of proposed buildings shall be such that they are integrated with and complementary to forms in the surrounding natural landscape.
- (f) Development proposals shall ensure that any runoff or stormwater resulting from the

development does not lead to siltation or sedimentation or a reduction in water quality in natural watercourses.

(g) Any extension or alteration to an existing building shall:

(i) comply with (d) and (e) above,

(ii) be sympathetic to the design and external appearance of the existing building.

#### D. CONTROLLED ACTIVITY CONDITIONS

In granting consent to a controlled activity the Council may impose conditions relating to any or all of the following matters:

- (a) The removal or retention of vegetation.
- (b) Landscaping.
- (c) Drainage.
- (d) The screening of buildings, yards or vehicle parking and manoeuvring areas.
- (e) The orientation, cladding, scale, form and colour of buildings.
- (f) Location of buildings on a site.
- (g) The height of buildings.
- (h) The location and construction of vehicle entry, egress, manoeuvring and parking.

### 6.19.4.3 DISCRETIONARY ACTIVITIES

#### A. GENERAL RULES

Application must be made for a resource consent for a discretionary activity under the following circumstances:

- (a) Where it is proposed to vary any of the standards for permitted activities contained in Part 6B. An application for a discretionary activity consent may only be granted to vary those standards to the extent provided for in Part 6C and will be assessed in terms of the criteria contained in Part 6E and must meet the standards specified in Part 6C unless otherwise provided for in the rules.
- (b) Where consent to a subdivide land to create a lot pursuant to the rules contained in Part 8 of this Plan is sought.
- (c) Any use of land or buildings where there is no operative management plan pursuant to the Reserves Act 1977 or the Conservation Act 1987.

## B. LISTED DISCRETIONARY ACTIVITIES

Refer to Part 6F for the relevant assessment criteria.

The above activities are automatically discretionary activities as they need particular assessment in this land unit because of potential effects.

Any standard specified in Part 6F (Assessment criteria for listed discretionary activities) shall prevail over a parallel standard in Part 6C.

### 6.19.5 OTHER REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION

The information and requirements outlined in Parts 6B-6G must be referred to, prior to making an application for any resource consent.

### 6.19.6 SUBDIVISION

The rules for subdivision are contained in Part 8 of the Plan.

### 6.19.7 HERITAGE

The rules relating to heritage protection are contained in Part 10 of the Plan.

## Appendix 2

### Description of Native and Exotic Vegetation Within Anzac Reserve

The reserve is mainly open space with areas of native planting along the Ostend Road boundary, at the entrance to the Catherine Mitchell Hall, and along the western boundary of lot 29. There is also a significant area of native planting for evapo-transpiration beds running across the eastern end of lot 32 and the southern end of lot 32 and the southern end of lot 33. Along the Ostend boundary there is an existing concrete footpath, with native plantings on either side.

Native species present: Akeake (*Dodonaea viscosa*; 'Purpurea'), akeake (*Dodonaea viscosa*), manuka (*Leptospermum scoparium*), karamu (*Coprosma robusta*), mahoe (*Melicytus ramiflorus*), tanekaha (*Phyllociadus trichomanoides*), ngaio (*Myoporum laetum*), cabbage tree (*Cordyline australis*), flax (*Phormium* spp), karo (*Pittosporum crassifolium*), lacebark (*Hoheria populnea*), mahoe (*Melicytus ramiflorus*), karaka (*Corynocarpus laevigata*), tarata (*Pittosporum eugenioides*), kawakawa (*Macropiper excelsum*), hebe spp, poroporo (*Solanum* spp), taupata (*Coprosma repens*), hangehange (*Geniostoma rupestre*), puriri (*Vitex lucens*), whau (*Entelea arborescens*), lancewood (*Pseudopanax crassifolius*), mapou (*Myrsine australis*), puka (*Griselinia littoralis*), kowhai (*Sophora microphylla*), pohutukawa (*Metrosideros excelsa*), broom (*Carmichaelia* spp), totara (*Podocarpus totara*), titoki (*Alectryon excelsa*), kahikatea (*Dacrycarpus dacrydioides*), taraire (*Beilschmiedia tarairi*).

Main Problem Weeds: Japanese honeysuckle (*Lonicera japonica*), Chinese privet (*Ligustrum sinense*)

Other Weeds Noted: *Elaeagnus* (*Elaeagnus x reflexa*), pampas (*Cortaderia*), loquat, inkweed (*Phytolacca octandra*), gorse (*Ulex europaeus*), nasturtium (*Trapaeolum majus*), kikuyu, cotoneaster.

Ostend Road Boundary: Opposite the eastern end of lots 34 and 35 the native plantings include manuka, karamu, mahoe, tanekaha, ngaio, cabbage tree, flax and hebe. Weeds in this area include Japanese honeysuckle, Chinese privet, *elaeagnus* and pampas. There is also a creeping daisy at the Putiki Road end of the footpath, while at the other end there are fruit trees (probably wild peach). The Japanese honeysuckle's quite heavy at the northern end of the footpath where it bends into the reserve, and peters out towards the Putiki Road end, though one trailer was found right on the corner amongst native foliage. Japanese honeysuckle covers the foliage of many of the native species in this area.

On the inside of the footpath there are the odd native plants dotted about, including two kowhai, a mapou, a kanuka and several karo.

Evapo-transpiration Planting on Lots 32 and 33: The native plantings in the evapo-transpiration beds include ngaio, karo, lacebark, akeake, manuka, flax, mahoe, some small karaka (self-sown), titoki, tarata or lemonwood, karamu, kawakawa, hebe species, poroporo, taupata, hangehange, puriri, cabbage tree, a large whau, lancewood, mapou, puka, mapou and karo (some self-sown). The western arm of this planting, along the boundary of lot 33 has flax, karo, karamu, tarata, manuka and a clump of cabbage trees. The only weeds noted in this area were at the Ostend Road

end, a Chinese privet (which was pulled out) and one small loquat. The loquat should be readily eliminated manually.

Putiki Road Boundary: Along the boundary fronting Putiki Road there are several native specimen plantings, including karamu, mapou, flax and karo. In the middle of this area there is flax, karamu and mapou together with Japanese honeysuckle growing with them, the only weed seen along this small patch.

Catherine Mitchell Hall Area: On either side of the entrance way to the Catherine Mitchell Hall are native plantings, including hebe species, mapou, mahoe, cabbage tree, akeake, kowhai, manuka, pohutukawa, flax, karo, puriri, lacebark, broom and karamu.

Along the whole western boundary of lots 34 and 35 is a Chinese privet hedge with Japanese honeysuckle growing in it. At the side of the hall, near the dividing line between lots 34 and 35 there is a poroporo and, nearby, the weed inkweed.

At the back of the hall (northern end of lot 34, on boundary) can be found once again Chinese privet, some quite large specimens, with Japanese honeysuckle in the canopy. There are a number of pines here as well, plus one small gorse bush, some nasturtium, and a cotoneaster. On the lawn in front of this boundary there are several specimen native plantings, including totara, karo, titoki, mapou, ngaio and flax.

Lot29: The western boundary of lot 29 contains some native planting, including manuka, karamu, karo, ngaio, totara, mahoe, hebe, flax, lacebark, puriri, akeake, lancewood, kahikatea and native ground cover. Some self-sown taraire were also seen in this area. Weeds in this area include inkweed, gorse, Chinese privet (some small specimens pulled out), Japanese honeysuckle, kikuyu and loquat. There are several large exotics. On the lawned area towards the southern end there is a clump of large Chinese privet. The Japanese honeysuckle on the boundary is becoming a severe problem and is already overtaking many native plants. It covers Chinese privet in places and is in the canopy of some tall karo trees.

Belgium Street Boundary: Along the Belgium Street boundary are several pockets of plants which include puriri, karamu, hebe, tarata, flax, as well as some exotics – two pines, daisies, geraniums and dahlias.

Ostend Hall Area: Around the RSA Hall has been planted hebe species, akeake (*Dodonaea viscosa* 'Purpurea'), ngaio, karo, flax, taupata, pohutukawa, and various small and exotic plants. There is also a tarata or lemonwood planted on the Ostend Road end of the water tanks.

Recommendations and Priorities: Though the Japanese honeysuckle is fairly extensive in places, it should be controllable with manual means, and without too much trouble. Chinese privet is also fairly predominant as well as sizeable and may need special attention. The same may apply to some loquat plants. Due to the extensive native plantings in the area, it would pay Council to work towards weed-free status. Once weeded the reserve will need to be checked periodically for reinfestation, especially for Chinese privet and Japanese honeysuckle.

The Catherine Mitchell Society conducts working bees for planting and weeding their area. Council will need to consult with them, as well as the neighbours on the western end of the reserve, with a view to controlling/eradicating Chinese privet and Japanese honeysuckle. A possibility may be to offer a native hedge in place of the privet one.

## Appendix 3

### **Council policy on the disposal of Waste Water from Off-Site Sewage Treatment Plants onto Council Public Reserves**

#### **Resolved:**

THAT the board accept the principle that disposal of water from off-site sewerage treatment plants onto Council public reserves and properties be permitted subject to the following conditions:

- a) THAT any application of this nature be treated as a notified application.
- b) THAT the water be treated and disinfected to recyclable water standards that are accepted and approved by Auckland City Council, Auckland Regional Council and Health Department.
- c) THAT the design, construction and operation of the plants and the distribution systems are to standards approved by the same authorities.
- d) THAT standby storage for three normal days operation be an integral part of the design and installation.
- e) THAT disposal of recycled water be by sub-surface irrigation, or by a method approved by the Authorities under clause (B) above, but shall not be by spray irrigation.
- f) THAT the quantity of discharge of the recycled water onto reserves be limited to levels that will ensure continuous public access.
- g) THAT the use of these waters on reserve areas be subject to a Management Plan approved by the Community Board.
- h) THAT, in principle, a charge be made for recycled water onto Council property.
- i) THAT this motion amend any previous motion dealing with the disposal of water from effluent treatment plants onto Council Reserves.