

Boundary Crescent Reserve
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Mauinaina Reserve
Management Plan 1988

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Management Plan for

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Boundary Reserve

1.0 Background Information

1.1 Introduction

This Management Plan has been prepared as a review of the 1984 plan because the changed circumstances particularly associated with the hall built for the Swiftfootes Marching Club Inc off Tripoli Road in the Boundary Reserve.

The Council resolved in accordance with this review to adopt Section 41(5A) of the Reserves Act and not publicly call for written submissions. The reason for this is because written submissions had already been received from parties interested in the use of the hall.

The Reserves to which this Management Plan applies were all created under one subdivision and are of the neighbourhood type developed for local recreation needs. For this reason the reserves are grouped together under one common Management Plan.

After the second World War the Government embarked on a major housing scheme in the Tamaki area, and as part of this major development set aside substantial areas for recreation purposes. The developed of the housing area started generally at Pt England and spread southwards towards Panmure thus being located in both Auckland City and Mt Wellington Borough.

This Management Plan covers all recreation reserves in the subdivision contained within the Mt Wellington Borough with the exception of Dunkirk Road and Mt Wellington War Memorial Park Reserves which have already had Management Plans prepared (August 1982).

The resources generally follow the natural contour of the land, and are substantially in a mowable grass condition with some large stands of trees and shrubs. There are, however, a number of sporting clubs with their headquarters located on the reserves and these include the following:-

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| • Mt Wellington Bowling Club | Johnson Reserve | Matapan Road |
| • Mt Wellington Women's Bowling Club | Mauinaina Reserve | Te Koa Road |
| • Tamaki Playcentre | Boundary Reserve | Tripoli |
| • Wainui Scout Group | Boundary Reserve | Dunkirk Road |

This is the second Management Plan prepared for these Reserves. A number of the proposed works in the first plan have been completed. The use of the Swiftfootes Marching hall by the Marching Group has stopped and a new use for this hall by the Tamaki Playcentre has commenced.

This plan is intended as a practical planning document to ensure that the reserves provide maximum utilisation and enjoyment to all sections of the community. It is not possible to predict too far into the future on recreational trends and needs, therefore as such, the Management Plan will be reviewed when new information comes to hand, or needs come apparent.

1.2 Classification

Under the provisions of the Reserves Act 1977 all areas in this Management Plan are classified for recreation purposes. A short extract from Section 17 of the Act gives a legal interpretation of the significance and purpose of recreation areas.

“It is hereby declared that the appropriate provision of the Act shall have effect, in relation to reserves classified as recreation reserves, 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.”

1.3 Town Planning

All areas in this Management Plan are zoned under the Mt Wellington Ward District Scheme.

The zoning of the reserves are:

- Johnson Recreation 1 with Recreation 4 at the site of the Mt Wellington Bowling Club.
- Martin Place Recreation 1.
- Mauinaina Recreation 1 with Recreation 4 at the site of the Mt Wellington Women’s Bowling Club.
- Court Crescent Recreation 1.
- Boundary Recreation 1 with Recreation 2 at the site of the Wainui Scout Group and the ex Tamaki Playcentre Hall.

1.4 History

The Panmure-Tamaki area is rich in Maori history since the arrival of the Great Fleet in 1350 AD. A large village fronting onto the Tamaki River was established and was known as Mauinaina. It was bordered by the Mokoia Pa to the south, Tripoli Road to the west, Alamein Road to the north and the Tamaki River to the east. The area includes the reserves known today as Johnson, Mauinaina and the War Memorial.

The Ngati Paoa tribe had occupied the Mauinaina Pa for some time but around 1600 there was a period of intense tribal rivalry. On one occasion a warrior avenging the death of his father and brother raised a war party and routed and killed villagers first at Waiheke, then Glen Innes, Mokoia and Mauinaina before launching a successful attack on Maungarei (Mt Wellington). This is thought to be the origin of the name Mauinaina – a village without fortifications.

Battles continued between the Ngati Paoa and Ngatrahehea with their allies the Ngapuhi well into the 1900 Century with the different tribes occupying the Pa at various times.

In 1820 Major Cruise, an officer of the Marines, described Mauinaina in his journal – “...the houses were larger and more ornamental with carving than those we had generally observed. Each family occupied an allotment which in shape was oblong and enclosed with a high strong paling. These

allotments contained many houses and the intermediate passages or streets were as clean as the season would permit...”.

Today with the housing development, all signs of this once large Maori Village have gone. However, it is probable that archeological remains could be found on Johnson and Mauinaina Reserves.

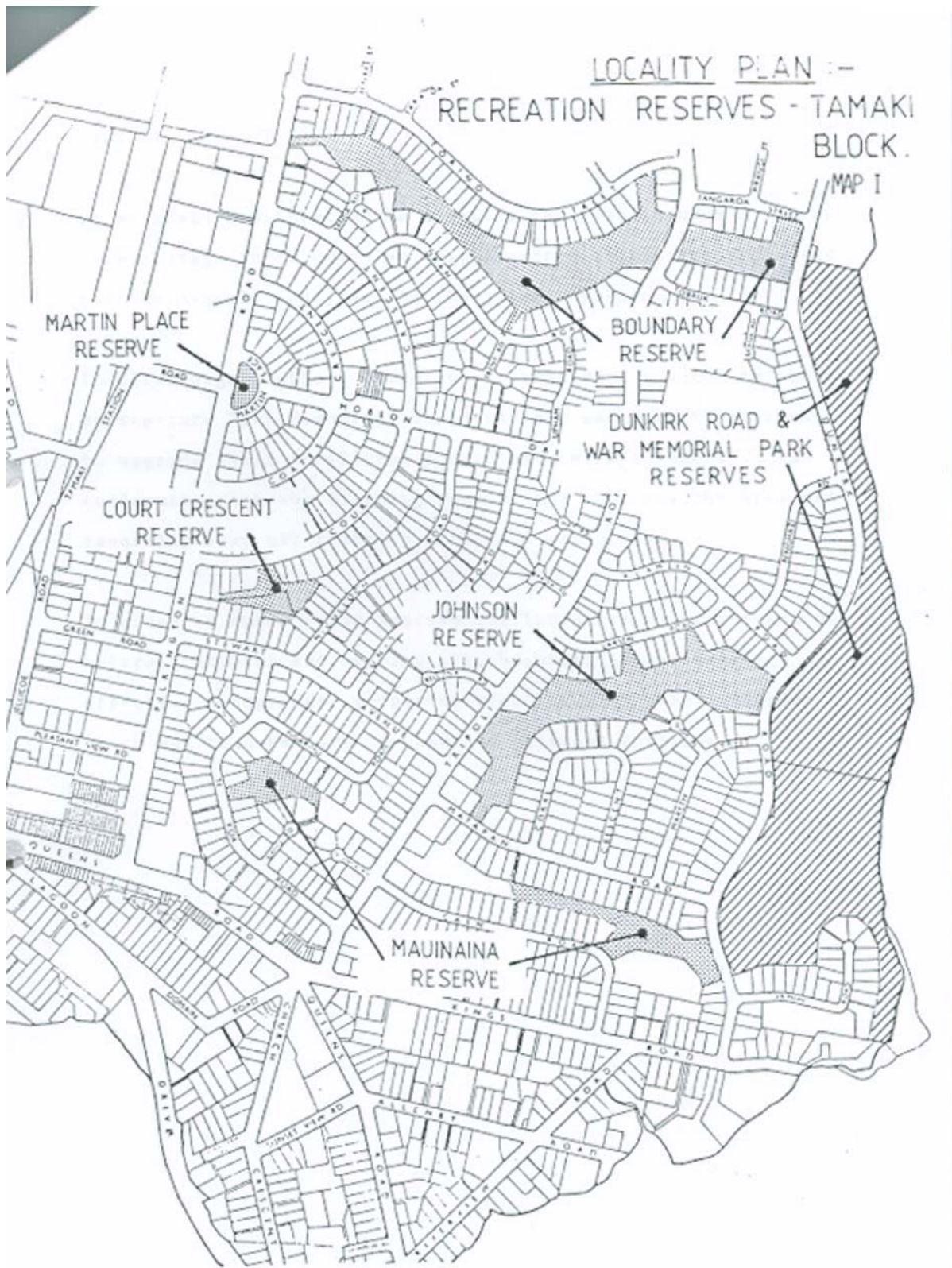


Figure 1. Locality Map

1.5 Specific Details and Characteristics

1.5.1 Johnson Reserve

(i) Legal Description

3.7036 hectares more or less being Lot 330, DP 44686 situated in Block II, Otahuhu Survey District. All Certificates of Title 2B/621.

(ii) Location and Access

This large reserve has access from six streets. Parking areas are provided in Matapan and Tripoli Roads. The former has been formed and sealed for many years and provides parking for some 30 cars while the latter has been formed and sealed in 1988 and provides for approximately 30 cars. The reserve also abuts Dunkirk Road, Larsen Road in two places and right-of-ways are provided to Coral Crescent and Suda Place. The location is shown generally on Figure 1. Locality Map and in more detail on Figure 2 Johnson Reserve Map.

(iii) Physical Description and Facilities

Johnson Reserve is predominately grassed with large stands of mature trees. The Mt Wellington Bowling Club occupy the southern end of the reserve.

The reserve is sited in a gully which in winter poses problems for tractor mowing. An open drain runs approximately half the length of the reserve. In recent years Council has carried out extensive works in the reserve to drain and upgrade it to an all year round mowable state. This has now been achieved and with only a small area, the northern bank, is too wet to mow. This area is being extensively planted in trees, so that it will be maintenance free.

The Bowling Club is investigating making use of the high water table for the watering of greens.

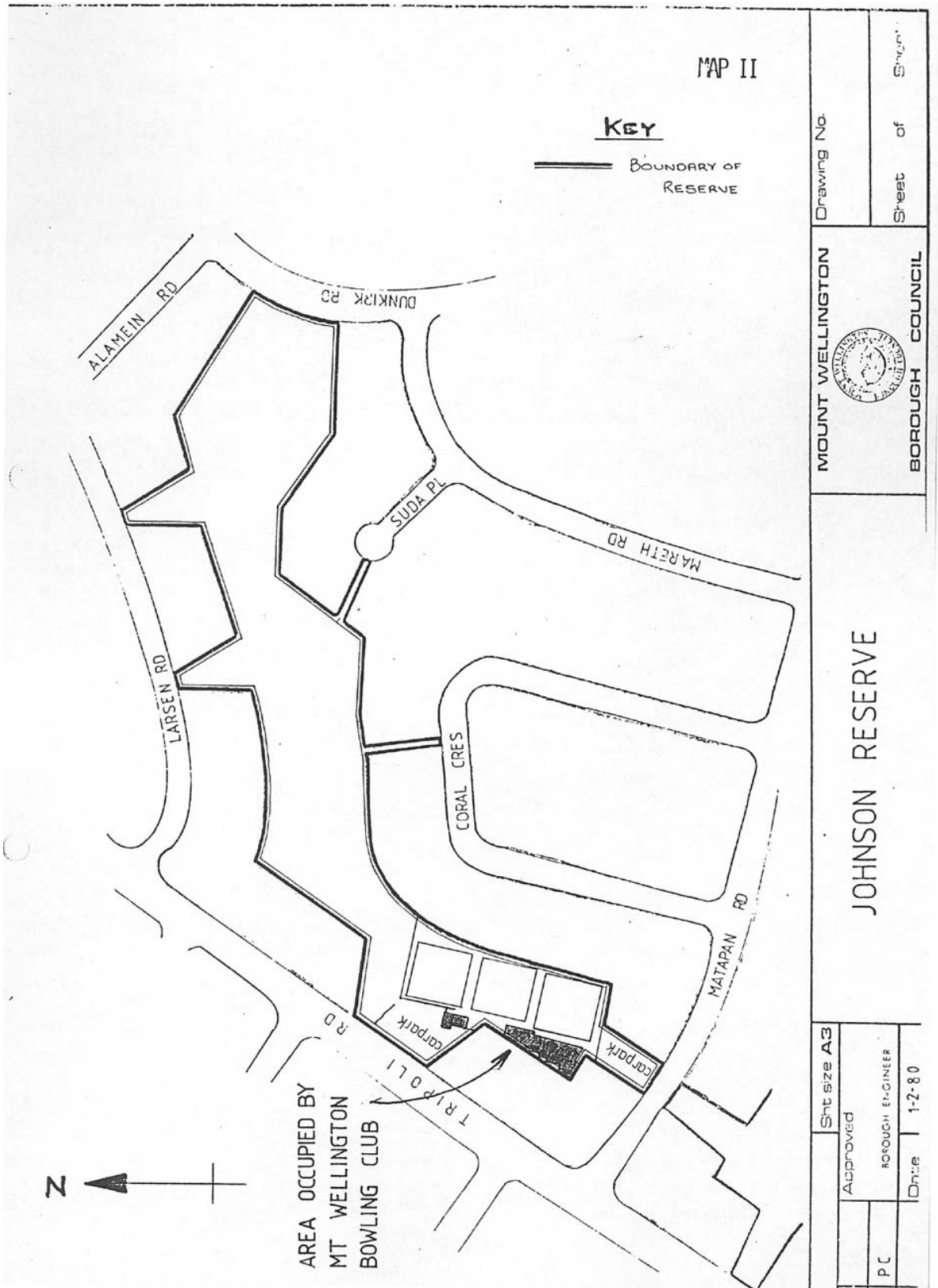


Figure 2. Johnson Reserve Map

1.5.2 Martin Place Reserve

(i) Legal Description

2223 square metres more or less being Lot 197, DP 38232 situated in Block II, Otahuhu Survey District. All Certificate of Title 2B/618.

(ii) Location

Martin Place Reserve is entirely surrounded by road. Pilkington Road runs along the western side and Martin Place forming a semi-circle on the east. The location is shown generally on Figure 1 Locality Map and in more detail on Figure 3 Martin Place Reserve.

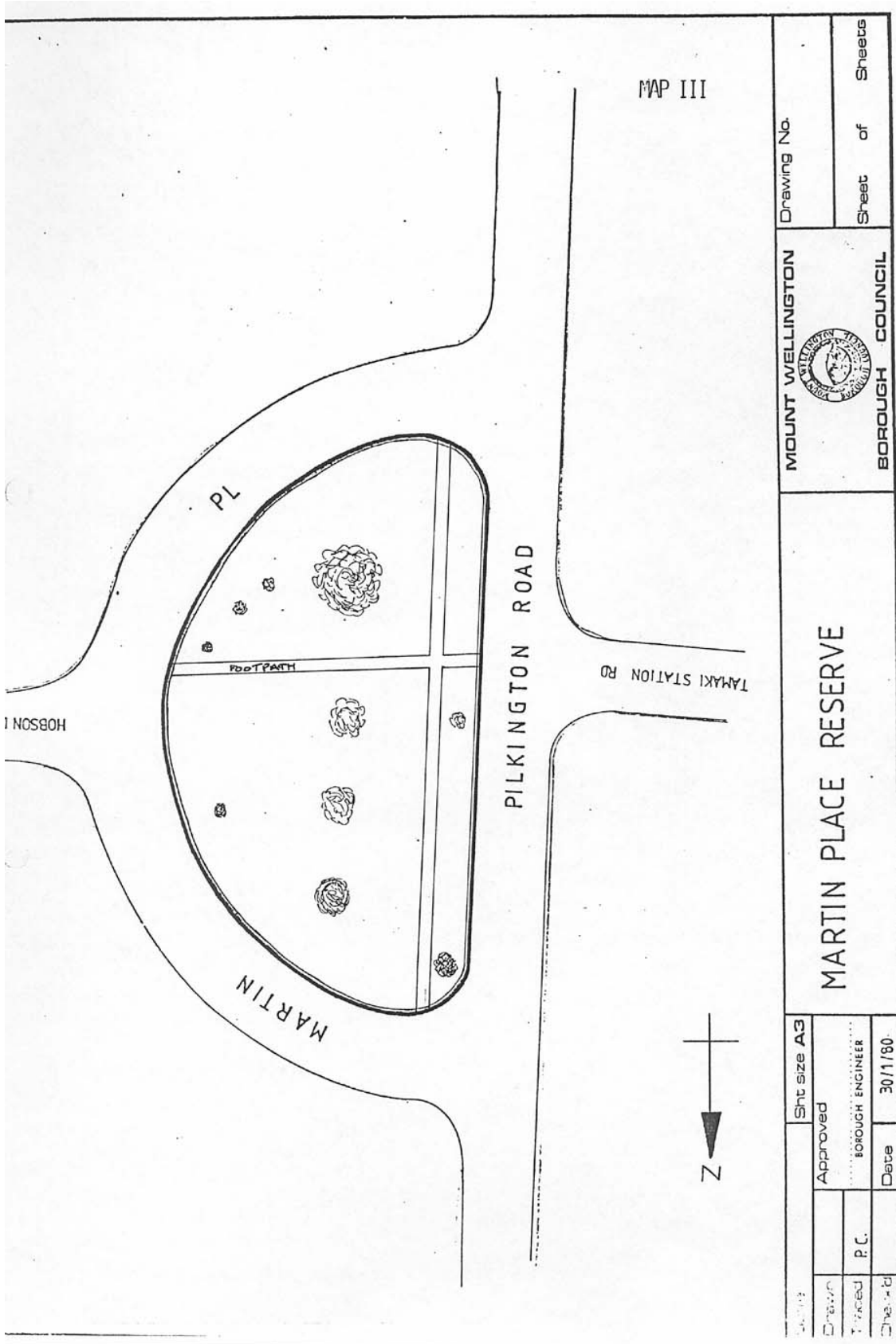


Figure 3. Martin Place Reserve

1.5.3 Mauinaina Reserve

(i) Legal Description

6970 square metres more or less being part Lot 142, DP 37895, situated in Block II, Otahuhu Survey District. All Certificate of Title 26B/1138.

1.4467 hectares more or less being part Lot 275, DP 39834 situated in Block II, Otahuhu Survey District. All Certificate of Title 26B/1137.

(ii) Location and Access

Mauinaina Reserve is physically divided into two parts. The area to the west is situated in Te Koa Road with a right-of-way from Kahu Road. Ngarimu Road running along the rear boundary. The eastern area has a frontage to Caen and Dunkirk Roads and access ways are also provided adjacent to 23 Caen Road and 12 and 34 Matapan Road. The location is shown generally on Figure 1 Locality Map and in more details on Figure 4 Mauinaina Reserve.

(iii) Physical Description and Facilities

The eastern portion of Mauinaina Reserve abuts the Panmure Bridge School and is used extensively by the children as additional playground space. This arrangement will continue. There are also several mature trees scattered throughout the reserve.

The western reserve area also provides an open grass playing area. The Mt Wellington Women's Bowling Club is domiciled on the reserve, occupying a part of it with one green, pavilion and implement shed. A formed and sealed carpark was constructed for the Bowling Club in 1988.

Figure 4 Mauinaina Reserve

1.5.4 Court Crescent Reserve

(i) Legal Description

7369 square metres more or less being Allotments 203, 204, 244, District of Tamaki situated in Block II, Otahuhu Survey District. All Certificate of Title 2C/303.

(ii) Location and Access

This reserve has a small frontage onto Court Crescent but opens out behind the residential sections to an area of approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of hectare. A right-of-way is provided to McCulloch Road. The location is shown generally on Figure 1 Locality Map and in more detail on Figure 5 Court Crescent Reserve.

(iii) Physical Description and Facilities

Court Crescent Reserve provides panoramic views of the Tamaki Estuary and Pakuranga. The reserve is grassed with a small number of trees around the boundaries and is kept in a mown and tidy condition.

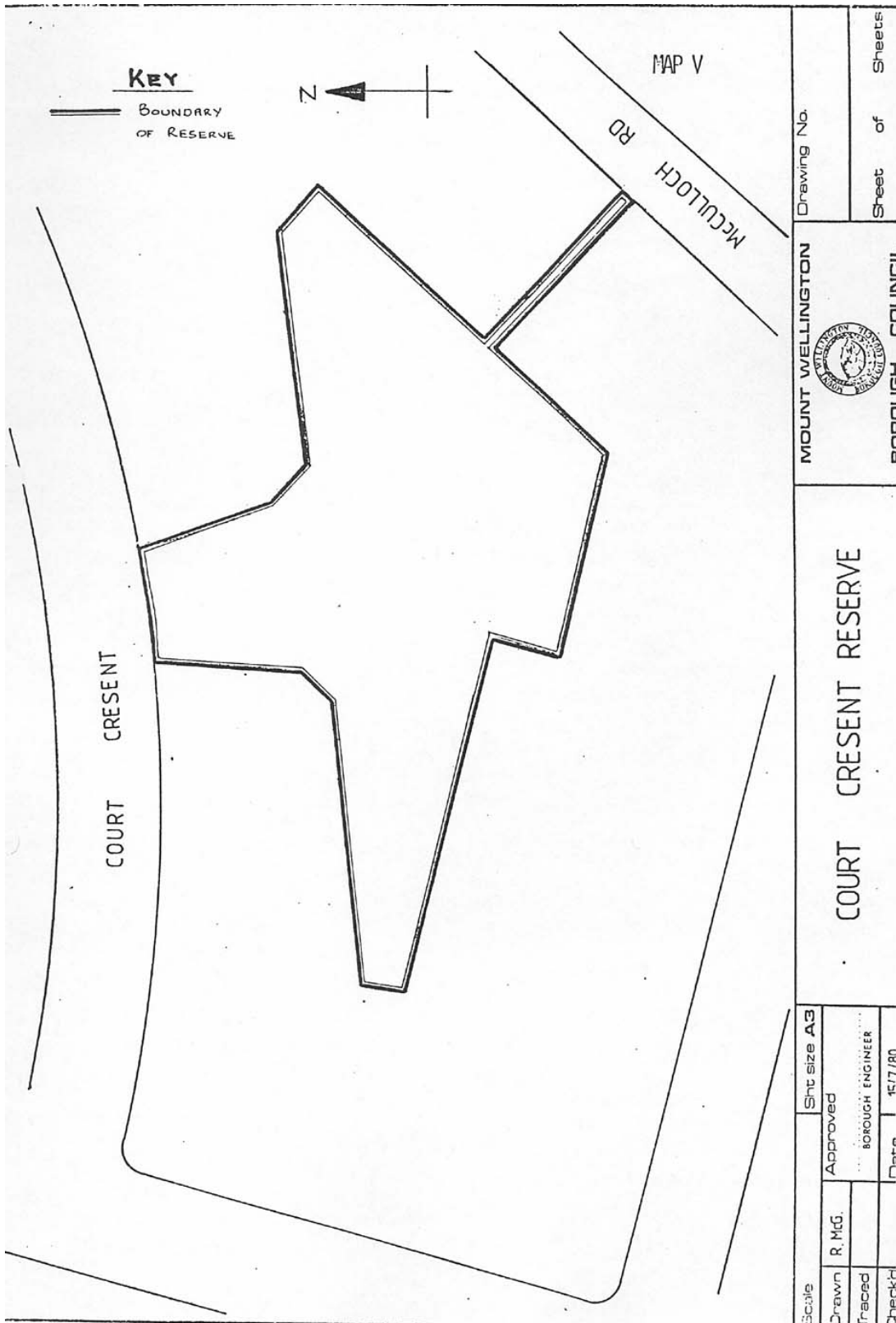


Figure 5 Court Crescent Reserve

1.5.5 Boundary Reserve

(i) Legal Description

5.5455 hectares more or less being part Lot 36 and Lot 529, DP 44905 situated in Block II, Otahuhu Survey District. All Certificate of Title 15B/567.

(ii) Location and Access

Boundary Reserve defines the northern boundary of Mt Wellington with Auckland City between Pilkington and Dunkirk Roads. Access is provided to the reserve from Torino Street, Oran Road, Sanda Place, Tangaroa Street, Trobuk Road and Tripoli Road, the later dividing the reserve into western and eastern portions. The location is shown generally on Figure 1 Locality Map and in more details on Figure 6 Boundary Reserve.

(iii) Physical Description and Facilities

A portion of Boundary Reserve was originally used as a nursery by the Housing Corporation at the time of the Tamaki Block sub division. After closing the nursery many of the trees were left where they stood resulting today in the large variety and number of mature trees established on the reserve.

The large grass area and stands of trees are popular play areas for children. Two organisations are domiciled on the reserve. The Tamaki Playcentre fronting Tripoli Road and the Wainui Scout Group in Dunkirk Road.

The reserve generally follows one of the original gullies and the formation has been retained. The original open drain on the Pilkington Road – Tripoli Road section was piped some years ago and most of the area put in grass.

This is generally kept mown but dampness in the lower sections creates some difficulties in winter months. The section between Tripoli Road – Dunkirk Road still has the open drain passing through it. A considerable part of this area tended to be low lying and prevented proper formation and regular machine cutting. However, in recent years the area has been upgraded and now can be mowed most of the year. This area is extensively planted in well established poplar trees which form a well-known landmark especially when viewed from the Tamaki River.

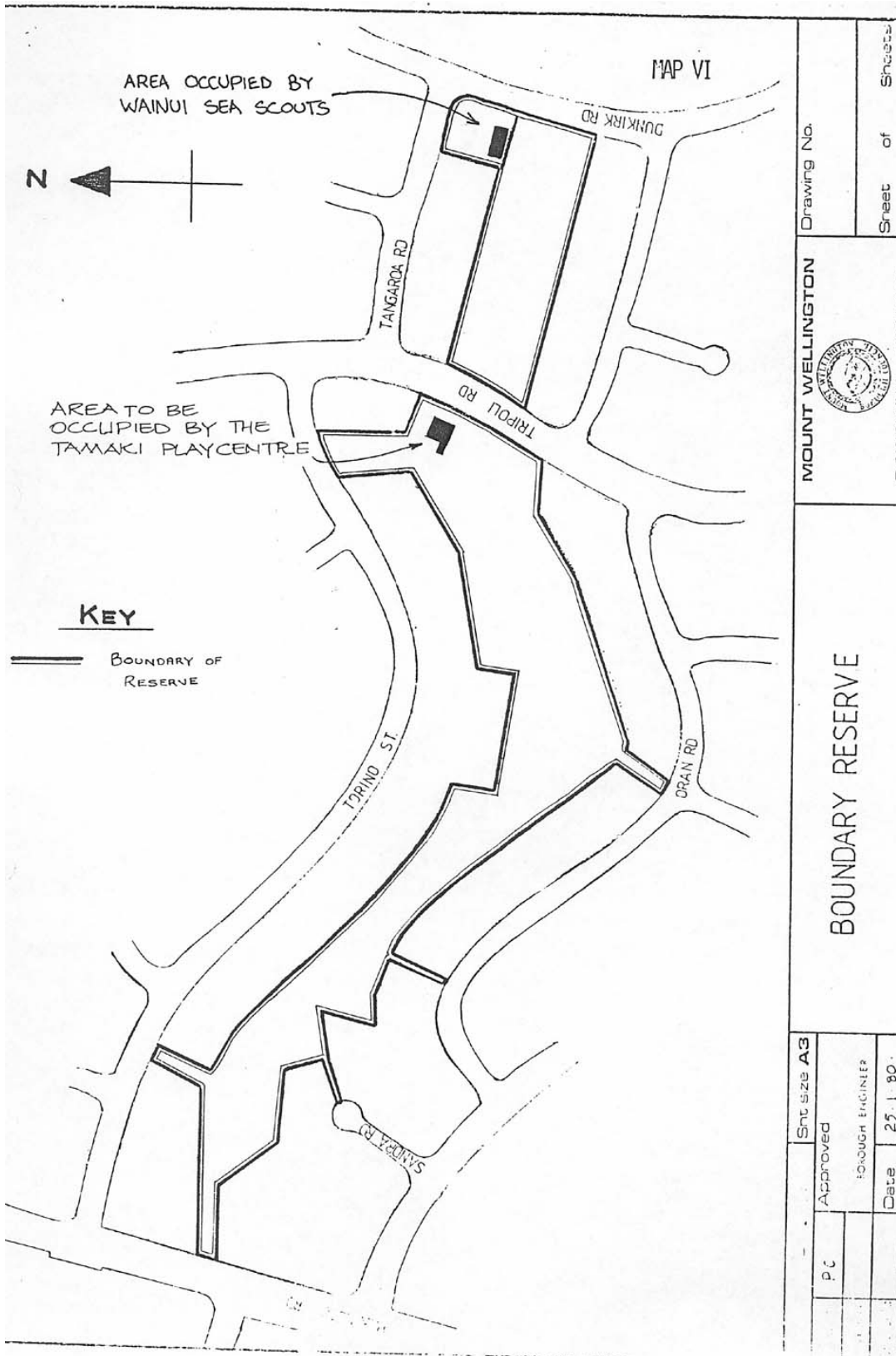


Figure 6 Boundary Reserve

2.0 Objectives

To maintain and develop the existing reserves in such a way as to encourage their usage as neighbourhood recreation areas and for the overall enjoyment by the general public.

To allow organisations sited on the reserves, subject to the appropriate Town Planning considerations and Council approval, to upgrade their facilities providing the improvement is in conformity with the existing reserve use enhances the area and generally does not restrict or hinder other users.

To conserve, enhance and improve the landscape by preserving the natural features and by planting, beautification, drainage, effective management, proper control and such other measures which may be necessary to ensure a pleasant environment.

3.0 Policies

3.1 Landscape

(a) Policy

To preserve the existing and natural landscape features as far as practicable including the existing trees and shrubs and where necessary or desirable to plant new vegetation to improve the landscape.

(b) Explanation

As neighbourhood reserves, the natural features and surroundings will be preserved as far as possible. There are many stands of mature trees which enhance the character of the reserves. Some of these trees however may require attention with a view to removal or topping on grounds of public safety. In line with Council policy however, trees will only be removed for this reason.

This particularly applies to the stands of poplar trees on the eastern end of Boundary Reserve. Unfortunately some of these trees have shown signs of knock and a number have already blown over or have been removed. These will be kept under close observation and appropriate steps taken to ensure public safety. More native trees and shrubs are to be planted on these reserves for shelter and shade. These are to replace existing trees which may have had to be removed and also to enhance the general appearance of the reserve.

Generally these reserves are to be retained as passive recreation areas.