

Ian Shaw Park

Management Plan, September 1989

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Part 1 Background Information

1.1 Introduction

The Tamaki City Council has prepared this Management Plan in accordance with Section 41 of the Reserves Act 1977.

The Plan is intended as a practical planning document to ensure the orderly development of the reserve, to provide maximum utilisation and enjoyment by all sections of the community, to prevent conflicts, to establish long term aims based on background information, and to avoid unwanted development.

The Plan comprises three parts:

Factual Data

Extensive notes on all factual matters which aid in a full appreciation and understand of the reserve on which formulation of objectives and policies can be made.

Objectives

These statements are expressed in broad terms. They do not make decisions for the future but clarify the intention of the reserve management and ensure continuity through successive councils.

Policies

These are definitive statements that provide the basis for both long term and day-to-day reserve management. These are drawn from the broader outline of objectives.

The key to insuring the usefulness of the Management Plan over a period of time is to maintain its relevance to changing circumstances and this requires a built-in procedure for review and reassessment of policies. Management reviews require the same depth and level of authorisation that applies to the initial plan and it is with this in mind that a review be carried out if new information is received or recreation trends and demands change.

1.2 Location

This reserve is situated between the residential area of Panama Road and an adjacent industrial area to the North. It is located in the south-western section of the Mount Wellington Ward of Tamaki City.

Vehicle access to the reserve is via a right-of-way from Panama Road. Pedestrian access can be gained from Rakino Way, Panama Road or along the existing foreshore reserve.

Figure 1 Locality Plan

1.3 Legal Description

All that parcel of land containing 1.547 hectares more or less being Lot 1, Deposited Plan 66747 and being part Hamlins Grant. CT 24C/259.

1.4 Classification and Zoning

Under the City of Tamaki, Mt Wellington Ward, District Scheme, Operative Third Review 1989, Ian Shaw Park is zoned part Recreation 2 and part Recreation 3.

Recreation 2 is zoned to provide community facilities and neighbourhood parks primarily to serve local population needs. Recreation 3 is zoned to preserve public access to the banks of the Tamaki Estuary, to provide for water oriented recreation facilities, and also to protect the natural habitat of the coastal environment.

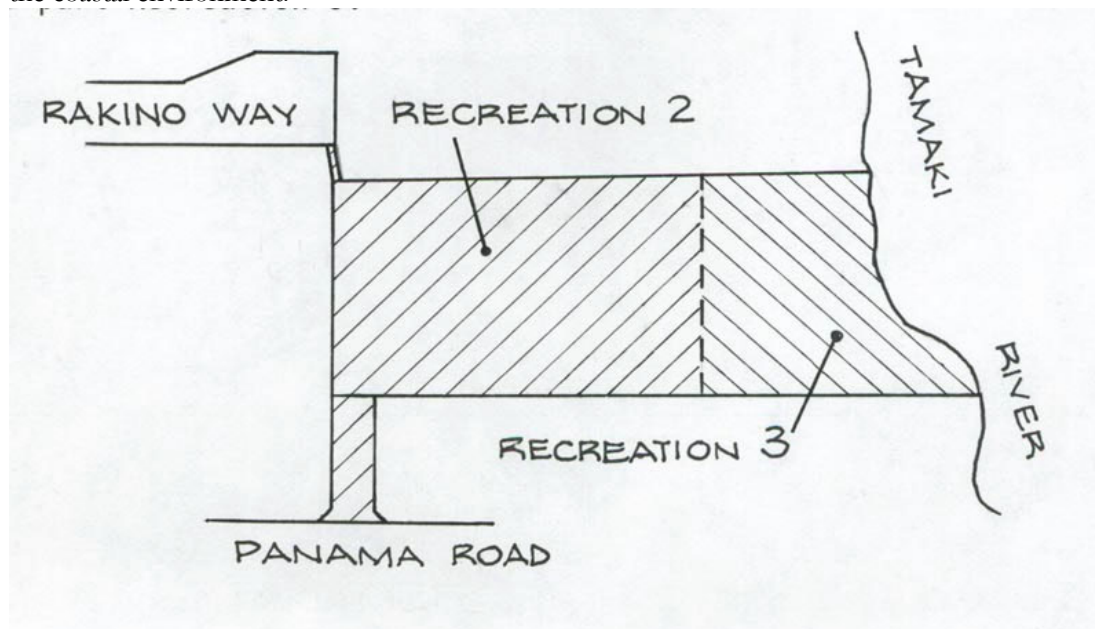


Figure 2 Legal Description

1.5 Description and use

The reserve is predominantly open space boarded by residential buildings to the South, industrial buildings to the North, and the Tamaki River to the East. This open space has a children's adventure-type playground and a concrete skateboard bowl.

Part of the reserve closest to the river has the Auckland Rowing Club as an occupier. They have a Clubhouse building, and a large concrete launching ramp open for public use is available adjacent to their parking area.

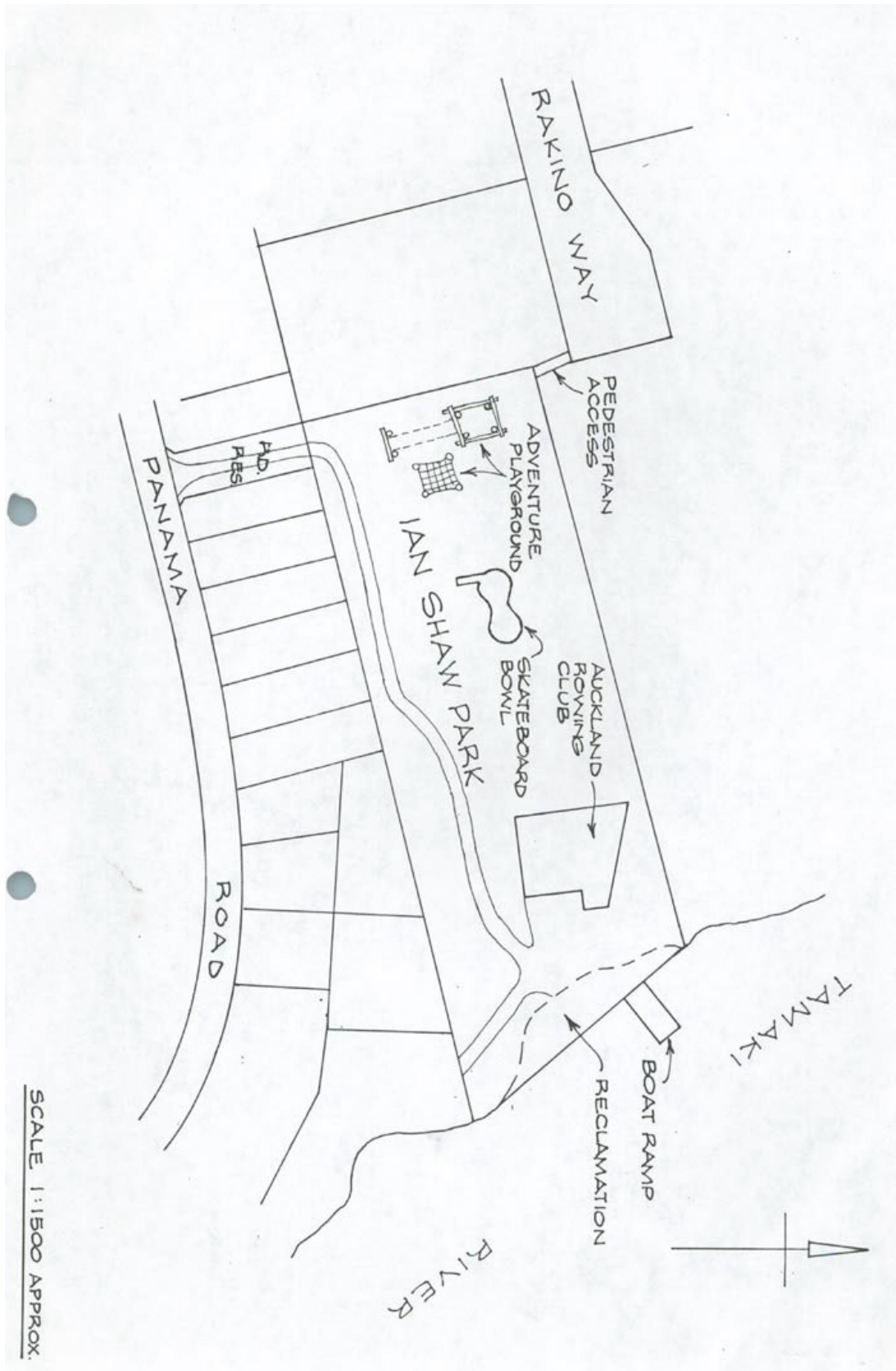


Figure 3 Reserve Plan

1.6 Acquisition

Ian Shaw Park was previously owned by the Auckland City Council as part of the Auckland City Abattoir holding paddocks.

Early in the 1960's a reserve area was required for rowing club purposes and the acquisition of Ian Shaw Park was negotiated between Auckland City Council and Mt. Wellington Borough Council. The area was subdivided from the holding paddock and the land was given at no cost to Council at that time. The land would be paid for when future development of the holding paddocks required a reserve contribution to be paid.

In the mid 1980's this agreement was confirmed when the holding paddocks were re-zoned Industrial , and subdivided and developed by Hawkins Developments.

In the reserve fund contribution paid for the subdivision, allowance was taken into account for the area of Ian Shaw Park which had been vested as reserve some 20 years previously.

Part 2 Objectives

2.1 Function

To preserve and manage Ian Shaw Park in perpetuity as a recreation reserve for the overall enjoyment of the general public for both passive and active recreational pursuits.

2.2 Use

To encourage the maximum utilisation of the existing facilities and amenities. To add such other structures and amenities if found to be warranted, providing these can be integrated into the surroundings.

2.3 Conservation

To conserve and enhance the landscape by planting, landscaping, effective management, proper control, and such other measures which may be necessary to ensure a pleasant setting in harmony with the environment.

Part 3 Policies

3.1 Development

Ian Shaw Park is an important reserve because it acts as a buffer between industrial areas to the North and residential areas to the South. As a separation between the two it is seen as essential to maintain its existing qualities as much as possible.

The reserve has two identifiable uses:

- i As an open space for passive recreation;
- ii A water oriented facility for both active and passive recreation by the Tamaki River.

As identified by the City of Tamaki District Scheme these two uses should be contained within definable areas of the reserve.

Future development is to be kept within the bounds of the qualities the reserve maintains.

The Auckland Rowing Club sees expansion of their existing facilities as a necessity to maintain a strong and successful club. Among proposals it would like to see are:

- Increased parking
- Extensions to the existing Clubrooms to provide for a caretaker, expanded boat storage, and increased lounge space;
- Upgrading of existing ramp facilities; and
- The provision of a dry launch facility (pontoon)

Council policy on future development of Ian Shaw Park is that any proposals must meet all criteria of the Management Plan and existing City of Tamaki District Scheme. That the Council supports any extensions to the Rowing Club provided any proposal meets the Town Planning requirements.

3.2 Auckland Rowing Club

The Auckland Rowing Club was established in 1869 at Mechanics Bay. It maintained a presence there until the early 1950's when it was relocated to what is now the Coastguard buildings at Okahu Bay. The late Sir William Stevenson was a benefactor at the time who provided many of the materials for the new building. The Club used Okahu Bay up until the 1970s when, because of waterway congestion, the Harbour Board terminated their arrangements.

The Club, after extensive efforts, built on land provided by the Wellington Borough Council at Ian Shaw Park, and a lease agreement with the Council was signed in March 1978.

The Club has won premier men's and women's events and has been in the top four clubs in New Zealand for many years. Recently selected schools were added to the Club membership as a source of new rowing talent for future development.

Membership stands at present around 200. The Club is run by a committee. It is funded mainly by the efforts of its members with occasional assistance of the Council, the "Golden Kiwi" and the Department of Recreation and Sport.

The Club sees that future growth will outstrip its present facilities with an increased participation especially at school level.

It is seen as desirable to meet existing and future requirements that:

- the existing congested launching ramps be upgraded to cater for better all-round usage by the Club and the public.
- A pontoon (or dry feet) launching facility be established to minimise equipment damage and health risks.
- A residential caretaker facility is established within the Clubhouse to watch over and maintain equipment worth hundreds of thousands of dollars which is especially vulnerable during hours which the Club is unattended.
- An extension of the existing Club's meeting and social areas, and also an extension to boat storage areas for Club and other river users, ie. Fisher & Paykel Dragon Boat team and equipment.
- An extension to the existing parking area to remove the conflict between parking vehicles and ramp users, and to accommodate for expanding usage of the facilities.

The Club has an existing Permit to Occupy Agreement subject to the Reserves and Domains Act 1953 with the Council which became operative on the first of March 1978. This runs for a term of 21 years at which stage a new agreement under the terms of the Reserves Act 1977, Section 54, will be sought. The Club does see it desirable though that the existing permit agreement be amended to take into account changes of circumstances since the initial agreement was formulated.

3.3 Vehicle control and parking

Vehicle access to the reserve is via Panama Road. This shall be maintained along with the road to the rowing club to a high standard.

Some minor increase in the existing parking fees is foreseen but this shall be monitored and done where need exists.

3.4 Play equipment

At present an adventure type play area exists on the reserve. These shall be maintained to a safe standard and upgraded as required.

3.5 Beautification and landscaping

The Reserve is presently an open space with a developed area for water-borne recreation. There are some large feature trees adjacent to the Flat Rock Reserve.

Council policy is to maintain the open space quality but to enhance the reserve with planting and landscaping as necessary.

3.6 Signs

No signs are to be erected without prior Council approval, and those that are shall be unobtrusive to suit the location and surrounding environment.

3.7 Ramps

An existing concrete all-tide boat ramp is available for use of the rowing club and to members of the general public. These ramps are owned by council on land leased from the Auckland Harbour Board.

These shall be maintained to a high standard and upgraded if a need for future development is identified and the Council intends to upgrade and widen the ramp in future.