

Savage Park

Management Plan

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1.0 Background Information

1.1 Information

The Reserves Act 1977 now requires local authorities to prepare Management Plans for all reserves under its control. According to the Act, such a plan should provide for and endure the use, enjoyment, maintenance and development where appropriate of the reserve.

The Plan is designed to be effective over a long term with 5 yearly reviews, or less if circumstances change which warrant a review to ensure the plans continuing relevance.

1.2 Legal Description

4155m² being more or less part Lot 121, Deposited Plan 19643, being part Hamlins Grant, situated in Block II, Otahuhu Survey District and being all land in Certificate of Title 45A/787.

1.3 Location

The reserve is situated own a right-of-way at 10 Hamlin Road and is bounded by the Sylvia Park Primary School on two sides. A locality plan is shown on Map 1.

1.4 Classification and Zoning

Gazette Notice 26 March 1981, page 798, declaring part (2337 m²) to be classified “reserve for recreation purposes”, and part (1818m²) to be classified “reserve for local purpose (kindergarten site)”, subject to the Reserves Act 1977 shown on Map 2.

Under the Operative District Scheme Savage Park is designated Reserve with an underlying zone of Residential A.

1.5 Description and Use

Savage Pak is physically divided into two portions. The Mount Wellington Kindergarten has the western half of the reserve fenced off for its facilities; these include a large modern classroom, play equipment, pets and several trees and shrubs. The kindergarten maintains a full role to utilise the amenities.

The eastern half of the reserve was originally laid out with children’s play equipment but owing to vandal problems the type and amount of suitable equipment was reduced to a minimum. A large part of the area has now been formed into a sealed area for various ball sports such as basketball etc. The Education Board contributed towards the cost of the work and the area will be available for use by the school children.

The Maungarei Scout Group has requested permission to erect a Den on an area of the reserve and it is considered that this type of use is suitable for the reserve. The scout group operates within the adjacent school facilities and it is agreed that a den close by on the reserve would be very suitable.



Figure 1 Locality Plan

2.0 Objectives

1. To manage Savage Park as a reserve primarily for use by the younger section of the community.
2. To encourage maximum utilisation of the facilities and add to these where a need has been proven to exist.
3. To protect and retain all mature trees and shrubs where this is possible.

3.0 Policies

3.1 Utilisation

3.1.1 Policy

The area classified recreation (Map II) is to be available for use by the general public and also for the use by children from Sylvia Park School during normal school hours for school recreation purposes.

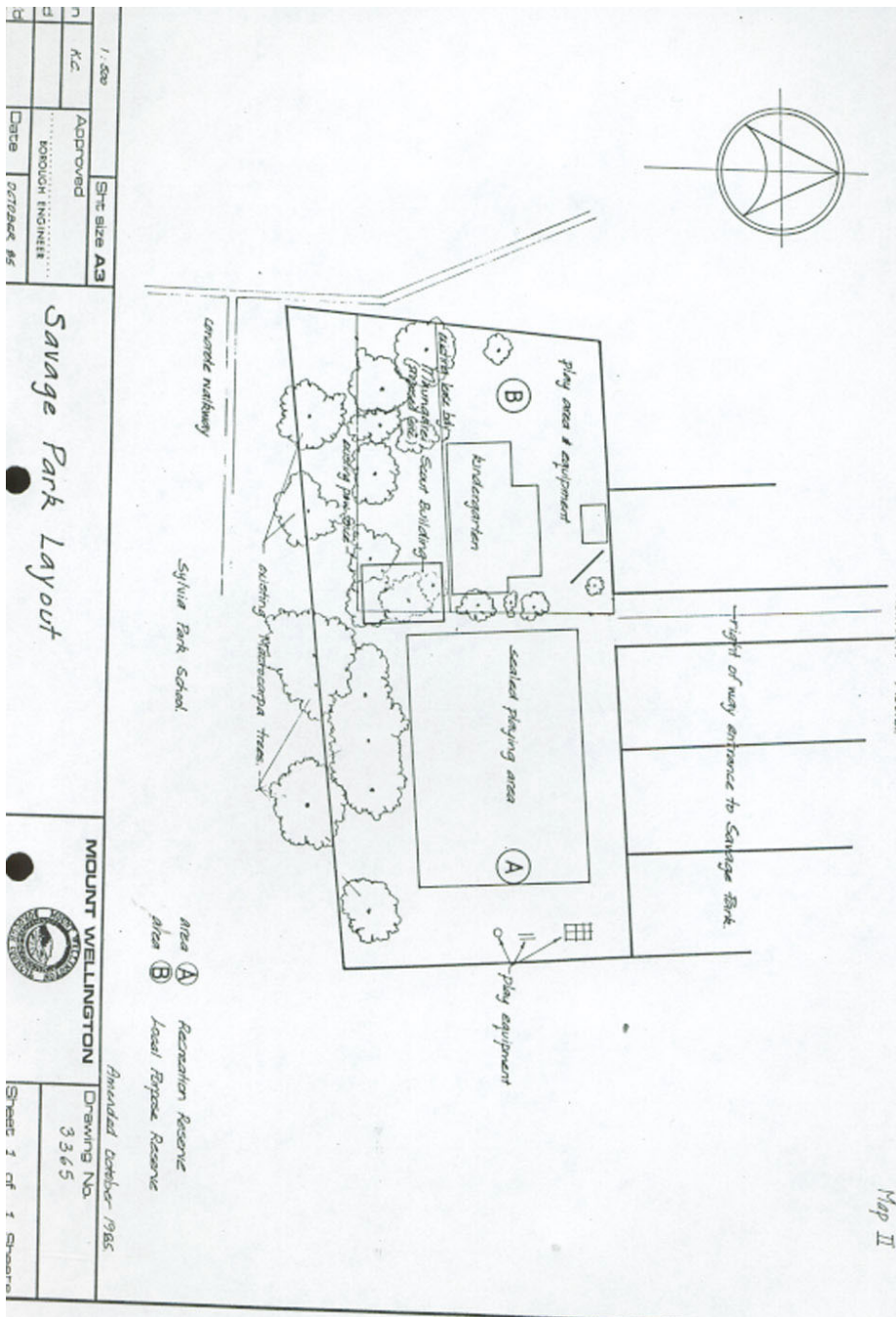


Figure 2 Park Layout

3.1.2 Explanation

An area of 950 m² has recently been sealed on the recreation area of Savage Park. The cost for development was shared between the Mount Wellington Borough Council and the Auckland Education Board. The area is to be marked out for several different ball sports and will be available to adjacent Sylvia Park Primary School during school hours and use by the general public, particularly outside school hours. If need be, steps will be taken to avoid any conflict of use.

Some items of the original play equipment have had to be relocated around the perimeter of the reserve because of the new development. Approval for some adventure type play equipment has

been given and this will be deigned and located on the immediately adjacent school ground. It is the Council's intention that the whole area and facilities be utilised to the full by the school and public alike.

3.2 Kindergarten

3.2.1 Policy

To allow the Mount Wellington Kindergarten to continue to operate with in its allocated and fenced area and provide the facilities necessary for the efficient operation of the Kindergarten.

3.2.2 Explanation

The Mount Wellington Kindergarten was established on its present site in 1965. Their permit to occupy agreement will expire in 1986 at which time the Council will consider a lease under the new act. Today they have built up extensive and modern facilities within their 1800m² site. The role currently is approximately 80 with classes five mornings and 3 afternoons per week. Outdoors they have a large amount of equipment. For this reason the use of Kindergarten facilities outside its operating hours by unauthorised persons is not permitted.

3.3 Trees

3.3.1 Policy

A large stand of Macrocarpa trees run inside the length of the southern boundary. These provide a natural boundary between the school and reserve and in line with Council policy, will be preserved subject at all times to public safety or approved development in accordance with this Management Plan.

3.3.2 Explanation

The trees which were planted approximately 2 meters inside the boundary provide an effective wind and visual barrier. Several smaller trees have also been planted in the Kindergarten area. These all contribute to the pleasantness and aesthetic quality of the reserve.

Only where public safety is a factor or where an approved development is proceeding will trimming or removal be considered. Where a matter of public safety is concerned then only the dangerous limbs or trees will be removed. If trees are removed for development these will be replaced with suitable varieties to match in with the development and overall landscaping of the area.

3.4 Scout Den

3.4.1 Policy

To allow the construction of a Scout Den for the Maungarei Scout Group. This will provide the group with a permanent facility for scouting work.

3.4.2 Explanation

A need has been shown to exist in the area for a permanent facility for the Maungarei Scout Group. This group has been operating in the area for many years and within Council's overall policy of supporting such groups, an area has been made available for the construction of a den which is approximately 12.0m x 8.5m in size.