

**Te Kawa Reserve Management Plan**  
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## **Statutory Framework**

This Management Plan has been prepared by One Tree Hill Borough Council to meet the requirements of Section 14 of the Reserves Act 1977.

The recommended classification for the Reserve is ‘recreation’.

Section 17 of the Reserves Act states that recreation reserves shall have the general purpose of “providing areas for recreation and sporting activities and the physical welfare and enjoyment of the public and for protection of the natural environment and beauty of the countryside with emphasis on the retention of open spaces and outdoor recreational activities including recreational tracks in the countryside.”

## **Part One – Background Information**

### **1.1 Legal Description**

Te Kawa Reserve: Allotment 160 of Suburbs of Auckland and Lot 189 DP 37882

### **1.2 Classification under Reserves Act 1977**

Te Kawa Reserve: Recreation (recommended)

### **1.3 Area**

Te Kawa Reserve: 3141 m<sup>2</sup>.

### **1.4 History of Acquisition**

Both lots were created during subdivision of the land for State Housing. Lot 189 was originally intended as a garage site but was never used for that purpose. Lot 160 was a residue lot.

In 1962 the Council reached an agreement with the Crown that the land be set aside for possible development as a pensioners housing site. The purchase of the land by the Council from the Crown was not, however, complete until 1975. Since that time the Council’s response to the housing needs of the elderly has changed and it does not have any current plans for development of the site for pensioner housing. The land is therefore to be retained as open space and has been zoned for Recreation in the operative district scheme.

### **1.5 Adjoining Land Uses**

The Reserve is located in a residential area established by the State between 1930 and 1950. Many of the houses are now owner-occupied.

According to the 1981 Census statistics, the area has a very high proportion of people over the age of 65. This is typical of first generation State Housing areas now nearing the end of their first occupancy cycle and it is anticipated that a change in population structure could be imminent.

### **1.6 District Scheme Provisions**

The Reserve is zoned Recreation 3 in the operative district scheme. The main purpose of the zone is to make provision for an area of open space to be used by residents in the surrounding neighbourhood for casual outdoor recreation and to provide visual relief from the built up urban

environment. Generally only accessory buildings or structures such as toilet facilities, play equipment and park furniture are permitted.

Surrounding land is zoned Residential 2 which is a medium density zone which allows for limited unit development.

Most recent development in the area is in the form of infill housing where new household units are located amongst existing dwellings.

### **1.7 Function**

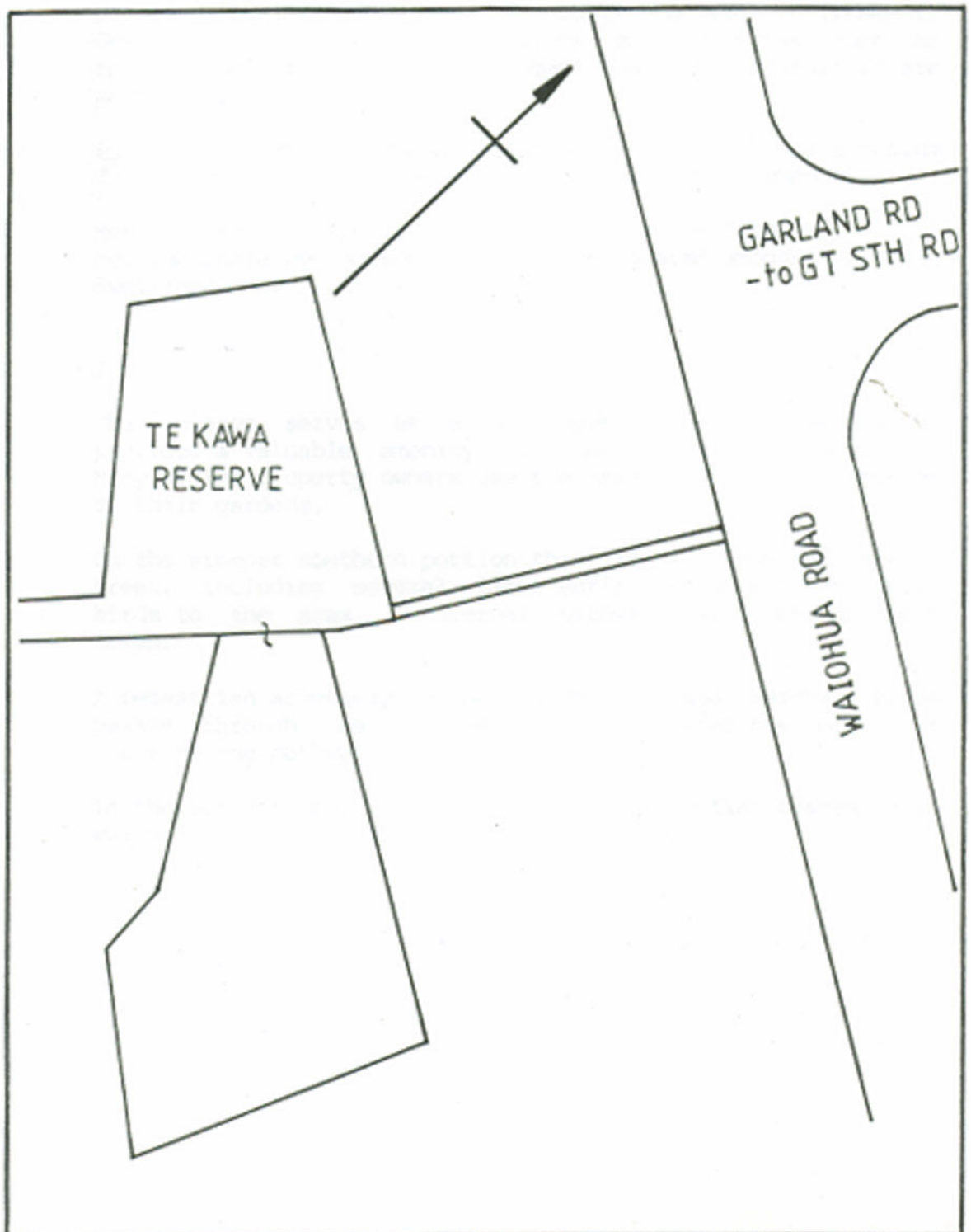
The reserve serves as a neighbourhood open space area and provides a valuable amenity to immediately adjoining sites. Many of the property owners use the area as a visual extension of their gardens.

On the steeper southern portion there is a copse of mature trees, including several large Puriris which attract native birds to the area. Internal pathways wind through these trees.

A pedestrian accessway connecting Te Kawa and Waiohua Roads passes through the reserve. A resting area has been built close to the pathway.

In the northern part there is a relative flat grassed area which provides a space for children's play.





**Figure 1 Locality Plan**

## **2. Objectives**

To provide an area of open space for use by residents in the surrounding neighbourhood.

To create visual relief from the built up urban environment.

## **3. Policies**

### **3.1 Vegetation**

To prohibit, where appropriate, any activity which is detrimental to the vegetation in the Reserve.

To remove any noxious or undesirable weeds from the Reserve.

To regularly inspect existing trees and, if necessary, to carry out tree surgery work in order to improve their health, appearance or safety.

To remove existing trees which have back, been seriously damaged or are dangerous.

To periodically evaluate landscaping and if necessary prune, replenish or supplement planting.

### **3.2 Security**

To engage, if necessary, the services of a security firm as a means of deterring vandalism and misuses of the park facilities.

### **3.3 Park Furniture**

To maintain and replace, when necessary, park furniture and facilities.