

## **Moutere-Waimea Ward reserves: Seeking ideas for Moutere-Waimea Ward reserves**

**From Marion to Anna Gerraty:** I would like to invite you to give a presentation to our membership at our 9th March General meeting being held in the Bill Marris room at the Mapua Hall commencing at 7pm.

We would appreciate your talk to include the the impact of this review in our Ruby Coast area that takes in all the parks and reserves within the area encompassed by Redwood Valley Road through to and along the Moutere Highway to Harleys Road straight across to the tip of Kina Peninsula and south along the shoreline back to Redwoods Valley Road including Rough & Rabbit Islands, as well as informing residents how they can be involved in the decision making process.

**From Anna Gerraty:** I am very happy to attend the 9 March meeting to discuss parks and reserves of interest to your group.

All the maps etc are now available on our website: <https://www.tasman.govt.nz/my-council/projects/moutere-waimea-reserves-project/locations-of-parks-and-reserves/>

They are also attached as a separate pdf called: "Map of all Moutere-Waimea Ward reserves" in this correspondence list

**Mayor Tim King** mentioned that the time for the Moutere/Waimea review has been extended until the 31st March.

### **Email to Marion from David Mitchell:**

In response to a query I made about the TDC consultation over parks, I received the enclosed message from Ann Gerraty at TDC. In it, Anna is making it clear that, at this stage, the council is seeking only suggestions for reserve management plans for the reserves in the Moutere-Waimea Ward. She says that the park classification will be decided on later in a separate process.

The current TDC ward management plan for parks was prepared in year 2000 and I have enclosed a copy here.. It provides a starting point for what needs to be considered by our community and lists the policies for particular parks. So far as I am aware, the council does not have any other plans that it works to related to reserves in our area. (A big area for consideration is the amazing Dominion Flats project, which post-dates the management plan).

When Friends of Māpua Wetland worked with TDC and Māpua School on a proposal to do additional native planting in Aranui Park in the period 2005-6, we felt the Aranui Park section of the 2000 ward management plan was out-dated. With help from the School, Coastal Garden Group and some other interested residents, Friends of Māpua Wetland prepared a 10-year draft plan for the park which I sent to you earlier. For Aranui Park we also thought it was important to include as an appendix, the history of the donation of the park by the Wells family because the family was so clear in their views about the sort of park it should be. We lodged a 10-year plan proposal with the council in 2015, and although we had no formal response, Richard Hilton is aware of the draft document and has been great to work with in relation to developing it in Aranui Park.

I suspect that the 2000 ward plan is similarly in need of reconsideration for other parks in our community..

It is a terrible time of year for members to be asked to do anything, but the MDCA committee might like to check out the 2000 TDC Ward Park Plan in relation to particular reserves in our district.

As discussed, in my view, the council's classification decision re particular reserves will be very important for the community and council, but, as Anna says, not something we need to consider right now. Hopefully, when that part of the process is considered by the council later in the

year, association members will help us with recommendations for classification of the reserves in our area.

**Email from Anna Gerraty to David:**

When we're ready to publicly notify the proposals to classify reserves, we'll update the project page to contain information similar to that provided for Motueka Ward reserves.

You can see the info we posted about Motueka Ward reserve classification proposals on our old website here: <http://old.tasman.govt.nz/policy/public-consultation/recently-closed-consultations/proposals-to-classify-reserves-in-motueka-ward-2/>

The process of classifying reserves is prescribed by Section 16 of the Reserves Act 1977. In addition, Sections 119 and 120 relate to notification and submissions.

The Minister of Conservation delegated the function of classifying most types of reserves to local authorities in 2013.

The consultation stage we're currently in is nothing to do with reserve classification. We hope to publicly notify proposals to classify reserves in April/May 2020. We're currently seeking ideas for possible inclusion in a draft Ward Reserve Management Plan.

Hope this answers your questions 😊