

Supplementary Agenda of a Hearing by the Infrastructure Hearings Panel of the Waikato District Council to be held in the Council Chambers, District Office, 15 Galileo Street, Ngaruawahia on **WEDNESDAY 10 JULY 2019** commencing at **9.00am**.

1. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

2. CONFIRMATION OF STATUS OF AGENDA

3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

4. STAFF REPORT

The Point Reserve Management Plan – Hearing Review of Submissions

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| To | Infrastructure Hearings Panel |
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I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At its meeting held on 29 April 2019, the Infrastructure Hearing Panel heard submissions and deliberated on The Point Reserve Management Plan (**RMP**).

At that meeting, the Hearings Panel required further amendments be made to the draft RMP following the receipt of submissions from the public during the consultation process. This was because the scale of potential amendments to the RMP that would need to be made as a result of submissions, required additional information/consultation from iwi and mana whenua.

More specifically, a submission was received from Waikato Tainui that requested a name change for the reserve. The Hearings Panel recommended that staff meet with iwi and mana whenua to ascertain their support of the proposed name change.

The Hearings Panel also directed staff to clarify in the draft RMP the process that will be followed in future when consulting with mana whenua and iwi on any changes or work that would possibly be carried out at The Point.

Since the hearing was adjourned, staff carried out the requested work and now require the Hearings Panel to review and to confirm amendments that were made to the draft RMP.

The proposed next steps following this meeting are as follows:

- If approved, the Hearing Panel's amendments will be incorporated into the draft RMP and presented to Council for adoption.
- Staff to facilitate further discussions with Waikato Tainui in order to identify the most appropriate process and consultation to incorporate a suggested name for The Point.

THAT the report from the Acting General Manager Service Delivery be received;

AND THAT the Hearings Panel recommend to Council that the draft Reserve Management Plan for The Point & Kiingitanga Reserve (Attachment I to this staff report), with any amendments, be adopted;

AND FURTHER THAT the Hearings Panel recommend to Council that staff carry out a separate process to ascertain iwi and community support for a change of the name of The Point to Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai and then separately report back to the Council.

3. DISCUSSION

Following the adjournment of the The Point RMP hearing on 29 April 2019, the Reserve Planners have held further meetings with submitters to the RMP. Discussion at these meetings covered a variety of matters, of particular note are the proposed name change of The Point to Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai, and the process for any future consultation on The Point with local hapu and mana whenua. Discussions are summarised as follows:

- Meeting with Tuurangawaewae Marae – represented by Glenda Raumati.
 - The Marae was supportive of the proposed re-naming of the reserve to Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai and have asked that the name is supported/cross referenced through multiple sources.
 - Tuurangawaewae wish to be included as a key stakeholder in relation to any management/discussion/development of Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai/The Point.
- Meeting with Ngaa Uri o Tamainupo – Kimai Huriama.
 - Ngaa Uri o Tamanupo have identified that they are mana whenua to the area known as The Point and Kiingitanga through their lineage.
 - Ngaa Uri o Tamanupo are in the process of forming a MoU with Council.
 - This was one of their paa areas and they have detailed korero explaining their whakapapa to the area, through their tuupuna Pootatau and Te Wherowhero.
 - They are supportive of the proposed re-naming of the reserve to Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai and have asked that the name is supported/cross referenced through multiple sources.
 - Ngaa Uri o Tamainupo wish to be included as a key stakeholder in relation to any management/discussion/development of Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai/The Point and Kiingitanga.

Several meetings have been set up to meet with Waikato-Tainui to review their submission on The Point. To date all of these meetings have been cancelled or postponed.

The review of The Point RMP has highlighted a potential name change for the reserve (note: this would be for The Point Reserve only, not the Kiingitanga Reserve). Any work related to this name change would be additional to the work already carried out as part of this review.

Staff suggest that an additional report is presented for Council's consideration outlining the proposed name change after staff have undertaken further consultation with iwi and mana whenua on this issue.

Leases

From a file search, the following has been ascertained:

- The Rowing Club have the right to occupy the building as a part of the deed of gift of the land from the Tuurangawaewae Regatta Association to the Ngaruawaahia Borough Council (1997). This lease has been extended and now expires in 2029.
- The Ngaruawahia Squash Racquets Club Inc, lease expired in 2000. This land was not subject to the deed of gift. A future lease needs to be undertaken with this club to allow them to occupy this reserve land.
- Huntly District Kennel Association – lease expired in 2016. In a search of Council files on The Point, the Kennel Association had the lease of a building (former Lions Club building) behind the Rowing Club building in 1997, and advice from the Department of Conservation identified that this lease was inappropriate and should not be extended beyond a three year period, expiring in 2000. Due to changes in Council staffing this appears not to have happened. Recommend that no lease be renewed and that they are encouraged to find an alternative location.

Amendments to the plan are attached to this report as Appendix 2.

4. CONCLUSION

Following the last hearing for this RMP, staff completed additional work which has included further discussions with iwi, hapu and mana whenua, and additional clarification of the leases currently held at The Point at the recommendation of the hearings panel. These discussions have been summarised in this report.

Subject to the discussion and recommendations of the last Hearings Panel, further adjustments to the draft RMP have also been made.

5. APPENDICES

The following are attached as appendices to this report:

- Appendix 1: The Point Reserve & Kiingitanga Reserve Management Plan (Draft)
- Appendix 2: Table of Recommendations from The Point Reserve Management Plan Hearing held on 29 April 2019

The Point Reserve & Kiingitanga Reserve^[ERH1] Management Plan

~~Including Kiingitanga Reserve~~



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1.0 Purpose of this plan

The Point, and Kiingitanga Reserves ~~(formerly known as The Octagon)~~, are key heritage areas of Ngaaruwāhia^[ERH2]. These two adjacent reserves provide recreation and leisure opportunities for residents and visitors, as well as being highly valued for their cultural heritage and landscape features and values.

~~Unless defined within this plan, these reserve areas will be jointly referred to as “The Point”.~~ This reserve management plan provides direction for the future cultural development, management and use of these reserve areas.

The Reserves Act 1977 requires the preparation of this management plan. Reserves Act management plans are an important park management tool. Management plans are developed in consultation with park users, community and key stakeholder groups, with consideration to current management of a reserve. A management plan will provide for continuity between legislative requirements, council plans and policies, and the day-to-day operation of a reserve.

A management plan for The Point was first prepared in 1998. This is the first review of the original plan.

When adopted, this management plan and the Waikato District Council’s General Policies Management Plan 2015 will replace any previously prepared reserve management plan.

This management plan will be kept under continuous review to ensure that the policies are appropriate and relevant for The Point, with a comprehensive review should take place every five years.

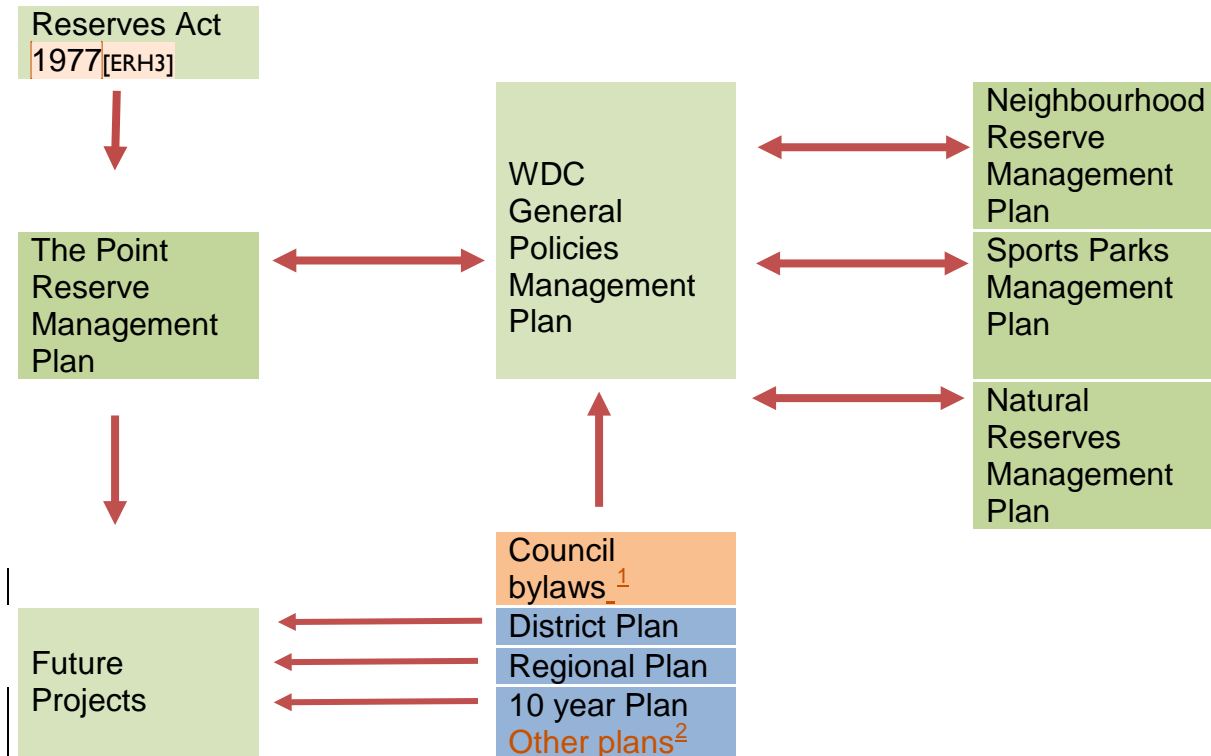
1.1 Relationship With Other Council Documents

The plan has been aligned to, and is informed by Councils current plans and policies, including Long Term and District Plans, and Council bylaws.

The District Plan may require a resource consent for activities or structures not identified in this plan, and require consultation with affected parties such as local hapū and Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga.

~~This management plan is to be read in conjunction with the Waikato District Council “General Policies Reserve Management Plan”.~~

~~The General Policies apply to all reserves within the Waikato district. Where there is a conflict between the general policies contained within the General Policies Reserve Management Plan and the specific policies contained within this plan, the specific policies will take precedence.~~



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1.2 Waikato-Tainui Joint Management Agreement

Council and Waikato-Tainui have entered into a Joint Management Agreement in accordance with the Waikato-Tainui Raupatu Claims (Waikato River) Settlement Act 2010. The agreement acknowledges that Council has rights and responsibilities with regard to management of reserves under Reserves Act 1977.

¹ Current (2019) Bylaws include: Dog Control Bylaw 2015, Freedom Camping Bylaw 2016, Public Places Bylaw 2016, Reserves and Beaches Bylaw 2016.
Current Council Policies include: Activity Management Policy, Bi Lingual Sign Policy, District Tree Policy, Heritage Policy, Plaques, Memorial and Monuments Policy

² Current Council plans/strategies include: Parks Strategy, Playground Strategy, Toilet Strategy

The agreement also acknowledges that Council has a requirement to consult to determine appropriate management of Crown land under Council control and to consider how management decisions may impact on any future return of the land to Waikato-Tainui.

In accordance with the Waikato Raupatu Claims Settlement Act 1995, Council has informed the Waikato Raupatu River Trust of its intention to prepare a reserve management plan and has discussed the scope of the reserve management plan. ~~The Waikato Raupatu River Trust will provide Council with feedback on how the draft plan and submissions received may affect customary activities on the Waikato River.~~

1.2.1 Waikato -Tainui HapuHapuu Agreements

Through the process of consultation, Council acknowledges the relationship between various Waikato-Tainui hapuhapuu with The Point and Kiingitanga.

The following hapuhapuu and marae have identified their relationship to The Point and/or Kiingitanga, and have or will formalise this through a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with a primary goal of ensuring that they and Council will actively engage with each other in good faith on issues affecting these land areas and their outcomes.

- a. Nga uri o Tamainupo
- b. TurangawaewaeTuurangawaewae Marae

Other local hapuhapuu, marae and mana whenua may also become a part of this process through engagement and decision making. Council will acknowledge and recognise their participation rights and for all parties to benefit from their joint knowledge.

1.3 Council and Delegations

The Minister of Conservation has delegated a number of procedural and decision-making responsibilities to Council under the Reserves Act 1977. These delegations are made to “Council as a whole” and cannot be delegated to committees of Council or staff. Such decisions that must be made by a meeting of the full Council (Council as a whole) include adoption of reserve management plans, classification of reserves and granting of leases.

Council has obligations and responsibilities through any MoU’s with hapuhapuu / marae, which may include delegations and responsibilities.

Other decisions, such as approval for events, removal of trees, issuing of permits etc. can be delegated from the Council to the Chief Executive and to the Parks and Facilities staff. As delegations change from time to time, the term Council is used throughout the document. Staff should refer to the Delegations Manual to determine if they have the authority to make decisions in accordance with the policies in this management plan.

1.4 Implementation

This management plan provides objectives and policies that determine the appropriate use, protection and development of The Point by the Council. Decisions relating to the funding and priority for works described in this plan will be undertaken within Council's Long Term Plan and Annual Plan. Inclusion of any project within this management plan does not indicate Council funding will be available for such works as works may be funded and delivered by parties other than Council.

The requirements of the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014, to obtain an archaeological authority to modify recorded and unrecorded archaeological sites may be applicable to works undertaken on The Point. The consideration of the potential for the presence of archaeological sites at an early stage enables avoiding modifying any sites through good project planning.

This plan describes how the area is to be developed. The plan does not commit the Council or the Community Board to undertaking any particular works. Instead it will enable the Council and the Community Board to determine what works should be undertaken when funding becomes available.

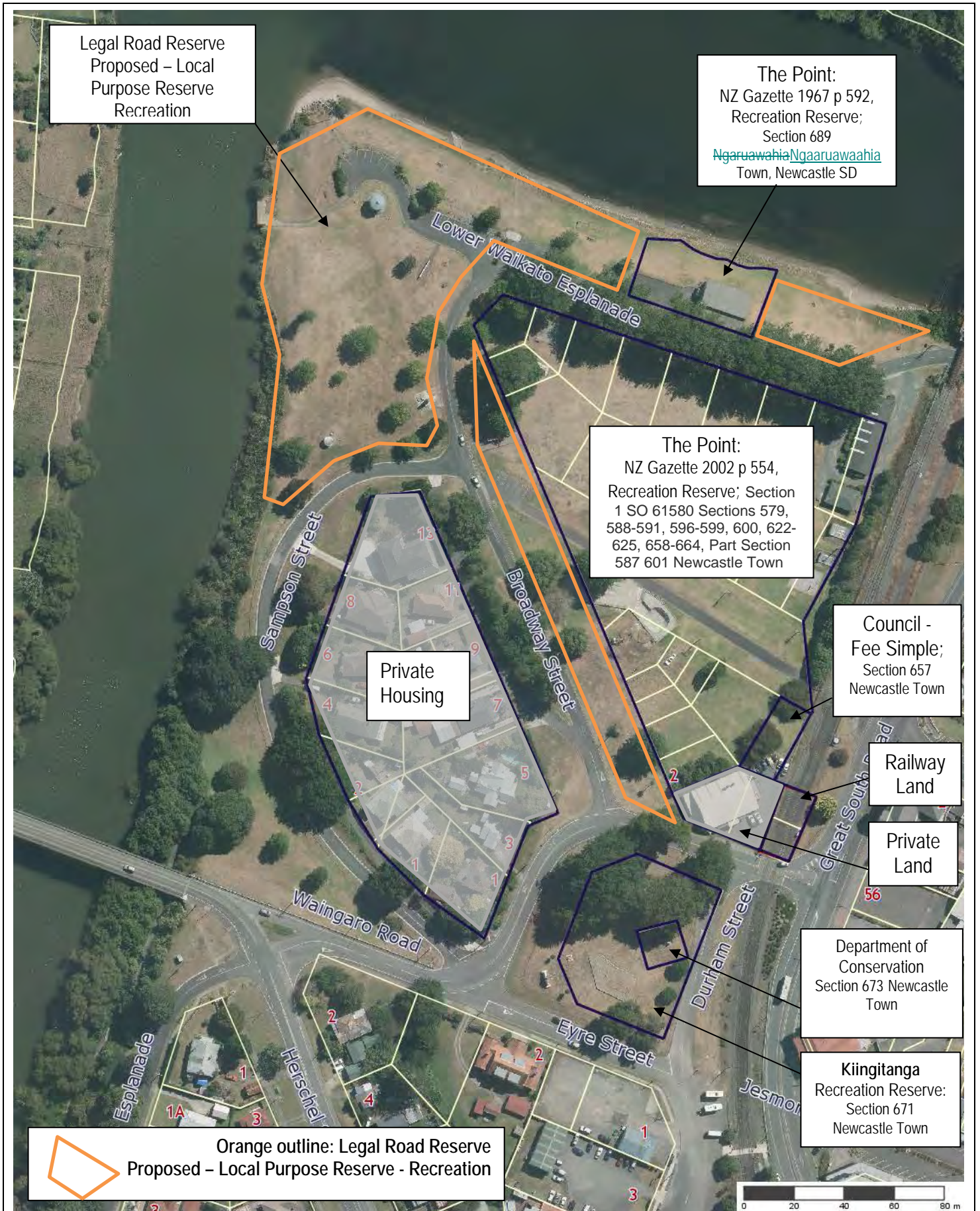
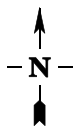
[Consideration also needs to be given at the time of project planning to the role of Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Raonga and the need to engage with them as an affected party with regards to proposed works related to HNZPT Listed and Waikato District Council scheduled heritage items.](#)

1.5 Legal Status

The Point is made up of several separate land titles, including unformed legal road, individual lots which have been gazetted as recreation reserve, and one lot held as fee simple.

Kiingitanga Reserve consists of two lots - one gazetted as recreation reserve under the authority of Council, the smaller parcel under the Authority of Department of Conservation, managed by default by Council.

Map 1 shows The Point and Kiingitanga Reserve with different land legal status. Refer also Appendix 1.



2.0 The Point and Kiingitanga Reserve

The Point is a significant reserve in terms of landscape, historic, and recreation values. The main landscape features are the Waikato and Waipa Rivers which meet at The Point, with a background of the bush-clad Ha~~a~~karimata Ranges to the west.

This area is known to Iwi and Mana whenua as Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai “the meeting / gathering of the waters” is an area where Te Mana o Te Kiingitanga lies at the confluence of two great Tuupuna Awa and Mana Mauri, the Waipa and the Waikato Rivers in Ngaaruawaahia, and is an area including places of burial, ritual and Pou Rangatira, a place of gathering, significant to Waikato Tainui and the Kiingitanga (refer to Appendix 3).

The Point is a colonial name given to this area when government troops occupied the location in December 1863.

Historic values include the adjacent paa site of Pikiarero, (now occupied by private housing), a wharf built for river trading in the 1860’s, various European artefacts / memorials from the 1860-1880’s war and occupation, the Ngaaruawaahia regatta events, through to information panels installed providing details on these sites and events.



Recreation values include a larger flat, grassed area with large specimen (plane) trees. Amenities include a squash club building, a rowing club building, ~~(disused)~~, a storage building, a campervan discharge facility, children’s playground, a skatepark and a basketball half-court. The town water supply intake is located on the Waikato River bank. The Point covers approximately 4.4500 hectares (ha), including unformed road reserve.

The adjacent Kiingitanga Reserve ~~(formerly known as the Octagon)~~ has significant cultural and heritage values. This site is an urupaurupaa and the remains of the first Maaori King Potatau Pootatau Te Wherowhero (June 1860) were placed in a papa tupapaka (timber mausoleum) on an earth mound. During the Waikato War, Kingitanga Kiingitanga casualties from the first conflict at Kohera were buried in the urupaurupaa and the remains of Te Wherowheros Te Wherowhero remains were removed for safekeeping. After occupying Ngaaruawaahia, the government created a new township but undertook to respect the papa tupapaka and maintained -the urupaurupaa as an area known as the Octagon. European military were also interred

in this area. ³ Te Wherowhero's tomb was a symbolic focus for relationships between KingitangaKiingitanga and the Crown. After the death of TawhiaTaawhiao (second MaoriMaori King) the premier Richard Seddon commissioned a monument to be erected on the mound formerly occupied by Te Wherowhero's tomb (1895). Visitors today can view the stone obelisk that commemorates Te Wherowhero, Tawhia and twelve associated rangatira, including a memorial to Pootatou (first MaoriMaori King) and the "Kings mask" (sculpture), heritage trees and information signage of these features. This reserve is approximately 0.4100 ha including unformed road reserve. Opposite this reserve is Turangawaewae-Tuurangawaewae House, where the current MaoriMaori King's office is based.



The open space nature of The Point, its outstanding landscape and historic values and the ease of river access make it an excellent venue for recreation. It nevertheless remains something of a "hidden treasure" which is appreciated by local residents but which is largely unknown by the travelling public even though it is adjacent to Great South Road.



The Te Awa Cycleway, a recent development, provides a walking and cycling link between Ngaaruawaahia and Karapiro is likely to result in increasing visitor numbers to The Point, and this needs to be factored into any future plan of the area.

³ Heritage New Zealand: 2019; New Zealand heritage List / Raarangi-RaarangiRaarangi KoreroKoorero – Report for a Historic Place PootatouPootatou Te Wherowhero Monument and KingitangaKiingitanga Reserve, Ngaaruawaahia (List No. 0757, Category 1)

2.1 Historical Significance

The Point and Kiingitanga are areas of high historic importance, particularly to tangata whenua as a paa site and being the location of what has become Ngaaruawaahia township. The band rotunda, gun turret, cenotaph and historic wharf remnants on the Waipa River bank, are reminders of Paakeha events which also add significance to The Point.

Timeline

Approx 180 AD – as a result of the Hatepe (~~Taupo~~Taupoo-) volcanic eruption, Waikato River changed course to flow on its current route to merge with the Waipa River.

Approx 1,300 AD – Tainui tribes arrived in area and occupied many sites along the Waikato and Waipa Rivers.

1400 – Occupation of Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai ~~The Point~~ – Pikiarero paa, and surrounding area

1600 – Pukeiahua ~~Pukeiaahua~~ paa occupied (south of Ngaaruawaahia)



1822 – Kiingitanga area used as an urupa ~~urupaa~~

1840 – signing of Treaty of Waitangi

1858 - Pootatau Te Wherowhero was crowned the first Maori ~~Maaori~~ King Kiingitanga ~~Kiingitanga~~ capital built, including whare runangaruunanga, flagstaff for Kiingitanga flag and other structures

1860 – Te Wherowhero died June 1860, succeeded by his son, Tukaroto ~~Tuukaroto~~ Matutaera ~~Potatau~~ Pootatau Te Wherowhero (later known as Tawhia ~~Taawhiao~~)

Wharf built at Waikato/Waipaa confluence for trading with Paakeha

1863 – Defensive paa built to fortify European advance on Ngaaruawaahia – not used. Tawhia ~~Taawhiao~~ and Waikato tribes were driven out to exile in Te Rohe Potae (King Country).

1864 – Waikato lands confiscated by Crown

1864 – [Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai](#) [The Point](#) area settled by Paakeha and [area-the town settlement](#) renamed Queenstown. The Octagon (Kiingitanga) was surveyed as a park / cemetery area as it was known as the place where King Pootatau had been buried.

1870 – Township area renamed as Newcastle

1875 – Highest recorded flood levels recorded at The Point, with most of area covered in water up to the houses

1878 – Town renamed Ngaaruawaahia



1892 – First Ngaaruawaahia Regatta held at The Point – including canoe, rowing and mounted swimming races (on horses) and land based events.

1896 – Ngaaruawaahia Regatta Association (NRA) formed to run the regatta events



1912 – NRA built the band rotunda.

1921 – Princess Te [Puia-Puea](#) purchased land on River Road and started the building of [Turangawaewae-Tuurangawaewae](#) Marae

1922 – WW1 memorial built on The Point

1925 – Memorial to Pootatau erected on The Octagon reserve

1920's – NRA purchased land parcels on The Point for event sites



Flooding early in 1900's⁴

1942 – Ngaaruawaahia Regatta cancelled – due to serious war conditions

1945 – Ngaaruawaahia Regatta held at [Turangawaewae-Tuurangawaewae](#) Marae

[1958 – Major river flooding in February](#)

1972 - Ngaaruawaahia Regatta cancelled due to major river flooding

1973 - Ngaaruawaahia Regatta based at [Turangawaewae-Tuurangawaewae](#) Marae



1979 – NRA gifted land parcels at The Point to the Borough of Ngaaruawaahia for future public use, [with the following requirements:](#)

- [“The Council keeping the land for recreational use”](#)
- [The Rowing Club continue to use the rowing club building](#)
- a. • [The ~~Ngaaruawahia~~ Ngaaruawaahia Regatta Association be permitted to use the land.](#)

1989 – Waikato District Council came into effect, including amalgamation of Ngaaruawaahia and Huntly Boroughs, Waikato and Raglan County Councils and part of Waipa County.

1995 – Waikato – Tainui tribe and Crown Deed of Settlement

⁴ Waikato River in flood, at Ngaaruawaahia, ca 1910. Ref: 1/2-001609-G. Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington, New Zealand. [/records/23206614](#)

2013 – ‘The Kings’ Mask’ on The Octagon reserve unveiled at by Kiingi Tuheitia



2015 – The Octagon renamed as “Kiingitanga Reserve”

2.2 Uses and Values

The open space nature of the area, river views and river access make The Point a highly valued site for informal recreation. The north western-most point where the rivers meet is a popular location, with people frequently visiting the site to enjoy the scenery. -Vehicle access to The Point is a notable feature of reserve use. The beach area between the squash club and the rail bridge is popular for swimming.

The Point is also an important venue for various events including dog shows, fairs, circuses, the annual regatta, fire brigade practices and competitions, and ANZAC Day parades.

Note: Under Council bylaws, organisers of formal events must obtain written consent from Council prior to holding their event on any reserve including The Point.

The development of Te Awa Cycleway has created additional cycling and walking opportunities. The Point is now the starting point of a walk/cycleway path that, once complete, will stretch 70 kms along the Waikato River, from Ngaaruawaahia to Horahora. Further development and promotion of the site could see an increase in the level of use and will need to be managed so as not to detract from the reserve.

Currently an area of carpark is allowed to be used for freedom camping by self-contained vehicles. This will need to be reviewed in line with this management plan to ascertain if this is an appropriate site to undertake this activity in the future.



A sculpture located on the edge of the Kiingitanga Reserve in front of the King's office on Eyre Street depicts King [Tawhiao Taawhiao](#) and King [Pōtatau Pootatau's](#) moko and was commissioned and completed by master carver Inia Te Wiata for Waikato-Tainui. This carving was unveiled during Matariki in June 2013, with the base being Oamaru stone and the mask in stainless steel. The mask structure is maintained by the Waikato Tainui Trust, with Council maintaining the surrounding park land area.

It is noted that the part of Kiingitanga Reserve is occupied by formed road, and a section of freehold reserve land is occupied by the adjacent property owner on Waingarō Road. Council prefers that there is no private encroachment onto reserve land.

Any current and future development on the reserve needs to take into account the present use (recreation), and heritage values (cultural and historic) – these are identified in the following Goals and Objectives section.

3.0 Strategic The Point - Goals and Objectives

Goals

- ◆ Recognise the cultural name of this reserve area
- ◆ Allow visitors the opportunity to discover the cultural and historical background of The Point and surrounding area.
- ◆ Prepare a concept plan for the development of The Point, enhancing public access, enjoyment and use
- ◆ Ensure The Point caters for a variety of recreation and leisure activities / opportunities.
- ◆ Provide a safe, inviting and well maintained area for people to enjoy.
- ◆ Work in partnership with mana whenua and the wider community to achieve the outcomes of this plan.

Explanation

These goals outline the key values of The Point area: aesthetic, cultural / heritage, and recreation. This reserve can be described as a destination or premier park as these values are high in all areas, due to the past and present importance of this location. Any development, use and management of the reserve will take consideration of these values into effect as to any activity or future development that may occur.

3.1 Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai -

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The re-naming of this area is to reflect the cultural linkage and sense of place that is a part of local mana whenua to this location. This re-naming was promoted by Waikato-Tainui and has been supported by local hapuhapuu, marae and mana whenua.

Objectives

- A. Recognise the name of Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai for the reserve area currently known as “The Point”.

Actions

- Re-brand Council signage and park information to include “Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai” as the name of this reserve

3.42 Ngaa Taonga Tuki iho - Cultural and Historic Values

The cultural and historic values of The Point are often unknown to many visitors. These values need to be recognised, conserved and protected. The installation of any displays or signage needs to enhance the heritage significance of the area, not become additional attractions to the location. Public artwork may be suited at other locations so as not to detract from the heritage values of The Point.

There are three listed Heritage New Zealand listed sites, including the Band Rotunda, Pioneer Gun Turret and World War I & II Memorial, plus a further 4 listed archaeological sites located either on or adjacent to The Point and Kiingitanga Reserve (refer to Appendix 2).

Objectives

- B. Ensure ~~C~~ cultural and historic values of The Point are identified, conserved and protected.
- C. Ensure ~~V~~ visitors to The Point are able to learn about the cultural and historic significance of The Point and surrounds.

Actions

- Provision of interactive learning options and interpretative signage
- Installation of public art will be directly related to cultural / heritage values of The Point

3.32 Nгаа Takaaro Puuangi - Recreation and Leisure

The Point provides for a wide range of recreation and leisure opportunities – from public events, playgrounds and skate parks, to picnicking, swimming and cycling. Activities need to be managed to allow for a range of opportunities and to remove any potential conflict between user groups. For example the area will not be used as a sport field as these are available at other locations in Ngaaruawaahia.

Objectives

- A. Allow for both formal and informal recreation
- B. Playground facilities are provided in accordance with the Playground Strategy
- C. Maintain large open space values of the reserve with river views
- D. Allow reserve to be used as a venue for community groups and commercial activities that are appropriate and encourage local community participation, and compatible with the management of The Point to benefit user experience.

Actions

- Upgrade playground on The Point to become a destination playground and removal of playground at Kiingitanga Reserve
- All occupiers of facilities (buildings) will be have a current lease or license to occupy.
- Where facilities (buildings) do not have a current lease / license, or a suitable occupier is not available, consider removal of facility
- Improve public accessibility to the Waikato River
- Review the use of The Point area as a freedom camping location
- Review the link between the start of the Te Awa cycleway and the popular Hakarimata-Haakarimata Walkway
- To ensure that all signage is aligns with Council's Bi Lingual Signage Policy 2014



3.43 RangapuRangapuu - Partnerships

Council will work collaboratively with Waikato-Tainui and the community to achieve the ambitions of this plan. This may include planning, funding and development of areas within The Point, including river margins, cultural locations, and/or park development.

Objectives

- A. ~~Consult / collaborate with Waikato Tainui, local hapuhapuu, marae and Tangata Whenua/Mana Whenua to ensure their values for The Point are identified and being met.~~ ~~Work alongside Tangata Whenua/Mana Whenua to understand their desires for The Point.~~
- B. Work collaboratively with Tangata Whenua and key stakeholders including locally-based ecology experts to develop a strategy to improve the river edge of the Waikato and Waipa Rivers.
- C. Engage with stakeholders to ensure any proposed development will meet the needs of the community and visitors.
- D. Work with stakeholders to ensure The Point is a user-friendly venue for events.

Actions

- Manage The Point as a key venue for community based events
- Maintain partnership with Waikato Tainui Trust in managing the “King’s Mask”

3.45 Whakatapoko - Accessibility

Council wishes to maintain The Point as a safe environment for locals and visitors to enjoy, as it is a key reserve for Ngaaruawaahia for heritage and recreation outcomes.

Objectives

- A. Ensure The Point continues to be an accessible location for a wide range of users.
- B. Ensure design to maintain best practice Crime prevention Through Environmental Design principles.

Actions

- Improve connections for pedestrian and cyclists between the end of Te Awa cycleway and the Waingaro Bridge, plus The Point linking to Kiingitanga, linking into Ngaaruawaahia town centre
- Update land status of all reserve land including some land which is legal road, to be all recreation reserve

4.0 The Point - Objectives and Policies

Where any issue on a reserve is addressed by both the General Policies Management Plan and this management plan, then the policies in this management plan will take precedence over the General Policies.

4.1 Objectives

1. To retain, ~~conserve~~ and promote an understanding of, the historic values and stories of The Point and Ngaaruawaahia.
2. To provide for ~~a wide range of recreational~~ activities that do not adversely affect the landscape qualities of the reserve.
3. ~~To retain the landscape qualities of the~~ An integrated and co-ordinated approach to manage the reserve.
4. ~~To secure the appropriate public ownership and management of the open space area~~ To enable measures that are intended to improve the amenity values of the reserve.

4.2 Policies

4.2.1 Maintain the historic-cultural values and features of the ~~reserve~~ The Point and provide information on historical events and locations that are associated to the site.

4.2.2 Consult / collaborate and m Maintain ~~the a~~ partnership relationship with mana whenua, including hapuhapu, marae and Waikato Tainui Trust / ~~Tangata Whenua~~ to ensure use and development of The Point meets their and the wider community expectations.

Explanation

Significant cultural historic values are associated with The Point and the surrounding locality. Many of the ~~Tangata Whenua~~ mana whenua features have been lost through development and time. All cultural values should be recognised by maintaining and enhancing what is known, plus the maintenance of the band rotunda, cenotaph and gun turret. Where possible different media should be used to enhance The Point, and to display information about the area.

The history of the area may be further researched as information becomes available and updated information displayed or shared as funding and/or technology allows. This will be undertaken, and in consultation with tangata whenua and the community.

4.2.3 Maintain and enhance the landscape qualities of the reserve, particularly its open space nature and river views including:

- b.● Establish plantings along river margins to maintain landscape values and river bank stability;
- e.● Retaining the open space / park area in grass,

- d. Monitoring the health of the specimen trees and undertaking arboricultural work as required.
- e. Maintain specimen trees and succession planting of new trees
- f. Using trees and shrubs to screen existing buildings, taking into account public safety and graffiti control issues identified through Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design principals;
- g. Not allowing new buildings, along the river corridor.

Explanation

This policy sets the broad direction for development. The intention is to retain the important values of the area while enhancing certain features. Council shall determine the exact location of such developments in conjunction with the Ngaaruawaahia Community Board, mana whenua and any other key user groups.

There is a need to progressively replaced specimen trees with appropriate species to ensure such trees are a feature of the reserve.

Gardens, in conjunction with traffic speed control structures, are to be used to create attractive entranceways to the reserve. Consideration may be given at a later date to further enhancing the entranceways such as through erecting a gateway or archway. Gardens will not be placed around the cenotaph because open space is needed for the ANZAC Day parades.

4.2.4 Maintain the roads in a manner which retains the park-like qualities of the area including:

- h. Retaining the existing carriage-way width;
- i. Maintaining traffic speed control structures;
- Setting a 30 km per hour speed restrictions on all roads;
- j. Develop parking along Sampson and Broadway Streets
- k. Promotion of The Point by way of signage.

Explanation

Much of the use of the area involves access via motor vehicles. The intention is to allow this to continue but ensure that vehicles do not detract from the park-like qualities of the area. Council will maintain a low speed environment within a park-like setting. Vehicles will normally be limited to sealed areas and certain grassed parking areas. Parking on the large grassed areas shall be permitted during major events. Signposts shall be used to promote The Point, in accordance with Transit New Zealand and District Plan rules.

4.2.5 Maintain a range of public amenities including:

- l. Public toilet facilities;
- m. Children's play equipment in accordance with Playground Strategy;
- n. Provision of shade facilities where appropriate
- o. Provision of picnic / bbq facilities where appropriate
- p. Limit club/leased facilities to existing building footprints;
- q. ~~Investigate optional uses for the existing rowing club building;~~

- r. ~~Review options for developing a pedestrian bridge over the Waipa River to link in with the Hakarimata-Hakarimata Walkway~~
- s. Ensuring signage in the park is appropriate, provides visitor enhancement and kept to a minimum.

Explanation

A number of amenities may be provided to enhance the area. Seats, tables and shade trees are located in the most popular areas in a manner which ensures they do not detract from the landscape values or unduly restrict vehicle parking during major events. The toilet facility will require an upgrade within the next 5 years. ~~There is no need for two playground facilities adjacent to each other—the playground on the Kiingitanga site will be removed and The Point playground upgrade with additional features.~~

The option of providing a link from the town centre to Te Awa cycleway and the Hakarimata-Hakarimata walkway over the Waipa River may encourage more walkway users to extend their walk to discover The Point and other areas of Ngaaruawaahia. Keeping signage in the park to a minimum but allow for adequate information to enhance park users experience, provide directional and regulatory signage.

4.2.6 Formally close unformed sections of roads on The Point and gazette these areas as reserve lands where this is advantageous for the areas management in terms of developing and funding issues.

Explanation

Much of The Point is legally gazetted as road reserve rather than recreation reserve. This has implications for funding and land use activities. For instance subsidy money is currently available for funding and land use activities. Council will continue to monitor the situation and will alter the legal status of the land if this is advantageous to the community. Refer to Map 1 where these areas are outlined in orange.

4.2.7 Identify a suitable location (either within or outside of The Point) for self-contained campervans to park overnight^[ERH4]

Explanation

The numbers of overnight campers parking at The Point is increasing and has been perceived by some to detract from the location as they are parked in the most scenic location on the river bank. A large number of these overnight campers are not self-contained and use the adjacent public toilets and/or dump there waste into the public toilet rather than using the Wastewater dump station adjacent to the old rowing club building. A more suitable location along with better signage to the dump station ~~may be required~~will be identified.

4.2.8 Ensure all occupiers of facilities on The Point have a current occupation agreement^[ERH5].

Current leases are:

Hamilton Rowing Club – use of building – current lease expires 2029

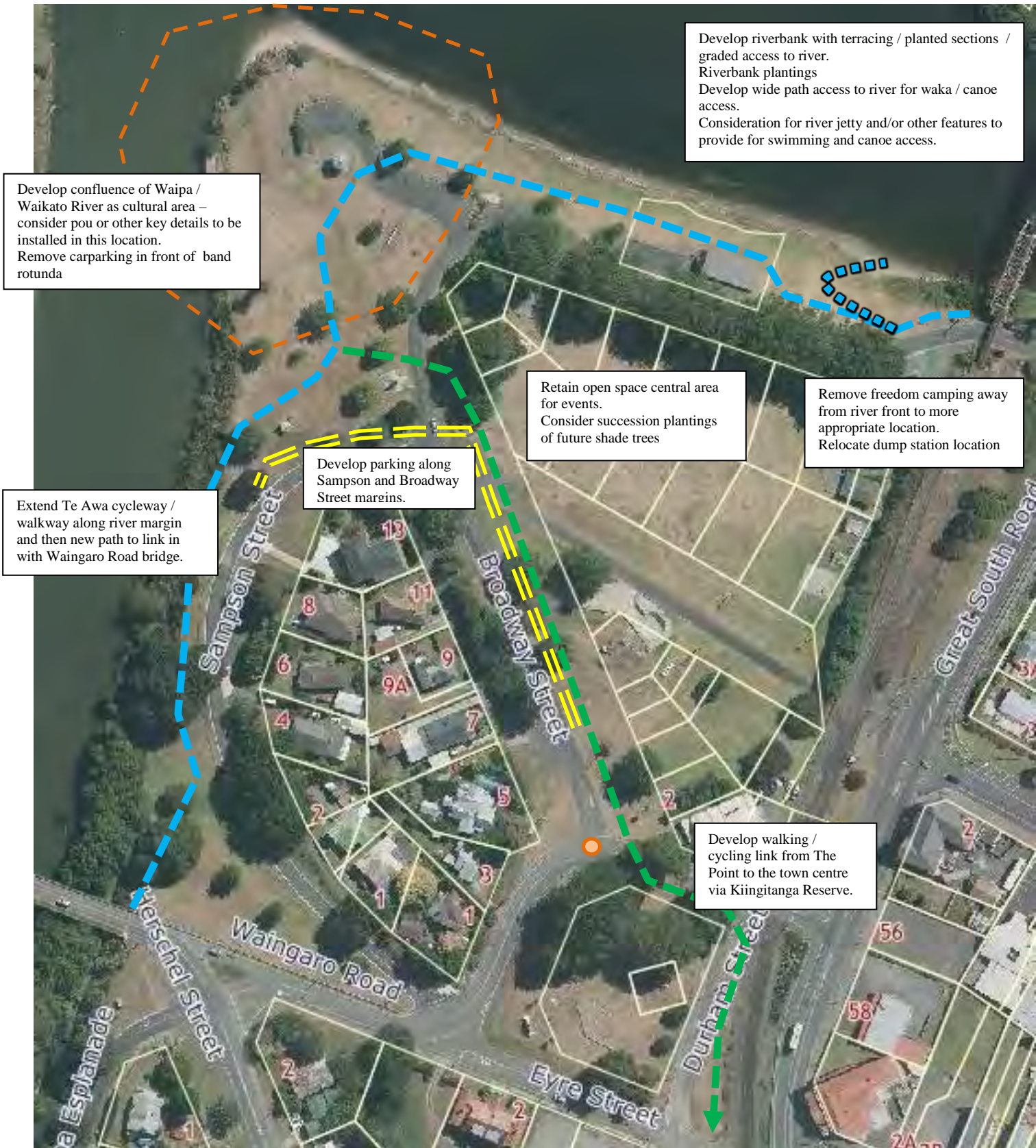
~~Ngaruawahia~~~~Ngaaruawaahia~~ Squash Racquets Club – use of building (lease expired 2000)

Huntly District Kennel Association – use of building (lease expired 2016)

Explanation

All occupiers of buildings on The Point, or clubs/ individuals who may undertake a range of group activities on The Point area, are required to have a current occupation agreement with Council to occupy part of the reserve. They should be able to identify how their activity and facility does not detract from the historical, aesthetic, and/or recreation values of The Point. As part of the deed of gift of the land, the Rowing Club were to have an ongoing lease of the building. The Squash Club lease is to continue until such time as a new facility may be developed on an alternative site. Council will help facilitate the The Huntly District Kennel Association to relocate to an alternative location, as it is seen that dog show events are not the appropriate to be undertaken on this reserve due to the increasing size of their events. The former Rowing Club building does not currently have an occupier, allowing Council to consider a range of options and alternative uses of this facility which are in keeping with the goals of this plan.

The Point – Concept Plan Considerations



5.0 Kiingitanga - Goals and Objectives [ERH6]

Goals

- ◆ Allow visitors the opportunity to discover the cultural and historical background of Kiingitanga.
- ◆ Prepare a concept plan identifying any development of Kiingitanga, enhancing public access, understanding and use
- ◆ Ensure Kiingitanga provides for low key leisure activities / opportunities.
- ◆ Provide a safe, inviting and well maintained area for people to enjoy.
- ◆ Work in partnership with mana whenua and the wider community to achieve the outcomes of this plan.

Explanation

These goals outline the key values of Kiingitanga area: aesthetic, cultural / heritage, and recreation. This reserve is a key heritage area, due to the past and present importance of this location, firstly as an [urupa urupaa](#) (cemetery) and as a Heritage New Zealand site. Any development, use and management of the reserve will take consideration of these values into effect as to any activity or future development that may occur.

3.15.1 Nga Taonga Tukui Iho - Cultural and Historic Values

The cultural and historic values of Kiingitanga are often unknown to many visitors. These values need to be recognised, conserved and protected. Any installation of any displays or signage needs to enhance the heritage significance of the area, not become additional attractions to the location.

There is one listed Heritage New Zealand listing for the Pootatau Monument and Kiingitanga Reserve (refer to Appendix 2).

Objectives

- A. Ensure cultural and historic values of Kiingitanga are identified, conserved and protected.
- B. Ensure visitors to Kiingitanga are able to learn about the cultural and historic significance of Kiingitanga, the adjacent The Point site.

Actions

- Provision of interactive learning options and interpretative signage
- Installation of any memorial art/features will be directly related to cultural / heritage values of Kiingitanga

5.2 ~~Nгаа Takaro~~ Taakaro Puangi - Recreation and Leisure

Culturally, Kiingitanga will provide for low key, reflective based activities. This area was used as an ~~an urupa~~ urupaa and this should be reflected in the way the reserve is developed and used. Development will be limited to gardens, shade (trees), seats may be provided, whilst picnic tables will not as food is not consumed on a tapu site.

Objectives

- A. Allow for informal recreation, through low key / reflective activities
- B. Maintain open space area with consideration to urupa heritage of the site.
- C. Ensure any proposed development undertakes initial consultation with mana whenua and Heritage New Zealand.

Actions

- Provide for a reflective nature / use of this reserve
- Any garden plantings to incorporate endemic species
- Review the walkway link between town centre and The Point to provide public access into / through Kiingitanga

3.3 ~~Rangapu~~ Rangapuu - Partnerships

Council will work collaboratively with Waikato-Tainui and the community to achieve the ambitions of this plan. This may include planning, funding and development of areas within The Point, including river margins, cultural locations, and/or park development.

Objectives

- A. Consult / collaborate with Waikato Tainui, local hapu, marae and Tangata Whenua/Mana Whenua to ensure their values for Kiingitanga Reserve are identified and being met.
- B. Work collaboratively with Tangata Whenua and Heritage New Zealand to develop a strategy to improve public knowledge and appreciation of Kiingitanga.
- C. Engage with stakeholders to ensure any proposed development will meet the needs of the community and visitors.

Actions

- Manage Kiingitanga as a key historic site
- Maintain partnership with Waikato Tainui Trust in managing the “King’s Mask”

3.4 Whakatapoko - Accessibility

Council wishes to maintain Kiingitanga as a safe environment for locals and visitors to enjoy, as it is a key reserve for Ngaaruawaahia for heritage outcomes.

Objectives

- A. Ensure Kiingitanga continues to be an accessible location for low key activities for all visitors.

- B. Ensure design to maintain best practice Crime prevention Through Environmental Design principles.

Actions

- Improve connections for pedestrian and cyclists between the Ngaaruawaahia town centre and The Point reserve

6.0 Kiingitanga - Objectives and Policies

Where any issue on a reserve is addressed by both the General Policies Management Plan and this management plan, then the policies in this management plan will take precedence over the General Policies.

6.1 Objectives

1. To retain, conserve and promote an understanding of, the historic values of ~~Kiingitanga~~Kiingitanga.
2. To retain the landscape qualities of the reserve.

6.2 Policies

6.2.1 Maintain the ~~historic-cultural~~ values and features of the Kiingitanga and provide information on historical events and locations that are associated to the site.

6.2.2 ~~Develop-Consult / collaborate~~ and maintain a partnership with mana whenua including ~~hapu~~hapuu, marae and Waikato Tainui Trust to ensure use and development of Kiingitanga meets their and the wider community expectations.

Explanation

Significant historic values are associated with Kiingitanga. Many of the mana whenua features have been lost through development and time. All cultural values should be recognised by maintaining and enhancing what is known.

The history of the area may be further researched as information becomes available and updated information displayed or shared as funding and/or technology allows. This will be undertaken, and in consultation with tangata whenua and the community.

6.2.3 Maintain and enhance the landscape qualities of the reserve, particularly its open space nature ~~and river views~~-including:

- a. Retaining the open space / park area in grass,
- a. Monitoring the health of the specimen trees and undertaking arboricultural work as required.
- b. Maintain specimen trees and succession planting of new trees

Explanation

This policy sets the broad direction for development. The intention is to retain the important values of the area while enhancing certain features. Council shall determine the exact location of such developments in conjunction with the Ngaaruawaahia Community Board, mana whenua and any other key user groups.

There is a need to progressively replaced specimen trees with appropriate species to ensure such trees are a feature of the reserve.

6.2.5 Maintain a range of public amenities including:

- a.● Provision of park bench facilities where appropriate
- b.● ~~Limit club/leased facilities to existing building footprints;~~
- c.● Ensuring signage in the park is appropriate, provides visitor enhancement and kept to a minimum.

Explanation

~~A number of amenities may be provided to enhance the area. Seats, tables and shade trees are located in the most popular areas in a manner which ensures they do not detract from the landscape values or unduly restrict vehicle parking during major events. The toilet facility will require an upgrade within the next 5 years.~~

~~The option of providing a link from the town centre to Te Awa cycleway and the Hakarimata Haakarimata walkway may encourage more walkway users to extend their walk to discover The Point and other areas of Ngaaruawaahia. Keeping signage in the park to a minimum but allow for adequate information to enhance park users experience, provide directional and regulatory signage. public use and appreciation of this area. Due to the sit being a former urupaurupaa, these will be kept to an appropriate level to reflect the significance of the site. The current playground will be removed from this site as it is inappropriate activity on an urupaurupaa.~~

7.0 Implementation

Council will seek to implement this management plan through working with local community groups to develop and maintain the area. Funding from external sources will be sought for capital development works.

The policies list developments that may occur but they do not commit Council to undertake any specific works. Council will allocate funds as it considers appropriate through the Annual Plan process, which involves public submissions, and in consultation with the Ngaaruawaahia Community Board. Funding from external sources for specific projects may influence the order in which works are undertaken.

Table 1 Indicative costs for various capital development options

| Development Option | Indicative Cost ^[ERH7] |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| Cenotaph base renewal | \$ 30K |
| Toilet upgrade | \$ 140K |
| Garden and tree upgrades | \$ 20K |
| History research and display | \$ 100K |
| Additional Children's playground | \$300K |
| Additional bbq facilities | \$ 40K |
| <u>Path extension Te Awa cycleway</u> | <u>\$150K</u> |
| <u>Path linking to town centre</u> | <u>\$120K</u> |
| <u>Landscape development along river</u> | <u>\$250K</u> |
| <u>Kiingitanga development</u> | <u>\$120K</u> |

Develop a-concept plans to outline future proposed changes to ~~the~~ The Point and Kiingitanga reserves.

Appendix 1 – Legal Descriptions

The Point

Section 1 SO 61580

Sections 579-580, 585, 588-591, 596-599, 600, 622-625, 657-664, 689 Newcastle Town

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Section 689 Ngaaruawaahia Town

Kiingitanga Reserve

Section 671 Newcastle Town - Domain

Note: Section 673 Newcastle Town Monument Reserve is controlled by the Department of Conservation

Appendix 2 - Heritage New Zealand Historic Place Listings

The Point Reserve

Band Rotunda, HNZPT Listing 4257, Category 2

Pioneer Gun Turret, HNZPT Listing 756, Category 2

World War One and Two Memorial, HNZPT Listing 4258, Category 2

Listed Archaeological site 514/184-Wharf/ Jetty

Listed Archaeological site S14/183-Shipwreck

Listed archaeological site 514/182-Historic artefact

Kiingitanga Reserve

Pootatau Monument and Kiingitanga Reserve, HNZPT Listing 757

Appendix 3: Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai – background information

From Waikato-Tainui submission:

“...Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai (also known as “the Point”) is an area where Te Mana o Te Kiingitanga lies at the confluence of two great Tuupuna Awa and Mana Mauri, the Waipa and the Waikato rivers in Ngaaruawaahia, and is an area including places of burial, ritual and Pou Rangatira, a place of gathering, significant to Waikato Tainui and the Kiingitanga.

The area is originally associated with Patupaiarehe tribes that made their home in the ranges that border the Tuupuna Awa. These flashing currents were personified by stories of taniwha that patrolled its great extent. The rise to prominence of ancestral [Maori/Maori](#) and their desire to expand their territory into areas traditionally occupied by patupaiarehe, initiated a pattern of retreat, whereby these early populations retreated into the misty ranges.

The area is most notably associated with the hakari (feast) celebrating the nuptials of Ngaere of Pare Waikato and Hekeiterangi of Ngaati Maniapoto, from which Ngaaruwahia draws its name. Ngaaruwaahia is also a synonymous with the kaainga of Pukeiaahua, a [kaainga](#) which served as nuptial precinct to Ngaere and Hekeiterangi. [Pukeiaahua-Pukeiaahua](#) also includes an [urupa/urupaa](#) precinct where fallen warriors were buried after the Ngaapuhi incursions and musket raids in the 1820s.

Kiingi [Potatau/Pootatau](#) Te Wherowhero (late 1700s -1870) was born in the Waikato, becoming a senior chief and warrior of Waikato. In 1858, he was installed as the first leader of the Kiingitanga, which arose out of a desire to protect Maaori land and tino rangatiratanga. Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai and the township of Ngaaruawaahia was the [papakainga](#) of [Potatau/Pootatau](#) Te Wherowhero and his son Kiingi [Tawhiao/Taawhiao](#) (the second leader of the Kiingitanga).

When the idea of establishing a King was accepted by nga iwi katoa and the chiefs of the land chose [Potatau/Pootatau](#) to be the first Maaori King, it was at te Huinga o Nga Wai that the King Maker, Wiremu [Tamehana/Tamihana](#) Tarapiipi Te Waharoa Kiingi [Potatau/Pootatau](#) Te Wherowhero had two [papakainga](#) which was situated between [Turangawaewae-Tuurangawaewae](#) House and the Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai – Pikiarero and Te Oika are the names of the two [kaainga](#) Kiingi [Potatau/Pootatau](#) maintained. Remnant ancestral [Maori/Maori](#) occupation features within immediate proximity and associated with [kaainga](#) include borrow pits, gardens, burials and Tauranga waka. Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai, Pikiarero, Oika and other complex features make up a cultural landscape that extends beyond the monument precinct.

Kiingi [Potatau/Pootatau](#) Te Wherowhero tomb (which the current monument pays homage to) lay a short distance to the south of buildings occupied by his son and successor, Kiingi [Tawhiao/Taawhiao](#) (?-1894). Kiingi [Tawhiao/Taawhiao](#)'s reign coincided with the most turbulent years of Maaori-[Paakehaa/Paakeha](#) relations, including Waikato invasion and ensuing Land Wars (1863-4). After Ngaaruawaahia

was taken over and occupied by colonial forces, most signs of native industry and structures were removed to facilitate the creation of Newcastle township. One structure that did survive the aftermath was the tomb of Kiingi [Potatau Pootatau](#). At the behest of Wesleyan Missionary William Barton, the Government undertook to maintain and reserve the tomb of Kiingi [Potatau Pootatau](#) Te Wherowhero. Several burials existed surrounding the grounds, by this time laid out as an Octagon, and included Maaori and [Paakehaa Paakeha](#) fallen Land War combatants. The remains of thirteen colonial soldiers were removed and re-buried elsewhere at Ngaaruawaahia in 1882. And some 40 Maaori were described still buried in the Octagon. The tomb became a focal point for notable gatherings including two involving the Govenor and Sir George Ferguson Bowen. Kiingi [Tawhia Taawhia](#) made numerous attempts at reconciliation with the government during his lifetime but little progress was made.

After the return of Kiingi [Tawhia Taawhia](#) to Waikato in the early 1882, he made an emotional visit to his father's mortuary enclosure and mausoleum, where he prophesied a permanent return by Kiingitanga to Ngaaruawaahia and its Turangawaewae, or place to stand.

A stone monument was commissioned by Premier Richard John Seddon a year after the death of Kiingi [Tawhia Taawhia](#) in 1894 and erected on the mound formerly occupied by the tomb of the late Kiingi Te Wherowhero.

[Turangawaewae Tuurangawaewae](#) House was created beside the Octagon to accommodate a Maaori Parliament circa early 1910 and was designed to face the monument in greeting.

It was said at the time of invasion by the Crown in December 1863, the great gardens situated at Te Huinga o Ngaa Wai were ready to harvest, and that Crown Soldiers immediately set about harvesting these provisions setting up the first military camp right in the middle..."

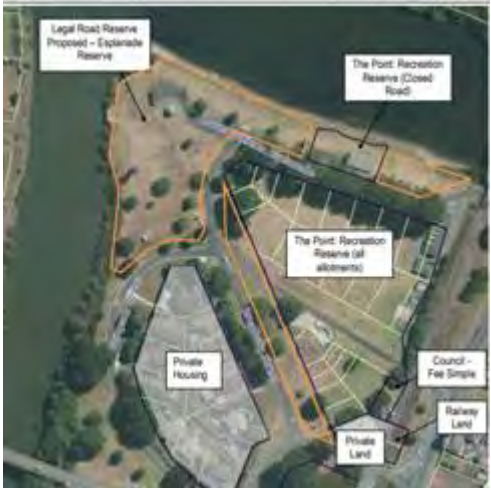
Referenced from: Rika-Heke M, Jones M, 2018

Appendix 2: Table of Recommendations from The Point Reserve Management Plan Hearing held on 29 April 2019

| Submitters | Points raised during submission | Comments from hearing panel |
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| <p><u>First Submitter</u> Glenda Raumati and Pokaia Nepia On Behalf of Tuurangawaewae Trust Board</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Support the draft RMP in principle. ▪ Believe there have been a number of omissions made – these omissions should be prioritised and included in the plan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mana whenua should be consulted with in regards to anything related to The Point; Tuurangawaewae Trust Board should be consulted with <u>in the first instance</u>, not necessarily Waikato-Tainui. Tuurangawaewae would like to have words to this effect included in the plan. ▪ The plan omits anything related to “bridge jumping”. Believe the local ritual of bridge jumping has a cultural connection and should be included/addressed in the plan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Investment that is proposed by the draft RMP for a walk bridge should instead be directed towards having something that can safely be jumped off of. ▪ Freedom Camping does not align with the cultural or heritage values of The Point. ▪ Supportive of increased pedestrian connectivity to the town. ▪ Improving swimming spots. ▪ Squash Club – can this be moved? It does not align with the cultural or heritage values of The Point. ▪ If there are name changes being proposed for The Point, Tuurangawaewae would like to be consulted with. | <p>Panel – agree consultation with mana whenua should be carried out where The Point is concerned.</p> <p>A bridge of any sort over the Waikato/Waipā Rivers falls outside of the purview of the RMP.</p> <p>General agreement - possible amendment of the relevant schedule in the Freedom Camping Bylaw 2016 when it is due for review.</p> |
| <p><u>Second Submitter</u> Pam Douglas and Helen West On Behalf of Huntly & District Kennel Association</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Club desires to extend in to activities other than agility and obedience. ▪ The club have had a signed lease to occupy the building next to the boathouse at The Point. They have had this lease for around 16 years now. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Club would consider investing money into the upgrade of the kitchen in their leased building, however, they will not do so until they are assured of the lease being renewed. ○ They also require a written lease to be able to hold their conformation benefit shows (this is required by the NZ Kennel Association). ▪ The club often let the Community House use their clubhouse. ▪ Would like to propose Council consider the installation of floodlights at The Point, particularly around the clubhouse. If Council cannot install these, would Council give consent for the Kennel Club to install at their own cost? ▪ Would like to continue to use The Point for their shows – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ But require more space so that they can have more rings for their shows. ○ Therefore, would not be supportive of the playgrounds being extended towards the clubhouse as this would reduce space. ▪ Would not be interested in moving unless the facilities they were moving to are as good as the ones they currently have. | <p>Look in to the renewal of this lease. Other submissions made are not in favour of activities that aren't aligned with the cultural and heritage values of the RMP.</p> <p>Council likely will not install floodlights. If the club were to do this at their own cost, a consent would need to be given.</p> <p>Council have previously offered the Club suitable alternative venue options, which the Club have declined.</p> |
| <p><u>Third Submitter</u></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This is an old plan. | <p>Boathouse lease is being</p> |

| Submitters | Points raised during submission | Comments from hearing panel |
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| <p>James Whetu, Chairperson NCB On Behalf of Ngaruawahia Community Board</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NCB have been working on getting this reviewed for several years now, the process has taken a while with staff attrition. ▪ Generally disagrees with the boathouse being used enough for the lease to be renewed. ▪ Supportive of a change of name suggested by Waikato Tainui to Te Huinga o Nga Wai. ▪ NCB have repeatedly tried to collaborate with Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga (HNZPT) on issues related to The Point; have not had much luck. ▪ Staff to clarify hearing report – NCB did not prepare the Concept Plan. ▪ NCB encouraged Joint Management Agreement (JMA) partnerships to be utilized in developing the plan, mana whenua and iwi input to the plan is important to ensuring it is comprehensive and representative of the community. ▪ Consistency required in the RMP re: spelling. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Suggest that the double vowel used by Waikato Tainui for te reo words instead of the macron is also included in this RMP. | <p>worked through as part of a separate process.</p> <p>Staff can clarify hearing report.</p> <p>Double vowel of te reo words can be included in the RMP.</p> |

| Issue Discussed | Deliberation | Decisions |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| <p><u>Connectivity Issues</u></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Submissions made requesting better connectivity of The Point to the town, cycleway, and Waipa Bridge. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Between the railway lines and the panel beaters is not an access point to the reserve. ○ Lower Waikato Esplanade is the only footpath access to The Point. ○ The cycleway ends under the bridge on Lower Waikato Esplanade, it does not connect to anywhere else in the reserve. ▪ Better connectivity needed between The Point and the Kiingitanga Reserve. | <p>Better footpaths needed to connect The Point to town, to the cycleway, to the Waipa Bridge.</p> |
| <p><u>Dogs</u></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Concern that as part of their lease agreement, they can only lend out their facilities to those who have a correctly processed event application through Council. ▪ Council might want to look at, in future, providing a different site for the dog club (this is a long term solution). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Point is a place of reflection and of connection to the river – this should be maintained. | <p>Short term plan – the lease for the Dog Club at The Point will not be renewed. A short term lease might be offered while Council assist the club in finding new grounds.</p> |
| <p><u>Kiingitanga Reserve</u></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NZHPT submission – to include the road reserve as part of the Kiingitanga reserve. ▪ Road reserve in orange – suggest be turned in to recreation reserve. | <p>Support NZHPT submission. Recommend everything highlighted in orange be moved to recreation reserve (currently legal road reserve).</p> |

| Issue Discussed | Deliberation | Decisions |
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| | |  |
| <u>Iwi Partnerships</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ As Waikato Tainui do, the RMP should use the double vowel for te reo words, instead of a macron. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ensure correct use of the double vowel (spelling) ▪ Must talk and collaborate with local iwi about The Point. | Recommend that wording be included in the RMP that states Council must consult/collaborate with Waikato Tainui, especially local hapu, marae and mana whenua. |
| <u>Freedom Camping</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Having the freedom camping dumpsite at The Point is not in keeping with the cultural and heritage aspects of the reserve. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Council would need to find an alternative option for this site. ▪ When the Freedom Camping Bylaw is next reviewed, consider removing The Point from the schedule of freedom camping locations. | Recommend that the freedom camping dumpsite be moved out of the reserve. Recommend The Point be removed from the schedule of Freedom Camping sites in the Freedom Camping Bylaw. |
| <u>Walk bridge</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If connectivity issues are resolved (with better footpaths, cycleways in/around the point) and access to the Waipa Bridge is made easier, a walk bridge from The Point to the Haakarimata's will not be required. | Recommend the walk bridge be removed from the plan. |
| <u>Rowing Club</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Boathouse is relatively tidy and unobtrusive at the edge of the reserve. | Recommend that the rowing club be allowed to stay at The Point until their lease is tidied up. |
| <u>Squash Club</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Is well used by the community. | Squash club should stay at The Point |
| <u>Name Change to Te Huinga o Nga Wai</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Further consultation with mana whenua would be required. | Generally supportive of proposed name change to Te Huinga o Nga Wai. Bi-lingual signage opportunity. |
| <u>Waikato Tainui Submission</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ More acknowledgement of the cultural importance of The Point and The Kiingitanga Reserve | Recommend that additional wording around the story of The Point be included in the RMP. |