

THE CATLINS RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN

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RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN PROCESS

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INTRODUCTION

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 PURPOSE

The Clutha District Council (Council) owns and administers several reserves in The Catlins. This Reserve Management Plan, prepared in accordance with the Reserves Act 1977 (the Act), establishes the framework for the management and development of these reserves.

The current character of these reserves is a result of factors such as their history, size, location, form, connectedness, wider land use and facilities. This character reflects community input and activities over a long period and has informed the Council's intentions for the future development and management of these reserves. The Reserve Management Plan also supports Council's wider strategy of promoting the district as an attractive place to work and live.

This Reserve Management Plan:

- summarises the statutory framework for reserve management under the Reserves Act 1977
- describes each of the reserves, including the purpose and activities that may be undertaken on that reserve
- establishes a goal for reserves in The Catlins, and the objectives and policies to achieve this.

The Plan responds to the unique needs of The Catlins community and provides a framework for on-going community involvement in The Catlins.

1.2 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND FUNDING

Our Place Catlins community consultation was undertaken by Council from December 2018 to March 2019 to understand the way in which the Council owned and operated assets and land in The Catlins are used, their value to the community and the aspirations for their future use. This Reserves Management Plan provides the framework to support the Our Place Catlins Community Plan and the projects arising from that work.

As part of the Our Place Catlin's Consultation, comments were sought about what improvements or changes should be considered for parks and reserves in the Catlins, to help with the development of the Catlins Reserve Management Plan. The Draft Catlins Reserve Management Plan set out the proposed framework for managing what activities are permitted or could be developed, as well as any issues or barriers. The next stage was formal consultation seeking submissions on the Draft Catlins Reserve Management Plan. The submissions were considered in the creation of this final The Catlins Reserve Management Plan.

Approved projects, able to be achieved within existing budgets can generally proceed. Additional Council funding may be available via the Long Term Plan and Annual Plan process. Council will work alongside community groups and other agencies to progress some projects.

The intention is that the Reserve Management Plan will enable future developments and projects to be undertaken.



Toilet block at Willsher Bay Recreation Reserve

1.3 SCOPE

This management plan applies to all reserves in The Catlins that are administered by Clutha District Council and that are classified under the Act at the time of notification of the draft plan. These reserves are listed in Appendix 1.

Other parties also own and administer lands in The Catlins that are registered as reserves, such as the Department of Conservation and the Southland District Council. This plan does not apply to those areas.

There are other properties that are managed by Council for parks and recreation purposes that are not classified in accordance with Section 16 of the Act. It is Council's intention that the policies and plans in this Reserves Management Plan will guide the use and development these additional areas.

1.4 STATUTORY OBLIGATIONS

The Act governs the management and control of reserves in New Zealand. It also defines the purposes for which a reserve may be established and used, and the requirements for a reserve to be gazetted after approval by the Minister of Conservation.

The Act requires the administering body (the Council) to prepare reserve management plans (section 41). The Council has resolved to prepare a Reserve Management Plan that outlines the general intentions for the balanced use, development and protection of the reserves in The Catlins.

The key responsibilities for the Council under the Act are to:

- Classify its reserve land according to its primary purpose. The principles set out in sections 17-23 guide the determination of the relevant classification under the Act. The potential classifications are:

- Recreation
- Heritage
- Scenic
- Nature
- Scientific
- Government purpose

- Manage the land for its primary purpose
- Prepare a management plan and keep it under continuous review; and
- Put in place formal agreements for leases and licenses.

In addition, the Reserve Management Plan provides for and ensures the use, enjoyment, maintenance, protection and preservation (as the case may require), and the development (as appropriate) of the reserve for the purpose for which it is classified (as required by section 41(3)).

To inform the development of the Reserve Management Plan, the Clutha District Council is required to consult with the community and iwi in order to identify their wishes and aspirations for the reserves. This consultation is planned to be undertaken during February, March and April 2020.

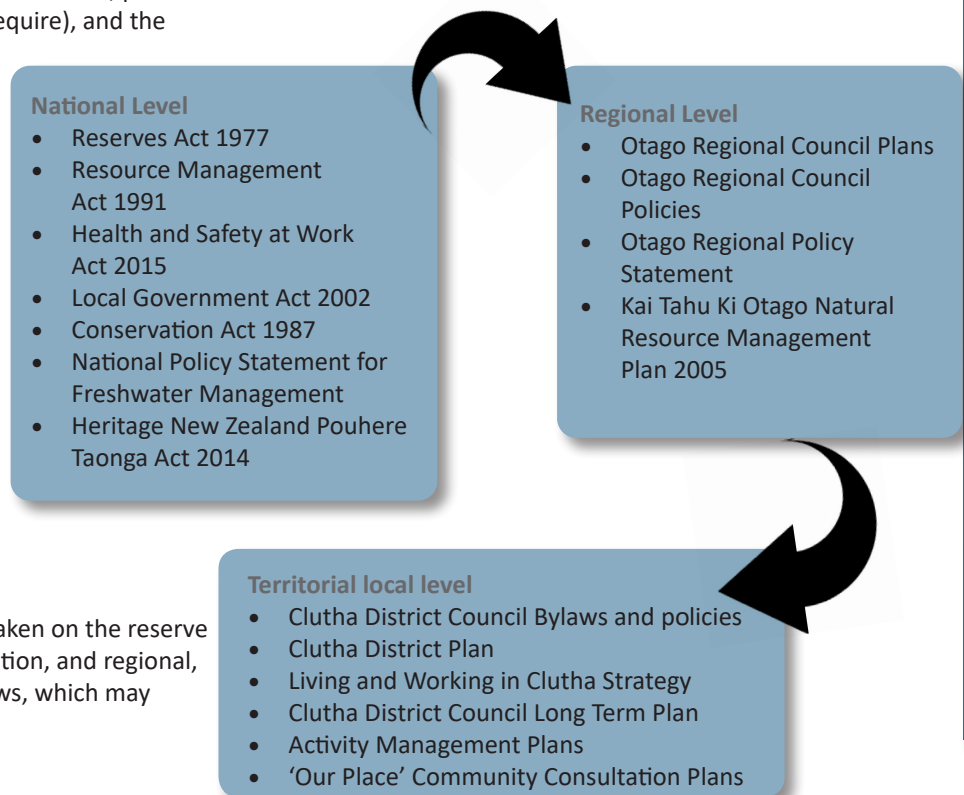
1.5 OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS

Activities and developments undertaken on the reserve land remains subject to other legislation, and regional, district and national policy and bylaws, which may

apply depending on the status of the reserve and the nature of the activity being undertaken.

The provisions of the District Plan also apply to reserves and it should be noted that an activity which may be permitted by this plan may need to be consented by Council or other authorities.

The diagram below lists relevant pieces of legislation and policy.



GOAL, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

2.0 GOAL, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

Clutha District Council manages and maintains a range of reserves, playgrounds and open spaces in The Catlins. They are surrounded, in the wider area, by large tracts of reserves managed by Department of Conservation. The Catlins area has long been a favourite holiday destination for Otago and Southland families, and more recently is experiencing a significant increase in international and domestic visitors. The challenge is understanding the current and future levels of use of these reserves to most efficiently and effectively provide for their future management.

There are a number of general principles which govern management and operational decisions relating to Council reserves. These principles recognise the importance of the natural environment to residents and visitors, and the desire to enable improvements that contribute to this environment. They are

- To encourage native tree/species planting
- To provide for passive and active recreation and enjoyment of the natural environment
- To encouraging walking and cycling activities
- To enable residents and visitors to be 'Tidy Kiwis'
- To limit and control any building development
- To seek to protect and enhance the environment
- To facilitate nature tourism so residents and visitors can enjoy the environment.

The main outcome sought from this plan is to enhance the reserve areas in The Catlins for the community and visitors to the area alike. The objectives and policies in this plan seek to provide a framework to support the future maintenance and development of these areas.

2.1 GOAL

The vision for Council's reserves, playgrounds and open spaces in The Catlins is:

"To provide a variety of passive and active recreational spaces that enable the local community and visitors to experience and enjoy the unique natural environment of The Catlins."

2.2 OBJECTIVES

The objectives sought from this plan are as follows:

1. The unique character of The Catlins environment is reflected in the development, design, maintenance, and management of reserves
2. Provide a selection of reserves to meet a range of visitor and community needs for passive and active recreation
3. Retain a high level of unrestricted access to reserves and encourage improved cycling and walking opportunities
4. Identify opportunities to enhance the facilities in the reserves for the enjoyment of the wider community and for those who visit The Catlins.

The objectives and policies set out below apply across all reserves covered under this plan.

OBJECTIVE 1

The unique character of The Catlins environment is reflected in the development, design, maintenance, and management of reserves

POLICIES

- Development at Council reserves, playgrounds and open spaces should be consistent with the natural environment of The Catlins.
- Vegetation will be maintained in accordance with the standards and techniques of approved arboriculture practice
- Priority should be given to initiatives which prioritise the use of native plant species in any development activities.
- Facilities will be provided that enable people to manage their waste effectively and avoid spreading litter and other waste in the environment.





Purakaunui Falls, The Catlins

OBJECTIVE 2

- Provide a selection of reserves to meet a range of community needs for passive and active recreation

POLICIES

- Continue to review and confirm all reserve classifications and boundaries, including any reclassification, meet this objective as appropriate.
- Areas for quiet reflection, seating and shade will be provided.
- Provide for imaginative play that integrates playground structures with the surrounding natural environment.
- Community use of Council open spaces for temporary events will be promoted and facilitated.
- Commercial recreational activity will be supported where appropriate and where the impact on the environment is controlled and the ability of the public to use and enjoy the reserves is not significantly affected.

OBJECTIVE 3

Retain a high level of unrestricted access to reserves and encourage improved cycling and walking opportunities

POLICIES

- To include the reserves in wider land transport policy planning (such as the Clutha Physical Activity Strategy).
- To increase awareness of reserves by providing signage to identify the location of reserves and walking and cycling opportunities.
- To encourage opportunities for improved access for disabled persons
- Opportunities will be sought to improve walking and cycling connectivity throughout The Catlins.

OBJECTIVE 4

Identify opportunities to enhance the facilities in the reserves for the enjoyment of the wider community and for those who visit The Catlins.

POLICIES

- Appropriate facilities will be identified, installed and maintained to provide for the enjoyment of the community and visitors to reserves.
- Community-led initiatives that enhance the reserve environment will be promoted, facilitated and supported.
- The establishment of native planting on reserves to encourage native wildlife will be supported.
- Opportunities to enhance passive and active surveillance of reserve areas will be identified and promoted.

THE CATLINS

3.0 THE CATLINS

Approximately 1000 people live in The Catlins area within the Clutha District. The main centres of population are Kaka Point and Owaka. There are also numerous small settlements which are either farming in nature, like Romahapa, or coastal like Pounaweia, Papatowai, and Jacks Bay. Some of these settlements contain many holiday homes in addition to permanent residencies.

There are significant resources regarding The Catlins covering many aspects in detail which are freely available. This section provides a summary of key aspects.

3.1 CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CATLINS

The Catlins is an area of mixed farmland, wild coastline, river estuaries, hills, and native bush. The hills rise to about 700m and a significant feature of the topography is the parallel valleys and ridges resulting from layers of sedimentary rocks from the Jurassic Period (201 to 105 million years ago) which run North West through the Catlins area and into the Pacific at Kaka Point and The Nuggets.

The climate in The Catlins includes an average annual rainfall of about 1300mm which falls reasonably evenly throughout the year. The area escapes the extremes of heat, cold and snow which are experienced in inland Central Otago.

3.2 LAND USE IN THE CATLINS

It is thought that Maori use of The Catlins dates back about 1000 years, and from the 1800s early European settlers established whaling and forestry activities, and farming soon followed. Farming and forestry remain the major economic activities. Forestry has evolved from harvesting native timber and clearing land for farming, to managed plantations of mainly radiata pine and eucalyptus. The main farming activity is grazing for sheep and for cattle. There is also relatively small amount of dairy farming.

Large areas of The Catlins remain in native bush, and the Department of Conservation (DOC) manage about 27,000 hectares of conservation, scenic and scientific reserves.

Other areas of significant conservation/biodiversity values are held by private groups, such as the Lenz and Te Rere reserves (Forest & Bird), and the Long Point/Irahuka Reserve (Yellow-eyed Penguin Trust with DOC).

3.3 ECOLOGY

The Catlins area includes The Catlins Conservation Park in the catchments of the Tautuku and Maclennan Rivers. The area includes one of the largest areas of eastern indigenous lowland forest in the South Island, a wide range of landscapes and ecosystems, and relatively unmodified coastal areas.

The area is home to a wide range of threatened and endangered native species, including several with very limited natural ranges. Marine mammals and birds can be readily seen at many locations along the coast.

3.4 TOURISM

Generations of families, primarily from Southland and Otago, have enjoyed holidaying in The Catlins and many of the smaller settlements comprise modest, traditional, holiday homes. However, The Catlins is now experiencing a significant increase in tourists, many of whom are international visitors.

This change in the composition of visitors and their activities and accommodation preferences (including Freedom Camping) has created a changing demand for facilities and has put new pressures on existing services.

3.5 CULTURAL VALUES

Tangata whenua have had a presence in The Catlins for a significant period. The coastal area contains the remains of many midden sites from seasonal encampments and Maori legends tell of large hairy monsters (called Maeroero meaning wild man of the forest) living in the forested valleys. Remnants of Maori history can found in placenames still in use today, and people of Waitaha, Ngati Mamoe and Ngai Tahu descent have interests in the area.

Approximately 3,000 ha is held in Ngai Tahu ownership under the SILNA (South Island Landless Natives Act).

THE RESERVES

4.0 THE RESERVES

Clutha District Council is responsible for a number of reserves throughout the Catlins, mainly in the populated centres. They fulfil a variety of purposes, including children’s playgrounds, recreation areas, campgrounds, and the provision of community amenities. Council also looks after a number of cemeteries, current and historic.

4.1 KAKA POINT

NAME	DESIGNATION	AREA (M2)
Kaka Point Foreshore Playground	Council owned land	1,052
Tarata Street Playgound	Recreation Reserve	1,425
Kaka Point tennis courts	Council owned land	6,206
Willsher Bay Recreation Reserve (Domain)	Recreation Reserve	26,330

KAKA POINT FORESHORE PLAYGROUND

Description: The foreshore playground in Kaka Point is not a gazetted reserve. It is on a small residential section with



Kaka Point foreshore playground

play equipment, a toilet, seats and a rubbish bin. Behind the play equipment a bank is covered in shrubs, small trees, and exotic plants.

The north-east corner of the area is fenced off and contains the Kaka Point waste water (sewage) pumping station. This is surrounded by a low wooden fence carrying biohazard signs.

This playground is a favourite with locals and with people visiting the Kaka Point beach area.

There is no off street parking at this playground, but there is parking at the centre of Kaka Point, a short walk away.

Development opportunities: Council’s intention is to continue to maintain, develop and upgrade this playground as a children’s play area in conjunction with the community.



TARATA STREET PLAYGROUND

Description: Tarata Street Playground is a gazetted recreation reserve. It is an unfenced grassed area leading onto the gardens of the surrounding residences. It contains a central playground featuring a range of play equipment of various vintages.

To one side of the play equipment is a gravelled area containing two wooden picnic tables and benches. There is one rubbish bin, and a short section of fence bearing small plaques listing the families and individuals who sponsored the playground.



There is off-street parking for several cars near the picnic tables on Tarata Street, and there is a pedestrian accessway to Kowhai Street.

This playground is close to the Kaka Point camping ground, and is a convenient play area for children visiting the settlement.

Maintenance: Tarata Street playground is maintained under Council’s greenspace contract.

Development opportunities: Council’s intention is to continue to develop and maintain this playground as a children’s play area.



Tarata Street playground equipment

KAKA POINT TENNIS COURTS

Description: Kaka Point tennis courts are situated between Tarata Street and Kowhai Street on a large piece of council-owned land which backs onto the DOC-administered Kaka Point Scenic Reserve. Council's land is not a gazetted reserve, and Council leases the bulk of this land to the operator of the Kaka Point camping ground.

Maintenance: The tennis court surrounds are maintained under Council's greenspace contract.

Development opportunities: None planned.



Kaka Point tennis courts



WILLSHER BAY RECREATION RESERVE

Description: Willsher Bay is a gazetted recreation reserve. It is a large irregularly shaped piece of land bordered on two sides by the Karoro Creek, and on the other two sides by Karoro Creek road and by the Esplanade. Karoro Creek road is an important route for traffic travelling to and from The Nuggets via the Southern Scenic Route. The reserve's position means that it has the potential to be improved to meet the needs of residents and visitors.

The reserve comprises a large flat grass area, with a banked area to the east (coastal) side. There is a group of old wooden basic benches on the bank overlooking the flat area, and an old wooden structure that is said to be the remains of an old performance stage. There is an unused and locked toilet block with separate male and female toilets, and a concrete water tank.

The reserve is fringed with mixed plantings of mainly native species.

Management and Maintenance: Willsher Bay recreation reserve is managed and maintained by a committee of local people with Council grant funding.



Development opportunities: This area is presently underused and there is scope for community involvement to enhance the area and to encourage its use. Community planning consultation has potentially identified a range of future development options. These and other proposed options will be considered by Council in the context of the area's Recreation Reserve status, and the goal, objectives and policies set out in the Reserves Management Plan



Entrance to Willsher Bay recreation reserve

4.2 OWAKA

NAME	DESIGNATION	AREA (M2)
Owaka Information Centre and Museum Reserve	Local Purpose Reserve	550
Owaka Playground	Council owned land	4,900
Owaka Memorial Community Centre	Community Centre Reserve	6,220
Owaka Playcentre	Education Purposes Reserve	787
Owaka Swimming Pool	Council owned land	10,433
Owaka Combined Sportsground	Recreation Reserve	37,820
Owaka Combined Sportsground	Council owned land	2,226

Owaka town has a population of approximately 300. It is situated on the main route through The Catlins from Balclutha to Invercargill and is a service point for the large number of holiday vehicles that travel through, especially in the summer. It has a supermarket, petrol station, visitor centre and several eateries and retail outlets.

Council reserves in Owaka have been developed to provide services to the community and to visitors.

OWAKA INFORMATION CENTRE AND MUSEUM RESERVE



Description: The Owaka Museum Wahi Kahuika - the Meeting Place opened in October 2007. It was created as a joint project between Council and the Catlins Historical Society, and is built on land

which was previously railway land, and which is now a gazetted Local Purpose Reserve. The building also houses a shop, community gallery, library, information centre, and the Council service centre.

The grounds include a grassed area containing the Waka sculpture, and a border of planted shrubs.

Maintenance: This area is maintained under Council's greenspace contract.

Development Opportunities: Council plans to continue to support community involvement in this reserve.

OWAKA PLAYGROUND

Description: The Owaka Playground is on Council owned land and is not a gazetted reserve. It is located in the centre of town on the junction of the Owaka Highway and the Papatowai Highway. It is partly located on old railway land. It is a large grassed area with plantings of native and exotic specimen trees and a border of trees and shrubs.

In the western corner is a designated rose garden containing many historic plants which were donated by individuals over the years.

There is a variety of playground equipment in generally good order, including a separate fenced area containing play equipment for smaller children. Much of the equipment has been provided as a result of community involvement and fund raising, a fact recognised by various plaques in the playground.

There is a large carpark with rubbish bins which is used by people visiting the town as well as those using the playground. There is walkway access to a concrete public toilet block, built in 2017 and decorated inside with ceramic tiles painted by children from the local school.

The wider playground area also contains wooden picnic tables which are popular during the summer months.



Maintenance: Owaka Playground is maintained under Council's greenspace contract and the rose garden is maintained by a group of volunteers.

Development Opportunities: This area is valued as an amenity area by locals and by visitors, and Council plans to continue to support community involvement in any future developments.



Owaka play area for smaller children

OWAKA MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTRE

Description: The Owaka Memorial Community Centre on Ovenden Street was opened on a gazetted reserve in 1968 and is the central community recreation and meeting place in Owaka. It is positioned at the front of a large reserve which includes ample off-street parking, green space and mixed plantings of trees and shrubs. The reserve is situated beside the adjacent playcentre reserve and the Council-owned land on which the swimming pool is built.

As well as a large hall with stage, lighting, movie screening facilities and front-of-house area, the complex houses the war memorial, separate rooms which are used by Plunket and community service groups, and a large fully equipped kitchen.

Management: The centre is actively managed by the Owaka Memorial Community Centre Committee.

Development opportunities: Council plans to continue to support community involvement.



OWAKA PLAYCENTRE

Description: Owaka Playcentre is on the old school site on a reserve designated for Educational Purposes. The reserve faces Ovenden Street in front of the swimming pool.

Maintenance: The grass area around the playcentre is maintained under the Council's greenspace contract.

OWAKA SWIMMING POOL

The Owaka swimming pool is on Council owned land and is not on a gazetted reserve.

The pool is 25 meters long and is heated. It is approached by a long path with an ornamental gateway commemorating the actions of a C. J. Connell who died saving others at Long Point in The Catlins.

Within the swimming pool reserve are the old tennis courts (an area of hard surface behind the playcentre), a treed area, and an area which is made available for grazing.

Management: The pool is leased to the Owaka Swimming Pool Committee which operates and maintains the pool.

Maintenance: The swimming pool surrounds are maintained under the Council's greenspace contract

Development opportunities: Council plans to continue to support community involvement.



OWAKA COMBINED SPORTS GROUND

Description: The Owaka Sports Ground is a gazetted recreation reserve. It occupies a large open area of land in the south-west corner of the town. It includes concrete block toilet facilities, sports club change and shower rooms and bowling club facilities. The local group of New Zealand Land Search and Rescue operates from a building on the grounds which means the emergency helicopter lands in the area when necessary.

Along the south-west of the grounds, facing Hugh Street is a strip of Council-owned land which is not part of the gazetted reserve area. In practice, this is treated as part of the sports ground.

Management and Maintenance: The sports ground is maintained and managed by the Owaka Combined Sports Body which is funded by an annual operating grant from Council.



4.3 POUNAWEA

NAME	DESIGNATION	AREA (M2)
Pounaweia Recreation Reserve	Recreation Reserve	64,851
Pounaweia Playground and Tennis Court	Recreation Reserve	4,363
Pounaweia Campground	Recreation Reserve	14,100
Ocean Grove, Pounaweia	Recreation Reserve	506

POUNAWEA RECREATION RESERVE

Description: The largest reserve in Pounaweia is the Pounaweia Recreation Reserve, also known as the Domain and The Elbow. This is a gazetted recreation reserve. It covers a peninsula of land in the estuary where the Owaka River meets the Catlins River. The land is flat and low-lying, and the dynamic shoreline has been subject to erosion and accretion over the years. In recent years, Council has invested in sea-wall protection on the eastern side.



The reserve contains a mix of native and exotic tree and shrub species, including a number of mature pines. There is a grassed area for which the lease to a local sporting body expired in December 2019. This has been identified as a potential area for future community use. There is also an informal loop track.

The reserve is generally unimproved although there has been some community plantings in places.

Maintenance: Council does not actively maintain this area, however some work in the reserve is undertaken by Probation-supervised community workers.

Development opportunities: This area sees significant use, especially in summer months, and there is potential for community-driven improvements, particularly those that would encourage walking and cycling, and opportunities to improve the natural environment.

Council plans to continue to support community involvement and will consider proposals for future development and use.



Shelter and picnic tables at Pounaweia Playground

POUNAWEA PLAYGROUND AND TENNIS COURT

Description: Pounaweia Playground and Tennis Court are on a gazetted reserve. It occupies a prominent Council-owned section at the junction of Pounaweia Road and Park Lane. It is a spacious area with play equipment situated on raised gravel beds scattered across the grass area. The equipment shows signs of being heavily used.

At the seaward side of the ground is a roofed shelter with an all-weather concrete floor, benches and picnic table.

In the north east corner of the playground is a concrete block public toilet and two rubbish bins.

The tennis courts sit to the north west of the main playground, accessed from Noble Street and via a small a gateway from the playground.

Maintenance: The playground and tennis court are maintained under Council's greenspace contract.

Development: Council plans to continue to maintain, and where appropriate develop/upgrade the existing assets.



POUNAWEA CAMPGROUND

Description: This large area is partly leased for the operation of a campground. Public access through the camp to walking tracks, at all reasonable times is a condition of the lease. The campground adjoins Pounaweia Scenic Reserve, managed by Department of Conservation.

Maintenance: The campground area and buildings are maintained by the lessee. The southern end is maintained under Council's greenspace contract.

Development: Council's intention with camping grounds over time is to enter into longer-term leases for ground only and to sell above ground assets to promote longer-term investment by the lessees. Council will also consider future options for the development and management of the reserve and associated assets.



OCEAN GROVE, POUNAWEA

Description: A small gazetted reserve on a residential street in Pounaweia, Ocean Grove reserve is unimproved except for being partly built on by the adjoining property.

Management: Council has no development plans for this reserve and may review it with a view to potentially revoking the reserve status and disposing of it



4.4 HINA HINA

NAME	DESIGNATION	AREA (M2)
Hina Hina Recreation Reserve	Recreation Reserve	4,047

HINA HINA RECREATION RESERVE

Description: The gazetted recreation reserve at Hina Hina contains the yacht club buildings and a boat ramp.

Management and Maintenance: The Reserve is maintained and managed by the Hina Hina Recreation Reserve Management Committee, which is funded by an annual operating grant from Council. Council may review this arrangement during the life of this plan.

The area is used by the New Zealand Motor Caravan Association (NZMCA) as a members'-only site for short stays by members with fully self-contained campervans.

Development opportunities: Council intends to continue the current use arrangement and has no plans to further develop this reserve.



4.5 JACKS BAY

NAME	DESIGNATION	AREA (M2)
Jacks Bay Reserve	Local Purpose Reserve	7,454

JACKS BAY RESERVE

Description: This roadside reserve is a gazetted reserve which covers the dunes between the road and the beach. The area is unimproved, slightly mounded, and covered in rough vegetation. There are several informal pedestrian access pathways from the road to the beach.

Adjacent to Jacks Bay Reserve, on the road reserve, there are an older wooden picnic table and a domestic swing.

Development opportunities: This reserve is in a sensitive area where marine mammals routinely come ashore and make use of the dunes. Council has no plans to develop this area



View of Jacks Bay Reserve and domestic swing

4.6 PAPTOWAI

NAME	DESIGNATION	AREA (M2)
Papatowai Picnic Area	Council owned land	911
Papatowai Playground	Council owned land	1,628

PAPTOWAI PICNIC AREA

Description: This picnic area is Council owned land, and is not a gazetted reserve. It occupies a residential section accessed from the entry to the adjacent campground and shop. The area is a mixture of grass lawn and is about 50% covered with mainly native small trees and shrubs. There is one old wooden picnic table.

Development opportunities: This area is located next to the Southern Scenic Route in a settlement which sees significant seasonal visitors. There is potential to develop it further as a picnic and rest area with the support of the local community. Picnic furniture could be replaced/updated and waste facilities improved.



PAPTOWAI PLAYGROUND

Description: This playground is on Council owned land and is not a gazetted reserve. It sits on two residential sections that were donated for this purpose by the family in memory of Jim Peterson. A boulder with a plaque and donations box sits near the play equipment. The playground also has a large lawn area and a wooden picnic table.

The equipment is mixed in age and quality. The area is fenced and there is some plantings and a small tree near the play area.

Development opportunities: This playground is a safe area on a relatively quiet street which could be further developed to encourage use by the community and visitors.



CEMETERIES

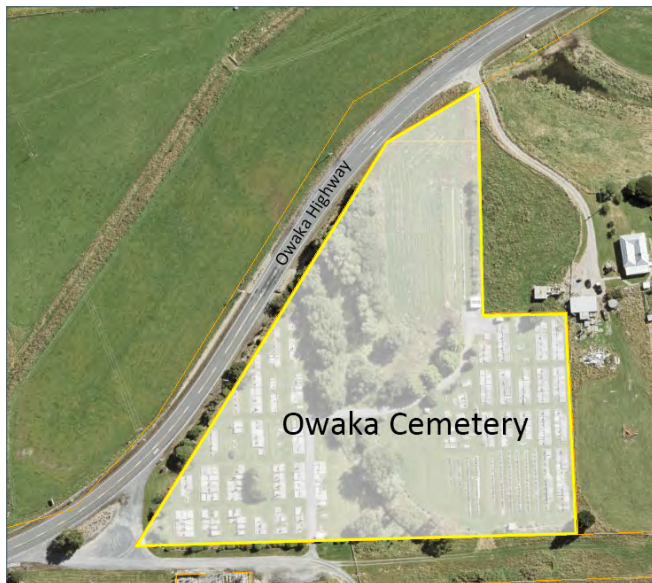
5.0 CEMETERIES

5.1 OWAKA CEMETERY

Owaka cemetery is managed by a group of trustees, supported by financial assistance from Council. The cemetery covers three grassed areas, surrounded by a variety of native and exotic vegetation.

The Owaka Cemetery Trust, with assistance from the Owaka Lions, have erected a kiosk near the main entry containing burial details.

There is one recorded official war grave of the 1914-18 war at this cemetery.



5.2 OTHER CEMETERIES

CHASLANDS CEMETERY (CLOSED)

Chaslands Cemetery is part of the Tautuku Bay Scenic Reserve, administered by the Department of Conservation.

PAPATOWAI CEMETERY

Information about the burials at Papatowai cemetery can be found in the information kiosk at the Owaka cemetery.

PUREKIREKI CEMETERY

Historic Purekireki cemetery is under the control of the Department of Conservation. Information about the burials at this cemetery can be found in the information kiosk at



Owaka cemetery. There is one recorded official war grave of the 1914-18 war at this cemetery. Access is across private land, by permission.

RATANUI CEMETERY (CLOSED)

Ratanui cemetery is closed. Information about the burials at this cemetery can be found in the information kiosk at the Owaka cemetery.

ROMAHAPA CEMETERY

Council manages the historic Romahapa Cemetery (also known as Puerua Cemetery).

APPENDICES

6.0 APPENDICES

6.1. LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS

KEY RESERVE NAME/REFERRED TO AS	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	CLASSIFICATION UNDER THE RESERVES ACT 1977	AREA (M2)	DISTRICT PLAN ZONE AND RESERVE NUMBER
KAKA POINT				
1	Kaka Point Foreshore Playground	1/1, Part Lot 18 Deposited Plan 1183, 1,052 m2 Fee Simple, 1/2, Part Lot 18 Deposited Plan 1183, 30 m2	Council owned land	1,052 Urban Resource Area
2	Tarata Street Playground	Lot 16 DP 18538	Recreation Reserve	1,425 Urban Resource Area.
3	Kaka Point Tennis Courts	Part of: Part Lot 1 DP 18174	Council owned land	approx 6,206 Urban Resource Area
4	Willsher Bay	Sec 3 of 16 Blk VII South Molyneux SD	Recreation Reserve	2,6322 Coastal Resource Area. Reserve R91
OWAKA				
5	Owaka Museum, Information Centre and reserve	Sec 1 SO 379297	Local Purpose (Site for Community Buildings) Reserve	550 Urban Resource Area.
6	Owaka Playground	Pt Sec 133 BLK VIII Glenomaru Survey District Sec 15 SO15698	Council owned land	4,900 Urban Resource Area.
7	Owaka Memorial Community Centre	Sec 126 and 128 BLK VIII Glenomaru Survey District	Community Centre	6,220 Urban Resource Area. Reserve R156
8	Owaka Playcentre	Sec 129 BLK VIII Glenomaru Survey District	Education Purposes	787 Urban Resource Area. Reserve R155
9	Owaka Swimming Pool	Sec 130 BLK VIII Glenomaru Survey District	Council owned land. Leased to Owaka Swimming Pool Committee	10,433 Urban Resource Area.

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10 Owaka Combined Sportsground	155 BLK VIII Glenomaru Survey District	Recreation Reserve	37,820	Rural Resource Area Reserve R438
11 Owaka Combined Sportsground	Sec 3 BLK VIII Glenomaru Survey District	Council owned land	2,226	Rural Resource Area
JACKS BAY				
12 Jacks Bay Reserve	Lot 28 DP 399690	Local Purpose Reserve	7,506	Coastal Resource Area. Reserve R242
PAPATOWAI				
13 Papatowai Playground	Lot 14 and 15 DP 9564	Council owned land	1,628	Rural Settlement Resource Area
14 Papatowai Picnic Area	Sec 60 Town of Papatowai	Council owned land	911	Rural Settlement Resource Area
POUNAWEA				
15 Pounawea Domain	Section 31, 53, 54, 55, 58, 60, 61, 96, 1491R Block VI Glenomaru SD	Recreation Reserve	64,851	Coastal Resource Area Reserve R97
16 Pounawea Playground	Section 66, 67, Block VI Glenomaru SD, and Lot 1 and Lot 4 DP 6377, and Lot 2 DP 25711	Recreation Reserve	4,363	Rural Settlement Resource Area Reserve R96
17 Pounawea Campground	Section 102 Block VO Glenomaru SD	Recreation Reserve	14,100	Coastal Resource Area Reserve R94
18 Ocean Grove, Pounawea	Section 93 Block VI Glenomaru SD	Recreation Reserve	506	Rural Settlement Resource Area Reserve R95
REST OF CATLINS				
19 Hina Hina Recreation Reserve	Lot 1 DP 2981	Recreation Reserve	4,047	Coastal Resource Area Reserve R435
CEMETERIES				
Owaka	Part Section 31 Block VIII Glenomaru SD	Cemetery Reserve	19,830	Rural Resource Area
Papatowai	Section 33 Block IV Tautuku SD	Cemetery Reserve	16,137	Rural Resource Area
Purekireki	Section 13 Blk VIII Warepa SD	Department of Conservation	21,954	Rural Resource Area
Chaslands (closed)	Section 30 Block X Tautuku SD	Scenic Reserve	7,861	Rural Resource Area
Ratanui (closed)	Section 67 and 68 Block VII Woodland SD	Cemetery Reserve	9,367	Rural Resource Area
Romahapa (Puerua)	Section 12 Block II Glenomaru SD	Council owned land	17,604	Rural Resource Area

6.2 LEASES, LICENCES AND CONCESSIONS

LOCATION	KNOWN AS	CONCESSION HOLDER	EXPIRY	LEASE TERM
Waikawa Road, Owaka	Owaka Recreation Reserve	Owaka Combined Sports Bodies Inc	30/6/2027	33 years
Pounaweia Road, Pounaweia	Pounaweia Domain	Pounaweia Pipis Hockey	31/12/2019	3 years
Wilson Road, Pounaweia	Pounaweia Camping Ground	G. R. Maxwell	31/08/2029	20 Years

Council has not issued any licences or concessions on reserves in The Catlins.

6.3 LOCATION OF RESERVES IN THE CATLINS



KEY

- 1 Kaka Point Foreshore Playground
- 2 Tarata Street Playground
- 3 Kaka Point tennis courts
- 4 Willsheer Bay Recreation Reserve
- 5 Owaka Information Centre and Museum Reserve
- 6 Owaka Playground
- 7 Owaka Memorial Community Centre
- 8 Owaka Playcentre
- 9 Owaka Swimming Pool
- 10 Owaka Combined Sportsground
- 11 Pounaweia Recreation Reserve
- 12 Pounaweia Playground and Tennis Court
- 13 Pounaweia Campground
- 14 Ocean Grove, Pounaweia
- 15 Hina Hina Recreation Reserve
- 16 Jacks Bay Reserve
- 17 Papatowai Picnic Area
- 18 Papatowai Playground
- 19 Owaka Cemetery
- 20 Chaslands Cemetery
- 21 Papatowai Cemetery
- 22 Purekireki Cemetery
- 23 Ratanui Cemetery
- 24 Romahapa Cemetery

6.4 RELEVANT DISTRICT PLAN OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

The District Plan will be reviewed during 2019/20. Some aspects of the District Plan may change as a result of this review.

COASTAL RESOURCE AREA

The objective and policies potentially relevant to the development of reserves with an underlying zoning of Coastal Resource Area.

OBJECTIVE COA.1

To preserve the natural character of the coastal environment and protect it from inappropriate subdivision, use and development.

OBJECTIVE COA.2

To recognise the importance of coastal resources to Maori.

OBJECTIVE COA.3

To avoid or mitigate the adverse effects that natural hazards and in particular sea level rise may have on the natural and physical resources of the District.

OBJECTIVE COA.4

To protect the outstanding natural features and landscapes of the Districts coastline from inappropriate subdivision, use and development.

OBJECTIVE COA.5

To maintain and enhance public access to and along the District coastline, only restricting such access in accordance with the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement.

POLICY COA.1

To ensure the subdivision, use and development of the coast and in particular, buildings and structures avoids,

remedies, or mitigates any adverse effects on:

- natural character values
- outstanding natural features and landscapes
- amenity values of the coast
- the safety of the public
- the enjoyment of the coast by the public

POLICY COA.2

To manage the subdivision, use and development of the Coastal Resource Area to ensure adverse effects are avoided as far as practicable and that where complete avoidance is not practicable, that adverse effects are mitigated or provision is made for remedying those effects.

POLICY COA.3

To ensure that the adverse effects that activities can have on:

- areas of indigenous vegetation and
- areas of indigenous fauna habitat and
- estuaries, wetlands, waterbodies and their margins and sand dunes

within the coastal resource area are avoided, remedied or mitigated.

POLICY COA.4

To ensure that the subdivision, use and development of the Coastal Resource Area avoids, as far as practicable, the adverse effects of sea level rise by adopting the best available international estimate of sea level rise.

POLICY COA.6

To maintain and enhance public access to and along the coast while ensuring adverse effects on

- natural character
- cultural values

- wildlife
- dunes, wetlands, and indigenous vegetation ecosystems

are avoided, remedied or mitigated

RURAL RESOURCE AREA

The objective and policies potentially relevant to the development of reserves with an underlying zoning of Urban Resource Area are:

OBJECTIVE RRA.1

To provide a management framework for the rural environment that promotes the sustainable management of the resources of the District.

POLICY RRA.2

To ensure that the adverse effects that activities can have on the soil resource including the adverse effects of:

- Erosion
- Instability

- Nutrient loss
- Soil contamination
- Soil compaction

are avoided, remedied or mitigated.

RURAL SETTLEMENT RESOURCE AREA

The objective and policies potentially relevant to the development of reserves with an underlying zoning of Rural Settlement Resource Area

OBJECTIVE RST.1

To maintain the low density and quiet amenity values of rural settlements.

OBJECTIVE RST.2

To promote the sustainable management of public services developed in rural settlements.

OBJECTIVE RST.3

To take into account the fact that some natural features may migrate inland as the result of dynamic coastal processes when considering subdivision, use and development of rural settlements located in the coastal environment.

POLICY RST.3

To avoid, remedy or mitigate the adverse effects that activities can have on the amenity values of rural settlements.

URBAN RESOURCE AREA

The objective and policies potentially relevant to the development of reserves with an underlying zoning of Urban Resource Area are:

OBJECTIVE URB.1

To manage the development of the urban area in order to:

- provide a framework which enables people and communities to provide for their social, economic and cultural wellbeing, and their health and safety, while
- maintaining and where possible enhancing the environmental quality of particular environments within the urban area, and
- avoiding, remedy or mitigating any adverse effects on the natural and physical resources of the Urban Resource Area.

POLICY URB.1

To avoid, remedy or mitigate the adverse effects that activities can have on existing amenity levels of the District's Urban areas