

Rārangitake o Te Kāhui Matauraura

Iwi Liaison Committee Agenda

Rāapa 24 Paenga-whāwhā 2024, 10 am

Wednesday 24 April 2024, 10 am

Council Chamber, Albion Street, Hāwera



Pūrongo Whaitikanga

Governance Information

Ngā Mema o te Komiti / Committee Members

Mayor Phil Nixon (Chairperson)
Deputy Mayor Robert Northcott (Deputy Chairperson)
Councillor Andy Beccard
Councillor Aarun Langton
Councillor Tuteri Rangihaeata

Te Kāhui o Rauru

Marty Davis
Hinewai Katene

Te Kāhui o Taranaki

Peter Moeahu
Wharehoka Wano

Te Korowai o Ngāruahine

Ngaraina Brooks
Ferinica Hawe-Foreman

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui

Ngapari Nui
Turangapito Parata
Graham Young

Ngā Mahi o ngā Komiti / Role of the Committee

The Iwi Liaison Committee's role is to enhance the relationship between Iwi and Council.

- The Committee comprises the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, the Chairman of the Environment and Hearings Committee, one other councillor and two representatives from each of the four recognised Iwi of South Taranaki – Ngāti Ruanui, Ngā Rauru Kiihahi, Ngā Hapū o Ngāruahine and Taranaki. Each Iwi can appoint two members to attend the Iwi Liaison Committee but has one vote on the Committee.
- The Committee is delegated the power to grant funds from the Tangata Whenua Liaison Fund within the purpose of the Local Government Act 2002. A sum of \$50,000 is allocated by the Council to the Committee each financial year.
- Other than the Tangata Whenua Liaison Fund the Committee makes recommendations to the Council for it to consider and make decisions on.

He Karere Haumarū / Health and Safety Message

In the event of an emergency, please follow the instructions of Council staff.

If there is an earthquake – drop, cover and hold where possible. Please remain where you are until further instruction is given.

He Pānga Whakararu / Conflicts of Interest

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as an elected member and any private or other external interest they might have.

Huinga Tāngata / Attendance Register

Date	16/11/22	31/01/23	15/03/23	26/04/23	07/06/23	19/07/23	30/08/23	11/10/23	22/11/23	22/11/23
Meeting	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
Phil Nixon	√	√	√	√	A	√	NQ	√	√	√
Robert Northcott	A	√	√	√	√	√	NQ	√	√	√
Andy Beccard	√	√	A	√	√	√	NQ	√	√	√
Aarun Langton	√	√	√	√	√	√	NQ	√	√	√
Tuteri Rangihaeata	√	A	A	√	√	A	NQ	A	√	X
Marty Davis	X	X	√	A	A	X	NQ	A	X	A
Hinewai Katene	X	X	A	X	A	AO	NQ	AO	A	AO
Peter Moeahu	-	-	-	-	-	-	NQ	√	√	√
Wharehoka Wano	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	AO
Ngaraina Brooks	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	√
Ferinica Hawe-Foreman	X	√	√	X	√	X	NQ	√	√	√
Ngapari Nui	A	X	A	A	A	√	NQ	√	√	X
Turangapito Parata	√	X	√	√	√	√	NQ	√	X	X
Graham Young	√	X	√	√	√	√	NQ	√	√	A

Key

√	Attended
AO	Attended Online
-	Was not required to attend
A	Apology
Y	Attended but didn't have to attend
X	Did not attend - no apology
NQ	No Quorum

Types of Meetings

O	Ordinary Meeting
E	Extraordinary Meeting

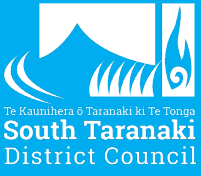


Rārangi Take Agenda

Rārangi Take o Te Kāhui Matauraura Rāapa 24 Paenga-whāwhā 2024 at 10 am Wednesday 24 April 2024 at 10 am

1. **Karakia**
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9. **Karakia**

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday 5 June 2024 – Council Chamber, Albion Street, Hāwera
Elected Members’ Deadline: Wednesday 22 May 2024



Karakia

1. Karakia



Matakore Apologies

2. Matakore / Apologies

Leave of Absence: *The Board may grant a member leave of absence following an application from that member. Leave of absences will be held in the Public Excluded section of the meeting.*



Ngā Whakaputanga Declarations of Interest

3. Tauākī Whakarika / Declarations of Interest

Notification from elected members of:

- a) Any interests that may create a conflict with their role as an elected member relating to the items of business for this meeting; and
- b) Any interests in items in which they have a direct or indirect pecuniary interest as provided for in the Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968.

Declarations of Interest: *Notification from elected members of: Any interests that may create a conflict with their role as an elected member relating to the items of business for this meeting; and Any interests in items in which they have a direct or indirect pecuniary interest as provided for in the Local Authorities (Members' Interests) Act 1968*



Whakatakoto Kaupapa Whānui, Whakaaturanga hoki **Open Forum and Presentations**

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4. Whakatakoto Kaupapa Whānui, Whakaaturanga hoki / Open Forum and Presentations

The Council has set aside time for members of the public to speak in the public forum at the commencement of each Council, Committee and Community Board meeting (up to 10 minutes per person/organisation) when these meetings are open to the public. Permission of the Mayor or Chairperson is required for any person wishing to speak at the public forum.



Ngā Menīti Komiti Committee Minutes

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To	Te Kāhui Matauraura
Date	24 April 2024
Subject	Te Kāhui Matauraura – 13 March 2024

(This report shall not be construed as policy until adopted by full Council)

Whakarāpopoto Kāhui Kahika / Executive Summary

1. Te Kāhui Matauraura met on 13 March 2024. Te Kāhui Matauraura is being asked to adopt their minutes from 13 March 2024 as a true and correct record.
2. There were no recommendations within the minutes for the Council to consider.

Taunakitanga / Recommendation

THAT Te Kāhui Matauraura adopt the minutes of their meeting held on 13 March 2024 as a true and correct record.



Menīti Minutes

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Ngā Take Mēniti o te Kāhui Matauraura Te Kāhui Matauraura

Council Chamber, Albion Street, Hāwera on Wednesday 13 March 2024 at 10.20 am.

Kanohi Kītea / Present: Mayor Phil Nixon, Deputy Mayor Robert Northcott, Councillors Andy Beccard and Aaron Langton, Hinewai Katene *online* (Te Kāhui o Rauru), Peter Moeahu and Wharehoka Wano *online* (Te Kāhui o Taranaki), Ngaraina Brooks and Ferinica Hawe-Foreman (Te Korowai o Ngāruahine).

Ngā Taenga-Ā-Tinana / In Attendance: Fiona Aitken (Chief Executive), Liam Dagg (Group Manager Environmental Services), Gordon Campbell (Corporate Planner), Sam Greenhill (Governance Officer), Cath Sheard (Libraries and Cultural Services Manager) and Phil Waite (Operations Manager – Properties and Facilities).

Matakore / Apologies: Marty Davis (Te Kāhui o Rauru) and Graham Young (Te Runanga o Ngāti Ruanui).

MŌTINI / RESOLUTION

(Cr Langton/Cr Beccard)

08/24 TKM **THAT** the apologies from Marty Davis (Te Kāhui o Rauru) and Graham Young (Te Runanga o Ngāti Ruanui) be received.

TAUTOKO / CARRIED

1. Whakatakoto Kaupapa Whānui, Whakaaturanga hoki / Open Forum and Presentations

1.1 Regional Aquatics Network Plan – Phil Waite

Background was provided on the Regional Aquatics Network Plan (the Plan). It was noted that there was a Taranaki Regional Sport and Recreation Group (the Group) that was working on the Plan. A review of equestrian facilities had been completed and the plan for this was now available. The next plan to be formed was the review of the aquatic facilities across the region. It was hoped that the Plan would capture the needs of all users of aquatic facilities. It was also hoped that the Plan would help to understand the challenges of the workforce. Included in the review were community pools, school pools, professionally run pools, therapy pools and retirement pools. There was not a focus on natural bodies of water at this time.

The project was being managed by the Active Places Spaces lead and overseen by a project team which included two members from South Taranaki. A specialist planning consultant

had been appointed to develop the Plan. The project would start with research before the plan was developed. It was hoped that the working group would include Iwi representation.

In response to a query regarding the working group it was noted that it would be a short term group and the position would be voluntary. It was noted that the Plan was not all facilities and rather just focused on aquatic facilities. In response to a query regarding the proposed aquatic development in New Plymouth it was noted that this would be considered as part of the development of the Plan.

In response to a query regarding the providing of information it was noted that a list had collated of all known aquatic facilities in the District. It was noted that the most urgent need was to have enough lifeguards to continue opening the current aquatic facilities in the District. It was queried if the Council provided training and certification for those wanting to be a lifeguard. It was noted that the Council runs several workshops for people to obtain their training which was at no cost to the participants.

There were concerns raised regarding regional facilities being skewed to the northern part of the region.

1.2 Trade Waste Bylaw – Gordon Campbell

The Trade Waste Bylaw (the Bylaw) was currently open for consultation. The Bylaw first came into effect in 2017 and was required to be reviewed after five years. The review should have been carried out in July 2022 however this did not occur. After obtaining advice it was highlighted that the review needed to be completed before the review date. The new Bylaw needed to be in place by 30 June 2024. The draft Bylaw was out for consultation with a consultation period of two months. It was noted that the new Bylaw was similar to the old bylaw with minor changes. Following a request from the Trade Waste Officer a clause had been included allowing permitted activities being assessed to ensure they fit within the category.

2. Whakaaetia ngā Menīti / Confirmation of Minutes

2.1 Te Kāhui Matauraura Committee held on 31 January 2024.

The Te Reo Policy was being presented to the Policy and Strategy Committee on Monday 18 March.

In response to a query regarding the Tuia Rangatahi Leadership Programme it was noted that there had not been any interest in the opportunity. It was hoped that Mayor Nixon would have a Tuia for 2024.

MŌTINI / RESOLUTION

(Deputy Mayor Northcott/Mrs Brooks)

09/24 TKM **THAT the minutes of Te Kāhui Matauraura meeting held on 31 January 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.**

TAUTOKO / CARRIED

3. Ngā Take Kawea / Items for Action

3.1 Naming of Pilot Station Road

It was queried if there had been any progress on the naming of Pilot Station Road. It was noted that Land Information New Zealand and one other ministry had been contacted. There had been no further response as to whether the name change was legal or informal.

4. Pūrongo-Whakamārama / Information Reports

4.1 Community Development Activity Report

The report provided an update on progress with community development projects and activities across the District and other items of interest.

In response to a query regarding the RoadSafe Taranaki events held in conjunction with the police it was noted that the New Zealand Police was one of the stakeholders of RoadSafe Taranaki. In terms of the road stops the police would pull the drivers over which allowed the RoadSafe Taranaki staff to speak with the drivers.

Clarification on the Hāwera skatepark basketball hoop was provided noting that the replacement of the backboard was also included in the competition.

MŌTINI / RESOLUTION

(Cr Beccard/Cr Langton)

10/24 TKM THAT Te Kāhui Matauraura receives the Community Development Activity Report.

TAUTOKO / CARRIED

4.2 Environmental Services Activity Report

The report provided updates on activities relating to the Environmental Services group for the month of January 2024.

It was highlighted that there had been a downward trend in the number of building and resource consents, the report did not include figures for February, however this trend continued. The request for a proposal document for the Regional Organics Processing Facility was in the final stages of development. Once released the document would be discussed with the Chief Executives of each Iwi. Resources had been dedicated to waste minimisation and marae would be a focus as part of this work.

In response to a request for clarification regarding figures for the building consents it was noted that the final column included the year to date figures, however the columns did not add up as they were only reporting the most recent months. A comparative was also provided for the same time in the previous financial year.

In response to a query regarding fly tipping it was noted that it would be nice to see more infringements being issued in this space.

It was queried what the criteria for over grown trees on private properties was. It was noted that it depended on where the tree was. A complaint would be received through the customer services team and either the Environmental Officer or the Roding Team would investigate the issue. Overgrown trees and sections were dealt with as a customer request and assigned to an officer to investigate. Any overgrown property would be referred to the Environmental Health Officer if there was a risk of attracting vermin and Fire Emergency New Zealand would be involved if there was a fire hazard involved.

It was queried if the Council covered the costs of the removal of abandoned vehicles. The Council covered the costs of removal, however attempts were made to recover the costs where the owner of the vehicle was known. It was noted that there was a yearly impact on the ratepayers where costs could not be recovered.

MŌTINI / RESOLUTION

(Mrs Brooks/Cr Beccard)

11/24 TKM THAT Te Kāhui Matauraura receives the Environmental Services Activity Report.

TAUTOKO / CARRIED

5. Take Whānui / General Issues

5.1 Extraordinary Council Meeting - Purpose to consider a proposed District Plan change for consultation

It was noted that members of Te Kāhui Matauraura had received an invitation to attend the Extraordinary Council - Purpose to consider a proposed District Plan change for consultation meeting. It was noted that the invitation had been extended as a courtesy as part of Ngā Kaitiaki as the papakāinga plan change was being considered. Mr Moeahu noted that he was satisfied with what had been presented to date.

**Ko te wā whakamutunga 11.10 am o te ata.
Meeting closed at 11.10 am.**

(Ko te rangi / dated this)

(te rā o / day of)

2024.

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TIAMANA / CHAIRPERSON



Ngā Take Kawea

Items for Action

Reference/Source Committee/Meeting Date	Matters Arising	Group Responsible	Department (Team)	Update	Project Deadline
Te Kahui Matauraura 11/10/2023	Te Reo Policy The draft update of the Council's Te Reo Maori Policy was presented to Te Kahui Matauraura. Te Kahui Matauraura are to provide feedback at its next meeting on 22 November 2023.	Corporate Services	Policy and Governance Manager	This Policy will be presented to Policy and Strategy on 18 March 2024. Te Reo Policy was approved by Council on 3 April. This item can now be removed.	18/03/2024
Te Kahui Matauraura 22/11/2023	Trade Waste Bylaw The Council adopted its Trade Waste Bylaw in 2017. Under section 158(1) of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA 2002), a new bylaw must be reviewed no later than five years after the date on which it was made. The review must be completed by 30 June 2024.	Corporate Services	Policy and Governance Manager	The Council's Trade Waste Bylaw is due for a review and renewal. A copy of the Bylaw has been forwarded to the PSGEs for review and feedback. An update was provided to TKM at their previous hui.	30/06/2024
Te Kahui Matauraura 22/11/2023	Ngā Kaitiaki Project The Ngā Kaitiaki group have been working collaboratively on proposed plan changes to the South Taranaki District Plan.	Environmental Services		Council approved the District Plan Change 3 (Papakāinga) and was put up for public notification on Monday 15 April for consultation until Monday 13 May. The Ngā Kaitiaki group will reconvene for the next stage of the Business Park Plan Change.	30/06/2024
Te Kahui Matauraura 22/11/2023	Naming of Pilot Station Road Pilot Station Road was originally known as Lower Kaharoa Road. Concerns were raised around the historical process that was followed to change the road name.	Corporate Services	Policy and Governance Manager	Council Staff are investigating the history of the name change and the process to have it reverted back. LINZ have confirmed that they would not oppose the changing of Pilot Station Road to Lower Kahora Road. It is recommended that a Road Naming application is completed so that the process to rename the road can begin.	13/11/2024



Pūrongo-Whakamārama Information Report

To	Te Kāhui Matauraura
From	Kaiaratahi Ratonga Hapori / Group Manager Community Services, Rob Haveswood
Date	24 April 2024
Subject	Community Development Activity Report

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Whakarāpopoto Kāhui Kahika / Executive Summary

1. This report updates Te Kāhui Matauraura on progress with community development projects and activities across the District and other items of interest.

Taunakitanga / Recommendation

THAT Te Kāhui Matauraura receives the Community Development Activity Report.

Ngā Kawenga-ā-rohe / District Activities

RoadSafe Taranaki

2. RoadSafe Taranaki ran their last Fatigue Stop for the financial year on Thursday 28 March at Bratwurst Bros in Uruti, and targeted those travelling for Easter Weekend. The Fatigue stop ran from from 4 pm to 10 pm.
3. Vests and a “Safety on the School Bus” brochure have been delivered to every school in the region. Rural schools with bus students can also request vests for their students that have to wait on rural roads.
4. A Snakes and Ladders game printed on corflute is being delivered to every primary school across the region as we try to start road safety education at an early age.
5. The RoadSafe Taranaki Advanced Driver Training weekend aimed at 16 to 25 year olds will be held at the Egmont A&P Showgrounds in Hāwera on Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 April.

State Highway Design – Eltham and Waverley

6. The draft Government Policy Statement, released in late February 2024, is currently under review, with feedback expected to conclude in April. This review process may influence the progress of the planned works in Eltham and Waverley.

Civil Defence

7. At the end of March more than 48% of permanent Council staff have received Emergency Management training at Foundation level or higher, and those with Emergency Operations Center (EoC) roles have either completed role specific training or training opportunities are being investigated. During March a desktop exercise tested the Council's processes for Rapid Building Assessments after an event, and this was followed by Building Control staff going out into the field to practise using the forms and red sticker system. South Taranaki staff were joined by Stratford District Council staff for this exercise in capacity building. Emergency Management staff have been working with geographical information systems (GIS) staff on assessing slip and fire risks, and this is helping inform decision making around risk reduction and readiness.
8. Staff are in the final stages of developing a Community Resilience template, based on a document shared by Bay of Plenty District Council which is considered a 'best practice' document. Coffee and chat style meetings have been booked at two LibraryPlus in April and May, to begin working with interested community members on the development of Community Resilience Plans.

Te Takiwā o te Hāwera / Hāwera Ward

Hāwera Skatepark Designs

9. EmpowerYouth ran a design competition for a mural on the blank wall at the Hāwera skatepark. Mayor Phil Nixon will judge the entries, determining the winning design to be used. This will compliment the skateboard artwork and is planned to be installed at the end of 2024.
10. Grays Painting Contractors have generously volunteered to pre-paint the mural's canvas, ensuring it is ready for the selected design. Additionally, they will apply a clear, graffiti-safe coating upon completion, further enhancing the longevity of the artwork for the community to enjoy. Their contribution reflects their commitment to enhancing community spaces and supporting local initiatives.

Normanby Recreation Centre

11. Work at the Normanby Recreation Centre to enhance its front entrance by asphaltting and cleaning up the area, is now complete, giving a cleaner look and facilitating future photo opportunities for events like weddings. This project was funded by Te Hāwera Community Board.

Te Takiwā o Pātea / Pātea Ward

Pātea Loop Track

12. On Tuesday 28 February 2024, Pātea's new Loop Track officially opened after eight months of development. It was marked by a traditional blessing led by Ngāti Ruanui kaumatua. The pathway caters to pedestrians, joggers and cyclists, offering two options: a 5 km or a 3.5 km loop.

Pātea Saltmarsh

13. The Environment and Sustainability team has been actively monitoring the saltmarsh and is exploring options to fence sections to facilitate the planting of flora for restoration purposes. Plant species will be selected in collaboration with Iwi and saltmarsh specialists, who will give guidance on the key species for planting.

Pātea Town Revitalisation

14. In the recent Pātea Town Revitalisation co-design hui, the co-design group decided to reverse the decision to allocate funding towards tiling and pavements on Egmont Street. Additionally, the group acknowledged the need for additional discussion time and will arrange for this before each future hui.

Egmont Street, Pātea – Speed Cushion

15. In response to a petition advocating for enhanced safety measures on Egmont Street in Pātea, a proposal has been developed to install a series of speed cushions and a raised crossing platform.
16. Consultation documentation to gather feedback on the proposal was distributed to the Pātea community through a letterbox drop and was also made available online from 9 February to 1 March.
17. A report to decide whether the Council will approve the installation of such safety measures was presented at the Ordinary Council meeting on 3 April for decision making. The report was approved by the Council.

Wairoa-Iti / Waverley Town Revitalisation

18. The Waverley Town Revitalisation co-design group met on Tuesday 19 March 2024, to discuss upcoming plans. A focus of the group is to create a roadmap guiding decisions to meet the community's priorities. At the hui, the group discussed the LibraryPlus concept development, the Waverley Town Belt and reviewed the Waverley Masterplan, initially presented to the Council in 2019.

Waverley Pump Track

19. Designs for a pump track, sourced from a specialist in pump track design, are currently being procured through a tender process.

Te Takiwā o Arakamu ki Kaponga / Eltham-Kaponga Ward

Eltham Town Revitalisation

20. As part of the Eltham Town Revitalisation vision, various features such as bollards, lamp posts, bins and seats in Eltham will undergo repainting. The tender process for this project closed at the end of February. Approved contractors have been selected, and agreements have been signed to initiate the work.

21. To minimise disruption, the repainting work will be conducted off-site. Removal is scheduled for early April, and reinstallation is anticipated in May. Temporary replacement rubbish bins will be provided during this period.
22. The elements will be painted using colours that correspond to the newly designed wayfinding signage. These signs will be strategically placed in key areas once the group finalise the naming conventions.
23. Following the installation of the Pou informational sign to share its story, seating is being investigated at Bridger Park to enhance its appeal as a destination for visitors.
24. Continued efforts are underway to determine the accurate positioning of points of interest on the heritage map displayed on the Stark Park Sign. The map will undergo a redesign to incorporate previous historical information, which will be updated and included in Stark Park following its development.

Kaponga Town Hall

25. Renovation of the accessible restroom at Kaponga Town Hall has been completed.

Te Takiwā o Taranaki ki Tai / Taranaki Coastal Ward

Ōpunakē Town Revitalisation

26. A Special Consultative Procedure (SCP) is planned to gather community feedback on the proposal to create a green space/pedestrian mall on Napier Street. A report to initiate the SCP was presented at the Ordinary Council meeting on 3 April. The report was approved by the Council.

Beach Connected Pathways

27. In mid-March, the upgrade of the beach pathway in Ōpunakē, known as the "goat track," commenced. This upgrade was planned due to deteriorated steps, and slippery, steep areas caused by erosion. This upgrade will improve connectivity by extending the path at both the top and bottom, offering clear directions to and from the trail. The project is now complete.

Ōpunakē Pump Track

28. A groundbreaking blessing ceremony was conducted on 25 March to mark the beginning of construction for the Ōpunakē pump track. Construction of the pump track is set to begin in April, with the expected duration of the works being four weeks, depending on weather conditions.

Pūtea Tautoko / Funding

Council Funding Round Dates for 2024

Council Fund	Open	Close	Focus Area
Local Discretionary Fund	8 January 12 February 25 March 6 May 17 June 29 July 9 September	12 February 25 March 6 May 17 June 29 July 9 September 14 October	Local community projects meeting the criteria as set by the individual Community Boards as per their application forms.
Creative Communities Scheme	8 February and 30 July	7 March and 30 August	Local arts projects meeting the criteria of broad community involvement, diversity, or young people.
Community Initiatives Fund	1 July	30 July	The purpose of the Community Initiatives Fund is to support community activities, initiatives, programmes, projects, and facilities that can demonstrate a positive contribution to the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of the local community.
Sport NZ Rural Travel Fund	13 February and 2 September	12 March and 1 October	Travel costs for regular, local sports competitions.
Waimate Development Levy	3 April and 18 September	3 May and 18 October	The development or maintenance of public assets that are located on Council owned property or reserves in the Waimate area.
Rural Hall Grant	30 June	29 September	Eligible applicants are notified directly.
Community Surveillance System Fund	30 June	29 September	Eligible applicants are notified directly.
Pātea Centennial Bursary	1 November	30 November	Pātea residents over the age of 15 years enrolling in part, or full-time tertiary study in 2023.



Rob Haveswood

**Kaiarataki Ratonga Hapori /
Group Manager Community Services**



Pūrongo-Whakamārama Information Report

To	Te Kāhui Matauraura
From	Tuarua Kaiarataki Taiao / Group Manager Environmental Services, Liam Dagg
Date	24 April 2024
Subject	Environmental Services Activity Report

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Whakarāpopoto Kāhui Kahika / Executive Summary

1. This report updates Te Kāhui Matauraura on activities relating to the Environmental Services Group (the Group) for the month of February 2024.
2. The Group is comprised of four business units:
 - a) Planning and Development;
 - b) Quality Assurance;
 - c) Regulatory Services; and
 - d) Environment and Sustainability.
3. The first part of the report goes through the operational activities for each of the business units. The second part of the report provides an update on key projects and programmes.
4. Key points to note for the month of February:
 - a) There is some increase in consenting activity for both building and resource consents.
 - b) There was a decrease in noise complaints which represents a return to 'normal' statistics from peaks seen in December and January.

Taunakitanga / Recommendation

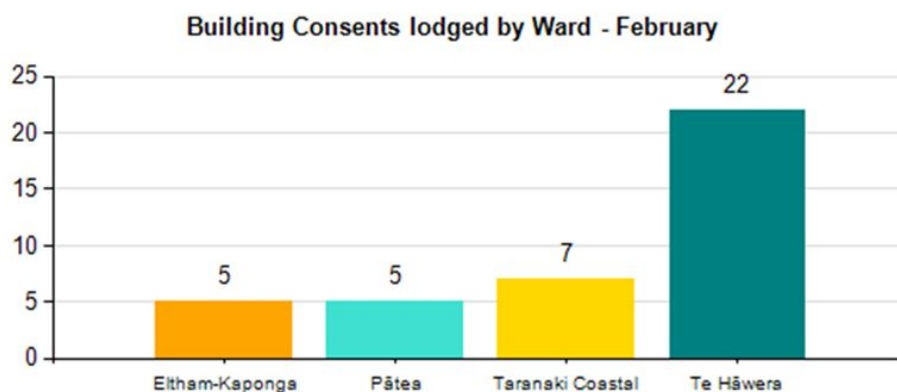
THAT Te Kāhui Matauraura receives the Environmental Services Activity Report.

Ratonga Hanga Whare / Building Control Services

5. Below are the statistics for Building Consents.

Application Activity	February 2024	January 2024	February 2023	YTD From 1 July 2023
Building Consents				
Lodged	39	30	43	305
Issued	47	24	39	299
Issued within statutory timeframe	68.1%	62.5%	84.6%	71.6%
Inspections	209	184	190	1704
Value	\$6,417,925.00	\$5,292,400.00	\$9,168,500.00	\$30,842,760.00

6. There has been a slight increase in consents lodged and a significant increase in consents issued compared to January. Compliance with statutory timeframes is slowly improving. The value of building works has increased by almost 20% since January.



7. Te Hāwera Ward saw the most building activity across the four wards. New dwelling lodgements are picking up again, with activity across all four wards.

Building Consents lodged by Type – February

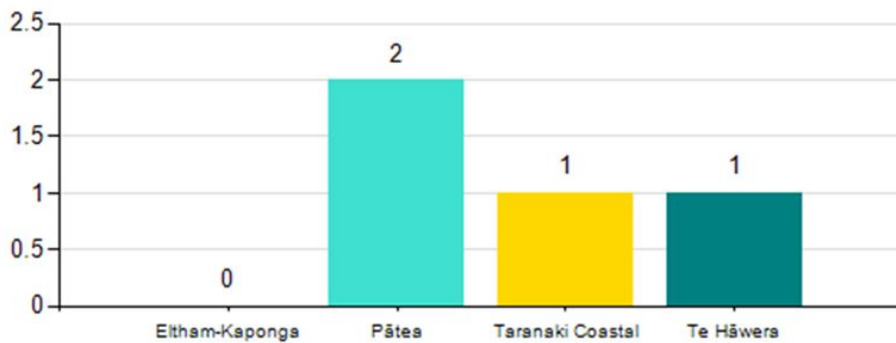
Category	Activity	Eltham-Kaponga	Pātea	Taranaki Coastal	Te Hāwera	Total
Commercial	Additions/Alterations				1	1
	Amendment	1		1	1	3
	New Construction				1	1
	Sub Total	1		1	3	5
Residential	Additions/Alterations			1	3	4
	Amendment		2		4	6
	Fire	2	2	1	4	9
	New Construction	1		1	2	4
	New Dwelling	1	1	2	5	9
	Relocation			1	1	2
Sub Total	4	5	6	19	34	
Total		5	5	7	22	39

Ratonga Whakamahere Taiao / Planning Services

8. Below are the statistics for Resource Consents.
9. Similar to building consents, resource consent lodgements are showing an increase in January, in particular subdivisions. Subdivision produced across three of the four wards.

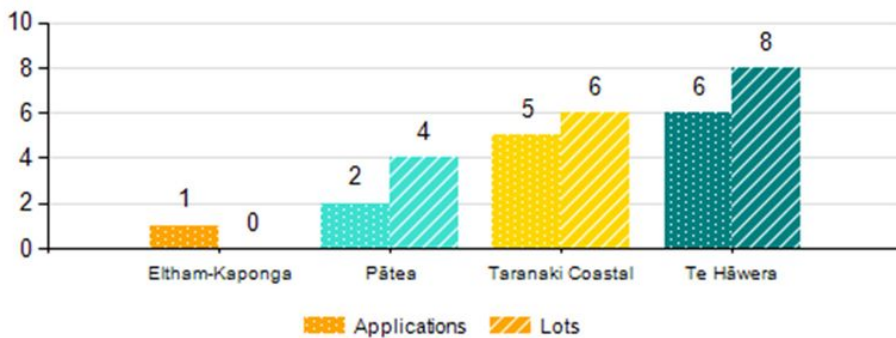
Application Activity	February 2024	January 2024	February 2023	YTD From 1 July 2023
Lodged	18	7	21	100
Granted	19	6	14	87
Issued within statutory timeframe	78.9%	100.0%	92.9%	89.7%

Land Use Resource Consents lodged - February



Category	February 2024	January 2024	February 2023	YTD From 1 July 2023
Land Use Change of Condition	1			5
Land Use General	3	3	8	35
Subdivision	12	4	13	56
Subdivision Change of Condition	2			4

Lot Yield from Subdivision - February



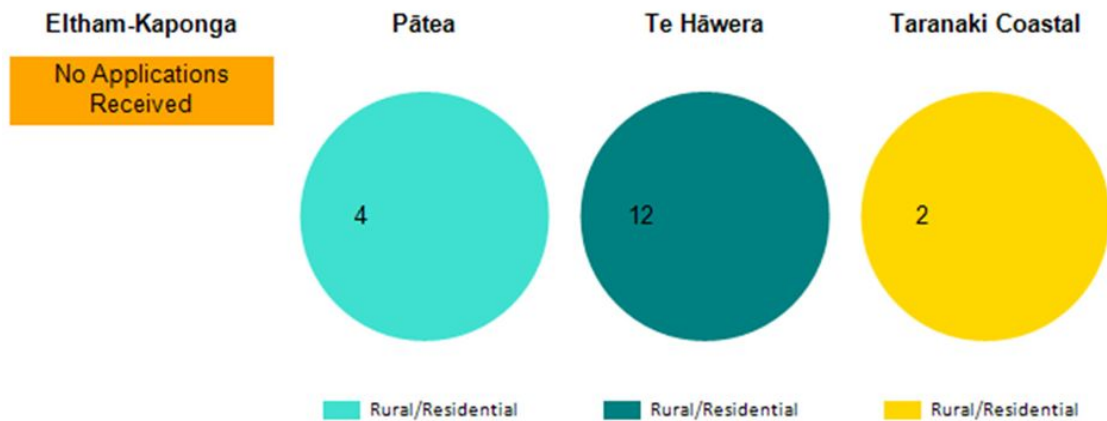
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10. Below are the statistics for Land Information Memorandum (LIMs) applications received in February 2024.

LIM Applications	February 2024	January 2024	February 2023	YTD From 1 July 2023
Lodged	18	14	14	115

11. LIMs for residential and rural properties have been the most frequently applied for type, with no commercial/industrial applications in February. Te Hāwera Ward has seen the most activity compared to other wards.

LIM Applications by Ward – February



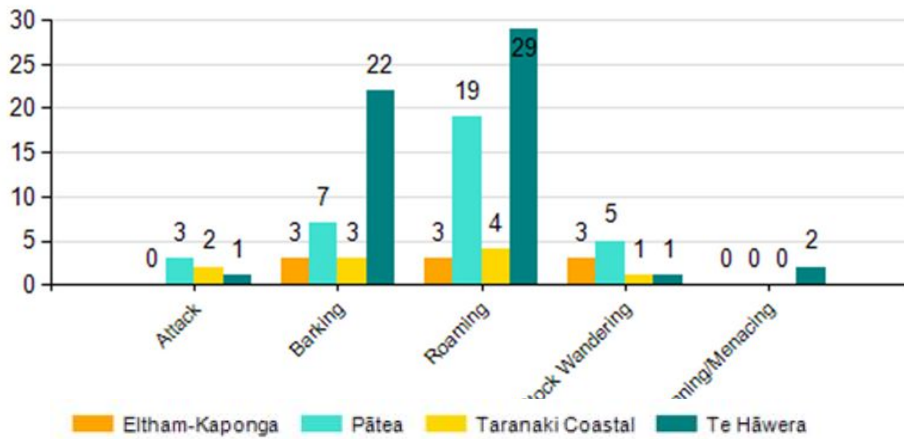
Ratonga Waeture / Regulatory Services

12. Below are the statistics for Customer Service Requests relating to animals.

Service Animals	Requests	February 2024	January 2024	February 2023	YTD From 1 July 2023
Attack		6	3	3	35
Barking		35	37	17	234
Roaming		55	44	58	394
Stock Wandering		10	10	5	77
Threatening/Menacing		2	3	4	24

13. The team is responding to and trying to address the re-emergence of the “two town trend”, which is seeing a high number of animal callouts in both Hāwera and Pātea.

Animal Statistics per Ward - February

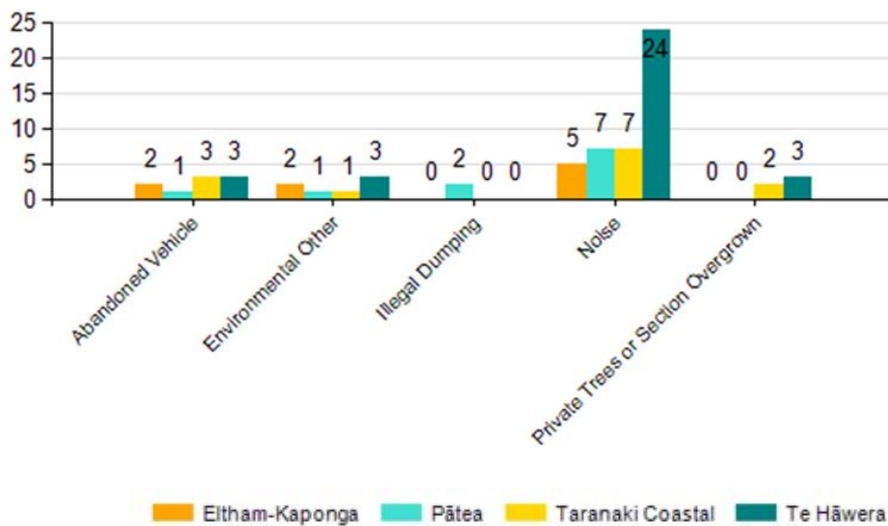


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14. Below are the statistics for Customer Requests relating to other regulatory compliance matters. Of note is the decrease in noise complaints signalling the end of the festive season. There was a low level of compliance activity across all four wards with the one exception being Te Hāwera when it comes to noise callouts.

Service Compliance	Requests	February 2024	January 2024	February 2023	YTD From 1 July 2023
Abandoned Vehicle		9	13	10	70
Environmental Other		7	3	15	46
Illegal Dumping		2	3	5	26
Noise		43	80	48	451
Private Trees or Section Overgrown		5	6	3	36

Compliance Statistics per Ward - February



15. Below are the details of current prosecutions:

Prosecution Type	Ward	Outcome
Dog Attack on Human	Taranaki Coastal	Ongoing – First appearance on 19 January 2024. The next appearance to be confirmed.

Rautaki Kaupapa me ngā Hōtaka / Strategic Projects and Programmes

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Regional Organics Processing Facility

16. The request for proposal documentation is in the final stages of being signed off and will be sent out to the four short-listed companies soon. It is expected that the request for proposal stage will be completed by July/August 2024.

Reforestation Project

17. The Reforestation Coordinator has assessed most of the Council's land for its suitability for the project and has identified a shortfall. Whether council looks at additional land purchasing, or partners with other stakeholders to make up the shortfall is the next stage of enquiry.

Waste Minimisation

18. A communication plan is being prepared before we start engaging with the priority business waste sectors. The Resource Wise Business Programme developed by the Tauranga City Council (TCC), which was developed to assist businesses in improving their resources and reducing waste to landfill. The programme can be tailored to suit the local community and branded under South Taranaki District Council for a very small fee.
19. A successful 'Wasted with Kate' public workshop was held on 6 March at TSB Hub with 40 members of the public attending, very positive feedback was received. The team is looking to bring Kate back in September for more sessions including tips and tricks for the new food scraps bin which South Taranaki District Council are using from October.

District Plan Changes

20. A pre-hearing meeting has been held with Todd Energy and the Submitter (Taranaki Energy Watch) to discuss points of difference. While there were 28 points within the submission, this has been narrowed to less than 5 technical points. These are what were discussed last week with our risk experts. The second pre-hearing is scheduled for April.
21. The decision to recommend notifying this plan change went to the Council on 13 March. The notification date will align with Council's rates notice/newsletter distributions, so that this mail out can be used as a communication tool.



Liam Dagg

**Tuarua Kaiarataki Taiao /
Group Manager Environmental Services**



Pūrongo-Whakamārama Information Report

To	Te Kāhui Matauraura
From	Pouhautū Rautaki me te Whaitikanga / Head of Strategy and Governance, Becky Wolland and Te Tumuaki Whakamana Pakihi / Head of Business Enablement, Vipul Mehta
Date	24 April 2024
Subject	Corporate Services Activity Report

(This report shall not be construed as policy until adopted by full Council)

Whakarāpopoto Kāhui Kahika / Executive Summary

1. This report updates Te Kāhui Matauraura on activities across the District relating to the Corporate activities, since the last report in August 2023.

Taunakitanga / Recommendation

THAT Te Kāhui Matauraura receives the Corporate Services Activity Report.

Rautaki me te Whaitikanga / Strategy and Governance

Chief Ombudsman's Report

2. In October 2023 the Ombudsman released his *Open for Business* report with the findings of his investigation into whether councils were meeting the principles for transparent decision-making in the way workshops are used. The report made several recommendations for councils to consider, for example, the holding of workshops, publication of agendas, minutes and presentations and accessibility to council meetings. The Council is meeting all their obligations under the Local Government Act and Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act; however, the Governance team is reviewing the recommendations to consider if there are any changes that the Council could make.

Trade Waste Bylaw

3. The proposed Trade Waste Bylaw is out for consultation closing on Monday 22 April 2024 with the adoption date of 24 June 2024. The Council is required to review and update the current Bylaw by 30 June 2024. We are proposing minimal changes to the Bylaw with additional clauses around the ability to require assessments of permitted activities, penalties for non-compliance and annual review meetings with Iwi.

Freedom Camping Bylaw

4. The Freedom Camping Bylaw is being reviewed due to the introduction of the Self-Contained Motor Vehicles Legislation Act 2023. Under the new legislation, the default position is that freedom camping on council land in a non-self-contained vehicle is prohibited, however, a council can still allow non-self-contained vehicles if they wish. Freedom camping in tents is also allowed and was not affected by the legislation change. The new legislation has also increased infringement fees from \$200 to \$400.
5. In terms of the Council's Bylaw review, there may only be minimal changes to address, the largest piece of work is a site assessment report which has been provided to the Community Boards and Te Kāhui Matauraura for feedback. The report examines each site and collates records of complaints and observations to determine the ongoing suitability of each site. If members have concerns about any of the Council's freedom camping sites, they are encouraged to contact Anne Sattler, Senior Policy Advisor. Public consultation is planned for June/July 2024.

Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy

6. The Council is required to have a policy for dealing with dangerous and insanitary buildings. The Council adopted its policy in October 2018 and is now due for review. We are proposing minimal changes to the current policy and plan to present it to the Council for consideration on 29 April, followed by approval on 13 May. The policy is being provided to Te Kāhui Matauraura for feedback.

Street Café Policy

7. A Street Café Policy has been developed to provide guidelines around al fresco dining and the issuing of street café permits. The objective of the policy is to enhance the vibrancy of central business districts throughout South Taranaki, while protecting the health and safety of the public. The policy is being provided to the Community Boards and Te Kāhui Matauraura for feedback, prior to being presented to the Council for review in August.

Long Term Plan (LTP)

8. The Council's consultation document for the 2024-2034 LTP is open to the public for feedback, with submissions closing on 6 May. The Plan focuses on maintaining momentum and looking after what we have got. The Plan proposes an average total rate increase of 11.29% in year one with an average rate increase of 5.47% over the ten years. The Council's four consultation topics are whether to increase the amount we subsidise rates from the long term investment fund; whether we strengthen the Eltham Town Hall to meet 67% of the New Building Standards; whether we increase the amount we spend on our roads; and whether we should increase some user fees and changes.
9. Community meetings and Kuppa Korero have been scheduled throughout the District where people can come and hear about the LTP proposals and ask questions. Members of the community can submit through the Council's website, completing the feedback form at the back of the consultation document, or phoning the Council.

Pūtea / Finance

Annual Report

10. Deloitte will be on-site for the interim annual report 2023/24 audit in April 2024 for two weeks. The main purpose of the interim audit is to review the Council's systems and processes, including delegations and approvals. They will issue an interim audit management report after their visit.

Long Term Investment Fund (LTIF)

11. The LTIF made a positive return of \$6.9 million (m) year to date to the end of February against a year to date budget of \$8.0 m. The market is volatile given the recent geopolitical conflicts. Inflation is easing, though short-term interest rates are still high which is also affecting the global markets. It is anticipated that the inflation and interest rate will ease further in the next 6 to 12 months. The balance of the Fund at the end of February is \$148.9 m including internal borrowing of \$14.23 m.

Borrowing

12. Total borrowing was \$146.23 m at 29 February 2024, including external borrowing of \$132 m and internal borrowing of \$14.23 m.
13. The Council has total interest rate swaps (notional value), of \$132 m of which \$77 m are live.

Ratonga Mōhiohio / Information Services (IS)

14. The IS team is currently working on several projects, including the relocation of the communication cabinet, upgrading the meeting rooms and working on networking requirements for Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga. The work on Waitōtara Valley flood modelling and identification of areas prone to wildfire and landslip risk is also underway.
15. Cyber Security training for all staff and elected members was completed in March. Cyber Security is one of the Council's key areas of focus in terms of day-to-day business activities. The ongoing training and awareness of this will be key in managing this risk.
16. The Human Resources onboarding of new employee workflow is complete and running smoothly. Preservation of archive documents has started again. This involves ensuring all staples, metal bits, sellotape and rubber bands are all removed to ensure documents do not deteriorate over time.

Haumaru me te Arotake-o roto / Risk and Internal Audit

Risk Management

17. The Strategic Risk Review Report was submitted to the Risk and Assurance Committee (RAC) on 27 March 2024. The risk register currently has 13 strategic risks. Work on alignment between Health and Safety risks with the Council's risk register is underway.

Internal Audit

18. The Quarterly Internal Audit status report was presented to the RAC on 27 March 2024 together with the outcome of the insurance audit and emergency response management audit reports.

Ture me te Rironga / Legal and Procurement

Privacy

19. For this period, four non-notifiable breaches were reported. The reason for recording this information is to use the data to identify areas in the Council that have a higher risk of a significant (notifiable) breach occurring, and then the Council can target privacy training and document the Council's response to any privacy breaches. There were two requests received under Information Privacy Principle 6 (IPP6). An IPP6 relates to an individual who may request access to their personal information that the Council holds about them.

Local Government Official Information and Meeting Act (LGOIMA) Requests

20. The annual figures for LGOIMA requests received over the previous two years are;
- 2022 the Council received 89;
 - 2023 the Council received 120; and
 - year to date for 2024 the Council has received 40.
21. The 2024 YTD figure is tracking higher, with 14 more than the same period last year. Of the requests received in 2024 these covered a wide scope of topics in the following business groups:
- Infrastructure Services - 4;
 - Community Services - 5;
 - Environmental Services – 20; and
 - Office of the Chief Executive - 11.
22. The two areas that have seen an increase are for resource consents and GIS datasets.

Kaupapa – Huringa Matihiko / Digital Transformation

23. The replacement of the Council's Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system started in January 2024, a delay from November 2023, and will take place in three main stages over the next 2-5 years.

24. The first stage is the “lift and shift” of the current system and data from the on-premise servers to TechnologyOne’s cloud-based servers. The Council are currently in the Configuration Design phase of the project which started with a Solution Design Workshop, then a Discovery Workshop followed by the development and agreement of the Transition Project Plan which will confirm timeframes for the Project Implementation.
25. In addition to the ERP replacement project, there are several other digital transformation projects that are underway or have been approved and will begin later this year. We have recently upgraded the Contact Centre system from an on-premise to a cloud-based solution, at the same time implementing Teams calling for all staff across the Council. Further improvements will include additional functionality for easier and more efficient communication across staff and with customers.
26. Replacement of our Intramaps on-premise Spatial/GIS solution with the cloud-based ArcGIS solution will begin later in 2024. One of the benefits of moving to ArcGIS is the solution is currently used by Taranaki Regional Council and New Plymouth District Council with Stratford District Council considering a move to the solution late 2024. Using the same solution provides for greater collaboration, support, and resource sharing opportunities between Taranaki Councils and Taranaki Emergency Management.

Becky Wolland
Pouhautū Rautaki me te
Whaitikanga / Head of Strategy
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Vipul Mehta
Te Tumuaki Whakamana Pakihi /
Head of Business Enablement



Pūrongo-Whakamārama Information Report

To	Te Kāhui Matauraura
From	Kaiarataki Ratonga Hapori / Group Manager Community Services, Rob Haveswood
Date	24 April 2024
Subject	Community Services Activity Report

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Whakarāpopoto Kāhui Kahika / Executive Summary

1. This report updates Te Kāhui Matauraura on recent and current activities by the Community Services Group (the Group) across the District and other items of interest.
2. The Group is split into four key activity areas and responsibilities, comprising of:
 - a) Property and Facilities
 - b) Economic Development
 - c) Libraries and Cultural Services
 - d) Community Development (Community Development activities, and events are reported separately in the Community Development Activity report).
3. Services are aimed at developing partnerships between the Council and the community, enabling the community to participate in the Council's planning, development and implementation of initiatives. This includes: public spaces, halls, swimming pools, public toilets, holiday parks, libraries, the Museum, Te W'anake | The Foundry, cemeteries and TSB Hub.

Taunakitanga / Recommendation

THAT Te Kāhui Matauraura receives the Community Services Activity Report.

Kawenga Mahi-ā-Rohe / District Activities

Property and Facilities

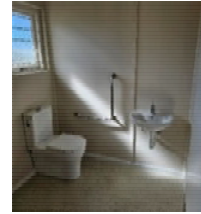
4. Contractors have been undertaking renewal and maintenance work on the housing units for the elderly in recent months. A three-year programme of work to install extractor fans in all 72 of the units' bathrooms and kitchens was completed at the end of October. This is a healthy homes requirement to ensure the units are compliant.



Other work has included painting the exterior of the Kaponga units, which was completed in late November and in Albany Street, Pātea, a new kitchen was recently installed. The

upgrade included new cupboards, stove, vinyl, carpet, and interior painting. In Norfolk Street, Pātea all six units have had their rear external sliding doors replaced with new aluminium doors. The units also had security screen doors installed to the front external doors.

5. In February, construction of an accessible toilet at the Kaponga Town Hall was completed. The Eltham-Kaponga Community Board contributed funds to fast track this project.



6. Prior to the Christmas break, the septic tank system that services the Pātea Beach/Mana Bay public toilets failed and overflowed. The system is very old and now at the end of its life. Until recently it had functioned well and without the need for any maintenance. While exploring options for a permanent solution, the tank is being emptied 2-3 times per week.

7. A temporary fence has been erected around the septic tank to shield the area from public access. Council officers are investigating options for the disposal of the waste from the toilet block, including the viability to pump and pipe the waste into the wastewater reticulation system. The investigations include the possibility of adding the beach residences into the reticulation system as well.



Economic Development

South Taranaki Business Park

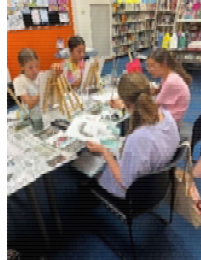
8. The next stage of South Taranaki Business Park works started in late February. The work includes roading, three waters, electrical and internet upgrades on Little Waihi Road, Kerry Lane and Fitzgerald Lane and Offshore Plumbing Services (OPS) have been awarded the contract. The construction programme begins on Little Waihi Road and this section is scheduled to take around five months. The works will then move to Kerry Lane and Fitzgerald Lane and will be completed over the next two years.



Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs (MTFJ)

9. One of the MTFJ initiatives is Whai Mahi Employ. The team is based in Te W'anake The Foundry and run a range of programmes to connect local businesses with local workers, helping young people to get training and job opportunities.
10. In the past nine months, the Whai Mahi team have achieved sustainable (at least three months) employment for more than 30 jobseekers and are on target to reach their target for the year of 38 placements. Funded by the Ministry of Social Development, the MTFJ Community Employment Programme has funding confirmed through until at least July 2025 with more clarity on the likelihood of future funding to come soon.

Library and Cultural Services

9. Eltham LibraryPlus staff are running Digital Skills for Seniors in partnership with Digital Inclusion Alliance Aotearoa. The free weekly classes are aimed at seniors and cover a range of digital skills from introduction to devices, managing information, using apps, and online banking. These sessions run on Thursday mornings during the school term and will continue to run while there is a need.
10. Hāwera LibraryPlus staff facilitated the first Teen *Sip 'n Paint* session of 2024, with 13 teenagers registered to participate. Refreshments were provided in the form of a 'fruit punch' (fizzy and juice), and a selection of nibbles such as mini savouries and samosas. Teens painted and followed tutorials of images that interested them. Feedback from the night was positive and Hāwera LibraryPlus plan to run more of these events in the future.
 
11. Following an enquiry from a library user Hāwera LibraryPlus has started a chess club on Thursday afternoons. The club is open to all ages, and to date most of the attendees are children.

Arts



12. The 2023/2024 summer events programme has concluded with events including:
 - Arts in the Park
 - Christmas Dinner and Dance
 - Sounds on The Sand
 - Concerts in the Park
 - Movies in the Park
 - AmeriCARna
13. Elektra will run at the end of the April school holidays on the evening of Friday 26 April, starting at 6 pm. Since its inception, Elektra has been held in late October, where the evenings have been windy and much cooler. This year we are going to try it in April, when daylight savings has finished. It will get darker earlier and hopefully still be relatively warm. This year's theme is 'Alice in Wonderland'.
14. Taranaki anniversary weekend saw the conclusion of the summer pool season across the District. For various reasons including inclement weather, plant failure and unavailability of staff, pool closures were necessary at different times throughout the 13 week season. The challenge of staffing swimming pools is an industry wide issue. Ideally, the Council would like to have a mixture of mature community members to complement the younger university and high school team members working in the facilities over the summer.

15. The TSB Hub has recently hosted some larger scale events. The Regional Te Matatini qualifying competitions were held on Taranaki anniversary weekend. Due to the size of the event and indoor ticket sellout, the large mobile outdoor screen was brought in so people who had been unable to secure tickets to the stadium could watch the competition outside.



16. Two public art projects have been completed by Te Paepae o Aotea and collaborators within the Hāwera Central Business District. The Arts Co-ordinator facilitated the installation of posters created during art classes over the year. The bold and colourful artworks bring vibrancy to the construction fence outside Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga. The project is a good example of how artworks can enhance temporary structures.
17. A new mural on the Te Runanga o Ngāti Ruanui Trust building on Princes Street is a huge achievement for young artists and a valued contribution to our cultural and artistic landscape. Since July, Year 9 and 10 art students have been working with Ngāti Ruanui to complete a mural of Ruapūtahanga. Koro Turangapito and Matua Hemi shared kōrero with the students as a springboard for their mural planning. These stories were woven together in consultation with the Iwi until a finalised plan emerged.
18. Two new public murals have been completed in Pātea and Eltham. The Pātea mural, designed in conjunction with the Pātea Historical Society, reflects on the past and celebrates the community's connection with the sea. The Eltham Village Gallery mural celebrates the flora and fauna of the area and acknowledges the close connection with Lake Rotokare.

Whakakapia / Conclusion

19. This report updates Te Kāhui Matauraura on recent and current activities by the Community Services Group across the District and other items of interest. Although we live in an increasingly digital world, where much of our life and work is conducted online, there continues to be a strong need for the physical connectivity that is facilitated through Council facilities, events and offerings throughout the District.

Rob Haveswood

**Kaiarataki Ratonga Hapori /
Group Manager Community Services**



Pūrongo-Whakamārama Information Report

To	Te Kāhui Matauraura
From	Pouherenga-ā-Iwi / Iwi Liaison Manager , Reg Korau
Date	24 April 2024
Subject	Pouherenga-ā-Iwi Activity Report

(This report shall not be construed as policy until adopted by full Council)

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Whakarāpopoto Kāhui Kahika / Executive Summary

1. This report updates Te Kāhui Matauraura (the Committee) on general activities that concern all Iwi groups and the organisation and activities relevant to each Iwi for the period January 2024 to April 2024.

Taunakitanga / Recommendation

THAT Te Kāhui Matauraura receives the Pouherenga-ā-Iwi Activity Report.

Ngā Kawenga Mahi ā-Iwi / Iwi Activities

2. In March the Iwi Liaison Manager and one of the Planning Team attended the 2024 New Zealand Planners Institute Conference in Kirikiriroa/Hamilton. The event was three days long and began with a pōwhiri at Te Kōpū Mania o Kirikiriroa Marae and concluded with the Gala Dinner on Friday. The Iwi Liaison Manager was fortunate to present a workshop on Tino Rangatiratanga in Emergency Management and related to the challenges that Iwi/Māori face within the Civil Defence structure. The workshops varied and included Kaupapa Māori, Bridging the Central/Local Government Divide, Climate Change, Planning for Diversity and Inclusion, Planning Tips and Digital Innovations in Planning. It was heartening to see so many Māori Planners attending and networking through a very challenging landscape at the moment with Resource Management Act reforms again a major topic. The conference was highly informative with the 2025 Conference set to be held in Invercargill.
 
3. The Iwi Liaison Manager and Chief Executive met with members of the 2025 Te Matatini Festival Coordination Team, as the event is being held in Taranaki next year at New Plymouth's Bowl of Brooklands. The Chief Executive of Te Matatini, Karl Ross, explained the needs and opportunities for the region and district with the event being held here, it proved a good opportunity to see how the Council could support the event.

4. The urupā fund is still a focus for the Council and a budget has been allocated as part of the Long Term Plan for 2024-2034. The Governance team and the Iwi Liaison Manager are looking at developing criteria for the allocation of the fund and where it will sit within the grant fund.
5. The Te Reo Policy was recently reviewed and provided to the Council for acceptance.
6. A Cultural Competency Framework is still ongoing. A survey was conducted with staff in early December 2023 and the results highlighted areas of improvement and areas of strength within the organisation. This information is being integrated into the staff toolkit to ensure better engagement and collaboration with all our Iwi.
7. Continued support for the Environmental Services Team is being provided to work with the Ngā Kaitiaki Group to review and work with the Council on the District Plan changes. The Papakāinga Plan Change has been publicly notified and the Group will reconvene in the future to address the Business Park Plan Change.
8. The Council staff waiata group continues, this was introduced to assist staff in learning waiata kinaki, mōteatea, haka pōwhiri to further enhance Tikanga and te reo Māori within the organisation. This has progressed to the point that staff are running the practices themselves supported by the Iwi Liaison Manager.
9. Work with the Iwi Working Party on the cultural design of Te Ramanui o Ruapūtahanga continues. With the building work progressing well, it's timely that our four Iwi have clear input into the stories and how they will be told both digitally and artistically.
10. Stage Three of the information signage for the organisation was completed by the Communications Team. The job title plates have been completed and will sit on all staff desks, making them transferrable should teams or individuals move or transfer. Stage Three also included bilingual signage on the new fleet vehicles. The fleet team have engaged Zodiac Signs and some of the cars have the new signage and this will periodically occur until the vehicles have the bilingual signs.
11. Continued assistance has been given to the Civil Defence Advisor, to meet with marae in the rohe about how they can be utilised in future events. This work has been slow, but the Iwi Liaison Manager and Civil Defence Advisor will continue to work with the marae to progress this opportunity.
12. The Huinga-ā-Iwi meeting cycle is quarterly and ongoing, the Iwi Liaison Manager discusses with each Iwi upcoming items to ensure that the meetings are still valuable to them. The next round is Wednesday 24 April 2024. Notes and actions will be recorded for meetings and followed up for the next hui.
13. The Council staff te reo Māori classes continue teaching basic introduction, pronunciation, and conversation. There have now been seven cohorts of staff learning basic te reo Māori within the Council. There is a cohort of elected members currently undertaking the course.

Te Kāhui o Rauru

14. The official opening of Te Ranganuku Road, Waiinu was celebrated on Wednesday 27 March and was well attended by elected members, Ngā Rauru and Ngāti Ruaiti as mana whenua, local community members, staff and contractors involved in the development of the road. Iwi/Hapū leaders performed karakia to bless the road and then speeches were shared by the Mayor, MP Carl Bates and Bridget Sullivan of the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment. The positivity within the whole community could be felt and the blessing was completed with a Whakatau at Tauranga-Ika Marae and speeches from the Hau Kāinga and Council. The day was concluded with a beautiful hākari at the marae.
15. The Iwi Liaison Manager is still working with Wai-ō-Turi Marae on the road stoppage application around the Marae and planned papakāinga development within the Marae boundaries. This is a lengthy process, and the Iwi Liaison Manager is very appreciative of the Marae and their willingness to work through this. We are awaiting documentation from the Department of Conservation regarding the lot near the urupā.
16. Work continues with Ngāti Tai on the town signage and art installations in Waverley as part of the Town Centre Revitalisation plan. Designs have been developed and work with Waka Kōtahi/New Zealand Transport Agency on location and requirements continues. We have had new discussions with Ngā Rauru representatives about the designs for the pou.

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui

17. The Iwi Liaison Manager supported Iwi and Tauheke, Tūrangapito Parata, with the blessing of the new works within the South Taranaki Business Park so that roads could be formed for the next stages of the development.
18. The Iwi Liaison Manager assisted in the blessing of the Pātea Loop track and was very impressed by the design and work that had been done by local contractors. The track itself is about 5km long and is getting good use by the community and visitors already.
19. Ngāti Tūpaia have elected a committee and are now going through the re-establishment of their incorporated society, they are still working on their constitution currently. The Iwi Liaison Manager will work closely with Iwi and Hapū to support them through any processes necessary to ensure the Hapū can begin their goals of the restoration of Turuturu Mōkai.

Te Korowai o Ngāruahine

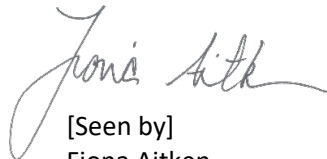
20. Work on Project Tūkau and the Manaia Facility Project continues. The Iwi Liaison Manager will maintain support for the Group Manager Community Services during this work. This is progressing positively and a business case is underway.
21. The Iwi Liaison Manager and Property Team have been working with Ngāti Manuhiakai on the future prospects for the Hapū to take over management of the Te Ngutu o te Manu lease. Further discussions are underway and will be completed soon.

Te Kāhui o Taranaki

22. The Iwi Liaison Manager is currently looking at road stopping around Anglers Avenue in the Ngāti Moeahu takiwā of Taranaki Iwi. This option has become urgent with properties looking at being developed which would obstruct the Hapū/Iwi from gaining access to their whenua.
23. The Iwi Liaison Manager is still working with the Parihaka Papakāinga Trustees on upgrades to the road system around the settlement on Parihaka Road. This is an ongoing challenge with the main support being offered in the Parihaka Visitors Facility development which has been put on hold.
24. The Iwi Liaison Manager assisted with the organisation of the karakia for the sod turning for the new Ōpunakē Pump Track which was led by kaumatua John Hooker.
25. Hapū and Marae have been assisted around the Waiaua River Erosion Report with the Iwi Liaison Manager supporting the Operations Manager in this process which is ongoing.
26. The Iwi Liaison Manager has been liaising with Hapū and developers around the development plans at Ōpunakē Rest Home and has been pleased with the decisions and outcomes achieved by them to meet conditions. The hui participants were well-engaged, which resulted in an agreement to progress the consent process. We are now awaiting documentation from the Rest Home for future work.



Reg Korau
**Pouherenga-ā-Iwi /
Iwi Liaison Manager**



[Seen by]
Fiona Aitken
**Tumu Whakahaere /
Chief Executive**



Pūrongo-Whakamārama Information Report

To	Te Kāhui Matauraura
From	Kaitātari Whakamahere Rautaki / Strategic Planner, Sophie Canute
Date	24 April 2024
Subject	Draft Street Café Policy

(This report shall not be construed as policy until adopted by full Council)

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Whakarāpopoto Kāhui Kahika / Executive Summary

1. The draft Street Café Policy is being presented to Te Kāhui Matauraura for feedback. The feedback that is provided will assist in the preparation of the report that will be presented to the Council in June for approval.

Taunakitanga / Recommendation(s)

THAT Te Kāhui Matauraura receives the street café report and provides feedback on the policy.

Kupu Whakamārama / Background

2. Business owners are required to apply for a Street Café Permit if they want to extend their business operating area for customers to eat and drink outdoors on the footpath or frontage. The Policy seeks to manage street cafés and provide clarity on what the regulations are.
3. There are no legal requirements to have or enforce a Street Café Policy. The purpose of this Policy is to strike a balance between creating vibrancy across the town centres and putting controls in place to prioritise pedestrian and accessible access.
4. The Street Café Policy has been recreated to replace a Policy Council had historically – South Taranaki District Licensing Agency Policy for the reduction of liquor abuse and the management of street café permits (2010). Council have been operating without a Street Café Policy since it lapsed.
5. To continue operating without a Street Café Policy can carry a risk if a decision is challenged or property needs to be confiscated due to a breach of a Permit.

Whakawhiti Kōrero / Discussion

Street Café Policy

6. The draft Policy attached is based on applications and decision-making on Street Café Permit applications. A Street Café Permit is an approval that allows a business to extend their business operating area onto Council owned land, or land managed by the Council, for customers to eat and drink outdoors.
7. The Policy aspires to find the balance between enabling and creating vibrancy across the town centres as well as providing a fair and consistent approach to the use of Council property.

Review timelines

8. Currently the Street Café Permits are reviewed on an annual basis in November each year. One of the recommendations is that the review date changes to every five years, unless there is a change of ownership which would trigger a new Street Café Permit application.
9. The reason for the recommended review deadline is to simplify the process. A simplified process may entice business owners to apply and try to retain the Permit, which will enable vibrancy among the town centres.

Smoke Free

10. On Monday 18 March 2024, Taranaki Cancer Society presented at Policy and Strategy seeking endorsement on the Smokefree movement. There are a few options on how Council could endorse the Smokefree movement in the South Taranaki District, and below are two options that may be applicable under the Street Café Policy.
 - a. Option One: Continue with the status quo which means no Smokefree restrictions, clauses or incentives for businesses to offer a Smokefree environment.
 - b. Option Two: Include a clause in the Street Café Policy around Council supporting a Smokefree environment and leave the ultimate decision to the business owner.
11. Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act 1990 permits smoking and vaping in an 'open area', which by definition means:

"open area, in relation to any premises, means a part of the premises that is not an internal area".
12. With consideration to the Smokefree Environments and Regulated Products Act 1990, Council are not legally responsible for restricting Council owned footpaths, roadway or public area to be Smokefree.
13. This report recommends that a clause is included in the Street Café Policy saying that Council support Smokefree areas, however, it not being a condition or rule that can be monitored and/or enforced.

Whakakapia / Conclusion

14. Feedback is requested from elected members on the proposals put forward in this report. Key discussion points are around the preferred review timeframe and whether the Policy includes a Smokefree endorsement.
15. The next stage of the review will be the discussion and approval of the Draft Street Café Policy which will be presented to the Council in June.



Sophie Canute
**Kaitātari Whakamahere Rautaki /
Strategic Planner**



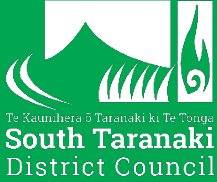
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Appendix 1: [Draft Street Café Policy - 2024 .docx](#)

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Scope

This policy relates to dining on the footpath, roadway or public land which is under the ownership or control of the South Taranaki District Council for the purpose of al fresco dining. The South Taranaki District Council (STDC) retains control over the outdoor dining Permits to ensure that pedestrian flow is maintained, and visual amenities are not compromised. The policy relates to all areas across the South Taranaki District and is used to guide decisions on Street Café Permits.

A Street Café Permit allows the permit holder to utilise Council owned land to extend their business operating area for customers to eat and drink outdoors. This permit does not authorise the consent holder to sell food under the Food Act 2014 and alcohol under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol 2012.

Easily relocatable or temporary food and beverage stores or carts are not considered under this policy. This policy relates to permanent or semi-permanent dining arrangements.

Council's Role and Responsibility

The Council is required to manage its property, which includes the footpath and roadway, to:

- a) Encourage vibrant and connected communities;
- b) Protect the public from nuisance;
- c) Protect, promote and maintain public health and safety;
- d) Regulate, control or prohibit street cafés in public places, and;
- e) Regulate and control the use of public places.

Purpose of the Policy

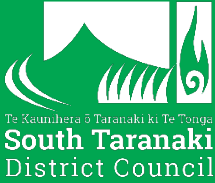
The policy serves to find the balance between enhancing vibrancy across all towns where people are attracted to visit and connect as well as providing fair and consistent approaches to the use of Council's footpath, roadway or public property. Council aim to enable Street Café Permits in town centres, while putting controls in place to prioritise pedestrian and accessible access.

This policy supports the provisions of the South Taranaki District Council Public Places Bylaw (2014), and amendments, as the regulatory requirement for Street Café permits in the South Taranaki District.

Objectives

The objectives of this policy are to:

- To enhance the vibrancy of the South Taranaki towns;
- Outline the conditions for Street Café Permits;
- Consider pedestrians (primary users) versus the need for businesses to extend their premises onto Council owned land for the purposes of al fresco dining, and;
- To provide a fair and consistent approach to Street Café Permits.



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Definitions

Al fresco dining means the placement of tables and chairs outside of a food premises, for the purposes of consuming food, or food and alcohol, outside in the open air.

Authorised Officer means any person appointed by the Chief Executive of the Council for purposes of acting as an Authorised Officer under this policy.

Bylaw means the Council's current Public Places Bylaw.

Chief Executive means the principal administration officer of the South Taranaki District Council. Or maybe the person appointed by the South Taranaki District Council to the position of Chief Executive.

Council means Te Kaunihera o Taranaki ki Te Tonga/South Taranaki District Council.

Food premises means, in relation to this policy, a business which sells food to the public, which can be consumed on the premises.

Footpath means that portion of any road reserve laid out or constructed for the use of pedestrians and includes the edging and kerbing and includes any footbridge.

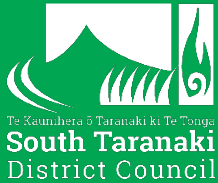
Permit holder means the person or company that has applied for and been granted a Street Café Permit from the Council, to utilise Council owned land (the footpath) for the purposes of al fresco dining.

Public place means a place that is:

- a) Under the control of the Council, and;
- b) Open to, or being used by, the public whether or not there is a charge for admission; and includes:
 - i) A road, whether or not the road is under the control of Council; and
 - ii) Any part of a public place; and
 - iii) Any reserve.

Street Café means an area designated by the Council as a space outside a food premises where tables and chairs can be placed to allow al fresco dining (and in some instances, for a liquor licence) to occur.

Street Café Permit means written consent from Council, which may include conditions and may (as stated) require payment of fee to accompany an application which authorises the permit holder to extend their business operating area for the purposes of al fresco dining.



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The Council owns the footpath and roadway. The Council is required to manage these public places, and any activities which may occur on or within it.

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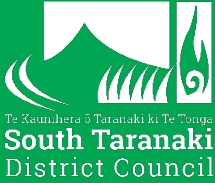
1.0 Application for a permit

- 1.1 An application for a Street Café Permit must be made in the prescribed form and submitted with all of the required information. Incomplete applications may be refused or more information may be requested.
- 1.2 The Council may set a non-refundable application fee for the cost of processing the application. The fee payable is listed under the Council's current Fees and Charges Schedule.
- 1.3 Any application for a Street Café Permit may require assessment and approval by other teams at Council, however, this is based on the recommendation of Council's Environmental Health Officer. Any application for permanent fixtures of furniture or a structure must be assessed and approved by the Council.
- 1.4 Approval from the Council is required if the permit holder wants to extend the dining area beyond what has been approved under an existing Street Café Permit.
- 1.5 All Street Café furniture shall be fully located in front of the building and not imposing onto the frontage of the surrounding buildings unless written permission has been obtained from the property owner. Written approval shall be provided to the Council on request or at the time of the Street Café Permit application is lodged.
- 1.6 **Note:** if a premises wishes to serve alcohol in the applied al fresco dining area, their liquor licence will need to reflect this. Otherwise, all public areas in the CBD are under a liquor ban, and alcohol will not be able to be sold or consumed in the street café area.

2.0 Conditions of a Street Café Permit

The Council may impose conditions on the Street Café Permit, in order to reduce any impact on pedestrians, who are the primary users of a footpath; whilst also managing risks associated with a Street Café activity. Conditions will also reduce the likelihood of damage to Council property or infrastructure, pests or scavenger animals, and maintain the flow of pedestrian access past the Street Café.

- 2.1 It is necessary for adequate pedestrian flow, to allow at least 1.5 metres width of remaining footpath outside of the requested permit area.



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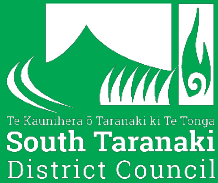
- 2.2 The street furniture must remain on the footpath only during the permitted hours or as stated in the conditions of the permit.
- 2.3 The holder of the permit shall collect and remove any associated rubbish from the permitted and surrounding area. The rubbish must not be swept into the gutter or placed in public rubbish bins.
- 2.4 Business operators shall clean away any food scraps or plates from the street café area when patrons leave the tables, to ensure that birds and rodents do not scavenge.
- 2.5 The design and appearance of the furniture will require approval by the reporting officers on behalf of the Council, as part of the Street café Permit application.
- 2.6 The feet of any furniture, such as tables and chairs, must be fitted with rubber – so that damage to the bricks and tiles in the CBD area/s does not occur. The applicant is required to provide photos of the furniture with the application.
- 2.7 Food trucks or temporary activities do not need to apply for a Street Café Permit for tables and chairs in public areas. However, written approval from the Council is required.

3.0 Responsibilities of the permit holder

- 3.1 The permit holder is responsible for the repair of any damage within the permitted area, caused by the activity of patrons.
- 3.2 The permit holder is responsible for the behaviour of its patrons within the permitted area and must prevent them from causing any disturbance to pedestrians or neighbouring businesses.
- 3.3 Any permanent fixtures that are included under the Street Café Permit shall be protected by Public Liability Insurance. The insurance shall be at the cost and responsibility of the permit holder.
- 3.4 The permit entitlement lasts for a maximum of 5 years from the date granted or until the Street Café changes ownership, whatever comes first. A change of ownership requires a new Street Café Permit to be issued.

4.0 Responsibilities of the Council

- 4.1 Inspections of the street café and permit conditions will be undertaken on an annual basis.



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Street Café Policy

- 4.2 That the Council addresses complaints appropriately and promptly to ensure the responsibilities and objectives of this policy are being met.

5.0 Breaches of permit conditions

- 5.1 Any breaches of the Street Café Permit conditions will result in the Council issuing a notice, advising the permit holder to fix or remove the breach of the conditions. The permit holder must take steps to comply with the notice within the allocated timeframe included in the letter. If the breach of permit conditions continues after the issuing of the notice, the Council may remove the street café items which are in breach of the conditions, or fix the damaged item/s. All costs involved in the removal or fixing of items will be incurred by the permit holder.

6.0 Suspension or cancellation

- 6.1 The Council reserves the right to suspend or cancel a Street Café Permit, at any time.
- 6.2 The holder of a street café permit must accommodate street works or any other event as requested by an Authorised Officer. This can include work being undertaken to the footpath or the roadway. The Council will advise the permit holder in writing. Generally, this will be within 48 hours; however, short notice (less than 24 hours) may be required in cases of emergency or urgent works.

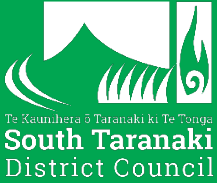
7.0 Requirements of other Acts, Regulations, Bylaws, or Policies

- 7.1 All legislative requirements and Council Bylaws must be met at all times, including but not limited to:
- Public Places Bylaw 2014;
 - Sale and Supply of Alcohol Act 2012;
 - Food Act 2014, and;
 - Alcohol Control Bylaw 2018 (and reviewed versions).

Other Acts, regulations, bylaws or policies may relate to certain activities. Any additional considerations shall be identified by the Environmental Health Officer if required.

8.0 More Information

Environmental Health Officer
Regulatory Services Manager
South Taranaki District Council – 0800 111 323



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Street Café Policy

9.0 Review of Policy

- 9.1 This Policy shall be reviewed every five (5) years to ensure the policy is effective and efficient at achieving the objectives.
- 9.2 The Council may from time to time by resolution publicly notified, alter any appendices attached.



Pūrongo-Whakamārama

Information Report

To	Te Kāhui Matauraura
From	Kaitātari Whakamahere Tōpūranga / Corporate Planner, Gordon Campbell
Date	24 April 2024
Subject	Review of Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy

(This report shall not be construed as policy until adopted by full Council)

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Whakarāpopoto Kāhui Kahika / Executive Summary

1. The Council's Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy is overdue for a review, and Te Kāhui Matauraura is invited to comment on the policy as part of the review process.

Taunakitanga / Recommendation

THAT Te Kāhui Matauraura receives the Review of Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy Report and provides comment on the policy.

Kupu Whakamārama / Background

2. Section 131 of the Local Government Act 2002 requires the Council to have a policy for dealing with dangerous and insanitary buildings, and section 132A says that a policy must include consideration of buildings that are, or may be, affected by dangerous or insanitary buildings. The Council adopted its policy in October 2018. Under section 132(4) of the Act, a policy on dangerous and affected buildings must be reviewed every five years, which means the Council's policy is now overdue for a review.

Existing Council Policy

3. Council staff have issued 26 notices over a number of years, and the current policy is still considered fit for purpose.

Whakawhiti Kōrero/Aromātai / Discussion/Evaluation

4. A draft policy is attached as [Appendix 1](#). Sections have been re-ordered to match the current policy format and some minor wording changes have been made. No changes to the overall content or intent of the policy are proposed.
5. Te Kāhui Matauraura members are invited to comment on the draft policy. It has already been sent to each iwi office and will be discussed at Huinga-a-Iwi, prior to consideration by the Policy and Strategy Committee at its meeting on 29 April.

Whakakapia / Conclusion

6. While the current Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy is considered to be fit for purpose, any comments that Te Kāhui Matauraura may have would be welcomed.



Gordon Campbell

Kaitātari Whakamahere Tōpūranga / Corporate Planner



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Appendix 1: [Draft Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy](#)

Kaupapa Here mo ngā Whare Mōrea,
Pākinō me te Whakapoke

Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy

Person Responsible: Group Manager Environmental Services
Date First Adopted: October 2018
Status: Current~~Draft~~

Date Last Reviewed: NA
Next Review Date: TBA
Review Period: 5 years
Revision Number: 1

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Purpose of the Policy

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Reduce the potential risk posed to residents in the District by dangerous, affected or insanitary buildings; and
- Provide a clear framework for how the Council will manage unsatisfactory building conditions.

This policy sets out:

- The approach the Council will take in performing its functions under the Act in relation to dangerous, affected and insanitary buildings;
- The Council's priorities in performing these functions; and
- How the policy will apply to heritage buildings.

Policy Scope

This policy applies to any building in the South Taranaki District that is identified as potentially dangerous, affected or insanitary.

~~The Building (Earthquake-prone Buildings) Amendment Act 2016 amended the Act in regard to councils responsibilities for managing earthquake-prone buildings and the "earthquake-prone" provisions of the previous policy have therefore been superseded by the legislation. Earthquake-prone priority buildings are addressed in the Council's Earthquake-Prone Priority Buildings Policy.~~

Objectives

The objectives of this policy are to fulfil the Council's statutory responsibility under the Act by:

1. Facilitating negotiated solutions with building owners that ensure their buildings are safe and sanitary for building users and visitors, as well as protecting other property from physical damage.
2. Seeking the protection of heritage buildings and their contents.

Background

The Council has a statutory responsibility to act promptly to ensure the safety of persons or property when buildings that may be dangerous or insanitary come to its attention. The Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy has been prepared to comply with section 131 of the Building Act 2004, which requires the Council to have a policy on dangerous, affected and insanitary buildings.

In setting this policy, the Council has endeavoured to strike a balance between the threats posed by dangerous and insanitary buildings and the broader social and economic issues affecting the community.



Kaupapa Here mo ngā Whare Mōrea, Pākino me te Whakapoke

Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary

The relevant principles of section 4 of the Act have been recognised in preparing this policy and will be taken into account in the performance of the Council's functions, powers and duties.

Requirements of the Act

The Council is required, under section 131 of the Act, to have a policy on dangerous and insanitary buildings.

When a building that may be dangerous or insanitary comes to the Council's attention, it has a statutory responsibility to act promptly to investigate and, if determined to be dangerous or insanitary, ensure the building is made safe. A building may become dangerous or insanitary for one or more reasons, such as unauthorised alterations being made, damage from a fire or a natural disaster, or as a result of its use by an occupant.

The Council is also required [by section 132A of the Act](#) to consider whether any other buildings may be affected by a dangerous or insanitary building and if so, what action, if any, is appropriate.

An affected building is one that is physically close enough to a dangerous or insanitary building to potentially pose a danger to people in the affected building.

Definitions

Where a definition has the same meaning as a definition in the Act, the definition for the purposes of this policy includes any subsequent amendment to the definition in the Act. For the avoidance of doubt, where a definition in the Act differs from a definition in this policy, the definition in the Act has precedence.

Act means the Building Act 2004

Affected Building is defined in section 121A of the Act as a building "adjacent to, adjoining, or nearby

- a) a dangerous building as defined in section 121; or
- b) a dangerous dam within the meaning of section 153."

Authorised Officer is defined in section 222 of the Act as "an officer of a territorial authority to whom either or both of the following applies:

- a) he or she is authorised to carry out inspections; or
- b) he or she is authorised to enter the land –
 - i) by the Act; or
 - ii) by an order of the District Court made under section 227."

Building has the same meaning as [section 8 of the Act](#).

Council means the South Taranaki District Council.

Dangerous Building is defined in section 121 of the Act:

- “1) A building is dangerous for the purposes of the Act, if—
- a) in the ordinary course of events (excluding the occurrence of an earthquake), the building is likely to cause—
 - i) injury or death (whether by collapse or otherwise) to any persons in it or to persons on other property; or
 - ii) damage to other property; or
 - b) in the event of fire, injury or death to any persons in the building or to persons on other property is likely because of fire hazard or the occupancy of the building.
- 2) For the purpose of determining whether a building is dangerous in terms of subsection (1) (b), a territorial authority—
- a) may seek advice from employees, volunteers, and contractors of Fire and Emergency New Zealand who have been notified to the territorial authority by the Board of Fire and Emergency New Zealand as being competent to give advice; and
 - b) If the advice is sought, must have due regard to the advice.”

Heritage building is defined as a building listed in Schedule 1A of the District Plan or included on the New Zealand Heritage List maintained under section 65 of the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 or the National Historic Landmarks list maintained under section 81 of the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014

Insanitary building is defined under section 123 of the Act as:

- “A building is insanitary for the purpose of the Act if the building –
- a) is offensive or likely to be injurious to health because –
 - i) of how it is situated or constructed; or
 - ii) it is in a state of disrepair; or
 - b) has insufficient or defective provisions against moisture penetration so as to cause dampness in the building or in any adjoining building; or
 - c) does not have a supply of potable water that is adequate for its intended use; or
 - d) does not have sanitary facilities that are adequate for its intended use.”



Kaupapa Here mo ngā Whare Mōrea, Pākinō me te Whakapoke

Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary

Policy

1.0 Council's approach to dangerous, affected or insanitary buildings

- 1.1 The Council will not actively inspect all buildings in the District but will make it a priority to quickly respond to information received regarding a potentially dangerous, affected or insanitary building.

2.0 Application of policy to heritage buildings

- 2.1 This policy applies to heritage buildings in the same way it applies to all other buildings. Where the Council receives information regarding a heritage building, in addition to consulting with the affected owner(s), the Council will consider seeking advice from Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga.

3.0 Co-operation with other agencies

- 3.1 The Council will work with Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga, Fire and Emergency New Zealand, the New Zealand Police, Te Whatu Ora – Health New Zealand and other agencies to achieve the purpose of the Act.

4.0 Completion of Work and Cost Recovery

- 4.1 The Council may issue a notice under section 124(2)(c) of the Act requiring work to be carried out on dangerous or insanitary buildings to reduce or remove the danger, or to prevent the building from remaining insanitary. If work required under the notice is not completed or proceeding with reasonable speed, the Council can apply to the District Court under section 126 of the Act for authorisation to carry out the work required in the notice.
- 4.2 If the Council carries out the work, it is entitled to recover the costs from the building owner, as set out in section 126(3) of the Act.

5.0 Immediate danger

- 5.1 If a building presents an immediate danger or health hazard to people in and/or around it, or to surrounding buildings, the Council may take action under section 129 of the Act to remove the immediate danger or fix the insanitary conditions and recover the costs from the building owner(s).

6.0 Procedures

6.1 Detect

When the Council receives information regarding a potentially dangerous, affected or insanitary building it will:

- (a) Check the details of the property against the Council's records;

- (b) Have an authorised officer undertake an inspection of the building and may seek advice from Fire and Emergency New Zealand or any other appropriate professional or organisation ; and
- (c) Prepare an inspection record.

6.2 Assess

- 6.2.1 An inspection of a potentially dangerous, affected or insanitary building will involve assessment of the building's condition in terms of the definitions in section 121 and 123 of the Act and the current building code requirements.

6.3 Act

- 6.3.1 If the Council is satisfied that a building is dangerous, affected or insanitary it will consult with the owners of the building to further determine the circumstances and decide on an appropriate course of action.
- 6.3.2 Authorised officers are not required to inform or obtain approval for inspections to determine whether or not a building is dangerous or insanitary, unless the building is a household unit. In this case, the Council must either obtain consent of the occupier of the household unit or an order from a District Court.
- 6.3.3 Where a mutually acceptable outcome cannot be reached, or where the situation requires, the Council may invoke its powers under section 124, 126 and/or 129 of the Act.
- 6.3.4 The Council will inform the building owner(s), tenants (if any) and the complainant(s) of the inspection results and the Council's intended course of action.

6.4 Monitor

- 6.4.1 All information relating to a dangerous, affected or insanitary building will be filed on the relevant property file. This will include a copy of the original inspection record and any further action taken. This information will also be included on any Land Information Memorandum (LIM) or Project Information Memorandum (PIM) prepared for the property.

7.0 Review of Policy

- 7.1 This policy will be reviewed every five years as required by section 132(4) of the Act.



Kaupapa Here mo ngā Whare Mōrea, Pākino me te Whakapoke

Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary

History of Policy

Action	Description	Decision Date	Decision Number	Commencement
New	Adoption of new Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy	29/10/2018	314/18	29/10/2018
<u>Review</u>	<u>Review of Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy</u>			

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Pūrongo-Whakamārama Information Report

To	Te Kāhui Matauraura
From	Kaiārahi Whaitikanga me ngā Kaitautoko / Governance and Support Team Leader, Sara Dymond
Date	24 April 2024
Subject	Iwi Appointment to Community Services Portfolio Group

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Whakarāpopoto Kāhui Kahika / Executive Summary

1. In April 2023 Te Kāhui Matauraura (the Committee) recommended Iwi representatives on the Council's Risk and Assurance Committee, Environment and Hearings Committee, District Plan Review Committee, Community Services and Infrastructure Services Portfolio Groups. These recommendations were ratified at the Council meeting on 15 May 2023.
2. Shannah Fiso tendered her resignation from her position as Iwi representative of the Community Services Portfolio Group on 24 January 2024. Ms Fiso stated that she was happy to remain in her role in the interim until a replacement was found.
3. This report asks the Committee to consider an appointment to the Community Services Portfolio Group for the remainder of the 2022-2025 triennium. We ask that registrations of interest are presented to the Council by 19 June 2024. An appointments report will be presented to the Committee at their 17 July 2024 meeting.

Taunakitanga / Recommendation(s)

THAT Te Kāhui Matauraura;

- a) Receives the resignation of Shannah Fiso in her role as Iwi representative of the Community Services Portfolio Group.
- b) Notes that registrations of interest are requested for an Iwi representative on the Community Portfolio Group, closing on 19 June 2024.

Kupu Whakamārama / Background

4. A report was presented to Te Kāhui Matauraura (the Committee) in March 2023 regarding appointments to the Council's Risk and Assurance Committee, Environment and Hearings Committee, Community Services and Infrastructure Services Portfolio Groups.

5. Registrations of interest were sought for the Council's Risk and Assurance Committee, Environment and Hearings Committee, District Plan Review Committee, Community Services and Infrastructure Services Portfolio Groups. A report was presented to the Committee in April 2023 to consider and appoint representatives from the registrations of interest received.
6. In April 2023, the Committee recommended Iwi representatives on the Council's Risk and Assurance Committee, Environment and Hearings Committee, District Plan Review Committee, Community Services and Infrastructure Services Portfolio Groups. These recommendations were ratified at the 15 May 2023 Council meeting.
7. Shannah Fiso tendered her resignation from her position as Iwi representative of the Community Services Portfolio Group on 24 January 2024. Ms Fiso stated that she was happy to remain in her role in the interim until a replacement was found.
8. This report asks the Committee to consider an appointment to the Community Services Portfolio Group for the remainder of the 2022-2025 triennium. We ask that registrations of interest be presented to the Council by 19 June 2024. An appointments report will be presented to the Committee at their 17 July 2024 meeting.

Local Government Purpose

9. The purpose of local government is to enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities; and to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future. The appointment of Iwi members to Council committees meets the purpose of local government.

Legislative Considerations

10. The Mayor has the ability to establish committees under the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) Section 41A (3) (b) Appoint Committees. The Council must establish, maintain and provide opportunities for Māori to contribute to decision-making processes under Section 81 of the LGA.

Financial/Budget Considerations

11. Representatives and appointments on Council committees will be paid an attendance fee of \$400 along with payments for travel and travel time (0.83c for first 14,000kms and 0.31c per km thereafter, \$40 per hour after the first hour of travel).

Environmental Sustainability

12. There will be no significant impact on the environment as a result of these decisions.

Consistency with Plans/Policies/Community Outcomes

13. Nothing in this report is inconsistent with any Council policy, plan or strategy.
14. This matter contributes to the following community outcomes:
 - Vibrant South Taranaki – *Cultural well-being*
 - Together South Taranaki – *Social well-being*

- Prosperous South Taranaki – *Economic well-being*
- Sustainable South Taranaki – *Environmental well-being*

Consideration for Iwi/Māori

15. The decision to appoint Iwi members to committees will have a positive impact for Māori and Iwi as it works towards building a stronger relationship with iwi and providing opportunities for Māori to contribute to decision-making processes.

Whakakapia / Conclusion

16. Shannah Fiso tendered her resignation from her position as Iwi representative of the Community Services Portfolio Group on 24 January 2024. This report asks the Committee to consider an appointment to the Community Services Portfolio Group for the remainder of the 2022-2025 triennium. We ask that registrations of interest are submitted to the Council by 19 June 2024. An appointments report will be presented to the Committee at their 17 July 2024 meeting.

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Pūrongo Report

To	Te Kāhui Matauraura
From	Kaitātari Mātāmua Kaupapa Here / Senior Policy Advisor, Anne Sattler
Date	24 April 2024
Subject	Freedom Camping Site Assessment Report

(This report shall not be construed as policy until adopted by full Council)

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Whakarāpopoto Kāhui Kahika / Executive Summary

1. The Freedom Camping Site Assessment Report (the Report) is being presented to gain feedback from Te Kāhui Matauraura members. Once feedback has been received the Report will be presented to the Council.
2. The proposals in the Report will be discussed by the Council and may or may not be presented for public consultation as part of the South Taranaki District Council Freedom Camping Bylaw 2016 (the Bylaw) review.

Taunakitanga / Recommendation(s)

THAT Te Kāhui Matauraura receives the Freedom Camping Site Assessment Report and provides feedback.

Kupu Whakamārama / Background

3. The Bylaw requires a review due to the introduction of the Self-Contained Motor Vehicles Legislation Act 2023.
4. The default position under the Freedom Camping Act 2011 (Act) is that freedom camping on local authority land is permitted in a self-contained vehicle. The Council cannot make a bylaw to prohibit all freedom camping.
5. The Report examines each freedom camping site to determine if camping should be allowed and the suitability of the site to support tents and non-self-contained vehicles. We have used the three assessment criteria as set out under section 11 of the Act:
 - To protect the area.
 - To protect the health and safety of people who may visit the site (campers and the general public)
 - To protect access to the site (general public)

6. The Report has been prepared by council officers, the proposals have not been formulated, considered, or approved by the Council. A proposal in this report does not automatically result in a reclassification of a freedom camping site.
7. Te Kāhui Matauraura members are requested to provide their feedback on the Report. The revised Report will be discussed by the Council and the proposals may or may not be presented for public consultation as part of the Bylaw review.

Whakawhiti Kōrero/ Discussion

Parks and Reserves

8. Previously only parks and reserves that had vehicle access were assessed as freedom camping areas. The report recognises that people may access parks and reserves on foot and pitch a tent. The list below summarises the parks and reserves as proposed sites to prohibit freedom camping.

Eltham Ward	
Bridger Park, Eltham	The Park is located between Stanners and High Streets, it is accessed from Stanners Street and Bridge Street.
Chartwell Drive Reserve	The Reserve is located on Chartwell Drive amongst residential houses.
Connell Reserve, Eltham	Connell Reserve is located on Clifford Road, it is accessed from Clifford Road and Kōwhai Street.
Smyth Reserve	The Reserve is located on Victoria Street, opposite Thoumine Park.
Taylor Park, Eltham	The Park is located on Tayler Street, with two access points.
Victoria Street Park, Kaponga	The Park is located at 50 Victoria Street beside the old takeaway shop. (see map below)
Willowbrook Reserve.	The Reserve is located on Willowbrook amongst residential houses.
Pātea Ward	
Manchester Street Playground	The Playground is located on Manchester Street.
Waverley Memorial Park	The Park is located on Weraroa Road, east of Chester Street.
Waverley Domain Pool and carpark.	The Domain and carpark are located on Weraroa Road opposite Chester Street.
Taranaki Coastal Ward	
The Row Playground	The Playground is located on Tauranga-ā-ika Street and is the part of the entrance to get to the community pool.
Te Hāwera Ward	
Clapham Common	The Common is located on High Street and can also be accessed from Cameron and Gladstone Streets.
Goodson Dell	The Dell is located on High Street, with the main access point on the corner of High and Cameron Streets.
Kōwhai Street Reserve	The Reserve is located on the corner of Hunter and Kowhai Streets.

McCullum Park	The Park is located on Rātā Street and can be accessed from Murray Avenue.
Naumai Park	The Park is located on High Street.
Queen Elizabeth Park	The Park is located on Tawhiti Road, opposite the takeaway shop.
Rod Symes Reserve	The Reserve is located on Rod Syme Place.

Other proposed changes

9. As discussed earlier all freedom camping sites were examined under the three criteria. The list below summarises the changes the Report proposes.

Eltham Ward	
Eltham LibraryPlus Carpark	Under the current Bylaw freedom camping is permitted in self-contained vehicles. We are proposing freedom camping is prohibited.
Rukumoana Reserve	Under the current Bylaw freedom camping is permitted in self-contained vehicles. We are proposing freedom camping is prohibited.
Pātea Ward	
Bedford/Egmont Street Reserve	Under the current Bylaw freedom camping is permitted in self-contained vehicles, non-self-contained vehicles, and tents. We are proposing freedom camping is prohibited.
Bourkes Lookout	We are proposing that freedom camping is prohibited. (This site has not been previously assessed).
Stafford Street Pool Reserve	Under the current Bylaw freedom camping is permitted in self-contained vehicles. We are proposing freedom camping is prohibited.
Wairoa Reserve	Under the current Bylaw freedom camping is permitted in self-contained vehicles. We are proposing that this site changes and also allows non-self-contained vehicles close to the toilet facilities, and that the number of vehicles increases from three to six vehicles per night.
Taranaki Coastal Ward	
Halse Place	Under the current Bylaw freedom camping is permitted in self-contained vehicles, non-self-contained vehicles, and tents. We are proposing that this site changes and only allows self-contained vehicles.
Middleton Bay	Under the current Bylaw freedom camping is permitted in self-contained vehicles, non-self-contained vehicles, and tents. We are proposing that this site changes and only allows self-contained and non-self-contained vehicles in carpark area.
Ōpunakē Recreation Grounds	Under the current Bylaw freedom camping is permitted in self-contained vehicles, and non-self-contained vehicles. We are proposing that this site changes and only allows self-contained vehicles in western carpark area.
Southern Headland	This land was part of a crown settlement and has been passed back to Iwi, the old dump site is owned by Council but is landlocked. This site can no longer be a freedom camping area as it is not council owned, so we are proposing it is removed from the Bylaw.

Arawhata Road carpark	This portion of road was constructed around 2010, the land is still in the farmers ownership. I am not sure what rights we have over this land in its current status to determine whether we can include it in the Bylaw.
Te Hāwera Ward	
Waihi Beach Reserve	Under the current Bylaw freedom camping is permitted in self-contained vehicles. We are proposing that this site changes and also allows non-self-contained vehicles and tents in the area closest to the public toilet facilities. To protect public access it is proposed that freedom camping is prohibited in the 12 carparks within the reserve.
Tuke Street Reserve	Under the current Bylaw freedom camping is permitted in self-contained vehicles. We are proposing freedom camping is prohibited.
Pukekino Landing, Lake Rotorangi (Tanghoe Valley Road)	Under the current Bylaw freedom camping is permitted in self-contained vehicles, non-self-contained vehicles, and tents. We are proposing that people no longer access the ridge, and tents and non-self-contained vehicles camp close to the public toilet, and that the northern tip allows non-self-contained vehicles.

Whakakapia / Conclusion

10. Feedback is requested from Te Kāhui Matauraura members on the proposals put forward in the Report.
11. The proposals may or may not be part of the Bylaw review later in the year.



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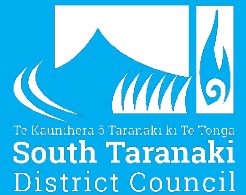


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Appendix 1: [Freedom Camping Site Assessment Report](#)

Appendix 2: [South Taranaki District Council Freedom Camping Bylaw 2016](#)



Pūrongo Arotake Wāhi
Hōpuni Kore Utu

**Freedom Camping Site
Assessment Report**

Executive summary

A review of the South Taranaki District Council Freedom Camping Bylaw 2016 (the Bylaw) is required due to the Self-Contained Motor Vehicles Legislation Act 2023. We have taken this opportunity to also review our freedom camping sites as the last review was undertaken in 2017.

The default position under the Freedom Camping Act 2011 (the Act) is that freedom camping on all local authority land is permitted in self-contained vehicles. This report examines each site to determine if freedom camping should be allowed, and the suitability of the site to support tents and non-self-contained vehicles. When assessing the suitability of sites, we consider public toilet access and availability, and the health and safety risks in the area such as traffic.

We used the three assessment criteria as set out under section 11 of the Act:

- To protect the area.
- To protect the health and safety of people who may visit the site (campers and the general public)
- To protect access to the site (general public)

Each of the three assessment criteria were assessed and given a score between 1 and 5, 1 means that there are no concerns, and 5 means we have high concerns. Any sites with a score of 9 or above are considered unsuitable for freedom camping.

This report has been prepared by Council officers, the proposals in this report have not been formulated, considered, or approved by Council.

This report seeks feedback from Community Board Members and Te Kāhui Matauraura Members. Once feedback is received and the report is amended it will be put forward to Council to consider the proposals and what options may go to public consultation.

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Definitions

Act means the Freedom Camping Act 2011.

Assessment Scoring Method is the method derived by the Council using the assessment criteria set out in the Act, which is used to determine the level of significance of a particular site, which is Council owned.

Bylaw means the South Taranaki District Council Freedom Camping Bylaw 2016.

Council means the South Taranaki District Council.

CRM means Customer Request Management, which is the initials and colloquial term used by Officers to describe a record of a request or concern made by the public. A CRM is logged within the Council's computer system.

DOC means the Department of Conservation.

Freedom Camping Category Types means the three types of freedom camping: self-contained, non-self-contained and tenting.

Non-self-contained Freedom Camping means camping in a vehicle that is not displaying a current self-containment warrant issued under NZS4565:2001 (and all amendments).

NZMCA is the New Zealand Motor Caravan Association.

Significant Site is an area that has been assessed within this document and has a significance score of 9 or greater, using the assessment scoring method on page 7.

Site means a particular land parcel which is owned by the Council.

Self-contained Freedom Camping means camping in a vehicle that is displaying a current self-containment warrant issued under New Zealand Standard: *Self-containment of Motor Caravans and Caravans* NZS4565:2001 (and all amendments). The self-containment warrant means that the vehicle has the capability of holding wastewater (black and grey) from the occupants for three days, without the need to discharge any waste or require any external services.

Tauranga Waka (in te reo) means a waka landing and anchorage site.

Tenting means camping in a portable and collapsible temporary structure (which is usually made of fabric), is supported by poles and affixed to the ground with pegs.

TRC means the Taranaki Regional Council.

Urupā (in te reo) means a cemetery or burial site.

1.0 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of the Report

The purpose of the Freedom Camping Site Assessment Report (the Report) is to assess the freedom camping sites throughout the District. The assessment has collated staff and freedom camping ambassador observations, and public complaints. Occupancy rates for the sites have been included where these are available. Occupancy rates are recorded from October to April when the Council's Freedom Camping Kaitiaki are employed.

This Report is being presented to Community Board Members and Te Kāhui Matauraura Members to gain their feedback. Once feedback is received, the report will be amended and put forward to Council for consideration of the proposals. This Report seeks to assist Council in determining what proposals may be presented for public consultation.

This report has been prepared by Council officers, the proposals in this report have not been formulated, considered, or approved by Council and therefore may or may not form part of the revised Bylaw.

1.2 Requirements of the Act

The Act seeks to regulate freedom camping on land controlled or managed by local authorities and the Department of Conservation. The Act is very permissive generally in its approach to freedom camping and provides councils with the opportunity to place restrictions or prohibitions through the development of bylaws.

Bylaws must be made in accordance with the Act or any other enactment and must not prohibit freedom camping absolutely within the District. Through the development of a bylaw, councils must be satisfied that a bylaw is necessary for one or more of the following purposes:

- To protect the area;
- To protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area; and
- To protect access to the area.

A bylaw can determine if an area within the District is restricted and state the restrictions which apply; and a bylaw can also determine if freedom camping in an area is prohibited. The areas defined under a bylaw must be detailed in a map or a description of its locality.

1.3 Council's role and responsibility

Under section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002, the purpose of Local Government is to *"promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future."*

Under the Freedom Camping Act 2011, councils are given powers to regulate and enforce any Freedom Camping Bylaws which have been developed and adopted under the Act. This is to ensure that freedom camping can still occur within the District but enables Council to place reasonable restrictions on freedom camping to protect the area, the health and safety of people who may visit the area and protect access to the area.

It is important to be able to balance the regulatory aspect of enforcing the bylaw to protect and maintain the natural environment of the District, with the need to promote and encourage the tourism of freedom campers in the District.

1.4 Assessment guidelines

'Public land' vs. 'Private land'

The assessment looks at sites on Council owned or managed property. Under Part 1, section 3 (4) of the Act, the regulation of freedom camping on private land is specifically excluded.

Leased Council land;

Council owns land throughout the District, which is not allocated at any given time to specific purposes (such as parks and reserves). To ensure that the land is maintained, Council leases the land for grazing purposes through a formal contract. Therefore, leased land is not included within the assessment. Generally, freedom camping is prohibited on leased Council land.

Accessible land;

Previously the assessment was only undertaken on land which was accessible by vehicle. However, freedom camping in tents is a concern and therefore this assessment report will examine all sites that can be accessed by vehicle and by foot.

Availability of Public Toilets

Under this assessment it is proposed that non-self-contained vehicles and tents are restricted to an easily accessible public toilet. This would ensure that there is no fouling of the environment at the freedom camping sites.

1.5 Assessment Criteria

Under the Act, the Council must be satisfied that the Bylaw is necessary for the following purposes:

- To protect the area;
- To protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area; and
- To protect access to the area.

These three criteria are considered in this document and termed the *assessment criteria*.

The following paragraphs show how the Council has interpreted the assessment criteria specifically and provides clarity on how the assessment of the Act was undertaken using a fair and consistent approach.

Protect the Area

The protection of sites may outweigh the benefits of allowing freedom camping in some areas.

Daily activities that a freedom camper may undertake such as cooking, washing, listening to music may not be appropriate in some areas, and may affect the pleasantness and attractiveness of the area. The risk of damage, littering, and the effect freedom campers have may outweigh the benefits of allowing freedom camping in specific sites such as sports grounds, cemeteries, cultural or historical sites, or environmental reserves.

Protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area.

Protecting the health and safety of people includes protecting the freedom campers and the public.

The public toilet facilities in the area assist in determining the suitability of each site for non-self-contained vehicles and tents. If public toilets are easily accessible, they are more likely to be used.

Risks such as coastal erosion are considered in the assessment, and traffic risks which may include pedestrians and vehicles sharing a common area, and the risk associated with no physical barriers between a camp site and passing traffic.

Access to the Area

The impact freedom campers have on other people's access and usage of the site is also examined as part of the assessment. This is helpful when dealing with smaller sites to determine the appropriate number of freedom campers and the duration of their stay.

1.6 Assessment Scoring Method

Each assessment criterion is given a score from 1 to 5, this assists in determining the significance of a site. If the significance score is **9 or above**, this means that the site is determined to be a "significant site" and freedom camping is prohibited. If the significance score is **8 or below**, freedom camping is permitted at the site; however there could be some restrictions placed on the conditions specific to the type of camping at the site.

Risk scoring	
1	No concerns regarding the site
2	Low concerns regarding the site
3	Some concerns regarding the site
4	Moderate concern regarding the site
5	High concerns regarding the site

Where it makes sense to do so, types of areas have been grouped together for the assessment as these areas have features or uses in common.

Note: This report will present proposals for Council to consider for public consultation. A proposal in this document does not automatically result in a reclassification of the freedom camping site.

2.0 Discussion

2.1 Significant sites

2.1.1 Kaūpokonui Beach Reserve

This area is part of a larger Kaūpokonui Reserve that Council maintains by agreement of the Kaūpokonui Beach Society. The adjacent formal camping area is managed by the Kaūpokonui Beach Society.

Under the current Bylaw freedom camping is prohibited at this site.



Background information

Centuries ago when Turi, captain of the Aotea waka, travelled about the Taranaki coast, he and his travelling party stayed for a time by the mouth of the Kaūpokonui Stream. Following their arrival, ceremonial rites were carried out in connection to Turi's sacred cloak, Huna-kiko, which Turi brought with him across Te Moana-nui-a-Kiwa. The ceremony took place on the eastern flat lands by the mouth of the Kaūpokonui Stream. Huna-kiko, the sacred red cloak was spread out for the people to gaze upon it. Marae-kura was the name given to the place where the garment was laid. According to Reverend Hammond, the name Marae-kura indicated the building of an altar, and the spreading out of the sacred garment. Furthermore, the various ceremonies which took place were undoubtedly of a very sacred character.

Legislative considerations	Comments	Score
Protect the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Vandalism</i> • <i>Littering</i> • <i>Damage to the area</i> • <i>The pleasantness and attractiveness of the area could be damaged by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	The Reserve is of special cultural significance to the Ngāti Tu hapū, the risk of littering and damage to this significant area outweighs the benefits of allowing freedom camping. Campers can stay at the campground which is monitored, and behavior of campers can be better controlled than if they were freedom camping. The reserve is a grassed area, large vehicles may damage the area after heavy rainfall.	5/5
Protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area. (General public and campers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Health issues such as human waste</i> • <i>Traffic hazards</i> 	There is a children's playground next to this part of the reserve. Vehicles and pedestrians share a common area, during summer there is a lot of pedestrian movement with visitors using the carpark and people from the campground making their way to and from the beach. There are public toilet facilities close by that are open 24/7.	3/5
Protect access to the area.	This part of the reserve has privately owned baches and is	2/5

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The use of the area by the general public</i> • <i>Access to the area being compromised by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	the main carparking area for those visiting the beach. The beach is popular during the summer months and spring when the whitebaiting season starts.	
Recommendation	That the Kaūpokonui Beach Reserve continues to be a prohibited Freedom Camping site.	10/15

2.1.2 Ōaonui Reserve, Tai Road

The Ōaonui Reserve stretches from Tai Road south to Arawhata Road. It is an average of 37 metres wide by 2.3 kilometres long.

Under the current Bylaw freedom camping is prohibited at this site.

Background information

The coastal reserve is located 11km north of Ōpunakē, there are specific heritage sites within the dunes that are of cultural significance. The foreshore is the nesting ground for the endangered NZ dotterels, Oystercatcher, and the Little Blue Penguin. The dunes ecosystem is the habitat for native species such as the gold striped gecko and the Notoreas moth.



Legislative considerations	Comments	Score
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect the area. • <i>Vandalism</i> • <i>Littering</i> • <i>Damage to the area</i> • <i>The pleasantness and attractiveness of the area could be damaged by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	<p>The Reserve is of special environmental significance due to the presence of the endangered NZ Dotterel nesting on the ground in this area, along with other wildlife.</p> <p>Ngāti Tara Ōaonui, the Sandy Bay Society volunteer to protect this area and support the wildlife.</p> <p>Dogs and vehicles are prohibited on the beach environment.</p> <p>The risk of littering and damage to this significant area outweighs the benefits of allowing freedom camping.</p>	5/5
<p>Protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area. (General public and campers)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Health issues such as human waste</i> • <i>Traffic hazards</i> 	<p>Access to the site is via tracks on foot. There is some level of risk to health and safety associated with access as it supports wildlife, so the tracks are not paved or well formed.</p> <p>There are no public toilet facilities nearby.</p>	4/5
Protect access to the area.	The Reserve can be accessed on foot from Tai Road, there is	2/5

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The use of the area by the general public</i> • <i>Access to the area being compromised by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	no formed road to access the reserve, and no designated camping area within the reserve therefore access and use of the reserve by others may be compromised by the presence of freedom campers.	
Recommendation	That the Ōaonui Reserve continues to be a prohibited Freedom Camping site.	11/15

2.1.3 Paora Road

The site is situated at the end of Paora Road.

The Council reserve is a thin strip seventeen metres wide by 1.4 kilometres.

Under the current Bylaw freedom camping is prohibited at this site.



Assessment

Legislative considerations	Comments	Score
Protect the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Vandalism</i> • <i>Littering</i> • <i>Damage to the area</i> • <i>The pleasantness and attractiveness of the area could be damaged by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	The accessway and reserve is a compacted gravel and dirt road, heavy vehicles are likely to cause damage after rainfall. The Reserve is located close to an urupā, daily activities that a freedom camper may undertake (cooking, washing, listening to music) along with vandalism, littering and damage would have a greater impact on the public visiting an urupā, than if those activities happened in another area such as a sealed carpark in town. The Council is aware that the site is the location of a culturally significant Tauranga waka site, which is important to the local hapū. The risk of littering and damage to this significant area outweighs the benefits of allowing freedom camping.	5/5
Protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area. (General public and campers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Health issues such as human waste</i> • <i>Traffic hazards</i> 	There are public toilet facilities available at the site, despite this, there have been complaints about human waste at the site when freedom campers stayed here previously.	4/5
Protect access to the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The use of the area by the</i> 	The Reserve is a main access point for the public to go surfing, and those visiting the urupā.	5/5

<i>general public</i> • Access to the area being compromised by the presence of freedom campers	There have been previous complaints regarding freedom campers staying outside the designated freedom camping area, excessive numbers of campers.	
Recommendation	That Paora Road Reserve continues to be a prohibited Freedom Camping site.	14/15

2.1.4 Stent Road

The site is situated at the end of Stent Road. There is a history of freedom camping at this site that pre-dates the Bylaw.

Under the current Bylaw freedom camping is prohibited at this site.



Assessment

Legislative considerations	Comments	Score
Protect the area. • Vandalism • Littering • Damage to the area • The pleasantness and attractiveness of the area could be damaged by the presence of freedom campers	The accessway is a gravel road and the area has dirt tracks and grass. Heavy vehicles are likely to cause damage after rainfall. The area is rich in taonga (treasure) which pre-dates European history. The area has high cultural significance to Iwi. <i>Lepidium flexicaule</i> is also found in this area which is classified by the Department of Conservation as a nationally endangered native plant. The risk of littering and damage to this significant area outweighs the benefits of allowing freedom camping.	5/5
Protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area. (General public and campers) • Health issues such as human waste • Traffic hazards	The popularity of this area and the increased traffic may cause traffic risk. There are public toilet facilities in this area for the community to use.	2/5
Protect access to the area. • The use of the area by the general public • Access to the area being compromised by the presence of freedom campers	The area is a popular surf break and is well known in the surfing community. Freedom Campers may impact access and use of this area by the community.	5/5
Recommendation	That the Stent Road area continues to be a prohibited	12/15

	Freedom Camping site.	
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2.1.5 Cemeteries

Under the current Bylaw Freedom Camping is prohibited at the cemeteries.

Cemetery	Location
Eltham Cemetery	Corner of Anderson and Rāwhitiroa Roads, Eltham rural area
Kaponga Cemetery	Park Lane, Kaponga
Hāwera Cemetery	Gladstone Street, Hāwera
Manaia Cemetery	Cemetery Road, (off Hassard Street) Manaia
Ōhawe Cemetery	Hoka Street, Ōhawe (access off Kepa Street, Ōhawe)
Ōkaiawa Cemetery	Tito Road, Ōkaiawa
Ōpunakē Cemetery	Wilson Road, Ōpunakē
Otakeho Cemetery	Surf Highway 45, Otakeho
Pātea Cemetery	Scotland Street, Pātea
Waihi Cemetery	Pikitūroa Road, Normanby

Assessment

Legislative considerations	Comments	Score
Protect the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Vandalism</i> • <i>Littering</i> • <i>Damage to the area</i> • <i>The pleasantness and attractiveness of the area could be damaged by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	<p>All cemeteries in the South Taranaki District are considered to have a high level of historical and cultural significance.</p> <p>Daily activities that a freedom camper may undertake (cooking, washing, listening to music) along with vandalism, littering and damage would have a greater impact on the public within a cemetery than if those activities happened in another area such as a reserve, or public carpark.</p> <p>It would be generally considered insensitive and inconsiderate of people to be camping in a public cemetery.</p>	5/5
Protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area. (General public and campers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Health issues such as human waste</i> • <i>Traffic hazards</i> 	<p>There are moderate health and safety concerns due to the likelihood of open ground (plots), use of specialised digging, equipment and burial services taking place.</p> <p>There are risks around vehicles and pedestrians sharing a common area, and there is limited availability of toilet facilities.</p>	3/5
Protect access to the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The use of the area by the general public</i> • <i>Access to the area being compromised by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	<p>Access to cemeteries is granted to the public generally during the day. All sites are fenced and the gates at Hāwera cemetery are locked at night.</p> <p>Some sites, such as Eltham Cemetery, have small parking areas, if freedom camping was allowed at this site, it would mean public access may be restricted.</p>	4/5
Recommendation	That cemeteries within South Taranaki continue to prohibit Freedom Camping.	12/15

2.1.6 Parks and Reserves

Under the current Bylaw Freedom Camping is prohibited at these Parks and Reserves.

Eltham-Kaponga Ward

Eltham		
Rāwhitiroa Swimming Pool and Reserve	The Reserve is located behind the Rāwhitiroa school, it is accessed from Horoi Road.	The Reserve contains a community swimming pool, playground, and a BBQ/picnic area.
Saunders Park	Saunders Park is located on Collingwood Street it is accessed from either Collingwood Street or via Taumata Park.	The Park contains a sports field.
Soldiers Memorial Park	The Park is located on Conway Road, on the west side of the Eltham Primary School.	The Park contains the community pool, playground, skatepark and a sports field.
Stark Park	Stark Park is opposite the four square and is located between High Street and Bridger Street carpark.	The Park contains a small stage and seating. Stark Park is a thoroughfare for those walking between Bridger Street carpark and High Street.
Taumata Park	Taumata Park is located at the end of Preston Street and can be accessed via Preston and Park Streets and via Saunders Park.	The Park contains a playing field, athletics track and long-jump, playground, grandstand, and a recreation centre.
Kaponga		
Grace Avenue Reserve	Grace Avenue Reserve is located beside the community swimming pool, it is accessed off Lorne Street in Kaponga.	The Reserve provides an entry point to the community swimming pool area.
Victoria Park	Victoria Park is located on Victoria Street. It is accessed from Victoria Street, Fitzgerald Avenue, and Park Lane.	The Park contains a playing field, batting cages, athletics track and long-jump, tennis courts, playground, and public toilets.

Pātea Ward

Pātea		
Garden of Tutunui	The Garden is located on the corner of Bedford and Egmont Streets.	The Garden contains a whale bone sculpture and has established flower gardens.
Pātea Domain	The Domain is located on Egmont Street and is accessed from either Egmont or Surrey Street.	The Domain has a sports field, tennis courts, playground, and community swimming pool
Pātea Memorial Gardens	The Gardens are located on Egmont Street, opposite the petrol station. The Gardens are accessed from Chester and Egmont Streets.	The Gardens contain Turi's Waka sculpture (Aotea Memorial Canoe), grassed picnic area, seating, and has established gardens and trees.
Waverley		

Dallison Park Recreation Grounds	Dallison Park Recreation Grounds is located on Chester Street.	The Park contains a sports field, bowling green, and clubrooms.
Gully Park	Gully Park is located opposite Four Square on Weraroa Road.	The Park contains seating, established gardens, and the Kiwi (racehorse) statue.
Okiwa Terrace Reserve, Waiinu Beach	Okiwa Terrace Reserve is accessed from Okiwa Terrace, Pingao Place, and Nukumaru Parade.	The Reserve is a large, grassed, uneven area that is located in a residential area.

Taranaki Coastal Ward

Manaia		
Manaia Domain	The Domain is located on Hassard Street, there are two areas of the Domain. Both areas are accessed from Bennet Drive, one area is to the north and one area is to the south.	The Domain has sports fields, and tennis courts.
Manaia Skatepark	The Skatepark is located east of the Roundabout and is between South Road and Riemenschneider Street.	The Skatepark is divided into two areas, the skate area is on the northern side and there is a large grassed area at the southern side.
Ōpunakē		
Cape Egmont Boat Club and Historic Lighthouse Reserve.	The Reserve is located on Coast Road, between the road and the Cape Egmont Boat Club and Historic Lighthouse reserve.	The Reserve is a small area of land that is used for parking.
Hurst Park	The Park is located on Ihaia Road. It is accessed from Ihaia Road or Gisborne Terrace.	The Reserve is the site of the former railway station. It is grassed area with a walking track and a picnic table.
Ōpunakē Beach Recreation Reserve	The Reserve is located by the Ōpunakē Beach Campground. It is accessed from Beach Road.	The Reserve is a grassed area at the bottom of hill adjacent to the campground. It is used for overflow parking at the Campground and when events are held at the beach.
Ōpunakē BMX Track	The Track is located on Dieffenbach Street.	The Track and surrounding area is very uneven and not suited to a freedom camping area.
Ōpunakē Recreation Grounds	Ōpunakē Recreation Grounds is accessed from Tasman Street, Heaphy and Longfellow Roads, and Halse Place.	The grounds cover a large area, it includes a recreation centre, public toilets, skate park, tennis courts, and sport fields.

Te Hāwera Ward

Hāwera		
Beech Place Reserve	Beech Place Reserve is located at the end of Kamahi Avenue. The site can be accessed via walkways from Beech	Beech Place Reserve is surrounded by private residential property. It is currently used a leash free dog

	Place, Tawa Street and Ngaio Place.	park.
Charles Major Place Reserve	Charles Major Place Reserve is located at Charles Major Place off Ramanui Avenue.	The Reserve is a grassed area with a playground.
Hāwera Water Tower Grounds and Skate Park	The Park is located on Albion Street it is accessed from either Albion Street or High Street.	The Park contains the i-SITE building, Water Tower, public toilets, a skate park, a basketball hoop, picnic tables, established gardens and trees.
Hicks Park	Hicks Park is accessed from Pacey Avenue, Reid Avenue and the TSB Hub carpark and access lane.	The Park contains sports fields, tennis courts, outdoor fitness area, and athletics track.
King Edward Park, Hāwera (including sports field)	King Edward Park is accessed from Waihi and Camberwell Roads, High Street, and the TSB Hub carpark and access lane.	The Park contains a lake, playground, observatory, cricket grounds, batting cages, club rooms for the cricket and alpine clubs, and established gardens and trees.
McGuire Street Reserve	Located on and accessed from McGuire Street.	The Reserve is a small neighborhood park dominated by a playground.
Turuturu Road Soccer Grounds	Turuturu Road Soccer Grounds is accessed from Turuturu Road.	The Grounds contain clubrooms and sports fields.
Normanby		
Evans Park	The Park is located between Brown and Hobson Streets.	The Park is a small area that a playground and is located in a residential area.
Normanby Domain	Normanby Domain is accessed from Ketemarae Road.	The Domain contains a bowling green, sports fields, a playground, athletics track, and a hall.

Assessment

Legislative considerations	Comments	Score
Protect the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Vandalism</i> • <i>Littering</i> • <i>Damage to the area</i> • <i>The pleasantness and attractiveness of the area could be damaged by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	Recreation Reserves are areas of significance to the sporting communities. Community areas such as playgrounds, skateparks and swimming pools are of significance to families with younger children. The sports fields are maintained to a sports turf standard. Vehicles (campers, motorhomes, caravans) may damage the sports turf and grassed areas particularly after rainfall which would result expensive remediation work.	4/5
Protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area. (General public and campers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Health issues such as human waste</i> • <i>Traffic hazards</i> 	Health and Safety risks associated with recreation reserves would be higher when sports are being played as pedestrians and vehicles potentially share a common area. There are no public toilet facilities close by that are open 24/7 therefore tenting and non-self-contained vehicles should be prohibited from these areas.	3/5
Protect access to the area.	Most of the grounds are fenced and gated to prevent	4/5

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The use of the area by the general public</i> • <i>Access to the area being compromised by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	<p>vehicles accessing the sports fields. Sports teams and individuals use these areas during organised events and training.</p> <p>Freedom campers may impede on the use of these areas, as there is a perceived risk for unaccompanied children to visit the playgrounds if people are camping in the same area.</p>	
Recommendation	That Parks and Reserves within South Taranaki continue to prohibit Freedom Camping.	11/15

2.1.7 Parks and Reserves continued

The following Parks and Reserves have **not** been assessed as freedom camping areas because under previous assessment criteria only sites with vehicle access were assessed.

Eltham-Kaponga Ward

Eltham		
Bridger Park, Eltham	The Park is located between Stanners and High Street, it is accessed from Stanners Street and Bridge Street.	The Park has a grassed area on Stanners Street, and the lower area of the park has a stream, seating, and established gardens and trees.
Chartwell Drive Reserve	The Reserve is located on Chartwell Drive amongst residential houses.	The Reserve is a sloping grass area with established trees.
Connell Reserve, Eltham	Connell Reserve is located on Clifford Road, it is accessed from Clifford Road and Kōwhai Street.	The Reserve has a large grass area, it was leased to Forest and Bird, but the lease has ended. There have been issues at the Reserve with littering, people overstaying, and cars tearing up the area.
Taylor Park, Eltham	The Park is located on Tayler Street, with two access points.	The Park is an off-leash dog exercise area.
Willowbrook Reserve	The Reserve is located on Willowbrook amongst residential houses.	The Reserve is a small grass area with established trees.
Kaponga		
Smyth Reserve	The Reserve is located on Victoria Street, opposite Thoumine Park.	The Reserve is a grass area that leads down to the river. It has established trees, a picnic table and seating area.
Victoria Street Park, Kaponga	The Park is located at 50 Victoria Street beside the old takeaway shop.	The Park is dominated by a shelter with picnic table and seating.

Pātea Ward

Waverley

Manchester Street Playground	The Playground is located on Manchester Street.	The Playground is a large grass area with a playground and picnic table.
Waverley Memorial Park, Waverley	The Park is located on Weraroa Road, east of Chester Street.	The Park is dominated by the Waverley Clock Tower and stairs. The Park has a grass area and established trees.
Waverley Domain Pool and carpark	The Domain and carpark are located on Weraroa Road opposite Chester Street.	The Swimming Pool is fenced, there are carparks in front of and on the east side of the pool complex.

Taranaki Coastal Ward

Manaia		
The Row Playground	The Playground is located on Tauranga-a-ika Street and is the part of the entrance to get to the community pool.	The Playground has a grassed area and a large playground and established trees.

Te Hāwera Ward

Hawera		
Clapham Common	The Common is located on High Street and can also be accessed from Cameron and Gladstone Streets.	The Common is large grass area with a small playground.
Goodson Dell	The Dell is located on High Street, with the main access point on the corner of High and Cameron Streets.	The Dell is a small park with established trees.
Kōwhai Street Reserve	The Reserve is located on the corner of Hunter and Kōwhai Streets.	The area has a grass area, picnic table, seating, and a playground.
McCullum Park	The Park is located on Rātā Street and can be accessed from Murray Avenue.	The Park has a large grass area and playground, established trees and seating.
Naumai Park	The Park is located on High Street.	The Park has a lake, walkways, established trees.
Queen Elizabeth Park, Hāwera	The Park is located on Tawhiti Road, opposite the takeaway shop.	The Park has a large grass area, a playground and seating area.
Rod Symes Reserve	The Reserve is located on Rod Syme Place.	The Reserve has large established trees.

Assessment

Legislative considerations	Comments	Score
Protect the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Vandalism</i> • <i>Littering</i> • <i>Damage to the area</i> • <i>The pleasantness and</i> 	<p>These parks provide a space of recreation and refecton for people in the community.</p> <p>Vehicles (campers, motorhomes, caravans) would damage grassed areas particularly after rainfall. Freedom camping in</p>	3/5

<i>attractiveness of the area could be damaged by the presence of freedom campers</i>	tents would have an impact on the pleasantness and attractiveness of these areas.	
Protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area. (General public and campers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Health issues such as human waste</i> • <i>Traffic hazards</i> 	There are no public toilet facilities close by that are open 24/7 therefore tenting and non-self-contained vehicles should be prohibited from these areas.	5/5
Protect access to the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The use of the area by the general public</i> • <i>Access to the area being compromised by freedom campers</i> 	Freedom campers may impede on the use of these areas, as there is a perceived risk for unaccompanied children to visit the playgrounds if people are camping in the same area.	2/5
Recommendation	That these Parks and Reserves are prohibited for freedom camping. If approved, these proposals will be included in the Bylaw review and form part of the public consultation.	10/15

2.2 Eltham-Kaponga Ward

Eltham

2.2.1 Bridger Park Carpark, Eltham

The Bridger Park car park is located in the central business district, it is accessed from High Street (SH 3) and Bridge Street.



Under the current Bylaw freedom camping is permitted at this site for self-contained vehicles.

Observations

The Freedom Camping Ambassadors that are employed from 1 November to 30 April each summer season recorded the number of vehicles/tents at this site.

	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Self-contained	7	3	9
Non-self-contained	4	7	-
Tent	2	-	-
TOTAL	13	10	9

Assessment

Legislative considerations	Comments	Score
Protect the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Vandalism</i> • <i>Littering</i> • <i>Damage to the area</i> • <i>The pleasantness and attractiveness of the area could be damaged by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	The site is tar sealed and would support large vehicles using this area.	1/5
Protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area. (General public and campers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Health issues such as human waste</i> • <i>Traffic hazards</i> 	The site is a public carpark, so pedestrians and vehicles do share the area, but is not a busy thoroughfare other than when the squash club is open. The site is more than 100m walking distance from the public toilets.	4/5
Protect access to the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The use of the area by the general public</i> • <i>Access to the area being compromised by the</i> 	The carpark is used by people visiting the shops, Stark Park is the throughfare connecting the carpark to High Street. The carpark is also used by people going to the squash club or Bridger Park. The carpark is big enough to support freedom campers and the local community.	2/5

<i>presence of freedom campers</i>		
Recommendation	That this site continues to allow freedom camping for self-contained vehicles only.	6/15

2.2.2 Eltham Library Carpark

The Eltham Library is located on the corner of High and King Edward Streets. The car park adjoining the library is accessed from Bath Street.



Under the current Bylaw freedom camping is permitted at this site in self-contained vehicles.

Observations

The Freedom Camping Ambassadors that are employed from 1 November to 30 April each summer season recorded the number of vehicles/tents at this site.

	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Self-contained	27	26	14
Non-self-contained	-	5	-
Tent	-	2	-
TOTAL	27	33	14

Assessment

Legislative considerations	Comments	Score
Protect the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Vandalism</i> • <i>Littering</i> • <i>Damage to the area</i> • <i>The pleasantness and attractiveness of the area could be damaged by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	The site is tar sealed but would not support large vehicles due to the size of the carparking area and the turning area available.	2/5
Protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area. (General public and campers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Health issues such as human waste</i> • <i>Traffic hazards</i> 	The public toilets are close to this site but are not open 24/7. Library staff have reported and cleaned up human faeces around the library on three separate occasions in the last 12 months. Although the site requires freedom campers to be in self-contained vehicles, it is assumed that freedom campers have defecated at this site as the toilets are locked overnight.	5/5
Protect access to the area.	The primary use of the carpark is to provide carparking for	4/5

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The use of the area by the general public</i> • <i>Access to the area being compromised by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	<p>users of the library.</p> <p>The Library is a busy place as it has the NZ Post franchise. The car park is relatively small with 8 car parking spaces available. With the limited number of car parks the presence of freedom campers has the potential to cause parking issues for the public visiting the library.</p> <p>Freedom campers do not have to vacate a site at a certain time and campers have been known to stay while the library is open in the morning.</p>	
<p>Recommendation</p>	<p>That this site changes to a prohibited site for freedom camping.</p> <p>If approved this proposed change will be included in the Bylaw review and form part of the public consultation.</p>	<p>11/15</p>

The red dots on the images below indicate where human faecal matter was found.



2.2.3 Taylor Park Carpark, Eltham

Taylor Park is located on Tayler Street. It is a large reserve with a playground, small car park. The park is a dedicated leash free dog exercise area.

Vehicular access to the park area is not available as locked gates are in place. Some self-contained vehicles have made use of the small carpark on Taylor Street.



Under the current Bylaw freedom camping is permitted at this site in self-contained vehicles.

Observations

	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Self-contained	1	4	5
Non-self-contained	-	4	-
Tent	-	-	-
TOTAL	1	8	5

Assessment

Legislative considerations	Comments	Score
Protect the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Vandalism</i> • <i>Littering</i> • <i>Damage to the area</i> • <i>The pleasantness and attractiveness of the area could be damaged by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	There is a small playground that is separated from the parking area. The parking area is small and is a compacted gravel area, there may be some damage caused by vehicles after heavy rainfall, although there have not been any issues, and the site is not busy.	2/5
Protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area. (General public and campers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Health issues such as human waste</i> • <i>Traffic hazards</i> 	There is a shared accessway to Taylor Park and the carpark, pedestrians and vehicles will share a small portion of this area but there is also another entrance to the park if pedestrians feel unsafe. There are no public toilet facilities so freedom campers must be in self-contained vehicles.	2/5
Protect access to the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The use of the area by the general public</i> • <i>Access to the area being compromised by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	There are parking spaces available on the roadside so users of the dog park would not be greatly impacted by freedom campers when trying to access the park if the carpark was full.	2/5
Recommendation	That this site continues to allow freedom camping for self-	6/15

	contained vehicles.	
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2.2.4 Glen Nui Reserve, Eltham

Glen Nui Reserve is situated at the end of Glen Nui Road off Rāwhitiroa Road. Because the area is remote, the neighbouring farmer grazes sheep at the site to maintain the grassed area.

Under the current Bylaw freedom camping is permitted at this site in self-contained vehicles, non-self-contained vehicles, and tents.



Observations

There are no recorded observations from this site due to its remoteness. There are no recorded issues at this site.

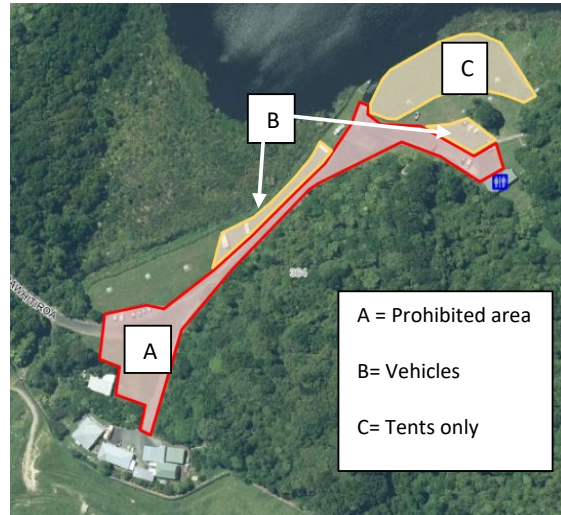
Assessment

Legislative considerations	Comments	Score
Protect the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Vandalism</i> • <i>Littering</i> • <i>Damage to the area</i> • <i>The pleasantness and attractiveness of the area could be damaged by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	The Reserve has a compacted gravel road running through it surrounded by grass areas. There may be some damage caused by vehicles after heavy rainfall, although there have not been reported issues regarding this.	2/5
Protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area. (General public and campers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Health issues such as human waste</i> • <i>Traffic hazards</i> 	There are public toilet facilities in the camping area, so tenting can be available at the Reserve. Vehicles and pedestrians share a common area and there are no barriers protecting the camping area from vehicles.	2/5
Protect access to the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The use of the area by the general public</i> • <i>Access to the area being compromised by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	The freedom camping area is a designated camping area, the local community is most likely not going to be impacted from using the public toilets while people are camping in this area.	1/5
Recommendation	That this site continues to allow freedom camping for self-contained vehicles, non-self-contained vehicles, and tents.	5/15

2.2.5 Lake Rotokare Scenic Reserve

Lake Rotokare Scenic Reserve and ecological sanctuary is located at the end of Sangster Road. The site is 230 hectares of native bush and wetlands and 17.8 hectares of lake.

Native flora and fauna have been reintroduced into the area and are protected by a pest-proof fence. The site has a very high level of environmental significance and is managed by South Taranaki District Council in partnership with the Lake Rotokare Scenic Reserve Trust under a memorandum of understanding.



Under the current Bylaw freedom camping is permitted at this site in self-contained vehicles, non-self-contained vehicles, and tents.

Observations

	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Self-contained	39	134	140
Non-self-contained	35	33	45
Tent	32	36	29
TOTAL	106	203	214

Assessment

Legislative considerations	Comments	Score
Protect the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Vandalism</i> • <i>Littering</i> • <i>Damage to the area</i> • <i>The pleasantness and attractiveness of the area could be damaged by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	<p>There is a very high degree of cultural and environmental significance as the reserve is a bird sanctuary of national significance.</p> <p>All dogs are prohibited from the site. Any freedom campers with pets or threats to the biodiversity, are prohibited from the site.</p> <p>Because of the importance of the reserve and its environmental sensitivity, the reserve is a restricted site meaning that freedom camping is restricted to certain places for certain types of camping.</p> <p>A manager lives onsite at the Reserve and volunteers are regularly at the Reserve so any damage or vandalism caused by freedom campers would be identified and reported quickly.</p>	4/5
Protect the health and	The campers and pedestrians do share a common area as	2/5

safety of people who may visit the area. (General public and campers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Health issues such as human waste</i> • <i>Traffic hazards</i> 	people complete walks around the lake and the ridgeline. There are public toilet facilities available so tents and non-self-contained vehicles can camp close to the facilities.	
Protect access to the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The use of the area by the general public</i> • <i>Access to the area being compromised by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	Currently up to three self-contained vehicles, and three non-self-contained vehicles can camp at the reserve. This number of campers would not impede on the public accessing the carparking area or using the reserve.	2/5
Recommendation	That this site continues to allow freedom camping for self-contained vehicles, non-self-contained vehicles, and tents, with a limit of 3 self-contained and 3 non-self-contained vehicles.	8/15

2.2.6 Rukumoana Reserve, Eltham

Rukumoana Reserve is located off Rāwhitiroa Road, and access is via a formed dirt road. The site is situated on the banks of the Pātea River.

Under the current Bylaw freedom camping is permitted at this site in self-contained vehicles.



Assessment

Legislative considerations	Comments	Score
Protect the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Vandalism</i> • <i>Littering</i> • <i>Damage to the area</i> • <i>The pleasantness and attractiveness of the area could be damaged by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	The main access is a deep rutted track and require a large vehicle to access this site, but it would be more likely to get stuck when wet and cause further damage. The site is remote and not monitored regularly by staff or others in the area. The freedom camping sign states no lighting of fires, but there is evidence of a fire being lit there recently. If the site was damaged it may remain undetected for a length of time unless it was noticed by locals in the area.	3/5
Protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area. (General public and campers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Health issues such as human waste</i> • <i>Traffic hazards</i> 	There are no public toilet facilities so freedom campers must be in self-contained vehicles. There is no regular monitoring of the site and due to its overgrowth human waste and litter could be easily hidden.	2/5

<p>Protect access to the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The use of the area by the general public</i> • <i>Access to the area being compromised by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	<p>Access to the freedom camping area is difficult. The main access is a deep rutted track.</p> <p>The site allows three self-contained vehicles, but the site does not have a large area to camp or a large turning area. Campers would need to camp on the main access track meaning that other campers and the public would struggle to enter and exit the site.</p> <p>The site has several dips that would be difficult to navigate due to the overgrowth.</p>	<p>5/5</p>
<p>Recommendation</p>	<p>That this site changes to a prohibited site for freedom camping.</p> <p>This site lends itself to being better suited for planting of trees as part of the Councils Environmental sustainability plan, which also forms part of the reason to change the use of the site.</p> <p>If approved this proposed change will be included in the Bylaw review and form part of the public consultation.</p>	<p>10/15</p>



Kaponga

2.2.7 Thoumine Park Carpark, Kaponga

Thoumine Park car park is situated on the corner of Victoria Street and Riverside Street.

Under the current Bylaw freedom camping is permitted at this site in self-contained vehicles.



Observations

	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Self-contained	6	2	3
Non-self-contained	1	2	1
Tent	-	-	-
TOTAL	7	4	4

Assessment

Legislative considerations	Comments	Score
Protect the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Vandalism</i> • <i>Littering</i> • <i>Damage to the area</i> • <i>The pleasantness and attractiveness of the area could be damaged by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	There is a small playground, and seating areas that are separated from the car park. The car park is a metaled area, heavy vehicles are not likely to cause damage, however the carpark is small and doesn't have a wide turning area.	2/5
Protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area. (General public and campers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Health issues such as human waste</i> • <i>Traffic hazards</i> 	There is a shared accessway to Thoumine Park and the carpark, pedestrians and vehicles will share a small portion of this area. There are no public toilet facilities so freedom campers must be in self-contained vehicles.	2/5
Protect access to the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The use of the area by the general public</i> • <i>Access to the area being compromised by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	The reserve is a restricted site meaning that freedom camping is restricted to the carpark for self-contained vehicles. The carpark is a small area, too many freedom campers may impede on the public being able to use the carpark, but the site is not well utilised and public access hasn't been an issue.	2/5
Recommendation	That this site continues to allow freedom camping for self-contained vehicles.	6/15

2.2.8 Victoria Park Carpark, Kaponga

The Victoria Park car park is located on Park Lane and forms part of the Victoria Park Grounds. It is primarily used by sports members and visitors that use the recreational facilities.



Observations

	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Self-contained	8	-	8
Non-self-contained	12	-	7
Tent	2	-	-
TOTAL	22	-	15

Assessment

Legislative considerations	Comments	Score
Protect the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Vandalism</i> • <i>Littering</i> • <i>Damage to the area</i> • <i>The pleasantness and attractiveness of the area could be damaged by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	This site has been a freedom camping site for a while and there were complaints that the freedom campers used the infinity gas power socket on the outside of the club rooms to charge electrical devices, using the outside tap to wash dishes, and parking below the security sensor light. Measures have been taken to ensure that freedom campers do not take advantage of the services that the club has to pay for (ie water and power). The car park is a tar sealed area; heavy vehicles are not likely to damage this area. There is no grassed area to pitch a tent in the carpark area, and the adjacent sports fields are a prohibited freedom camping space.	2/5
Protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area. (General public and campers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Health issues such as human waste</i> • <i>Traffic hazards</i> 	There are several access points to Victoria Park and pedestrians and vehicles do not need to share a common area. Public toilets are located 100m from this site and are available 24 hours a day.	2/5
Protect access to the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The use of the area by the general public</i> • <i>Access to the area being compromised by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	The presence of freedom campers would not hinder public use of Victoria Park as there are several access points. During large sporting events the carpark can be closed to freedom campers if 24 hours' notice is given. (Section 12 - Freedom Camping Bylaw).	1/5
Recommendation	That this site continues to allow freedom camping for self-contained vehicles and non-self-contained vehicles.	5/15

2.3 Pātea Ward

Pātea

2.3.1 Bedford Street/Egmont Street Reserve, Pātea

The reserve is located on the corner of Bedford Street and Egmont Street and is on State Highway 3.

Under the current Bylaw freedom camping is permitted at this site in self-contained vehicles, non-self-contained vehicles, and tents.

Observations

There have been no observations of people camping on this site over the past three years.



Assessment

Legislative considerations	Comments	Score
Protect the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Vandalism</i> • <i>Littering</i> • <i>Damage to the area</i> • <i>The pleasantness and attractiveness of the area could be damaged by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	The camping area is a small grassed area, with established trees. Heavy vehicles may damage the area after rainfall, although there have not been any issues as the site is not well utilised. Daily activities that a freedom camper may undertake such as cooking, washing, and listening to music may make the area more unattractive.	4/5
Protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area. (General public and campers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Health issues such as human waste</i> • <i>Traffic hazards</i> 	Public toilets are located 100m from this site and are available 24 hours a day, unless they are closed for maintenance. Freedom campers may cause an unintended distraction to passing traffic as this is a busy corner and one where you may not expect to see people camping as it is on the main street of the town. There is a risk to health and safety as the access points are directly off the State Highway corner, vehicles accessing the site may cause issues with other road users. There is also a measure of risk associated with the amount of traffic passing by this site and the lack of safety barriers.	4/5
Protect access to the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The use of the area by the general public</i> • <i>Access to the area being compromised by the</i> 	The site does not have picnic tables or a playground to attract the general public so the site is most likely not well utilised by the community. Therefore the presence of freedom campers would most likely have minimal effect on the public due to its under-utilisation.	1/5

<i>presence of freedom campers</i>		
Recommendation	That this site changes to a prohibited site. If approved this proposed change will be included in the Bylaw review and form part of the public consultation.	9/15

2.3.2 Bourke’s Lookout, Pātea Beach

This area is known as Bourke’s Lookout by locals, it has not been assessed as a Freedom Camping area previously. However, there are regular campers using this area so an assessment is needed.



Observations

This area has not previously been listed as a freedom camping site but observations have been recorded by our freedom camping ambassadors.

	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Self-contained	-	5	8
Non-self-contained	-	4	3
Tent	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	9	11

Assessment

Legislative considerations	Comments	Score
Protect the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Vandalism</i> • <i>Littering</i> • <i>Damage to the area</i> • <i>The pleasantness and attractiveness of the area could be damaged by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	The site consists of a sand and gravel access road. Large vehicles may damage the access after rainfall. A portion of the area is tar sealed. The presence of freedom campers is unlikely to have a detrimental effect on the pleasantness or attractiveness of the area, however this is a popular site due to the outlook and viewing the turbines.	3/5
Protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area. (General public and campers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Health issues such as human waste</i> • <i>Traffic hazards</i> 	There are no public toilet facilities so freedom campers must be in self-contained vehicles. With the recent completion of the Patea Loop walkway, pedestrians and vehicles will share a common area.	4/5
Protect access to the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The use of the area by the general public</i> • <i>Access to the area being compromised by the presence</i> 	There is no playground or seating to attract people to the area other than the view. The area is uneven ground and there are no useful flat areas for vehicles to park for overnight camping.	2/5

<i>of freedom campers</i>		
Recommendation	That this site is prohibited for freedom camping. If approved, this proposal will be included in the Bylaw review and form part of the public consultation.	9/15

2.3.3 Seaview Lookout, Pātea Beach

Under the Bylaw this area was known as Bourke’s Lookout. According to locals Bourke’s Lookout is closer to the beach and is the site of the greenwaste dump site that is now closed. For this assessment and Bylaw review this area will be referred to as Seaview Lookout.



Under the current Bylaw freedom camping is permitted at this site in self-contained vehicles.

Observations

Number of units (not people) recorded by Freedom Camping Ambassadors from October – March each summer season.

	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Self-contained	25	15	46
Non-self-contained	19	4	13
Tent	-	-	2
TOTAL	44	19	61

Assessment

Legislative considerations	Comments	Score
Protect the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Vandalism</i> • <i>Littering</i> • <i>Damage to the area</i> • <i>The pleasantness and attractiveness of the area could be damaged by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	<p>The site consists of a large tar sealed car park, which has speed cushions/humps. Large vehicles are unlikely to damage the site.</p> <p>The presence of freedom campers is unlikely to have a detrimental effect on the pleasantness or attractiveness of the area.</p>	2/5
Protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area. (General public and campers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Health issues such as human waste</i> 	<p>There are no public toilet facilities so freedom campers must be in self-contained vehicles.</p> <p>The area is uneven ground and there are no useful flat areas for vehicles to park for overnight camping.</p>	4/5

• <i>Traffic hazards</i>		
Protect access to the area. • <i>The use of the area by the general public</i> • <i>Access to the area being compromised by the presence of freedom campers</i>	There is no playground or seating to attract people to the area other than the view.	1/5
Recommendation	That this site continues to be allow freedom camping for self-contained vehicles.	6/15

2.3.4 Mana Bay, Pātea Beach

Mana Bay is located at the end of Beach Road. The area consists of a large tar sealed car park, Board Riders clubrooms and a large grassed area with Picnic shelters and BBQs.



Observations

	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Self-contained	50	54	108
Non-self-contained	16	20	26
Tent	-	-	14
TOTAL	66	74	148

Assessment

Legislative considerations	Comments	Score
Protect the area. • <i>Vandalism</i> • <i>Littering</i> • <i>Damage to the area</i> • <i>The pleasantness and attractiveness of the area could be damaged by the presence of freedom campers</i>	The carpark area is tar sealed so heavy vehicles are unlikely to cause damage. The site is very public and any damage or vandalism would be reported soon after the event. The pleasantness and attractiveness of the area would not be greatly impacted by freedom campers as it is an environment you would expect to see campers in.	2/5
Protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area. (General public and campers) • <i>Health issues such as human waste</i> • <i>Traffic hazards</i>	Pedestrians and vehicles will share a common area due to the busy beachside location. Public toilets are located within 100m from this site and are available 24 hours a day.	2/5
Protect access to the area. • <i>The use of the area by the</i>	The number of freedom camping vehicles is restricted so that the public has access to the beach and parking facilities.	2/5

<p><i>general public</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to the area being compromised by the presence of freedom campers 		
Recommendation	That this site continues to be a allow freedom camping for self-contained vehicles, non-self-contained vehicles, and tents.	6/15

2.3.5 Stafford Street Pool Reserve, Pātea

The Stafford Street Pool Reserve is the site of the old Pātea Swimming Pool. The pool was closed in 2012; the buildings were demolished and the pool was filled in.

Under the current Bylaw freedom camping is permitted at this site in self-contained vehicles.



Observations

	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Self-contained	1	-	-
Non-self-contained	1	-	1
Tent	-	-	1
TOTAL	2	-	2

Assessment

Legislative considerations	Comments	Score
<p>Protect the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vandalism • Littering • Damage to the area • The pleasantness and attractiveness of the area could be damaged by the presence of freedom campers 	<p>The site is elevated with a steep access and consists of a large grass area and concrete grandstand seating on the northern bank.</p> <p>The area is uneven and due to it being a grassed site heavy vehicles are likely to cause damage after rainfall.</p> <p>The site is located within a residential area. It is not well utilised by freedom campers, if it were more popular it may cause issues for residents.</p>	3/5
<p>Protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area. (General public and campers)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health issues such as human waste • Traffic hazards 	<p>There are no nearby public toilet facilities so freedom campers must be in self-contained vehicles.</p> <p>There are two driveways that access the site from Stafford Street, one is a tar sealed drive the other is a grass drive. Both of these access points and the uneven ground would be difficult for large campers to navigate.</p>	5/5

	The access is very difficult and would require a 4-wheel drive vehicle.	
Protect access to the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The use of the area by the general public</i> • <i>Access to the area being compromised by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	The site does not have picnic tables or a playground to attract the general public so the site is most likely not well utilised by the community. Therefore the presence of freedom campers would most likely have minimal effect on the public accessing the site.	1/5
Recommendation	That this site changes to a prohibited site for freedom camping. If approved this proposed change will be included in the Bylaw review and form part of the public consultation.	9/15

2.3.6 York Street Picnic Area, Pātea

York Street Picnic Area is located at the end of York Street on the banks of the Pātea River.



Observations

	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Self-contained	2	3	12
Non-self-contained	2	1	8
Tent	-	1	20
TOTAL	4	5	40

Assessment

Legislative considerations	Comments	Score
Protect the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Vandalism</i> • <i>Littering</i> • <i>Damage to the area</i> • <i>The pleasantness and attractiveness of the area could be damaged by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	The carpark area and accessway is a compacted gravel road, heavy vehicles may cause damage after rainfall. A wastewater pump station is located within this area so any damage or vandalism would be noticed by council staff and reported in a timely manner. The pleasantness and attractiveness of the area would not be greatly impacted by freedom campers as it is an environment you would expect to see campers in.	2/5
Protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area. (General public and campers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Health issues such as human waste</i> 	The site forms part of the Pātea Walkway, which leads to Mana Bay. Pedestrians and vehicles will share a common area. There are no public toilet facilities so freedom campers must be in self-contained vehicles.	2/5

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Traffic hazards</i> 		
Protect access to the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The use of the area by the general public</i> • <i>Access to the area being compromised by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	The site is not well used by freedom campers, but if there were more people camping here, there may be some benefit in restricting the number of freedom campers per night so that the local community still has access.	2/5
Recommendation	That this site continues to allow freedom camping for self-contained vehicles.	6/15

Waverley

2.3.7 Aotea Rotary Community Park, Waverley

Aotea Rotary Community Park is located on the corner of Chester Street and Weraroa Road.

Under the current Bylaw freedom camping is permitted at this site in self-contained vehicles, non-self-contained vehicles, and tents.



Observations

	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Self-contained	68	49	60
Non-self-contained	34	17	21
Tent	26	22	11
TOTAL	128	88	92

Assessment

Legislative considerations	Comments	Score
Protect the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Vandalism</i> • <i>Littering</i> • <i>Damage to the area</i> • <i>The pleasantness and attractiveness of the area could be damaged by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	The carpark area is a compacted gravel area, heavy vehicles may cause damage after rainfall. The site is very public, and any damage or vandalism would be reported soon after the event. The pleasantness and attractiveness of the area would not be greatly impacted by freedom campers as the camping area is separated from the playground area.	2/5
Protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area. (General public and campers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Health issues such as human waste</i> • <i>Traffic hazards</i> 	Pedestrians and vehicles may share a common area in the carpark where campers will stay. Public toilets are located within 100m from this site and are available 24 hours a day.	2/5
Protect access to the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The use of the area by the general public</i> • <i>Access to the area being compromised by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	The Park consists of a large child’s playground, grassed picnic area and public toilets. Visitors to the playground may wish to park in the carpark which freedom campers use but there is also space on the roadside for visitors to park as well. If access did become an issue in the future the number of freedom camping vehicles can be restricted at this site.	2/5
Recommendation	That this site continues to allow freedom camping for self-contained vehicles, non-self-contained vehicles, and tents.	6/15

2.3.8 Dallison Park Carpark, Waverley

Dallison Park is accessed via Chester Street.

Under the current Bylaw freedom camping at the Dallison Park carpark is permitted for self-contained vehicles.



Observations

	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Self-contained	28	34	39
Non-self-contained	1	-	2
Tent	-	1	-
TOTAL	29	35	41

Assessment

Legislative considerations	Comments	Score
Protect the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Vandalism</i> • <i>Littering</i> • <i>Damage to the area</i> • <i>The pleasantness and attractiveness of the area could be damaged by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	The carpark area is tar sealed so heavy vehicles are unlikely to cause damage. The pleasantness and attractiveness of the area would not be greatly impacted by freedom campers.	2/5
Protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area. (General public and campers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Health issues such as human waste</i> • <i>Traffic hazards</i> 	There are no public toilet facilities so freedom campers must be in self-contained vehicles.	2/5
Protect access to the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The use of the area by the general public</i> • <i>Access to the area being compromised by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	This site has an overflow parking area on the grass next to the carpark. Under the Bylaw, the site can be closed to Freedom Camping if there is an event and the site is needed for the public parking.	2/5
Recommendation	That this site continues to allow freedom camping for self-contained vehicles.	6/15

2.3.9 Wairoa Reserve – Long Beach/Cave Beach Access, Waverley

The Long Beach/Cave Beach Access Reserve is located on George Road, which is adjacent to the Waverley Beach Motor Camp.



Under the current Bylaw freedom camping is permitted at this site in self-contained vehicles.

Observations

	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Self-contained	214	273	549
Non-self-contained	10	10	16
Tent	7	15	11
TOTAL	231	298	576

Assessment

Legislative considerations	Comments	Score
Protect the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Vandalism</i> • <i>Littering</i> • <i>Damage to the area</i> • <i>The pleasantness and attractiveness of the area could be damaged by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	The access road is compacted gravel and the parking area is grass so large vehicle may cause damage after heavy rainfall. The pleasantness and attractiveness of the area would not be greatly impacted by freedom campers as it is adjacent to the Waverley Campground and therefore an environment you would expect to see campers in.	2/5
Protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area. (General public and campers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Health issues such as human waste</i> • <i>Traffic hazards</i> 	Pedestrians and vehicles will share a common area due to the busy beachside location. There are public toilet and shower facilities close to the Cave Beach camping area, so freedom campers can stay in non-self-contained vehicles close to these facilities. However, tenting is not recommended as the most appropriate place to pitch a tent is further than 100m from the facilities and the health and safety risks associated with vehicles and an unfenced tenting area. There are health and safety concerns due to the site being on a cliff top and coastal erosion.	3/5
Protect access to the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The use of the area by the general public</i> • <i>Access to the area being compromised by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	There have been comments that the amount of campers at the beach during the day has restricted the public’s access to parking areas. This is difficult to navigate as the Bylaw only applies to campers that stay overnight at the site, there is no restriction on the number of campers that can visit a site during the day.	2/5

<p>Recommendation</p>	<p>That this site changes and allows freedom camping for self-contained vehicles, and non-self-contained vehicles in the area that is closest to the public toilet facilities.</p> <p>That this site also increases the number of vehicles from three to six vehicles.</p> <p>If approved this proposed change will be included in the Bylaw review and form part of the public consultation.</p>	<p>7/15</p>
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2.4 Taranaki Coastal Ward

Manaia

2.4.1 Manaia Domain carpark

The Domain car park is located on Bennett Drive that leads to the Manaia Golf Club.



Assessment

Legislative considerations	Comments	Score
Protect the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Vandalism</i> • <i>Littering</i> • <i>Damage to the area</i> • <i>The pleasantness and attractiveness of the area could be damaged by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	The carpark area is tar sealed so heavy vehicles are unlikely to cause damage. The pleasantness and attractiveness of the area would not be greatly impacted by freedom campers as it is not a busy site or on a public throughfare.	2/5
Protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area. (General public and campers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Health issues such as human waste</i> • <i>Traffic hazards</i> 	Pedestrians and vehicles will share the carpark, although it is not likely to be a busy location all the time. There are no nearby public toilet facilities so freedom campers must be in self-contained vehicles.	2/5
Protect access to the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The use of the area by the general public</i> • <i>Access to the area being compromised by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	The driveway area is kept clear to allow emergency service vehicles to obtain access to the Manaia Golf Club and Rugby field if required. Under the Bylaw, the site can be closed to Freedom Camping if there is an event and the site is needed for the public parking.	2/5
Recommendation	That this site continues to allow freedom camping for self-contained vehicles.	6/15

Ōpunakē

2.4.2 Arawhata Road Carpark

The site is situated at the end of Arawhata Road which is very popular with surfers. The car park provides access to the Oaonui Reserve which stretches north from Arawhata Road to Tai Road.



The carpark at the end of the road is designated as a freedom camping area for self-contained vehicles.

This portion of road, and carpark area was constructed in 2010 approximately, during or after its construction it was not gazetted. This area of land is still in the farmers ownership.

Under the Act, the Local Authority Area is land that is controlled or managed by or on behalf of the local authority under any enactment. If this land is not gazetted as a road reserve, we may not have any authority to the decide on the status of freedom camping in this area.

Recommendation

To remove this site as a freedom camping area from the Bylaw.

2.4.3 Halse Place, Ōpunakē

Halse Place is a public reserve which also forms part of the Ōpunakē Walkway.

Under the current Bylaw freedom camping is prohibited at the northern end (highlighted red) of Halse Place. Freedom camping in self-contained vehicles, non-self-contained vehicles, and tents is permitted at the southern end (highlighted yellow) of Halse Place.



The observations and assessment below only focus on the southern end of Halse Place.

Observations

	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Self-contained	158	205	351
Non-self-contained	118	115	172
Tent	85	47	63

TOTAL	361	367	586
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Assessment

Legislative considerations	Comments	Score
Protect the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Vandalism</i> • <i>Littering</i> • <i>Damage to the area</i> • <i>The pleasantness and attractiveness of the area could be damaged by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	<p>Halse Place Reserve is a large grass area, heavy vehicles would cause damage after rain.</p> <p>The site is very public, and any damage or vandalism would be reported soon after the event.</p> <p>The pleasantness and attractiveness of the area is impacted by freedom campers but there are no residential houses directly opposite this area, so the impact is reduced.</p> <p>Complaints have been received from residents over recent years regarding Freedom Campers and locals who have accessed the northern grassed area of Halse Place and ripped it up with their vehicles. As a result, access to the grassed area has been restricted with the placement of planted borders and some boulders. This area prohibited freedom camping in the last Bylaw review.</p>	2/5
Protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area. (General public and campers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Health issues such as human waste</i> • <i>Traffic hazards</i> 	<p>There are no safety barriers between campers and the road, and visitors need to take caution around the cliff faces.</p> <p>Non-self-contained vehicles and tents are restricted to the southern part of the freedom camping area, that is closest to the toilets. However, the toilets are down a staircase of 84 steps that is uncovered with no lighting. It is unlikely that people would make the trek during the night to use the public toilet, it is more likely that people would find a place at the top of the cliff to defecate, and this is something we do not want to encourage. Therefore, we would recommend that only self-contained vehicles are able to camp at Halse Place.</p>	4/5
Protect access to the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The use of the area by the general public</i> • <i>Access to the area being compromised by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	<p>The southern end of Halse Place has a newly installed seating area and the staircase to Middleton Bay which the public may wish to access.</p> <p>The number of freedom camping vehicles is restricted to 12 vehicles overnight.</p>	2/5
Recommendation	<p>That this site changes and only allows freedom camping for self-contained vehicles.</p> <p>If approved this proposed change will be included in the Bylaw review and form part of the public consultation.</p>	8/15

Stairs from Halse Place to public toilets at Middleton Bay



2.4.4 Hurst Park (Railway Reserve), Ōpunakē

Hurst Park is the former Ōpunakē Railway Reserve, the old railway entrance (accessible from Gisborne Terrace) at Hurst Park is a restricted Freedom Camping site for self-contained vehicles.



Observations

	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Self-contained	-	112	16
Non-self-contained	-	1	2
Tent	-	-	1
TOTAL	-	113	19

Assessment

Legislative considerations	Comments	Score
Protect the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Vandalism</i> • <i>Littering</i> • <i>Damage to the area</i> • <i>The pleasantness and attractiveness of the area could be damaged by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	<p>The area is grassed, heavy vehicles would cause damage after rain.</p> <p>The site is amongst a residential area therefore vandalism or damage is likely to be reported quickly after an event.</p> <p>The pleasantness and attractiveness of the area would not be greatly impacted by freedom campers.</p>	2/5
Protect the health and	There are no public toilet facilities so freedom campers must	2/5

safety of people who may visit the area. (General public and campers) • <i>Health issues such as human waste</i> • <i>Traffic hazards</i>	be in self-contained vehicles. There are no barriers between the campers and the road but there is a large buffer zone with the berm, and it is not a state highway or busy throughfare.	
Protect access to the area. • <i>The use of the area by the general public</i> • <i>Access to the area being compromised by the presence of freedom campers</i>	There is nothing to attract the general public to this area, no picnic tables or a playground. The Reserve may act as an overflow parking area for the Bowling Club across the road. If the Bowling Club did hold a large event the Freedom Camping site can be shut to allow the public to use it for an event.	2/5
Recommendation	That this site continues to allow freedom camping for self-contained vehicles.	6/15

2.4.5 Middleton Bay Carpark, Ōpunakē

Middleton Bay is at the eastern end of Heaphy Road.

Under the current Bylaw freedom camping is prohibited at the southern (boat ramp) end of Middleton Bay. Freedom camping in self-contained vehicles and non-self-contained vehicles is permitted in the middle carparking area, and tents are permitted at the northern end of Middleton Bay.



Observations

	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Self-contained	208	138	170
Non-self-contained	92	62	91
Tent	14	2	12
TOTAL	314	202	273

Assessment

Legislative considerations	Comments	Score
Protect the area. • <i>Vandalism</i> • <i>Littering</i> • <i>Damage to the area</i> • <i>The pleasantness and attractiveness of the area could be damaged by the presence of freedom campers</i>	The carpark area is tar sealed so heavy vehicles are unlikely to cause damage. The site is very public, and any damage or vandalism would be reported soon after the event. The pleasantness and attractiveness of the area would not be greatly impacted by freedom campers as it is an environment you would expect to see campers in.	2/5

<p>Protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area. (General public and campers)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Health issues such as human waste</i> • <i>Traffic hazards</i> 	<p>Pedestrians and vehicles will share a common area due to the busy beachside location. There are some health and safety concerns caused by the increase in activity of boats and trailer units using the boat ramp.</p> <p>Public toilets are located within 100m from this site and are available 24 hours a day,</p> <p>The northern part of Middleton Bay currently allows for tenting however the sand dunes are considered unstable and at risk of collapsing. Signs have been installed warning people to stay away from this area. It is proposed that tenting at Middleton Bay is prohibited as there are no safe or comfortable areas to erect a tent.</p>	<p>4/5</p>
<p>Protect access to the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The use of the area by the general public</i> • <i>Access to the area being compromised by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	<p>To avoid potential clashes between camper vehicles and boat trailers the number of freedom camping vehicles is restricted to three vehicles at the western end of the carpark area so that the public has access to the beach and parking facilities.</p>	<p>2/5</p>
<p>Recommendation</p>	<p>That this site changes and allows freedom camping for self-contained vehicles and non-self-contained vehicles. With a maximum of 3 vehicles.</p> <p>If approved this proposed change will be included in the Bylaw review and form part of the public consultation.</p>	<p>8/15</p>



2.4.6 Northern Headland Carpark, Ōpunakē

Access to the headland is from Wharf Road with the exit on a one-way system to Hector Place.

Observations

	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Self-contained	93	80	105
Non-self-contained	-	-	18
Tent	-	-	-
TOTAL	93	80	123



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Assessment

Legislative considerations	Comments	Score
Protect the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Vandalism</i> • <i>Littering</i> • <i>Damage to the area</i> • <i>The pleasantness and attractiveness of the area could be damaged by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	The area consists of a formed dirt road and car park with small areas of grass verge. Heavy vehicles may cause damage after rain. The pleasantness and attractiveness of the area would not be greatly impacted by freedom campers as it is an environment you would expect to see campers in.	2/5
Protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area. (General public and campers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Health issues such as human waste</i> • <i>Traffic hazards</i> 	There is a moderate level of health and safety risks associated with the site due to the site being on a cliff top with no barriers and coastal erosion. There are no public toilet facilities so freedom campers must be in self-contained vehicles. Pedestrians and vehicles will share a common area as this site is part of the Ōpunakē walkway.	3/5
Protect access to the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The use of the area by the general public</i> • <i>Access to the area being compromised by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	The public accessing this area is unlikely to be hindered by freedom campers. The accessway to the boat ramp is to be kept clear and views can be enjoyed from anywhere along Wharf Road. There is Māori land in this headland area.	2/5
Recommendation	That this site continues to allow freedom camping for self-contained vehicles.	7/15

2.4.7 Ōpunakē Lake (Layard Street) Carpark and Play Area

The reserve is situated on the banks of the Ōpunakē Lake on Layard Street and forms part of the Ōpunakē Walkway.



Observations

	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Self-contained	293	397	330
Non-self-contained	77	120	161
Tent	23	52	40
TOTAL	393	569	531

Assessment

Legislative considerations	Comments	Score
Protect the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Vandalism</i> • <i>Littering</i> • <i>Damage to the area</i> • <i>The pleasantness and attractiveness of the area could be damaged by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	The area is predominantly a grass area. Heavy vehicles are likely to cause damage after rainfall. The site is very public and any damage or vandalism would be reported soon after the event. The pleasantness and attractiveness of the area would not be greatly impacted by freedom campers as it is an environment you would expect to see campers in.	2/5
Protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area. (General public and campers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Health issues such as human waste</i> • <i>Traffic hazards</i> 	Pedestrians and vehicles will share a common area due to the playground and picnic area. Public toilets are located at this site and are available 24 hours a day, .	2/5
Protect access to the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The use of the area by the general public</i> • <i>Access to the area being compromised by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	The number of freedom camping vehicles is restricted to 6 vehicles so that the public has access to the lake and facilities.	2/5
Recommendation	That this site continues to allow freedom camping for self-contained vehicles, non-self-contained vehicles, and tents. With a maximum of 6 vehicles.	6/15

2.4.8 Ōpunakē Recreation Grounds carpark

The western carpark of the Ōpunakē Recreation Grounds are accessed from Heaphy Road.



Under the current Bylaw freedom camping is permitted at this site in self- contained and non-self-contained vehicles.

Observations

	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Self-contained	17	4	13
Non-self-contained	-	-	7
Tent	-	-	-
TOTAL	17	4	20

Assessment

Legislative considerations	Comments	Score
Protect the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Vandalism</i> • <i>Littering</i> • <i>Damage to the area</i> • <i>The pleasantness and attractiveness of the area could be damaged by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	The carpark area is tar sealed so heavy vehicles are unlikely to cause damage. The site is very public, and any damage or vandalism would be reported soon after the event. The pleasantness and attractiveness of the area would not be greatly impacted by freedom campers.	2/5
Protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area. (General public and campers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Health issues such as human waste</i> • <i>Traffic hazards</i> 	Public toilets are located at the Recreation Grounds but they are more than 100m walking distance from this site, so freedom campers must be in self-contained vehicles.	3/5
Protect access to the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The use of the area by the general public</i> • <i>Access to the area being compromised by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	There are different points of access to the Recreation Grounds so it is unlikely that Freedom Campers would hinder peoples access or enjoyment of this area. Under the Bylaw the Freedom Camping Site can be closed for large events when the carpark may be needed for the public.	1/5
Recommendation	That this site changes and only allows self-contained vehicles. If approved this proposed change will be included in the Bylaw review and form part of the public consultation.	6/15

2.4.9 Southern Headland, Ōpunakē

The Ōpunakē Southern Headlands are located at the end of Layard Street.

The land was part of the Crown Settlement with Taranaki Iwi, and Council no longer owns this land. The only portion that is under Council management is the old dump site which is land locked.

Recommendation

To remove this site as a freedom camping area from the Bylaw.



2.5 Te Hāwera Ward

2.5.1 Albion Street Carpark, Hāwera

The Albion Street car park is located opposite the Hāwera I-Site.

Under the current Bylaw freedom camping is permitted at this site in self-contained vehicles, and non-self-contained vehicles.



Assessment

Legislative considerations	Comments	Score
Protect the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Vandalism</i> • <i>Littering</i> • <i>Damage to the area</i> • <i>The pleasantness and attractiveness of the area could be damaged by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	The carpark area is tar sealed so heavy vehicles are unlikely to cause damage. There is no grassed area to accommodate tents within this carpark. The site is very public, and close to the council administration building so any damage or vandalism would be noticed and addressed soon after the event. The pleasantness and attractiveness of the area would not be greatly impacted by freedom campers as it is a public carpark and located out of the main CBD area.	2/5
Protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area. (General public and campers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Health issues such as human waste</i> • <i>Traffic hazards</i> 	Public toilets are located within 100m from this site and are available 24 hours a day, The carpark is well utilized during the day by people who work in the area. There is a lot of traffic movement but this is expected due to the size and location of the carpark.	2/5
Protect access to the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The use of the area by the general public</i> • <i>Access to the area being compromised by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	The carpark is large enough to accommodate freedom campers and the public. Under the Bylaw the Freedom Camping Site can be closed for large events when the carpark may be needed for the public.	1/5
Recommendation	That this site continues to allow freedom camping for self-contained vehicles, and non-self-contained vehicles.	5/15

2.5.2 TSB Hub Carpark, Hāwera

The TSB Hub car park is situated between Waihi Road and Camberwell Road.



Assessment

Legislative considerations	Comments	Score
Protect the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Vandalism</i> • <i>Littering</i> • <i>Damage to the area</i> • <i>The pleasantness and attractiveness of the area could be damaged by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	The carpark area is tar sealed so heavy vehicles are unlikely to cause damage. The site is very public, and any damage or vandalism would be reported soon after the event. The pleasantness and attractiveness of the area would not be greatly impacted by freedom campers as it is a public carpark that is not in the direct line of sight for residential properties, and it is not near the CBD area.	2/5
Protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area. (General public and campers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Health issues such as human waste</i> • <i>Traffic hazards</i> 	There are no public toilet facilities so freedom campers must be in self-contained vehicles. The carpark is a busy area particularly during school hours when children are going to and from school, and school buses are about. Traffic safety is a concern for the school and measures have been put in place to keep children safe during drop off and pick up times.	2/5
Protect access to the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The use of the area by the general public</i> • <i>Access to the area being compromised by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	The carpark is well utilised by visitors to the TSB Hub, people using Hicks Park, or the clubrooms located beside the carpark. The number of freedom campers is restricted to a total of six, three on the Waihi Road carpark and three on the Camberwell Carpark. The carpark areas are large enough to ensure freedom campers do not impede other users. Under the Bylaw the Freedom Camping Site can be closed for large events when the carpark may be needed for the public.	2/5
Recommendation	That this site continues to allow freedom camping for self-contained vehicles. Three vehicles in the Camberwell Street carpark and three vehicles in the Waihi Road carpark.	6/15

2.5.3 Turuturu Road Soccer Grounds Carpark, Hāwera

Turuturu Soccer Grounds are situated on Turuturu Road.

Under the Bylaw Freedom Camping is allowed in self-contained vehicles.



Assessment

Legislative considerations	Comments	Score
Protect the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Vandalism</i> • <i>Littering</i> • <i>Damage to the area</i> • <i>The pleasantness and attractiveness of the area could be damaged by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	The carpark area is located beside the Soccer Club Clubrooms, it is tar sealed so heavy vehicles are unlikely to cause damage. The pleasantness and attractiveness of the area would not be greatly impacted by freedom campers, the carpark is in a residential area but it is only used when people are using the soccer grounds or clubrooms.	2/5
Protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area. (General public and campers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Health issues such as human waste</i> • <i>Traffic hazards</i> 	There are no public toilet facilities so freedom campers must be in self-contained vehicles.	2/5
Protect access to the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The use of the area by the general public</i> • <i>Access to the area being compromised by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	Under the Bylaw the Freedom Camping Site can be closed for large events when the carpark may be needed for the public.	1/5
Recommendation	That this site continues to allow freedom camping for self-contained vehicles.	5/15

2.5.4 Pukekino Landing, Lake Rotorangi

The public reserve incorporates the entire peninsular which includes the Pukekino Landing and the Hāwera Water Ski Club site. It is sited at the end of the Tangahoe Valley Road.

Under the current Bylaw freedom camping is permitted in a section of the peninsular area in self-contained vehicles, non-self-contained vehicles, and tents.



Assessment

Legislative considerations	Comments	Score
Protect the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Vandalism</i> • <i>Littering</i> • <i>Damage to the area</i> • <i>The pleasantness and attractiveness of the area could be damaged by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	<p>The accessway is compacted gravel and dirt, the freedom camping areas are grass which heavy vehicles may damage.</p> <p>There is a risk of damage and vandalism with the public visiting this site and due to its remoteness, it may not be noticed within a timely manner.</p> <p>The pleasantness and attractiveness of the area would not be greatly impacted by freedom campers as it is an environment you would expect to see campers in.</p>	2/5
Protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area. (General public and campers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Health issues such as human waste</i> • <i>Traffic hazards</i> 	<p>Public toilets are located by the boat club and are available 24 hours a day.</p> <p>Currently the ridge is included as a freedom camping area. This area is blocked off to vehicles as the water tank and solar panels are located on the ridge.</p> <p>This ridge could be used for tenting, but it is unlikely that people will navigate their way down the ridge to use the toilet facilities it is more likely that people would find a place at the top of the ridge to defecate, and this is something we do not want to encourage.</p> <p>There is an area for freedom camping in tents and non-self-contained vehicles either side of the accessway by the toilet and water ski club, that we would recommend instead of the ridge. The northern tip of the reserve also has flat areas that may be suitable for self-contained vehicles. This area is currently not part of the Bylaw.</p> <p>The reserve is fully accessible although at times in the winter the tunnel which gives access to the area is closed because of slips. This may mean that the area is only accessible to four wheel drive vehicles if at all. The site is remote and there is no mobile phone coverage, people visiting this site need to be aware it is surrounded by water and the dangers associated with that.</p>	4/5
Protect access to the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The use of the area by the general public</i> • <i>Access to the area being compromised by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	<p>The reserve is busy particularly between Christmas Day and to the mid January. Freedom campers will need to be warned that they may not get a camping spot during this period, although there is ample room on the road berm leading to the camping area that could be used if insufficient space is available closer to the lake. At other times of the year freedom camping may not impede too much on other users of the reserve.</p>	2/5

<p>Recommendation</p>	<p>That the freedom camping areas change for this site.</p> <p>If approved this proposed change will be included in the Bylaw review and form part of the public consultation.</p>	<p>8/15</p>
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Proposal for freedom camping areas. Self-contained vehicles at the northern point of the reserve and non-self-contained and tents either side of the accessway to the public toilet and water ski club.



This is the accessway to the ridge, it is closed to vehicles due to the risk of damage to the water tank and solar panels.



Proposed freedom camping areas for non-self-contained vehicles and tents.



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Proposed freedom camping area for self-contained vehicles at the northern tip of the Reserve.



2.5.5 Waihi Beach Reserve, Hāwera

Waihi Beach Reserve is located at the end of Denby Road. The Reserve provides walking access to Waihi Beach. It is a popular area for locals and visitors.

Under the current Bylaw freedom camping is permitted at this site in self-contained vehicles.



Assessment

Legislative considerations	Comments	Score
Protect the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Vandalism</i> • <i>Littering</i> • <i>Damage to the area</i> • <i>The pleasantness and attractiveness of the area could be damaged by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	The area has a tar sealed road through and the Reserve. The parking areas for freedom campers are grass so heavy vehicles are likely to cause damage. The site is very public, and any damage or vandalism would be reported soon after the event. The pleasantness and attractiveness of the area would not be greatly impacted by freedom campers as it is an environment you would expect to see campers in.	2/5
Protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area. (General public and campers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Health issues such as human waste</i> • <i>Traffic hazards</i> 	Pedestrians and vehicles will share a common area due to the busy beachside location. Since the last Bylaw review a new toilet pod has been installed and is available 24 hours a day, . Therefore, it is recommended that non-self-contained vehicles and tents can also stay at this site.	2/5
Protect access to the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The use of the area by the general public</i> • <i>Access to the area being compromised by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	The whole Reserve is marked as a freedom camping area, to protect the access for the public it is proposed that the two lots of six tar sealed carparks prohibit freedom camping. This means that the public can still use the lookout area and the carparks beside beach access walkway.	2/5
Recommendation	That this site changes and allows freedom camping for self-contained vehicles, non-self-contained vehicles, and tents. That freedom camping is prohibited in the two lots of six sealed carparks. That a maximum of three vehicles and three tents are allowed at the site each night. If approved this proposed change will be included in the Bylaw review and form part of the public consultation.	6/15

Normanby

2.5.6 Normanby Domain carpark

Normanby Domain carpark is accessed from Ketemarae Road.

Under the current Bylaw freedom camping is permitted at this site in self-contained vehicles.



Assessment

Legislative considerations	Comments	Score
Protect the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Vandalism</i> • <i>Littering</i> • <i>Damage to the area</i> • <i>The pleasantness and attractiveness of the area could be damaged by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	The carpark area is tar sealed so heavy vehicles are unlikely to cause damage. The adjacent Domain and Community Hall have regular bookings so any damage or vandalism would likely be reported soon after the event. The pleasantness and attractiveness of the area would not be greatly impacted by freedom campers.	2/5
Protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area. (General public and campers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Health issues such as human waste</i> • <i>Traffic hazards</i> 	Pedestrians and vehicles will share a common area when people are accessing the Domain or Hall. There are no public toilet facilities so freedom campers must be in self-contained vehicles.	2/5
Protect access to the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The use of the area by the general public</i> • <i>Access to the area being compromised by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	Under the Bylaw the Freedom Camping Site can be closed for large events when the carpark may be needed for the public.	2/5
Recommendation	That this site continues to allow freedom camping for self-contained vehicles.	6/15

2.5.7 Tuke Street Reserve, Normanby

Tuke Street Reserve is accessed via Tuke and Fitzroy Streets.

Under the current Bylaw freedom camping is permitted at this site in self-contained vehicles.



Assessment

Legislative considerations	Comments	Score
Protect the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Vandalism</i> • <i>Littering</i> • <i>Damage to the area</i> • <i>The pleasantness and attractiveness of the area could be damaged by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	<p>The site is a grassed area so heavy vehicles are unlikely to cause damage, although there have not been any issues as the site is not well utilised.</p> <p>There is no formed vehicle access to this site, it borders two roads and drivers need to pass over the kerbing to access.</p> <p>This site is surrounded by residential properties, daily activities that a freedom camper may undertake such as cooking, washing, and listening to music may make the area more unattractive, especially to residents living in the area.</p>	4/5
Protect the health and safety of people who may visit the area. (General public and campers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Health issues such as human waste</i> • <i>Traffic hazards</i> 	<p>There are no public toilet facilities so freedom campers must be in self-contained vehicles.</p> <p>Freedom campers may cause an unintended distraction to passing traffic as you may not expect to see people camping in this area.</p> <p>There is a measure of risk associated with the traffic passing by this site and the lack of safety barriers.</p>	3/5
Protect access to the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The use of the area by the general public</i> • <i>Access to the area being compromised by the presence of freedom campers</i> 	<p>The site does not have picnic tables or a playground to attract the general public but children from the neighborhood may use this area to congregate and play.</p> <p>The presence of freedom campers would most likely have minimal effect on the public due to its under-utilisation.</p>	2/5
Recommendation	<p>That this site changes to a prohibited site.</p> <p>If approved this proposed change will be included in the Bylaw review and form part of the public consultation.</p>	9/15

3.0 Summary

As stated earlier, this report has been prepared by council officers and the proposals have not been formulated, considered, or approved by Council. A proposal in this document does not automatically result in a reclassification of the freedom camping site.

Below is a summary of the proposals made in this report.

Parks and Reserves

Previously only sites that had vehicle access were assessed as freedom camping areas. This report recognises that people may access parks and reserves on foot and pitch a tent, so all council owned parks and reserves have been assessed. This has resulted in a list of parks and reserves being presented as proposed sites to prohibit freedom camping.

Eltham Ward	
Bridger Park, Eltham	The Park is located between Stanners and High Street, it is accessed from Stanners Street and Bridge Street.
Chartwell Drive Reserve	The Reserve is located on Chartwell Drive amongst residential houses.
Connell Reserve, Eltham	Connell Reserve is located on Clifford Road, it is accessed from Clifford Road and Kowhai Street.
Smyth Reserve	The Reserve is located on Victoria Street, opposite Thoumine Park.
Taylor Park, Eltham	The Park is located on Tayler Street, with two access points.
Victoria Street Park, Kaponga	The Park is located at 50 Victoria Street beside the old takeaway shop. (see map below)
Willowbrook Reserve.	The Reserve is located on Willowbrook amongst residential houses.
Pātea Ward	
Manchester Street Playground	The Playground is located on Manchester Street.
Waverley Memorial Park	The Park is located on Werarua Road, east of Chester Street.
Waverley Domain Pool and carpark.	The Domain and carpark are located on Werarua Road opposite Chester Street.
Taranaki Coastal Ward	
The Row Playground	The Playground is located on Tauranga-a-ika Street and is the part of the entrance to get to the community pool.
Te Hāwera Ward	
Clapham Common	The Common is located on High Street and can also be accessed from Cameron and Gladstone streets.
Goodson Dell	The Dell is located on High Street, with the main access point on the corner of High and Cameron Streets
Kōwhai Street Reserve	The Reserve is located on the corner of Hunter and Kōwhai Streets.
McCullum Park	The Park is located on Rātā Street and can be accessed from Murray Avenue.
Naumai Park	The Park is located on High Street.
Queen Elizabeth Park	The Park is located on Tawhiti Road, opposite the takeaway shop.

Rod Symes Reserve	The Reserve is located on Rod Syme Place.
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Other proposed changes

Eltham Ward	
Eltham Library Carpark	Under the current Bylaw freedom camping is permitted in self-contained vehicles. We are proposing freedom camping is prohibited.
Rukumoana Reserve	Under the current Bylaw freedom camping is permitted in self-contained vehicles. We are proposing freedom camping is prohibited.
Pātea Ward	
Bedford/Egmont Street Reserve	Under the current Bylaw freedom camping is permitted in self-contained vehicles, non-self-contained vehicles, and tents. We are proposing freedom camping is prohibited.
Bourke's Lookout	We are proposing that freedom camping is prohibited. (This site has not been previously assessed)
Stafford Street Pool Reserve	Under the current Bylaw freedom camping is permitted in self-contained vehicles. We are proposing freedom camping is prohibited.
Wairoa Reserve	Under the current Bylaw freedom camping is permitted in self-contained vehicles. We are proposing that this site changes and also allows non-self-contained vehicles close to the toilet facilities, and that the number of vehicles increases from 3 to 6 vehicles per night.
Taranaki Coastal Ward	
Halse Place	Under the current Bylaw freedom camping is permitted in self-contained vehicles, non-self-contained vehicles, and tents. We are proposing that this site changes and only allows self-contained vehicles.
Middleton Bay	Under the current Bylaw freedom camping is permitted in self-contained vehicles, non-self-contained vehicles, and tents. We are proposing that this site changes and only allows self-contained and non-self-contained vehicles in carpark area.
Ōpunakē Recreation Grounds	Under the current Bylaw freedom camping is permitted in self-contained vehicles, and non-self-contained vehicles. We are proposing that this site changes and only allows self-contained vehicles in western carpark area.
Southern Headland	This land was part of a crown settlement and has been passed back to Iwi, the old dump site is owned by Council but is landlocked. This site can no longer be a freedom camping area as it is not council owned, so we are proposing it is removed from the Bylaw.

Arawhata Road carpark	This portion of road was constructed around 2010, the land is still in the farmers ownership. I am not sure what rights we have over this land in its current status to determine whether we can include it in the Bylaw.
Te Hāwera Ward	
Waihi Beach Reserve	<p>Under the current Bylaw freedom camping is permitted in self-contained vehicles.</p> <p>We are proposing that this site changes and also allows non-self-contained vehicles and tents in the area closest to the public toilet facilities. To protect public access it is proposed that freedom camping is prohibited in the 12 carparks within the reserve.</p>
Tuke Street Reserve	<p>Under the current Bylaw freedom camping is permitted in self-contained vehicles.</p> <p>We are proposing freedom camping is prohibited.</p>
Pukekino Landing, Lake Rotorangi (Tanghoe Valley Road)	<p>Under the current Bylaw freedom camping is permitted in self-contained vehicles, non-self-contained vehicles, and tents.</p> <p>We are proposing that people no longer access the ridge, and tents and non-self-contained vehicles camp close to the public toilet, and that the northern tip allows non-self-contained vehicles.</p>



Freedom Camping Bylaw 2016

South Taranaki District Council



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FREEDOM CAMPING BYLAW 2016 SOUTH TARANAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL

1.0 Title

1.1 This Bylaw is made under section 11 of the Freedom Camping Act 2011; and shall be known as the South Taranaki District Council Freedom Camping Bylaw 2016.

2.0 Commencement

2.1 This Bylaw shall come into force on 4 July 2016. This Bylaw was reviewed on 11 December and the amendments shall come into force on 21 December 2017.

3.0 Scope

3.1 This Bylaw relates to Council owned or Council managed land within the South Taranaki District.

Note: Land which is owned by the Council and is under any lease or agreement managed by other legislation, is not considered as freely available public land which can be utilised for freedom camping purposes.

3.2 Compliance with this Bylaw does not remove the requirement to comply with all other Acts, Regulations, Bylaw and rules. This includes parking or other traffic restrictions, littering, lighting of fires, excessive noise, and the compliance with the directions of Enforcement Officers.

4.0 Purpose of the Bylaw

4.1 The purpose of this Bylaw is to control freedom camping in the South Taranaki District by identifying local authority controlled and managed areas where freedom camping is permitted and the restrictions that apply in those areas; and to

- a) Protect local authority areas;
- b) Protect the health and safety of people who may visit the local authority areas; or
- c) Protect access to local authority areas.

5.0 Interpretation

5.1 In this Bylaw –

Act means the Freedom Camping Act 2011.

Authorised Officer means any person appointed by the Chief Executive of the Council for purposes of acting as an Authorised Officer under this Bylaw.

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Council means the South Taranaki District Council.

District means the South Taranaki District.

Freedom camping means to camp (other than at a camping ground) within 200 metres of a motor vehicle accessible area or the mean low-water springs line of any sea or harbour, or on or within 200 metres of a formed road, using one or more of the following:

- a) A tent or other temporary structure;
- b) A caravan; or
- c) A car, campervan, camper trailer, house truck, or other motor vehicle.

Note: Freedom camping does not include the following activities:

- a) Temporary and short-term parking of a motor vehicle;
- b) Recreational activities commonly known as day-trip excursions;
- c) Resting or sleeping at the roadside in a caravan or motor vehicle to avoid driver fatigue.

Local authority area (area) means an area of land, or any part of any area of land that is within the South Taranaki District and is controlled or managed by the Council under any enactment, as per section 6 of the Act.

Motor vehicle includes a campervan and motorhome.

Non-self-contained vehicle means a vehicle which does not have any built-in on-board ablutionary or sanitary facilities.

Permitted means freedom camping in a particular area is allowed.

Person/s includes a natural person and also any corporation sole and also a body of persons whether corporate or non-corporate.

Prohibited means freedom camping in a particular area is not allowed.

Restricted means the Council has placed conditions on freedom camping in a particular area.

Road has the same meaning as defined under the Land Transport Act 1998, and encompasses all land lying between the boundaries of a road including footpaths and berms.

Self-contained vehicle means a vehicle designed and built for the purpose of camping which has the capability of meeting the ablutionary and sanitary needs of occupants of that vehicle for a minimum of three days without requiring any external services or discharging any waste and complies with New Zealand Standard 5465:2001, as evidenced by the display of a current self-containment warrant issued under New Zealand Standard Self-Containment of Motor Caravans and Caravans, NZS 5465:2001.

Tent/tenting means a temporary portable structure made of cloth, supported by one or more poles and stretched tight by cords or loops attached to pegs and driven into the ground.

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Vehicle has the same meaning as defined under the Land Transport Act 1998.

Waste means any kind of waste, including human waste.

6.0 Freedom Camping Prohibited Areas

6.1 No person may freedom camp in any local authority area identified in Schedule One of this Bylaw.

7.0 Freedom Camping Restricted Areas

7.1 Freedom camping in non-self-contained vehicles is only permitted in restricted areas identified in Schedule Two of this Bylaw.

7.2 Freedom camping in tents is only permitted in restricted areas identified in Schedule Three of this Bylaw.

8.0 Freedom Camping Permitted Areas

8.1 Generally freedom camping is permitted in any vehicle accessible area within the local authority area; however, this is restricted to self-contained vehicles only, unless it is a restricted or prohibited area as detailed within Schedules One, Two or Three of this Bylaw.

9.0 General Conditions

9.1 Following the designations mentioned in section 7.0 and 8.0 of this Bylaw, freedom camping at any site (permitted or restricted) may only occur as follows:

9.1.1 No person may freedom camp for more than three (3) consecutive nights in any calendar month, at any one site.

9.1.2 A maximum of three (3) vehicles may be parked in any one area on any one night, unless expressly provided for through signage at the site.

9.1.3 There must be no more than three (3) tents (in any one area as listed and permitted under Schedule Three of the Bylaw) at any one time, unless expressly provided for through signage at the site.

9.1.4 All vehicles must park within existing defined car parking areas, where they exist. If parking at the site contains designated freedom camping parking spaces, freedom campers must use those parking spaces for their vehicles.

9.1.5 All vehicles must be legally parked.

9.1.6 No person may light any fire in a local authority area except:
 a) in a place specifically provided by the Council for that purpose; or
 b) with the prior written permission of the Council.

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- 9.1.7 All waste must be removed from the site and disposed of, at or in, a Council approved disposal facility.
- 9.1.8 Any occupant of a vehicle must use the serviceable public toilet facilities available at the designated sites, if no self-contained facilities are available on-board their vehicle.
- 9.1.9 The site must be left in a clean and tidy state.
- 9.1.10 No vegetation shall be damaged or removed from the site.
- 9.1.11 All conditions stipulated on any signage at the site must be complied with.

10.0 Animals

- 10.1 Animals or pets are permitted at local authority areas, unless specifically prohibited within this Bylaw, other Council Bylaws or any other enactment.

11.0 Freedom Campers must comply with any request to move on

- 11.1 An Authorised Officer may require a person, who he or she believes is committing or has committed an offence to leave the local authority area concerned, within a specified timeframe.

12.0 Council may temporarily prohibit freedom camping

- 12.1 Council may, by providing 24 hours' notice, impose temporary prohibitions on freedom camping in any local authority area due to the following:
 - a) Maintenance of the area or facilities at the area;
 - b) Local events being held at an area; or
 - c) Health and safety issues or emergency situations.

13.0 Council consent to freedom camp

- 13.1 Consent must be sought from the Council to freedom camp on a site listed in Schedule One: Prohibited Areas for Freedom Camping, which may be granted with or without conditions.
- 13.2 A request must be sought from the Council for a waiver or modification to freedom camping restrictions on a site listed in Schedule Two or Schedule Three, which the Council may grant with or without conditions.
- 13.3 A request must be applied for, in writing, to the Council at least five working days prior to the date of the planned waiver, modification or prohibition.
- 13.5 If an Authorised Officer believes that the person(s) to whom consent has been granted, in accordance with this section, has:
 - a) Damaged or is likely to cause damage to the site; and/or
 - b) Breached any conditions of the consent,
 the Council may immediately revoke the consent.

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14.0 Offences and Penalties

- 14.1 Every person commits an offence who:
 - a) Freedom camps or makes preparation to freedom camp in the District in breach of any prohibition or restriction in this Bylaw;
 - b) Interferes with or damages the area, its flora or fauna or any structure in the area;
 - c) Deposits waste on the land;
 - d) Discharges a substance which is likely to be noxious, dangerous, offensive or objectionable to the extent that it has or is likely to have a significant adverse effect on the environment; or has caused, or is likely to cause, significant concern to the community or users of the area or land under section 20 (2) of the Act;
 - e) Obstructs, hinders, impedes, assaults, threatens or behaves in a threatening manner or intimidates an Authorised Officer, or incites others to do so, in the performance of any duty or exercise of any power conferred upon the Authorised Officer under this Bylaw;
 - f) Fails or refuses to leave a local authority area when required to do so by an Authorised Officer; or
 - g) Refuses to give information when required to do so by an Authorised Officer in accordance with clause 14.2 below or gives false or misleading information.

- 14.2 Where an Authorised Officer believes on reasonable grounds that a person has committed or is committing an offence, the Authorised Officer may direct the person to give:
 - a) Their full name, date of birth, full address, telephone number, and occupation; and
 - b) The whereabouts of any person connected in any way with the alleged offence.

- 14.3 A person who commits an offence against this Bylaw is liable to:
 - a) An infringement fee of the amount prescribed by regulations made under section 43 of the Act for the offence; or
 - b) \$200.00, if no fee is prescribed for the offence.

This Bylaw was made by the South Taranaki District Council on 4 July 2016.
This Bylaw was renewed by the South Taranaki District Council on 11 December 2017.

THE COMMON SEAL of the SOUTH TARANAKI DISTRICT COUNCIL was hereto affixed by resolution of the said Council in the presence of:)
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Ross Diloy
..... Mayor

Louisa Greenhill
..... Acting Chief Executive

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Key for the following Schedules



- Red shading – Freedom Camping Prohibited Area



- Orange shading – Freedom Camping Restricted Area



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Schedule 1 – Prohibited areas for freedom camping

1.1 Manaia

1.1.1 Manaia Cemetery

Description of the Site:

The Manaia Cemetery is located on the south eastern side of the Manaia Township. It is located on Cemetery Road, next to the Manaia Transfer Station.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping is prohibited in all parts of the Manaia Cemetery.



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1.1.2 Manaia Domain

Description of the Site:

The Manaia Domain is located on the north eastern side of the Manaia Township. The site is accessed from Hassard Street and Bennett Drive. The Manaia Domain adjoins the Manaia Golf Course and forms part of the Manaia Walkway.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping is prohibited on all parts of the Manaia Domain, as highlighted in the map below.



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1.1.3 Manaia Skatepark

Description of the Site:

The Manaia Skatepark is located in centre of the Manaia Township, on South Road, on the eastern side of the roundabout.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping is prohibited in all parts of the Manaia Skatepark.

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1.2 Opunake

1.2.1 Opunake Cemetery

Description of the Site:

The Opunake Cemetery is located on the south western side of the Opunake Township, on the corner of Wilson Road and Halse Place.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping is prohibited in all parts of the Opunake Cemetery.



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1.2.2 Opunake Recreation Grounds

Description of the Site:

The Opunake Recreation Grounds are located on the western side of the Opunake Township. The site is bordered by Tasman Street, Heaphy Road, Longfellow Road and Halse Place.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping is prohibited on the Recreation Grounds (sports fields).

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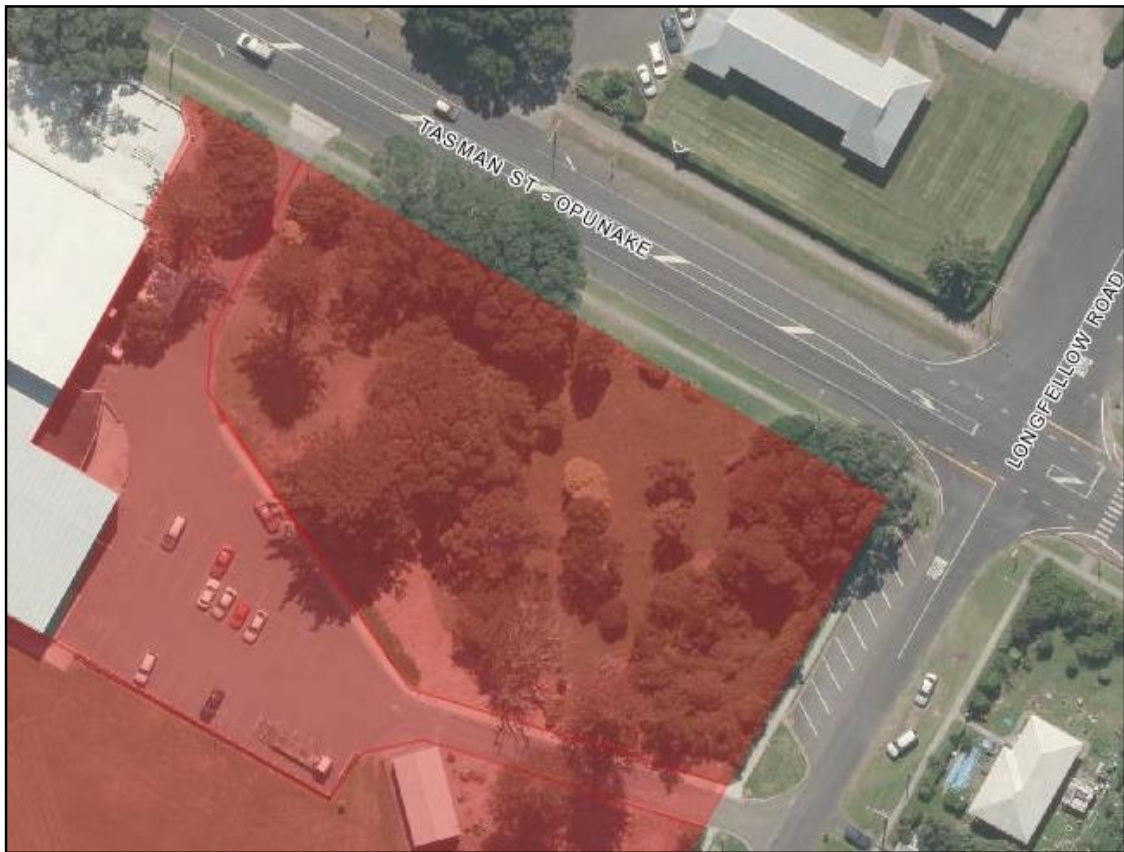
1.2.3 Opunake Recreation Grounds ‘Picnic Spot’ and eastern carpark

Description of the Site:

The Opunake Recreation Grounds ‘Picnic Spot’ and eastern carpark is located on the western side of the Opunake Township, on the corner of Tasman Street and Longfellow Road. The site forms part of the Opunake Recreation Grounds.

Restrictions:

- Freedom camping is prohibited in all parts of the Picnic Spot, as highlighted in the map below.
- Freedom camping is prohibited at the eastern carpark area via Tasman Street and Longfellow Road, as highlighted in the map below.



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1.2.4 Middleton Bay Carpark, Opunake

Description of the Site:

The Middleton Bay Carpark is located on the south western side of the Opunake Township. The site is accessed via Heaphy Road at the corner of Halse Place and adjoins onto part of the Opunake walkway. The Opunake Boat Club and boat ramp is located at the southern end of the carpark.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping is prohibited at the southern end of the carpark, as highlighted in the map below.



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1.2.5 Halse Place (northern end), Opunake

Description of the Site

Halse Place is located on the south western side of the Opunake Township, at the intersection of Heaphy Road and Halse Place. The site is part of the entrance to Middleton Bay and forms part of the Opunake Walkway, which runs parallel to the coastline.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping is prohibited at the northern end of Halse Place, as highlighted in the map below.



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1.2.6 Southern Headland, Opunake

Description of the Site:

The Opunake Southern Headland is located on the south eastern side of the Opunake Township.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping is prohibited in all parts of the Southern Headland.

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1.2.7 Opunake Beach Recreation Reserve

Description of the Site:

The Opunake Beach Recreation Reserve is located on the southern side of the Opunake Township. The site is accessed from Beach Road, next to the Opunake Beach Holiday Park.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping is prohibited in all parts of the Opunake Beach Recreation Reserve.

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1.2.8 Hurst Park (Railway Reserve), Opunake

Description of the Site:

Hurst Park Railway Reserve is situated on the northern side of the Opunake Township, on Gisborne Terrace between Havelock and Napier Streets. It is the site of the former railway station.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping is prohibited on the railway reserve, as highlighted in the map below.

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1.2.9 Opunake BMX Track Site

Description of the Site:

The Opunake BMX Track site is located on the southern side of the Opunake Township. The site is accessed from Dieffenbach Street at the end of Allison Street, and adjoins onto part of the Opunake walkway.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping is prohibited in all parts of the Opunake BMX Track site.

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1.3 Surf Highway 45

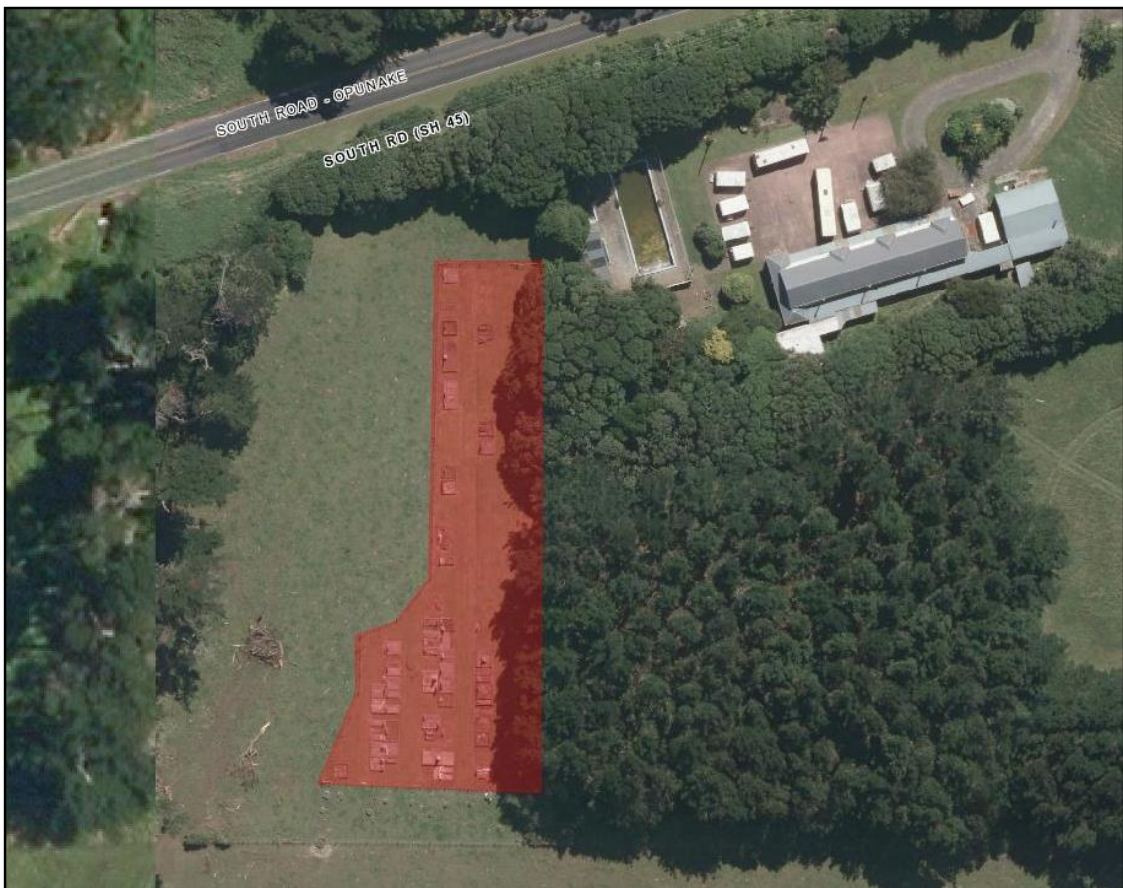
1.3.1 Otakeho Cemetery

Description of the Site:

The Otakeho Cemetery is located on the southern side of South Road, State Highway 45 in the rural settlement of Otakeho. The site is located next to the old Otakeho Primary School and is accessed through a gate and over pasture land.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping is prohibited in all parts of the Otakeho Cemetery.



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1.3.2 Ohawe Cemetery

Description of the Site:

The Ohawe Cemetery is located on the north eastern side of the coastal settlement of Ohawe. The site is accessed via Kepa Street over pasture land.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping is prohibited in all parts of the Ohawe Cemetery.

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1.3.3 Stent Road, off Surf Highway 45

Description of the Site:

Stent Road is accessed off State Highway 45, in a north western direction from the Township of Rahoitu, close to the rural settlement of Warea. The site is located at the end of Stent Road on the right hand side and follows an unsealed road along the coast. The site provides a parking area for surfers and is located directly in front of beachside properties.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping is prohibited in the area of Stent Road highlighted in the map below.



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1.3.4 Oaonui Reserve, Tai Road

Description of the Site:

Oaonui Reserve is accessed via Tai Road from State Highway 45, in a northerly direction from the Opunake Township. The site is located at the end of Tai Road. The site forms a narrow reserve between a small coastal settlement and the coastline.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping is prohibited in the area of Oaonui Reserve, Tai Road as highlighted in the map below.



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1.3.5 Cape Egmont Boat Club and Historic Lighthouse, off Surf Highway 45

Description of the Site:

The Cape Egmont Boat Club and Historic Lighthouse are accessed off State Highway 45, in a north western direction from the Township of Rahotu, close to the rural settlement of Warea. The site is located at the end of Bayly Road, on Coast Road. The site forms part of the Coast Road and access to the Cape Egmont Boat Club and Historic Lighthouse.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping is prohibited in the area of the Cape Egmont Boat Club and Historic Lighthouse as highlighted in the map below.



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1.3.6 Paora Road,

Description of the Site:

Paora Road is accessed off State Highway 45, in a north western direction from the Township of Rahoitu, north to the rural settlement of Warea. The site is located at the end of Paora Road and follows a dirt road along the coast. The site provides a parking area for surfers and is located directly in front of beachside properties.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping is prohibited at Paora Road, as highlighted in the map below.

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1.3.7 Kaupokonui Beach Reserve, off Surf Highway 45

Description of the Site:

The Kaupokonui Beach Reserve is located off State Highway 45, in a north western direction from the Manaia Township. The site is accessed from Kaupokonui Heads Road via Lower Glenn Road.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping is prohibited in the lower section of the Kaupokonui Beach Reserve as highlighted in the map below, which is closest to the Kaupokonui Stream.



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1.4 Eltham

1.4.1 Eltham Cemetery

Description of the Site:

The Eltham Cemetery is located on the north eastern side of the Eltham Township in a rural setting, on the corner of Anderson Road and Rawhitiroa Road.

Restriction:

Freedom camping is prohibited in all parts of the Eltham Cemetery.



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1.4.2 Stark Park, Eltham

Description of the Site:

Stark Park is located in the Eltham Central Business District, on the western side of High Street between King Edward Street and Bridge Street. The site forms a walkway between High Street and the Bridge Street carpark.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping is prohibited in all parts of Stark Park.

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1.4.3 Taumata Park, Eltham

Description of the Site:

Taumata Park is located on the western side of the Eltham Township. The site is accessed via Preston Street (from Bridge Street) or via a walkway connected to Collingwood Street. Taumata Park is adjacent to Saunders Park.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping is prohibited in all parts of Taumata Park.



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1.4.4 Saunders Park, Eltham

Description of the Site:

Saunders Park is located on the western side of the Eltham Township. The site is accessed via Collingwood Street. The site is adjacent to Taumata Park and access can be gained via Preston Street.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping is prohibited in all parts of Saunders Park.

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1.4.5 Soldiers Memorial Park, Eltham

Description of the Site:

Soldiers Memorial Park is located on the south western side of the Eltham Township. The site is accessed from Conway Road via High Street.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping is prohibited in all parts of Soldiers Memorial Park.

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1.4.6 Rawhitiroa Swimming Pool and Reserve, Eltham

Description of the Site:

Rawhitiroa Swimming Pool and Reserve is located north east of the Eltham Township. The site is accessed via Horoi Road from Rawhitiroa Road. The site is adjacent to the Rawhitiroa School.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping is prohibited in all parts of the Rawhitiroa Swimming Pool and Reserve.

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1.4.7 Lake Rotokare Scenic Reserve, Eltham

Description of the Site:

Lake Rotokare Scenic Reserve is located at the end of Sangster Road, via Rawhitiroa Road in an easterly direction from Eltham. The Reserve is fully enclosed in a pest proof fence and there is a double gate system at the entrance.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping is prohibited directly outside the information centre and toilet block, as highlighted in the map below.



Because of the high conservation values within the Reserve, there is a strict rule of no dogs, no pets or other animals (pests) in a vehicle entering the reserve – no exceptions.



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1.5 Kaponga

1.5.1 Kaponga Cemetery

Description of the Site:

The Kaponga Cemetery is located on the south eastern side of the Kaponga Township, on the corner of Fitzgerald Avenue and Park Lane. The site is accessed via Cemetery Lane.

Restriction:

Freedom camping is prohibited in all parts of the Kaponga Cemetery.

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1.5.2 War Memorial Hall Carpark, Kaponga

Description of the Site:

The War Memorial Hall Carpark is located in the centre of the Kaponga Township, on Victoria Street. The site provides a parking area for the War Memorial Hall and Victoria Park.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping is prohibited in all parts of the War Memorial Hall Carpark.

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1.5.3 Victoria Park, Kaponga

Description of the Site:

Victoria Park is located on the eastern side of the Kaponga Township. The site is accessed from Victoria Street, Fitzgerald Avenue and Park Lane. The site is adjacent to the War Memorial Hall Carpark.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping is prohibited in all parts of the sports fields and tennis courts of Victoria Park.

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1.5.4 Grace Avenue Reserve, Kaponga

Description of the Site:

Grace Avenue Reserve is located on the western side of the Kaponga Township. The site is accessed via Grace Avenue from Lorne Street. The site is adjacent to the Swiss Club and the Kaponga Swimming Pool.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping is prohibited in all parts of Grace Avenue Reserve.

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1.6 Hawera

1.6.1 Hawera Cemetery

Description of the Site:

The Hawera Cemetery is located on the western side of the Hawera Township, adjoining Naumai Park. The site is accessed from High Street or Gladstone Street.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping is prohibited in all parts of the Hawera Cemetery.

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1.6.2 Charles Major Place Reserve, Hawera

Description of the Site:

Charles Major Place Reserve is located on the southern side of the Hawera Township. The site is accessed via Charles Major Place and Ramanui Avenue from Manawapou Road. The site contains a children's playground.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping is prohibited in all parts of Charles Major Place Reserve.

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1.6.3 King Edward Park (including sports fields), Hawera

Description of the Site:

King Edward Park is located on the western side of the Hawera Township. The site is accessed via Waihi Road, High Street and Camberwell Road. The site is adjacent to the TSB Hub, Hicks Park and Hawera High School.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping is prohibited in all parts of King Edward Park.

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1.6.4 Hicks Park, Hawera

Description of the Site:

Hicks Park is located on the western side of the Hawera Township. The site is accessed via Waihi Road and Camberwell Road. The site is adjacent to King Edward Park, the TSB Hub and Hawera High School.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping is prohibited in all parts of Hicks Park.

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1.6.5 McGuire Street Reserve, Hawera

Description of the Site:

McGuire Street Reserve is located on the south eastern side of the Hawera Township. The site is accessed via McGuire Street from Manawapou Road. The site is located in an urban area and consists of a children's playground.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping is prohibited in all parts of McGuire Street Reserve.

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1.6.6 Hawera Water Tower Grounds and Skate park

Description of the Site:

The Hawera Water Tower Grounds and Skate park are located in the centre of the Hawera Township on the corner of High Street and Albion Street. The site includes the Water Tower, I-Site, Skate park and public toilets.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping is prohibited in all parts of the Hawera Water Tower Grounds and Skate park.

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1.6.7 Turuturu Road Soccer Grounds, Hawera

Description of the Site:

Turuturu Road Soccer Grounds are located on the northern side of the Hawera Township. The site is accessed via Turuturu Road via Glover Road. The site includes the Turuturu Soccer Club rooms and sports fields.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping is prohibited on all parts of the Turuturu Road Soccer grounds sports fields.

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1.6.8 Beech Place Reserve, Hawera

Description of the Site:

Beech Place Reserve is located on the north western side of the Hawera Township. The site is accessed via Tawa Street, Beech Place and Kamahi Avenue. The site is a leash free dog area.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping is prohibited in all parts of Beech Place Reserve.

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1.7 Normanby

1.7.1 Waihi Cemetery and Scenic Reserve, Normanby

Site: The Waihi Cemetery and Scenic Reserve is located on the north western side of the Normanby Township, on Pikituroa Road via Ketemarae Road.

Restrictions: Freedom camping is prohibited in all parts of the Waihi Cemetery and Scenic Reserve.

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1.7.2 Normanby Domain

Description of the Site:

The Normanby Domain is located on the north western side of the Normanby Township. The site is accessed via Ketemarae Road from Waihi Road. The site consists of sports fields, a children's playground and Normanby Hall.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping is prohibited in all parts of the Normanby Domain sports fields and children's playground.

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1.7.3 Evans Park, Normanby

Description of the Site:

Evans Park is located on the eastern side of the Normanby Township. The site is accessed via Browne Street or Hobson Street. The site contains a children's playground.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping is prohibited in all parts of Evans Park.

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1.8 Patea

1.8.1 Patea Cemetery

Description of the Site:

The Patea Cemetery is located on the north western side of the Patea Township. The site is accessed from Scotland Street via Egmont Street.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping is prohibited in all parts of the Patea Cemetery.

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1.8.2 Patea Memorial Gardens

Description of the Site:

Patea Memorial Gardens are located on the north western side of the Patea Township. The site is accessed via Egmont Street and Chester Street. The site is across the road from the Patea Library.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping is prohibited in all parts of the Patea Memorial Gardens.

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1.8.3 Garden of Tutunui (Bedford Street), Patea

Description of the Site:

The Garden of Tutunui is located on the eastern side of the Patea Township. The site is accessed via Egmont Street. The site contains the Garden of Tutunui sculpture.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping is prohibited in all parts of the Garden of Tutunui.

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1.8.4 Patea Domain

Description of the Site:

Patea Domain is located on the south western side of the Patea Township. The site is accessed via Egmont Street and Surrey Street. The site is adjacent to the Patea Golf Club.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping is prohibited in all parts of the Patea Domain and sports fields.

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1.8.5 Mana Bay, Patea Beach

Description of the Site:

Mana Bay is located on the southern side of the Patea Township at Patea Beach and runs along the banks of the Patea River mouth. The site is accessed from Beach Road, via Egmont Street.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping is prohibited in the areas of Mana Bay as highlighted in the map below.

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1.9 Waverley

1.9.1 Dallison Park Recreation Grounds, Waverley

Description of the Site:

Dallison Park Recreation Grounds are located on the north eastern side of the Waverley Township. The site is accessed via Chester Street from Weraroa Road. The site consists of sports fields and recreation centre.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping is prohibited in all parts of the Dallison Park Recreation Grounds sports fields.

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1.9.2 Gully Park, Waverley

Description of the Site:

Gully Park is located on the southern side of the Waverley Township. The site is accessed via Weraroa Road. The site consists of a sculpture and seating.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping is prohibited in all parts of Gully Park.



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1.9.3 Okiwa Terrace Reserve, Wai-inu Beach, Waitotara

Description of the Site:

Okiwa Terrace Reserve is located in the coastal settlement of Wai-inu Beach, Waitotara. The site is accessed via Okiwa Terrace, Pingao Place and Nukumaru Parade.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping is prohibited in all parts of the Okiwa Terrace Reserve.

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Schedule 2 – Restricted areas for freedom camping

2.1 Manaia

2.1.1 Manaia Domain Carpark

Description of the Site:

The Manaia Domain Carpark is located on the north eastern side of Manaia on the intersection of Hassard Street and Bennett Drive which leads to the Manaia Domain.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping in self-contained vehicles is permitted in the areas highlighted in the map below.



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2.2 Opunake

2.2.1 Opunake Recreation Ground Carpark

Description of the Site:

The Opunake Recreation Ground Carpark is located on the western side of the Opunake Township. The site is bordered by Tasman Street, Heaphy Road, Longfellow Road and Halse Place.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping in vehicles is permitted in the western carpark area via Heaphy Road, as highlighted in the map below.



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2.2.2 Middleton Bay Carpark, Opunake

Description of the Site:

The Middleton Bay Carpark is located on the south western side of the Opunake Township. The site is accessed via Heaphy Road at the corner of Halse Place and adjoins onto part of the Opunake walkway. The Opunake Boat Club and boat ramp is located at the southern end of the carpark

Restrictions:

Freedom camping in vehicles is permitted at the northern end of the carpark, as highlighted in the map below. Freedom campers are required to use the three designated parking spaces provided at the site.



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2.2.3 Hurst Park (Railway Reserve), Opunake

Description of the Site:

Hurst Park Railway Reserve is situated on the northern side of the Opunake Township, on Gisborne Terrace between Havelock and Napier Streets. It is the site of the former railway station entranceway

Restrictions:

Freedom camping in self-contained vehicles is permitted in the old railway entrance (accessible from Gisborne Terrace) as highlighted in the map below.



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2.2.4 Halse Place, Opunake

Description of the Site:

Halse Place is located on the south western side of the Opunake Township, at the intersection of Heaphy Road and Halse Place. The site is part of the entrance to Middleton Bay and forms part of the Opunake Walkway, which runs parallel to the coastline.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping in vehicles is permitted at the southern end of Halse Place, as highlighted in the map below.

Exclusion: A maximum of 12 vehicles are permitted at this site.



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2.2.5 Opunake Lake (Layard Street) Carpark and play area

Description of the Site:

Opunake Lake Carpark is located on the eastern side of the Opunake Township. The site runs along the banks of the Opunake Lake and is accessed from Layard Street, via Bowen Crescent or Tasman Street.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping in vehicles is permitted at the Opunake Lake Carpark, as highlighted in the map below.

Exclusion: A maximum of six vehicles are permitted at this site.



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2.2.6 Northern Headland Carpark, Opunake

Description of the Site:

The Opunake Northern Headland Carpark is located on the south western side of the Opunake Township. The site is accessed via Wharf Road from Hector Place and forms part of the Opunake walkway.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping in self-contained vehicles is permitted in all areas of the Opunake Northern Headland Carpark, as highlighted in the map below.

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2.3 Surf Highway 45

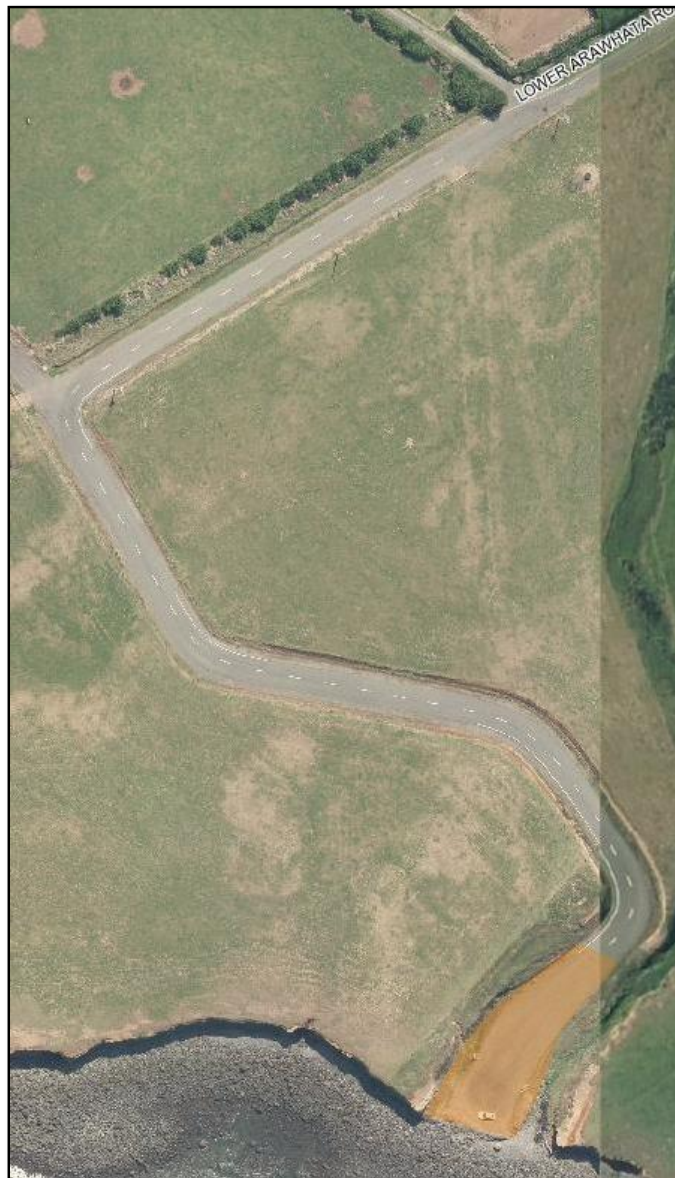
2.3.1 Arawhata Road Carpark, off State Highway 45

Description of the Site:

The Arawhata Road Carpark is located north of the Opunake Township. The site is accessed via Arawhata Road from State Highway 45.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping in self-contained vehicles is permitted in all areas of the Arawhata Road Carpark, as highlighted in the map below.



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2.4 Eltham

2.4.1 Bridger Park Carpark, Eltham

Description of the Site:

Bridger Park Carpark is located in the Central Business District of the Eltham Township. The site is accessed through a lane via High Street (SH3) and a single lane road off Bridge Street.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping in self-contained vehicles is permitted in all areas of Bridger Park Carpark, as highlighted in the map below.



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2.4.2 Eltham Library Carpark

Description of the Site:

The Eltham Library Carpark is situated at the northern end of the Central Business District of the Eltham Township. The site is located on the corner of Bath Street and King Edward Street (via SH3).

Restrictions:

Freedom camping in self-contained vehicles is permitted in all areas of the Eltham Library Carpark, as highlighted in the map below.



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2.4.3 Taylor Park Carpark, Eltham

Description of the Site:

Taylor Park Carpark is located on the eastern side of the Eltham Township. The site is accessed via Taylor Street from Bedford Street.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping in self-contained vehicles is permitted in all areas of Taylor Park Carpark, as highlighted in the map below.

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2.4.4 Rukumoana Reserve, Eltham

Description of the Site:

Rukumoana Reserve is situated on the banks of Lake Rotorangi off Rawhitiroa Road, immediately after crossing the concrete one-way bridge.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping in self-contained vehicles is permitted in all areas of the Rukumoana Reserve, as highlighted in the map below. Caution should be taken during winter months, as the ground can be soft and is not suitable for heavy vehicles.

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2.4.5 Lake Rotokare Scenic Reserve, Eltham

Description of the Site:

Lake Rotokare Scenic Reserve is located at the end of Sangster Road, via Rawhitiroa Road in an easterly direction from Eltham. The Reserve is fully enclosed in a pest proof fence and there is a double gate system at the entrance.

Restrictions:

- Area a - Up to three self-contained vehicles may freedom camp in the area directly in front of the estuary area, as highlighted in the map below.
- Area b - Up to three non-self-contained vehicles may freedom camp in the area directly outside the public toilets and information centre, as highlighted in the map below.



Because of the high conservation values within the Reserve, there is a strict rule of no dogs, no pets or other animals (pests) in a vehicle entering the reserve – no exceptions.



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2.5 Kaponga

2.5.1 Thoumine Park Carpark, Kaponga

Description of the Site:

Thoumine Park Carpark is located on the western side of the Kaponga Township, on the corner of Victoria Street and Riverside Drive.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping in self-contained vehicles is permitted in the carpark area of Thoumine Park, as highlighted in the map below.

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2.5.2 Victoria Park Carpark, Kaponga

Description of the Site:

Victoria Park Carpark is located in the centre of the Kaponga Township, on Park Lane. The site provides a parking area for Victoria Park.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping in vehicles is permitted in the carpark area of Victoria Park, as highlighted in the map below.

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2.6 Hawera

2.6.1 TSB Hub Carpark, Hawera

Description of the Site:

The TSB Hub Carpark is located on the western side of the Hawera Township, and can be accessed from Waihi Road and Camberwell Road. The site provides a parking area for the TSB Hub, Hicks Park, King Edward Park and Hawera High School.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping in self-contained-vehicles is permitted in the carpark area of the TSB Hub, as highlighted in the map below.

Exclusion: there is carparking at either side of the TSB Hub.

- Three self-contained vehicles may park in the Waihi Carpark; and
- Three self-contained vehicles may park in the Camberwell Carpark at any one time.



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2.6.2 Albion Street Carpark, Hawera

Description of the Site:

The Albion Street Carpark is located on the eastern end of the Hawera CBD, on the corner of High Street and Albion Street. The site provides parking for the Community Centre and businesses close by. The site is directly opposite the South Taranaki I-Site Visitors Centre and Hawera Water Tower Grounds.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping in vehicles is permitted in the carpark area of the Albion Street carpark, as highlighted in the map below.



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2.6.3 Turuturu Road Soccer Grounds Carpark, Hawera

Description of the Site:

The Turuturu Road Soccer Grounds Carpark is located on the north western side of the Hawera Township, on Turuturu Road. The site provides a parking area for the Turuturu Soccer Club.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping in self-contained-vehicles is permitted in the carpark area of the Turuturu Road Soccer Grounds, as highlighted in the map below.

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2.6.4 Waihi Beach Reserve, Hawera

Description of the Site:

Waihi Beach Reserve is located on the south western side of the Hawera Township, at the end of Denby Road via South Road (SH45). The site provides a parking area for the people accessing the beach.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping in self-contained vehicles is permitted in the Waihi Beach Reserve, as highlighted in the map below.

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2.6.5 Pukekino Landing, Lake Rotorangi (Tangahoe Valley)

Description of the Site:

Pukekino Landing is located in a north easterly direction from the Hawera Township in the rural area of the Tangahoe Valley. The site runs along the banks of Lake Rotorangi and is accessed from Tangahoe Valley Road, via Ararata Road, Hawera.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping in vehicles is permitted at Pukekino Landing, as highlighted in the map below.

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2.7 Normanby

2.7.1 Normanby Domain Carpark

Description of the Site:

The Normanby Domain Carpark is located on the north western side of the Normanby Township. The site is accessed via Ketemarae Road from Waihi Road (SH3). The site provides a carpark area for the Normanby Recreation Facility, Domain and children’s playground.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping in self-contained vehicles is permitted in the Normanby Domain Carpark, as highlighted in the map below.



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2.7.2 Tuke Street Reserve, Normanby

Description of the Site:

Tuke Street Reserve is located on the western side of the Normanby Township. The site is accessed via Fitzroy Street or Tuke Street.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping in self-contained vehicles is permitted at the Tuke Street Reserve, as highlighted in the map below.

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2.8 Patea

2.8.1 York Street Picnic Area, Patea

Description of the Site:

The York Street picnic area is located on the eastern side of the Patea Township. The site runs along the banks of the Patea River and is accessed from York Street, via Bedford Street (SH3).

Restrictions:

Freedom camping in self-contained vehicles is permitted at the York Street picnic area, as highlighted in the map below.



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2.8.2 Stafford Street Pool Reserve, Patea

Description of the Site:

Stafford Street Pool Reserve is located on the northern side of the Patea Township. The site previously contained the Patea Swimming Pool; however it is now a reserve with a large grassed area.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping in self-contained vehicles is permitted at the Stafford Street Pool Reserve, as highlighted in the map below.

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2.8.3 Bedford Street/Egmont Street Reserve, Patea

Description of the Site:

The Bedford Street/Egmont Street Reserve is located in the centre of the Patea Township. The site is accessed from Egmont Street.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping in vehicles is permitted at the Bedford Street/Egmont Street Reserve, as highlighted in the map below.

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2.8.4 Bourke's Lookout, Patea Beach

Description of the Site:

Bourke's Lookout is located on the southern side of the Patea Township, towards Patea Beach and Mana Bay. The site is accessed via Egmont Street.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping in self-contained vehicles is permitted at Bourke's Lookout, as highlighted in the map below.

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2.8.5 Mana Bay, Patea Beach

Description of the Site:

Mana Bay is located on the southern side of the Patea Township at Patea Beach and runs along the banks of the Patea River mouth. The site is accessed from Beach Road, via Egmont Street.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping in vehicles is permitted at Mana Bay within the designated car parking areas, as defined in the map below.

Exclusion:

- Area a - A maximum of two vehicles are permitted at the southern carpark area, which faces the beach and Patea River mouth, as shown in the map below.
- Area b - A maximum of six vehicles are permitted at the northern carpark area, which faces the Patea River, as shown in the map below.



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2.9 Waverley

2.9.1 Wairoa Reserve - Long Beach/Cave Beach Access, Waverley

Description of the Site:

Wairoa Reserve is located at the coastal settlement of Waverley Beach. The site runs along the cliffs of Waverley Beach and provides access to Long Beach and Cave Beach. The site is accessed from Waverley Beach Road, via Waipipi Road.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping in self-contained vehicles is permitted at Wairoa Reserve, as highlighted in the map below.



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2.9.2 Dallison Park Carpark, Waverley

Description of the Site:

The Dallison Park Carpark is located on the north eastern side of the Waverley Township. The site is accessed from Chester Street, via Weraroa Road (SH3).

Restrictions:

Freedom camping in self-contained vehicles is permitted at the Dallison Park Carpark, as highlighted in the map below.

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2.9.3 Aotea Rotary Community Park, Waverley

Description of the Site:

Aotea Rotary Community Park is located on the corner of Chester Street and Weraroa Road, on the eastern side of the Waverley Township. The site is accessed from Chester Street.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping in vehicles is permitted at the Aotea Rotary Community Park, as highlighted in the map below.

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Schedule 3 – Restricted areas for freedom camping (tenting only)

3.1 Opunake

3.1.1 Middleton Bay Carpark, Opunake

Description of the Site:

The Middleton Bay Carpark is located on the south western side of the Opunake Township. The site is accessed via Heaphy Road at the corner of Halse Place and adjoins onto part of the Opunake walkway. The Opunake Boat Club and boat ramp is located at the southern end of the carpark

Restrictions:

Freedom camping in tents is permitted at the northern end of the carpark, as highlighted in the map below.



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3.1.2 Opunake Lake (Layard Street) Carpark and play area

Description of the Site:

Opunake Lake Carpark is located on the eastern side of the Opunake Township. The site runs along the banks of the Opunake Lake and is accessed from Layard Street, via Bowen Crescent or Tasman Street.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping in tents is permitted at the Opunake Lake Carpark, as highlighted in the map below.

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3.1.3 Halse Place, Opunake

Description of the Site:

Halse Place is located on the south western side of the Opunake Township, at the intersection of Heaphy Road and Halse Place. The site is part of the entrance to Middleton Bay and forms part of the Opunake Walkway, which runs parallel to the coastline.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping in tents is permitted at Halse Place, as highlighted in the map below.



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3.2 Eltham

3.2.1 Lake Rotokare Scenic Reserve, Eltham

Description of the Site:

Lake Rotokare Scenic Reserve is located at the end of Sangster Road, via Rawhitiroa Road in an easterly direction from Eltham. The Reserve is fully enclosed in a pest proof fence and there is a double gate system at the entrance.

Restrictions:

Prohibited:

Any vehicle which has any animal or pest animal on-board.

Restricted:

- Freedom camping in tents is restricted to the area directly on the lakefront, as highlighted in the map below.



Because of the high conservation values within this reserve, there is a strict rule of no dogs, no pets, or other animals (pests) in a vehicle entering the reserve – no exceptions.



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3.2.2 Glen Nui Reserve, Eltham

Description of the Site:

The Glen Nui Reserve is located in the rural area on eastern side of the Eltham Township. The site runs along the banks of Lake Rotorangi and is accessed from Glen Nui Road, Rawhitiroa Road, Mangamingi.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping in tents is permitted at the Glen Nui Reserve, as highlighted in the map below.

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3.3 Hawera

3.3.1 Pukekino Landing, Lake Rotorangi (Tangahoe Valley)

Description of the Site:

Pukekino Landing is located in a north easterly direction from the Hawera Township in the rural area of the Tangahoe Valley. The site runs along the banks of Lake Rotorangi and is accessed from Tangahoe Valley Road, via Ararata Road, Hawera.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping in tents is permitted at Pukekino Landing, as highlighted in the map below.



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3.4 Patea

3.4.1 Bedford Street/Egmont Street Reserve, Patea

Description of the Site:

The Bedford Street/Egmont Street Reserve is located in the centre of the Patea Township. The site is accessed from Egmont Street.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping in tents is permitted at the Bedford Street/Egmont Street Reserve, as highlighted in the map below.



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3.4.2 Mana Bay, Patea Beach

Description of the Site:

Mana Bay is located on the southern side of the Patea Township at Patea Beach and runs along the banks of the Patea River mouth. The site is accessed from Beach Road, via Egmont Street.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping in tents is permitted at Mana Bay, within the designated area as defined in the map below.

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3.5 Waverley

3.5.1 Aotea Rotary Community Park, Waverley

Description of the Site:

Aotea Rotary Community Park is located on the corner of Chester Street and Weraroa Road, on the eastern side of the Waverley Township. The site is accessed from Chester Street.

Restrictions:

Freedom camping in tents is permitted at the Aotea Rotary Community Park, within 100 metres of a public toilet.

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Schedule 4 - Wastewater Dump Stations

4.1 Opunake

Opunake Beach

GPS X 1673727. Y 5632110



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Opunake Transfer Station

GPS X 1674338. Y 5632282



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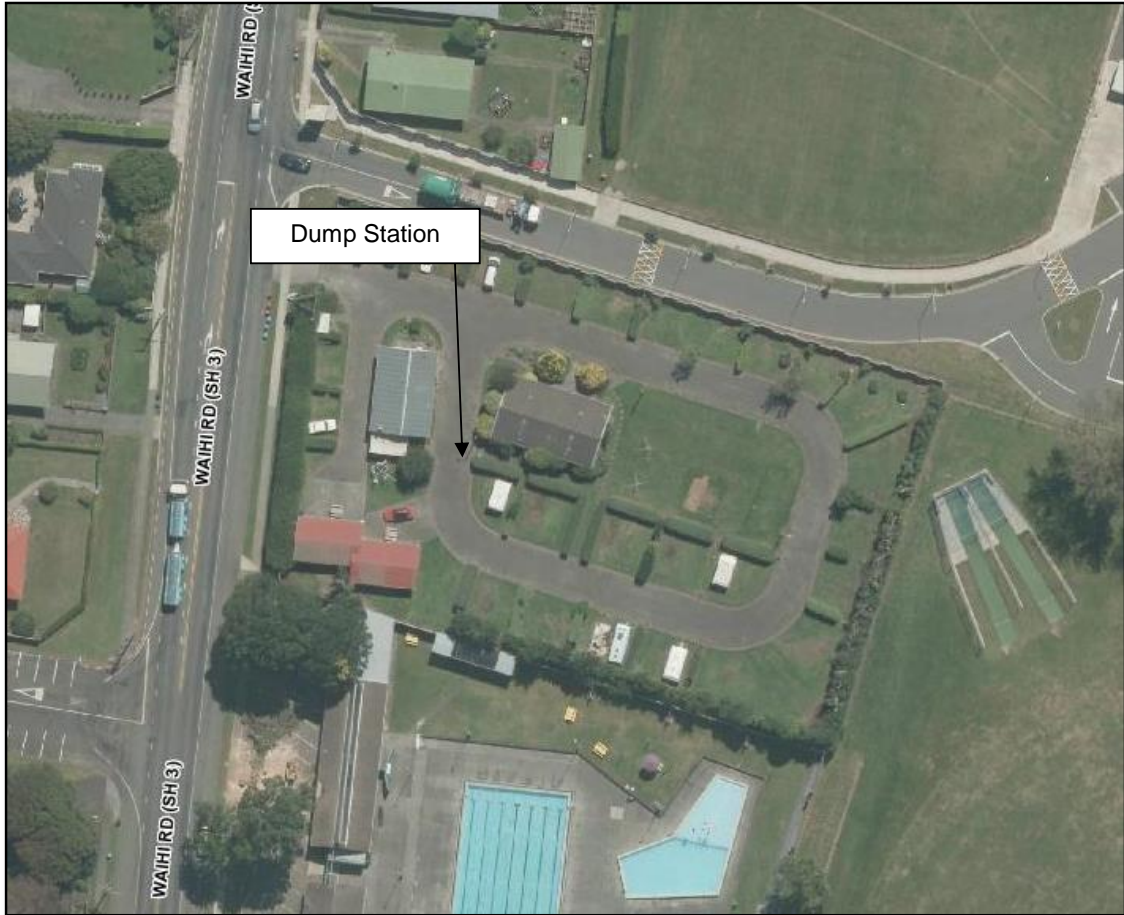
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4.2 Hawera

Hawera Holiday Park

GPS X 1709135. Y 5617651



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4.3 Normanby

Normanby (SH3)

GPS X 1709467.Y 5622797



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4.4 Waverley

Corner Chester Street and SH3, Waverley

GPS X 1740100. Y 5597221



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4.5 Waitotara

Wai-inu Beach

GPS X 1749300. Y 5585791



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Schedule 5 – South Taranaki Holiday Parks

5.1 Opunake

Opunake Beach Holiday Park

Address – Beach Road, Opunake

Phone – (06) 761 7525

Website – www.opunakebeachnz.co.nz

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Opunake Beach
Holiday Park



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5.2 Hawera

Hawera Holiday Park

Address – 70 Waihi Road, Hawera

Phone – (06) 278 0572

Website – www.southtaranaki.com

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5.3 Patea

Patea Beach Holiday Park

Address - Mana Bay, Patea

Phone - (06) 278 3042, 021 253 7053 or 021 0263 9895

Website - www.pateamotorcamp.com

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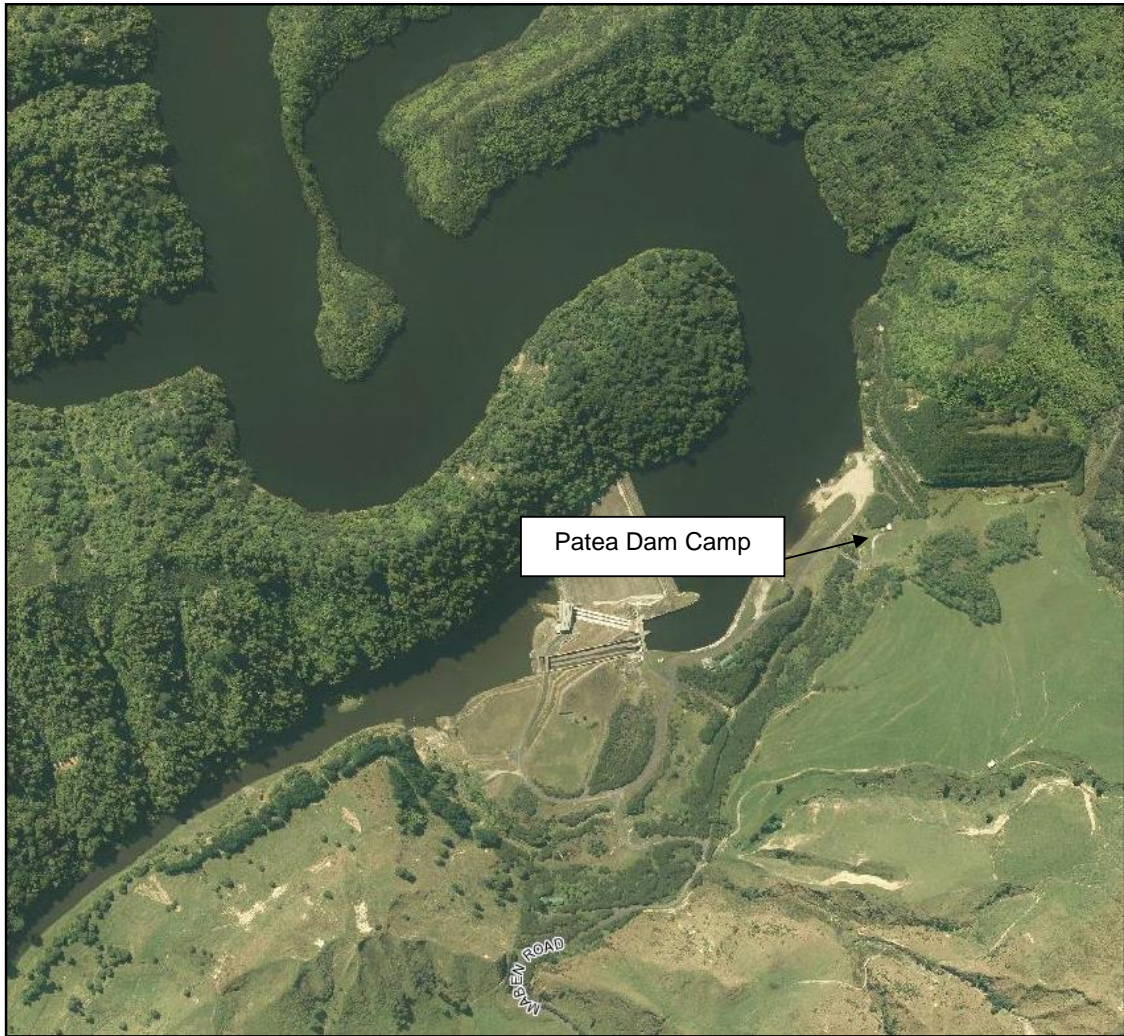
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Patea Dam Camp

Address - Maben Rd off Ball Rd, SH3

Phone - 0800 111 323 (South Taranaki District Council)

Website - www.southtaranaki.com



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5.4 Waverley

Waverley Beach

Address - Waverley Beach (Wairoa Domain)

Phone - 0800 111 323 (South Taranaki District Council)

Website - www.southtaranaki.com

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5.5 Waitotara

Wai-inu Beach Holiday Park

Address – Wai-inu Beach

Phone - 0800 111 323 (South Taranaki District Council)

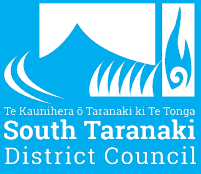
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