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### Background

- This area was previously a golf course before being subdivided for residential development in the 1980s.
- The reserve land was purchased by Council to develop as an area for active sport and recreation, but it is mostly used for informal recreation and sporting activities.
- A public toilet and changing room facility are located on the reserve.
- The reserve is a well-used dog walking area.
- In 2017 a portion of the reserve's parking area fronting Pa Road was surveyed off (Section 1 SO 513972) and classified as Local Purpose (Emergency Services and Community Buildings) Reserve.
- In 2018 the Kotare Reserve Memorial Garden Trust signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Council to develop a memorial garden in a designated area towards the eastern boundary of the reserve. The garden is a place where members of the public can lay plaques in memory of those who have significantly contributed to the Hahei community. A focal point in the garden is the symbolic 'Tree of Life' which is a sculptural rock wall made from schist and crafted by a local stonemason. The garden also includes a rockery and seating for people who may wish to contemplate and reflect.
- In 2020 the 'Hahei Tourist Walkway' was completed. The walkway, which comprises a mix of hoggin path and boardwalks, takes pedestrians from the Hahei Entrance Carpark across Pa Road, through the Kotare Reserve and along Hahei Beach Road to the village and beachfront.

### Reserve Issues

- This area has been identified as an overland flow path for stormwater from the land on the western side of Hahei Beach Road.
- A range of utility services (sewerage pump stations, water pumps and tanks) occupy the Pa Road frontage/entrance to the reserve, reducing the utilisation of this area for parking.
- Over the winter months and during peak rainfall periods the grounds can become very wet and soggy. This in turn can deter people from visiting the reserve, particularly given there is no formed pathway from the Pa Road carpark through to the toilet facility or memorial garden.

Reserve Category	Neighbourhood
Reserve Classification	Recreation
Location	51 Hahei Beach Road, Hahei
Area	0.3000 ha
Legal Description	Lot 31 DPS 41419
Location	43 Pa Road, Hahei
Area	3.2545 ha
Legal Description	Sec 2 SO 513972
Location	44 Pa Road, Hahei
Area	0.1461 ha
Legal Description	Lot 1 DPS 40263 (0.1325ha) Lot 25 DPS 76209 (0.0136ha) NZ Gazette

Reserve Classification	LPR Esplanade
Location	44 Pa Road, Hahei
Area	0.5549 ha
Legal Description	Lot 2 DPS 40263 (0.0280ha) Lot 4 DPS 64657 (0.2627ha) Lot 5 DPS 64657 (0.2642ha) NZ Gazette 2020 In

### **Management Actions**

- a. Using a collaborative approach, work with Waikato Regional Council to maintain the stream banks with suitable low-growing native plants.
- b. Undertake pest plant management on the esplanade reserve adjacent to the campground so it can be mown.
- c. Investigate the feasibility and demand for any future development of the reserve, which may include:
  - re-positioning some of the utility services to improve utilisation of the road frontage/entrance to the reserve;
  - providing a foot bridge from the eastern side of the Pa Road entrance onto the open area of the reserve with a path leading past the toilet block and on to the memorial garden;
  - extending the car park towards Wigmore (Ko Tahuiriki-te-Rangi) stream;
  - forming a walkway along the esplanade reserve areas to link in with the Wigmore (Ko Tahuiriki-te-Rangi) stream reserve;
  - relocating one of the mini ramps from the Whitianga skatepark;
  - installing lighting on the sports field to enable winter training;
  - installing a drinking fountain.

### **Reserve Management Policy**

- a. The objectives and policies in the Thames-Coromandel General Policies Reserve Management Plan apply.

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