

South Ward Reserves

- Individual Reserve Policies



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SOUTH WARD RESERVES

Amberley Beach Reserves

Location

1 Chamberlain Avenue, Amberley Beach

Classification

Recreation

Total Area (hectares)

20.2445

Legal Description

Golf Links Reserve 42285 & 42287; Grierson Rural Sections 42280 – 42281 & 41907; Rural Section 42017; Rural Section 42016; Rural Section 42018; Rural Section 42019; Rural Sections 42282 – 42283.

KEY

- 1** Golf Links Road Plantation
- 2** Grierson Plantation
- 3** Amberley Beach Coastal Reserve/Lookout
- 4** Holton Road Reserve
- 5** Amberley Beach Reserve
- 6** South Crescent Camping Reserve
- 7** Mimimoto Lagoon



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SOUTH WARD RESERVES

Introduction

The reserve area at Amberley Beach is made up of seven distinct spaces known as:

- Golf Links Road Plantation
- Grierson Plantation
- Amberley Beach Coastal Reserve/Lookout
- Holton Reserve
- Amberley Beach Reserve
- South Crescent Camping Reserve
- Mimimoto Lagoon.

These reserves are surrounded in places by residential development, the coastline, Amberley Golf Course and Department of Conservation (DOC) land. Due to their close proximity, there are some common management issues that are best looked at as a whole. However, there are other issues such as coastal erosion that need to be considered in a way that best addresses the situation and that particular reserve. Any development of any of these reserves will be considered with the wider Amberley settlement in mind.

Overall management issues

As well as providing recreation space for the community, it is important that the reserve parts bordering the coastline are also developed in ways which help to mitigate erosion, such as timely and appropriate planting. It will also be important to address appropriate development in both lagoon areas (Mimimoto and Grierson) for their potential as recreation areas for residents and visitors. Examples of development could include linking these areas with the Kowai River two kilometres to the south via a walkway and utilising these areas to address wider erosion and drainage issues.

Any development within the Amberley Beach Reserves, particularly those along the coastline, should be guided by the recommendations of the Amberley Beach Coastal Adaptation Plan.

The camping areas which are managed by KiwiCamp, will focus on their appeal as remote camping sites, with it being recognised that increasing visitor numbers are likely to require a maintenance and appropriate development. The development of a children's play area and passive recreation within the Holton Road Reserve area is important as it will address the safety issue of having the playground area in Amberley Beach Reserve situated near campervan movements.

SOUTH WARD RESERVES

Golf Links Road Plantation

Location

1 Golf Links Road, Amberley Beach

Total Area (hectares)

5.35

Legal Description

Golf Links Reserve 41907, 42285 & 42287

Introduction

Located at the northern end of Golf Links Road, Golf Links Road Plantation is a narrow strip of coastal land adjacent to the golf course that was formally planted in pine trees.

A large portion of these trees were damaged in a high wind weather event in October 2023, which also damaged the lagoon walkway loop linking the Amberley Beach reserves. A small portion of the pines remain in a single row on the northern end at the seaward side. Approximately three quarters of the plantation is gone and no longer provides shelter to the golf course. The walking track through the former plantation will re-establish over time.

Specific policies

- That the walking track be established over time
- That further walkway development, and where appropriate, access be established to further link together the reserve areas and to encourage more use of all reserve spaces
- That erosion and shelter planting be undertaken where appropriate
- That fencing be repaired and maintained
- That signage be established and upgraded where appropriate.

Future development potential

The reserve provides for recreation space for the community and access to the Waipara River mouth, the northern end of the beach and The Rocks. However, it is important that sections of the reserve bordering the coastline are developed in ways which help to mitigate erosion and sea egress.



SOUTH WARD RESERVES

Grierson Plantation

Location

Golf Links Road, Amberley Beach

Total Area (hectares)

4.5092

Legal Description

Rural Sections 42280 - 42281 & 41907

Introduction

Grierson Plantation contains a lagoon surrounded by modified wetland vegetation with the balance planted in pine trees. The beach lagoon walkway loop, a project carried out by the Amberley Lions Club extends through this area and into adjacent Department of Conservation land. More recently the track was extended through Golf Links Plantation to the Waipara River mouth to the north. A high wind weather event in October 2023 caused damage to the Golf Links walkway which will require redevelopment over time.

Specific policies

- That consideration be given to utilisation of lagoon areas to address erosion and drainage issues, whilst ensuring their natural character and environmental value is sustained
- That further walkway development, and where appropriate access, be established to further link together the reserve areas and to encourage more use of all reserve spaces
- That planting be considered where appropriate for revegetation in lagoon areas
- That the Lions walkway be redeveloped over time and maintained
- That signage be established and upgraded where necessary.

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Future development potential

Prior to the high wind weather event in October 2023, the local and wider community greatly benefited from the Amberley Beach Lions Walkway Project. Further development of walkways and the implementation of a maintenance and replanting programme will be important and sets an example for the potential to establish further walkways to eventually link both lagoons.

As well as providing recreation space for the community it is important that the reserve parts bordering the coastline are also developed in ways which help to mitigate erosion, such as timely and appropriate planting. It will also be important to address appropriate development in both lagoon areas for their potential as recreation areas for residents and visitors.

Examples of development could include linking these areas with the Kowai River two kilometres to the south via a walkway and utilising these areas to address wider erosion and drainage issues.



Amberley Beach Coastal Reserve/Lookout

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Location

Chamberlain Avenue, Amberley Beach

Total Area (hectares)

3.4785

Legal Description

Rural Section 42017

Introduction

The Amberley Beach Coastal Reserve/Lookout provides a buffer strip between the coastline and the Amberley Beach settlement, with vegetation providing some protection from weather and erosion. Reserve facilities include a public car park, rubbish bins, picnic tables and walking tracks.

Currently the coastal bund/buffer strip provides protection from coastal inundation and is slowing down the rate of erosion. A bund is anticipated to be effective for another 20-30 years, however, over time the bund will be exposed to greater wave attack and likely to require more frequent maintenance. The Amberley Beach Coastal Adaptation Plan will allow us to prepare for the future despite the future being uncertain.

In addition, the Council will consider reclassification of this reserve to a Local Purpose Esplanade/Accessway Reserve to manage future erosion of the coastline and safeguard the Amberley Beach settlement.

Specific policies

- That a picnic area be developed behind the carpark
- That erosion and shelter planting be undertaken where necessary
- That signage be established and upgraded where necessary.

Future development potential

Amberley Beach is at risk of coastal erosion and multiple sources of flooding, and in response the Amberley Beach community have developed a Coastal Adaptation Plan to take control of their future. So, any future development should be guided by the recommendations in the Amberley Beach Coastal Adaptation Plan.





SOUTH WARD RESERVES

Holton Road Reserve

Location

6 Holton Road, Amberley Beach

Total Area (hectares)

0.5319

Legal Description

Rural Section 42016

Introduction

This reserve has been developed away from the campground for the local community to enjoy and where local families can enjoy passive and active recreation. Reserve facilities include a children's playground, rubbish bin, picnic tables, seating, community gardens and a BMX track.

Specific policies

- That barbeque areas be installed as funds allow
- That the children's playground be maintained.

Future development potential

The reserve will need to be sensitively managed to maintain its appeal to the local community.

A loop walkway through all reserves would be a valuable community facility and ensure high usage of all reserves.





SOUTH WARD RESERVES

Amberley Beach Reserve

Location

1 Chamberlain Avenue, Amberley Beach

Total Area (hectares)

1.7158

Legal Description

Rural Section 42018

Introduction

Amberley Beach Reserve is a popular 'remote' camping ground managed by KiwiCamp. The reserve includes a children's playground, tennis courts, a toilet block and various other facilities including a meeting room, frequented by the local community.

Specific policies

- That the children's playground be maintained
- That the tennis court be maintained
- That the toilet block be maintained and upgraded as funds allow.

Future development potential

The camping areas, which are managed by KiwiCamp, will focus on their appeal as remote camping sites, with it being recognised that increasing visitor numbers are likely to require maintenance and appropriate development.



SOUTH WARD RESERVES

South Crescent Camping Reserve

Location

14 South Crescent, Amberley

Total Area (hectares)

0.7843

Legal Description

Rural Section 42019

Introduction

The reserve is part of the Amberley Beach campground and is managed by KiwiCamp. The South Crescent section of the camping ground permits dogs to stay. Reserve facilities include a toilet block and picnic tables.

Specific policies

- That the toilets be maintained
- That the camping grounds be promoted as remote camping destinations, with maintenance and development undertaken in response to visitor demand.

Future development potential

The camping areas, which are managed by KiwiCamp, will focus on their appeal as remote camping sites, with it being recognised that increasing visitor numbers are likely to require additional maintenance and appropriate development.



SOUTH WARD RESERVES

Mimimoto Lagoon

Location

2A South Crescent, Amberley Beach

Total Area (hectares)

3.8748

Legal Description

Rural Sections 42282 - 42283

Introduction

As well as providing recreation space for the community, the Mimimoto lagoon as a wetland is a valuable habitat for native fish and birds, which can be accessed by a walking track.

Specific policies

- That planting be considered where appropriate for revegetation in lagoon areas
- That consideration be given to utilisation of lagoon areas to address erosion and drainage issues, whilst ensuring that their natural character and environmental value is sustained
- That further walkway development and, where appropriate, access be established to further link together the reserve areas and to encourage more use of all reserve spaces.

Future development potential

It will also be important to address appropriate development in both lagoon areas for their potential as recreation areas for residents and visitors, whilst ensuring their natural character and environmental importances is upheld.

Examples of development could include linking these areas with the Kowai River two kilometres to the south via a walkway and utilising these areas to address wider erosion and drainage issues.



SOUTH WARD RESERVES

Amberley Reserve (Domain)

Location

50 Douglas Road, Amberley

Classification

Recreation

Total Area (hectares)

14.9303

Legal Description

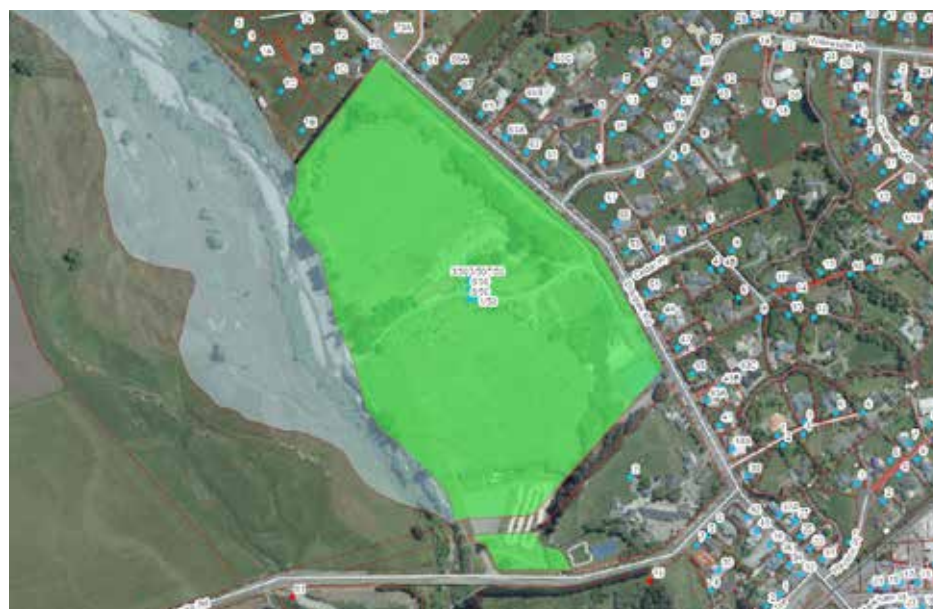
Reserve 4317 & 4343, Rural Section 41168.

Introduction

The Amberley Reserve (Domain) is located on Douglas Road, Amberley. The reserve is the premier location for the A&P show held annually and has been utilised as such since 1902. The Amberley Reserve provides a multitude of sporting facilities including:

- Four sports buildings and pavilions
- Toilet blocks
- Two storage sheds
- A pump shed for the Amberley water supply
- Bowling club
- Rugby fields
- Football/soccer fields
- Tennis and netball courts
- Squash courts
- Swimming pool complex
- Adventure playground
- Skateboard park
- BMX track
- Picnic facilities and a native vegetation area.

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Introduction cont.

The reserve is landscaped, with a large adventure playground with picnic facilities. The reserve features a planted area known as Heritage Park, situated behind the Bowling Club, which was planted in amenity trees by school children from Amberley, Leithfield, Broomfield, and Waipara Schools.

The planting initiative was undertaken by the Amberley District Resident's Association. A native plantation area has also been established on the bank above the rugby fields.

The reserve also features a family-friendly loop walkway constructed as an Amberley Lions Presidents Project, and a picnic area. Camping is permitted when approved by the Council as part of an event.

Specific policies

- That the existing adventure playground continue to be maintained and upgraded as required
- That the existing old toilet block be retained for storage
- That multiple use of facilities by clubs or organisations be encouraged
- That the pavilion be developed as required and as funds become available
- That the skatepark be extended to include a basketball court
- That the native plantation area on the bank above the rugby fields continue to be developed and maintained
- That native riparian planting continues to occur along the bank of the Kowai River
- That the existing walking tracks within the reserve be maintained
- That the reserve continue to be developed as required.

Future development potential

The Amberley Reserve is a well-utilised village green space for the Amberley community. The reserve is well developed and maintained and will continue to benefit from initiatives such as the native vegetation project.

There is potential to further develop passive and active recreation such as Pétanque or a Disc Golf course should the community support it.

SOUTH WARD RESERVES

Balcairn Oak Tree Reserve

Location

1055 Upper Sefton Road, Balcairn

Classification

Recreation

Total Area (hectares)

2.487

Legal Description

Section 1 Survey Office 17789

Introduction

The Balcairn Oak Tree Reserve is situated on Upper Sefton Road, Balcairn. The reserve was planted in Oak trees about 1877 to provide Oak sleepers for the railway.

Although the Oak trees were planted in the 1880s, their growth has been slow in the dry and exposed conditions, and they have not attained the height expected of trees of this age. As such, emphasis must be placed on protection and management of the trees. The reserve is fenced off from the surrounding farmland. Currently, there is no public access to the reserve.

Specific policies

- That the Balcairn Oak Tree Reserve trees be placed on the register of protected trees
- That an arboricultural report be prepared on the reserve's Oak trees
- That maintenance be completed on the Oak trees in accordance with the arboricultural report
- That consideration be given to the revocation and disposal of this reserve.

Future development potential

The Balcairn Oak Tree Reserve features a unique stand of mature oak trees within Balcairn, however, the Oak trees are not placed on the register of protected trees. If there was enough public demand, it could be partially opened up to the public for passive recreation purposes such as picnics and walks. The location of the reserve, lack of public access and lack of use make this less likely to happen. It is possible this reserve could be disposed of in the future.



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Balcairn Recreation Reserve

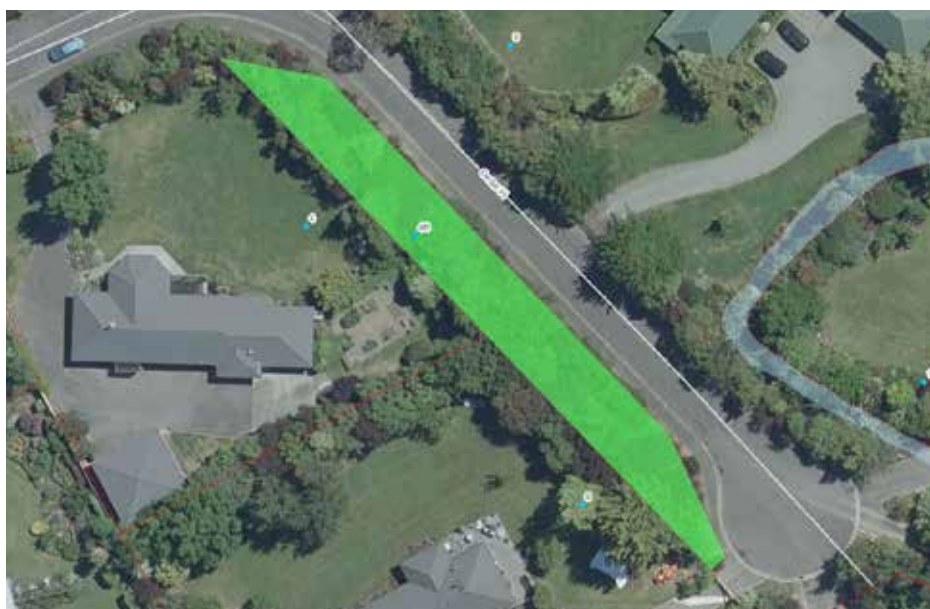
Location	18 Robertsons Road, Balcairn
Classification	Recreation
Total Area (hectares)	1.6114
Legal Description	Rural Section 37929 & Reserve 4669
Introduction	<p>The Balcairn Recreation Reserve is a triangular piece of land comprised of two contiguous lots being the Domain (1.3673 ha) and the corner section (0.2441 ha). The reserve is bordered by the two converging roads of Robertson and Stokes Road that meet at the Balcairn-Amberley Road intersection. The northern end of the reserve is bounded by farmland.</p> <p>The reserve lacks signage and is partially obscured by the large shelterbelt trees that surround it. The access gate is also closed to contain grazing stock.</p> <p>The Amberley Pony Club (APC) have use of the reserve and intend to use it as their base.</p>
Specific policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APC to formalise their arrangement with the Council for use of the reserve • Develop a strategic plan for development of the site • Upgrade the boundary fence • Build an arena for riding, coaching and events • Build clubrooms and toilets • That all clubs that occupy the reserve be subject to a lease agreement.
Future development potential	<p>The Amberley Pony Club wish to use the reserve as their base and upgrade the site over time. Developing a Strategic Plan will assist with future funding for projects to upgrade the site.</p>



SOUTH WARD RESERVES

Cedar Place Reserve

Location	4B Cedar Place, Amberley
Classification	Recreation
Total Area (hectares)	0.0625
Legal Description	Lot 10 DP 60809
Introduction	The Cedar Place Reserve is a recreation reserve situated on Cedar Place, Amberley. The reserve was vested in Council in 1992. Cedar Place Reserve has been developed as an amenity native planting area and is well maintained by the local residents. The plantings are aesthetically pleasing and will continue to be an asset to the community over time.
Specific policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the reserve be maintained to a high standard as an amenity native planting area • That Cabbage trees are not suitable for the reserve and will not be planted at any time.
Future development potential	With native plantings completed, there is scope for the reserve to be established as a corridor for native birds.



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Chamberlain Park Reserve

Location

112 Carters Road, Amberley

Classification

Recreation

Total Area (hectares)

0.7783

Legal Description

Rural Sections 41493 – 41494

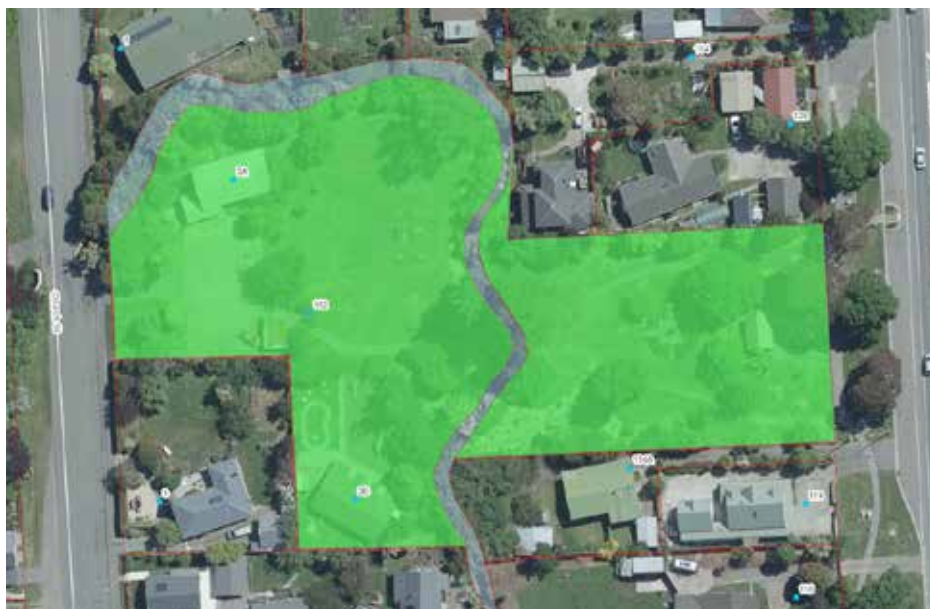
Introduction

Chamberlain Park is located in the centre of Amberley, on the western side of State Highway 1. Originally part of the old Amberley school grounds, the reserve was gifted to the people of Amberley by Mr Chamberlain in 1959. Facilities in the reserve include a children's playground, Chinese Garden, Bird Avery, historic Cob Cottage, Club rooms, park benches, rubbish bins and toilets.

The reserve is divided into two rural sections of 2,930 square metres and 4,853 metres respectively. The smaller of the two rural sections is classified as a District Reserve and has frontage to the State Highway. This portion of the reserve contains an historic cob cottage, constructed sometime in the mid-1800s. It originally stood along May's Road in Leithfield but was gifted to the Amberley Society by Mr T. F. May and relocated to Chamberlain Park following a severe battering from a Norwest gale in 1975. The remainder of the section is landscaped open space with seating for passive recreation.

The second rural section, situated to the west, is classified as Amenity Reserve and is linked via a walking bridge over Dock Creek. It has road frontage to Church Street and contains the former Scout Den with adjoining toilet facilities for public use, the Amberley Playcentre, a bird aviary, and a children's playground. The bird aviary features a number of exotic birds and is managed by an Aviary Trust.

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Introduction cont.

A Chinese Garden – ‘Garden of Reflection’ was developed in 2018 and extends over both sections of the reserve, connected by a Chinese style footbridge. The garden includes information boards which detail Rewi Alley’s story and the historical connection between China and Chamberlain Park.

Chamberlain Park’s overall tranquil character encourages casual recreational pursuits such as picnicking, walking, ball games and the use of play equipment. The cob cottage provides an historical element.

Specific policies

- That the larger of the rural sections of the reserve located to the west (being 4,853 metres) be reclassified as “local purpose - community use”
- That all clubs which occupy the reserve be subject to a lease agreement
- That the Eucalyptus trees listed on the “Schedule of Notable Trees” be maintained by an arborist as required
- That the Historical Society continue to manage the cob cottage
- That a map of the reserve area be erected at each entrance to indicate where the playground, aviary, cottage, toilets and garden are situated
- That the reserve continue to be developed as a natural area of both native and exotic vegetation
- That Chamberlain Park continue to be maintained to a high standard for the use and enjoyment of the general public.

Future development potential

Any further building development must be carefully planned to maximise the use and aesthetic qualities of the reserve. Maintenance to a high standard is required due to its centrality as a reserve in the Amberley township and its appeal for people passing through on the State Highway.

SOUTH WARD RESERVES

Coppard Reserve

Location

44 Old Main North Road, Leithfield

Classification

Recreation

Total Area (hectares)

0.4988

Legal Description

Lot 1 DP 422469 and Part Rural Section 1545

Introduction

Coppard Reserve is situated between Old Main North Road, Brighton Street and Ramsgate Street in Leithfield. The reserve was named after Malcolm Coppard who previously owned the land.

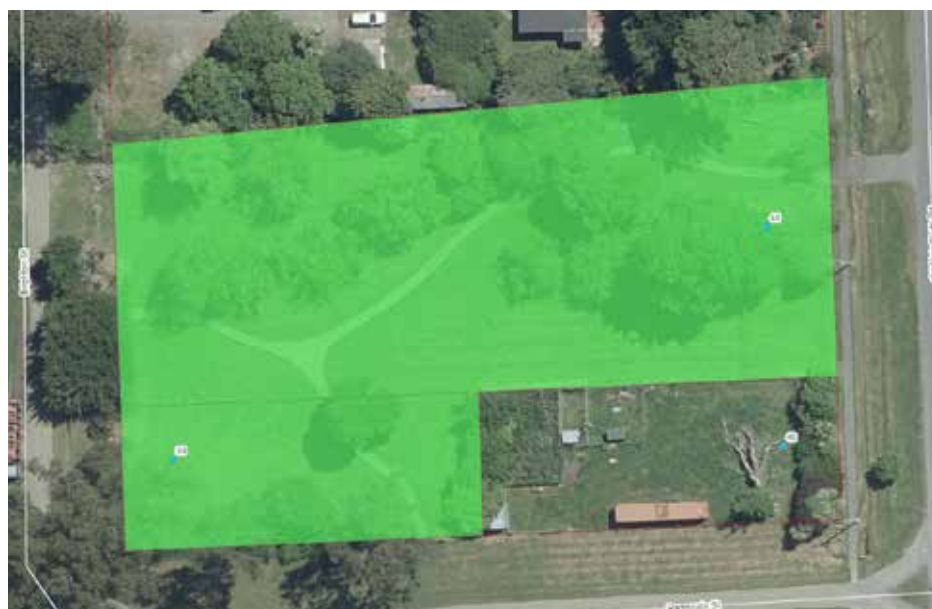
The reserve contains a number of established trees. The reserve also contains an open drain along the northern boundary of the site. The remainder of the reserve is landscaped open space. Coppard Reserve has been developed as a passive recreation space with seating areas, fruit trees, a drinking fountain, information story boards, exercise equipment and a basketball half-court.

Specific policies

- That the existing trees be pruned and maintained to ensure that they are safe
- That the all-weather path established through the reserve be maintained
- That the banks of the drain be modified so that they have a more gradual slope
- That picnic tables and bench seating be established
- That a herb garden be established
- That a connection to the Council's water supply be established
- That a windmill and wishing well be installed when funds allow
- That community events are encouraged with an appropriate event permit from the Council.

Future development potential

An area could be developed for community gardens which may include fruit trees, native plants, spring bulbs and plants which attract bees and birds. There is also the potential to establish public toilets.



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Coulbeck Reserve

Location	17 Leithfield Road, Leithfield
Classification	Recreation
Total Area (hectares)	0.2474
Legal Description	Lot 1 DP 59926 & Lot 1 DP 28277
Introduction	<p>Coulbeck Reserve is situated on Leithfield Road, approximately 200m from the Old Main North Road corner. The reserve was named after Mr and Mrs Coulbeck in recognition of their commitment to the development of the reserve and to the Leithfield community. The reserve has good views of the riverbed plains, rural paddocks and Mount Grey to the north. The reserve is an ideal site for a passive recreation area.</p> <p>Since its original development, the reserve boasts public toilets, signage, seating, picnic tables, rubbish bins, amenity trees, barked native gardens, a footbridge with safety fencing, and well-maintained children's play equipment.</p>
Specific policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the reserve continue to be maintained and developed as an open space for passive recreation and children's play.
Future development potential	<p>Further development of Coulbeck Reserve may include the creation of a walkway over the existing footbridge and along the south branch Kowai Riverbed to the north. Consideration will also need to be given to the extension of playground equipment to cater for increased growth within the area.</p>



SOUTH WARD RESERVES

Gun Club Reserve

Location	77 Racecourse Road, Broomfield
Classification	Recreation
Total Area (hectares)	5.5442
Legal Description	Reserve 2545 Lot 12 DP 77039
Introduction	<p>The Gun Club Reserve is situated at the intersection of Stanton and Racecourse Road, Broomfield. The reserve was vested in the Kowai County Council in 1894 as a gravel pit and was quarried accordingly. In 1977, the reserve status was changed to Recreation Reserve as the land was utilised by the Amberley Gun Club.</p> <p>The reserve is leased to the Amberley Gun Club. The reserve features Gun Club structures and a large gravel pit, which is utilised by the Council from time to time for the disposal of clean hard fill. Part of the reserve is zoned as a Community Drinking Water Protection Zone and contains water tank supply plant points. To the south of the reserve is a 1.46 ha lot which has been purchased by the club as an extension to their grounds.</p>
Specific policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Gun Club grounds be kept free from gorse, broom, noxious weeds, rabbits and other vermin by the lessee • That the existing lease agreement be amended at the time of renewal to comply with the lease policy • That all clubs which occupy the reserve be subject to a lease agreement.
Future development potential	<p>The Gun Club Reserve may be further developed for Gun Club purposes as required. There is potential to reclassify a portion of this reserve to Local Purpose to preserve the Community Drinking Water Protection Zone.</p>



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Hurunui Memorial Library

Location

111 Carters Road, Amberley

Classification

Local Purpose - Community Building

Total Area (hectares)

0.1965

Legal Description

Lot 1 DP 369006

Introduction

The Hurunui Memorial Library was vested in the Council as a District Reserve when a larger portion of Council freehold land was subdivided. Previously this area housed the RSA building. There is now an RSA room within the new library. The reserve area contains the library, car park and also the Amberley war memorial monument. The library was officially opened on 6 August 2005.

Specific policies

- That the Hurunui Memorial Library be promoted as a community meeting place
- That the Hurunui Memorial Library be available for use as a community, social, cultural and educational facility
- That the Hurunui Memorial Library be maintained to a standard which is suitable for its position as a district library
- That the Hurunui Memorial Library continue to promote cultural heritage by collecting and preserving resources for current and future library users.

Future development potential

The Hurunui Memorial Library is a great asset to the district and care should be taken to ensure that it remains a high-quality centre for the community. Any developments should also be sensitive to the district's requirements.



SOUTH WARD RESERVES

Kowai Council Chambers

Location

1091 Upper Sefton Road, Balcairn

Classification

Historic

Total Area (hectares)

0.1136

Legal Description

Lot 3 DP 76896

Introduction

The Kowai Council Chamber building is occupied by the Kowai Archives Society. The building was formerly the Kowai County Council Building and is listed as a Category II Historic Site under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014.

The building was opened in 1923 and stands as a visual reminder of the former local authority administration in the area, and as a peace memorial to local soldiers in World War I. It houses a roll of honour to local servicemen who served in either of the World Wars.

In 1995, the Kowai Archives Society restored and began occupying the building, which they continue to lease in exchange for maintaining the building and the grounds. The Society opens the building to the public on the second Sunday of each month for a few hours in the afternoon, or by arrangement for groups and researchers.

The building received some damage from the Canterbury earthquakes in 2010 and 2011. Earthquake repairs and strengthening have been completed, bringing the building back up to code.

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Specific policies

- That the Kowai Council Chamber building be occupied by the Kowai Archives Society under a formal agreement
- That all clubs which occupy the reserve to be subject to a lease agreement
- That the Kowai Council Chamber building retain its New Zealand Heritage Rārangi Kōrero listing
- That the Kowai Council Chamber building, and grounds continue to be maintained in a tidy condition.
- Future development potential

Future development potential

The Kowai Archives Society perform a significant public good by maintaining the historic records of the Balcairn area and making those records available to the public. Further planting of the site's grounds would enhance the area.

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Kowai River Road Plantation Reserve

Location	30 Kowai River Road, Amberley
Classification	Local Purpose - Plantation
Total Area (hectares)	11.0069
Legal Description	Part RES 867
Introduction	<p>The Kowai River Road Plantation Reserve, originally taken for river protection purposes, is a plantation reserve situated on State Highway 1 next to the Kowai River. The reserve was vested as river protection land, however, in 1933, the reserve was re-classified as Plantation Reserve. Since that time, the reserve has been used for forestry purposes.</p> <p>The reserve is bisected by the informal accessway of Kowai River Road. This accessway is utilised by a number of private landowners. In order to formalise this accessway an easement is required.</p>
Specific policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the plantation reserve be maintained appropriately • That the informal accessway dissecting the reserve which provides access to the properties located on Kowai River Road be formalised by way of an easement under section 48 of the Act.
Future development potential	<p>Due to the reserve's high visibility from State Highway 1, care must be taken to ensure that any development is aesthetically pleasing. Development proposals are to be considered in conjunction with forestry purposes.</p>



SOUTH WARD RESERVES

Leithfield Beach Reserves

Location

Leithfield Beach

Classification

Recreation - with exceptions

Total Area (hectares)

20.6370

Legal Description

Lot 27 DP 49366; Lot 21 DP 61889; Part Reserve 3595, 4124 & 4647;
Lot 1 DP 61575; Part Reserve 3595 & 4647

KEY

- 1** Smarts Reserve
- 2** Smarts Drive Access
- 3** Leithfield Beach Balance Reserves and Camping Ground
- 4** Coastal Protection Zone
- 5** Kowai Lagoon.





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Introduction

The reserve area at Leithfield Beach is made up of five distinct spaces known as:

- Smarts Reserve
- Smarts Drive Access
- Leithfield Beach Balance Reserves and Camping Ground
- Coastal Protection Zone
- Kowai Lagoon.

These reserves are surrounded in places by residential development, the coastline, and the Kowai River to the north of the lagoon.

Overall management issues

All the reserves within Leithfield Beach are classified as recreation, with the exception of the Coastal Protection Zone which is Local Purpose - Esplanade and Smarts Drive Access which is Local Purpose - Accessway.

Due to their close proximity, their joint maintenance, and similar future potential, their management is best looked at as a whole.

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Smarts Reserve

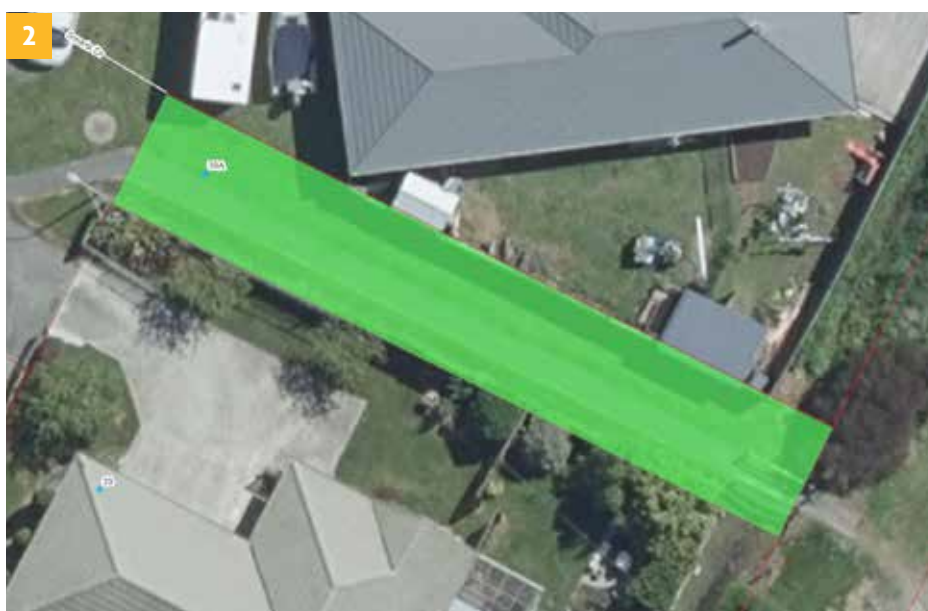
Location	23 Smarts Drive, Leithfield
Classification	Recreation
Total Area (hectares)	0.0591
Legal Description	Lot 27 DP 49366
Introduction	Smarts Reserve on Smarts Drive is a small passive open space reserve with amenity planting.
Specific policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That existing mature trees be maintained in accordance with the Tree Management Policy as they age • That where appropriate, planting be undertaken for amenity value, or in order to replace existing trees as they age.
Future development potential	This reserve has generally been developed to a high standard. Therefore, the main issue is maintenance which focusses on keeping this standard and development in areas where that level has not been reached or user demand has increased. Any development in open space areas will need to be in keeping with this characteristic.



SOUTH WARD RESERVES

Smarts Drive Access

Location	Local Purpose - Accessway
Classification	39a Smarts Drive, Leithfield
Total Area (hectares)	0.0148
Legal Description	Lot 21 DP 61889
Introduction	Smarts Drive Access provides pedestrian access between Smarts Drive and James Avenue and is designated for the Leithfield Beach water supply intake.
Specific policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That access ways be kept clear and enhanced or developed as necessary to create a linking reserve network.
Future development potential	This accessway has generally been developed to a high standard. Therefore, the main issue is maintenance which focusses on keeping this standard and development in areas where that level has not been reached or user demand has increased. Any development in open space areas will need to be in keeping with this characteristic.





SOUTH WARD RESERVES

Leithfield Balance Reserves and Camping Ground

Location

18 Lucas Drive, Leithfield

Classification

Recreation

Total Area (hectares)

5.323

Legal Description

Part Reserve 3595, 4124, & 4647

Introduction

The Balance Reserves contain open space green areas for passive recreation and children's play, as well as mature amenity trees in Penfold and Elizabeth Squares. Community tennis courts and a children's play area are located opposite the camping ground with additional play equipment located at the northern most end of Lucas Drive.

The community centre is regularly used and is managed by the Residents' Association. The camping ground is situated on Lucas Drive, with the north park area leased. This is separated from the oval to the south by a narrow access width known as the alley.

Specific policies

- That all facilities and structures within the reserve be maintained to high standard and additional facilities added as required and when funds allow
- That the oval area excluded from the camping ground lease be opened up and developed
- That reserve areas cease to be utilised as informal dumping areas and signs prohibiting this be erected where necessary.

Future development potential

The Leithfield Beach Reserves have generally been developed to a high standard, and thus the main issue for these reserves is maintenance which focuses on keeping this standard, and development in areas where that level has not been reached or user demand has increased. Any development in open space areas will need to be in keeping with this characteristic.



SOUTH WARD RESERVES

Coastal Protection Zone

Location	Local Purpose - Esplanade
Classification	Kings Road, Leithfield Beach
Total Area (hectares)	1.788
Legal Description	Lot 1 DP 61575
Introduction	The Coastal Protection Zone provides a buffer strip between the beach settlement and the coastline and extends the full length of the residential area. Vegetation on this strip provides some protection from weather and erosion and screening from the residential area. Long-term protection will be determined via the Leithfield Beach Coastal Adaptation Plan.
Specific policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That reserve areas cease to be utilised as informal dumping areas and signs prohibiting this be erected where necessary • That all areas occupied on reserve land will be subject to a lease or licence to occupy as per the Leasing of Property Policy • That future development of the buffer strip be informed by the Leithfield Beach Coastal Adaptation Plan and Northern Pegasus Bylaw.
Future development potential	It is important to note that this area forms part of the Northern Pegasus Bylaw which controls activities and the use of land, on the foreshore, beaches and adjacent areas of Northern Pegasus Bay. Any future development of this reserve will be guided by the Bylaw.



SOUTH WARD RESERVES

Kowai Lagoon

Location

Leithfield Beach

Classification

Recreation

Total Area (hectares)

13.388

Legal Description

Part Reserve 3595 & 4647

Introduction

The Kowai Lagoon is a semi-natural wetland formed several decades ago, with progressive colonisation by vegetation such as Willow and Raupo leading to a decline in open water. The lagoon is surrounded by a grassed area and Department of Conservation land.

The Kowai Walkway is located to the north of the Kowai Lagoon Reserve and runs from Leithfield Village to the Kowai River mouth. In recent years, the Leithfield Beach Residents Association (LBRA) and the Coastcare Group have formed a walkway/ cycleway along the western boundary of the reserve.

Specific policies

- That signage advising of the Northern Pegasus Bylaw be erected
- That any new plantings be eco-sourced natives
- That vegetation within the lagoon and surrounding grass area be managed as appropriate, including removals and plantings as required, in order to ensure the natural habitat, ecological value and water quality are maintained and enhanced.

Future development potential

The Kowai Lagoon Reserve has potential for development and enhancement as a passive recreational area.



SOUTH WARD RESERVES

Leithfield Reserve

Location	5 Willow Lane, Leithfield
Classification	Recreation
Total Area (hectares)	T12.5455
Legal Description	Part Reserve 3725 Block IX
Introduction	<p>Leithfield Reserve is situated at the intersection of Mill Road and State Highway 1 and was originally taken for river protection purposes and classified as Local Purpose - Bridge Protection in 1906.</p> <p>In 2006 this classification was changed to Recreation. The reserve is significant due to its proximity to the Leithfield Village and its development potential. Currently, several leases have been let primarily for grazing purposes. The leased portions of land surround the bed of the Kowai River. In 1996, the community considered the possible development of the reserve as a domain, however this project was not furthered.</p>
Specific policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the reserve continue to be leased for grazing purposes.
Future development potential	<p>While there has been some desire for development as a recreation reserve for the local community, it is important to consider that any development undertaken may not be appropriate given the proximity to the riverbed.</p>



SOUTH WARD RESERVES



Oakfields Reserve

Location

2 Jonson Avenue, Amberley

Classification

Recreation

Total Area (hectares)

0.1553

Legal Description

Lot 27 DP 75914

Introduction

Oakfields Reserve was formed as part of the Oakfields residential development in 1997. The reserve is situated on the corner of Hilton Drive and Johnson Avenue and has been landscaped to provide a restful passive recreation space. Oakfields Reserve features paths, seating areas, a rose garden and established vegetative areas.

Specific policies

- That the reserve be maintained to a high standard
- That the existing flower beds be maintained on a regular basis
- That the path edges be kept trimmed
- That fencing be erected to separate the Medical Centre from the reserve
- That a sign be erected to identify the area as a reserve.

Future development potential

Oakfields Reserve has been developed as a park garden, providing a natural extension to the medical centre grounds. The existing flower beds will require a high level of maintenance to ensure that the reserve fulfils its aesthetic objectives. There is also potential to develop a children's playground and establish some seating.



SOUTH WARD RESERVES

Pemberton Drive Reserve

Location	9 Pemberton Drive, Amberley
Classification	Local Purpose - Stormwater and Swale
Total Area (hectares)	0.8099
Legal Description	Lot 38 DP 456037
Introduction	This reserve was acquired through subdivision, for stormwater retention purposes. It has been developed with an access pathway through to the Brackenfield shopping centre.
Specific policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the walkway be maintained • That the walkway be further developed as funds allow.
Future development potential	The reserve serves as an accessway for residents to the Brackenfield shopping centre and could be further developed with the installation of lighting and seating along the walkway.



SOUTH WARD RESERVES

Seadown Crescent Reserve

Location

27 Seadown Crescent, Amberley

Classification

Recreation

Total Area (hectares)

0.4077

Legal Description

Lot 47 DP 39223

Introduction

Seadown Crescent Reserve is situated on Seadown Crescent, Amberley. The reserve is also accessible from Amberley Beach Road. The reserve contains some amenity plantings and an older playground consisting of a fort, ramp, stepping stone logs, slide, Lady Bird rocker and swing set. The play equipment is suitable for all children.

Specific policies

- That the existing amenity plantings be maintained
- That the playground be maintained
- That park benches are established away from the play area.

Future development potential

Seadown Crescent Reserve is an open green space area that could easily be developed into a picnic area to be enjoyed by an increasing number of residents within the locality. The establishment of shade trees and reserve seating is an appropriate development option for the reserve.

Consideration could also be given to the establishment of a community garden and pétanque terrain.



SOUTH WARD RESERVES

The Village Green

Location

2 Fantail Avenue, Amberley

Classification

Recreation

Total Area (hectares)

3.7408

Legal Description

Lot 100 DP48891

Introduction

The Village Green, formerly known as Amberley Eastern Reserve, is a public reserve. The land was purchased by the Council and subsequently vested through the implementation of the Tekoa Estates subdivision bounded by Kingfisher Avenue, Fantail Avenue and Double Corner Road.

There is an old offal pit located near the boundary with Double Corner Road. A concept plan has been prepared and it is intended that the reserve be developed to provide a cricket oval with associated facilities.

The reserve is being developed to cater for population growth which is driving demand for leisure and sporting facilities in the South Ward.

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SOUTH WARD RESERVES

Specific policies

- That drainage and irrigation be installed
- That the reserve be developed to include cricket facilities
- That toilet facilities be established
- That a multi-use pavilion be constructed
- That bollards or fencing be completed around the perimeter of the site
- That vehicular access be provided to the reserve
- That limited car parking be established within the reserve
- That amenity planting and landscaping be established
- That lighting/flood lighting is installed
- That appropriate paths be established through the reserve
- That an easily accessible shed be established to provide storage for maintenance facilities.

Future development potential

There is potential for future development of passive and active recreational opportunities such as a croquet court or pétanque terrain. Any future development of the reserve would need to take into account the old offal pit.

SOUTH WARD RESERVES

Willowside Place Reserve

Location	37 Willowside Place, Amberley
Classification	Recreation
Total Area (hectares)	0.0462
Legal Description	Lot 62 DP 455131
Introduction	Willowside Place was acquired through subdivision and developed as an accessway to Dock Creek with amenity plantings.
Specific policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the accessway and amenity plantings be maintained.
Future development potential	Willowside Place could be developed to provide and maintain pedestrian access to Dock Creek.

