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#### Background

The Ōhiwa Spit Reserve comprises eight reserves located in various positions along the Ohope Spit and the mouth of the Ōhiwa Harbour. The reserves are accessed from Ōhiwa Loop Road, and Ōhiwa Harbour Road.

The reserves are situated in the coastal bio climate of the Taneatua Ecological District.

The most significant of these reserves are:

- The Recreation Reserves (comprising Parcel ID 4128566, 4146625, 4119978 4121964 and 4132895) located between Ōhiwa Beach Road; the mouth of the Ōhiwa Harbour and the ocean are recently formed sand dunes. Coastcare initiatives such as posted access ways and the planting of native foredune plants are evident in these reserves. The reserves have high recreational value with the main recreational activity being surf casting, fishing, launching boats, swimming, walking, horse riding and bird watching. There are a number of ODC and DOC reserves that individually provide low recreational value. If amalgamated and managed by a single agency the recreational value of the area would be significantly enhanced.
- Ōhiwa Domain is approved for lease as campground. The Recreation Reserve (comprising Parcel ID 4112329) located on Ōhiwa Beach Road (paper road) and Ōhiwa Harbour Road has been highly modified to meet the requirements of a holiday park. The reserve is currently leased to the Ōhiwa Family Holiday Park and attracts large numbers of visitors during the summer. Recorded archaeological site on this reserve is pa site W15/907.
- The Recreation Reserve (Parcel ID 4112330 and 4130133) located on the coastal cliff above Ōhiwa Harbour Road is vegetated in coastal forest (predominantly Pohutukawa) and adventive trees and shrubs.

The Ōhiwa Spit Reserves comprise both Recreation and Local Purpose Esplanade Reserves.

Recorded archaeological site W 15/907 (Also refer to page 32 and 34 - 38 in the Draft Coastal Reserves Management Plan prepared by Wildlands Consultants Ltd – December 2006.

Ecology and Vegetation survey detail is found on pages 27 – 32 and 39 to 43 in the Draft Coastal Reserves Management Plan prepared by Wildlands Consultants Ltd – December 2006.

## Legal Description

The total area of the reserve is 34.95741004 ha, made up as follows:

| Parcel Identification | Address                      | Classification                       | Area (ha)                   |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 4128566               | Ōhiwa Beach Road             | L.P. Esplanade                       | 10.7417                     |
| 4121964               | Ōhiwa Beach Road             | Recreation Reserve                   | 1.342709961                 |
| 4132895               | Ōhiwa Beach Road ( unformed) | Recreation Reserve                   | 1.278990039                 |
| 4112329               | Ōhiwa Harbour Road           | Recreation Reserve<br>Camping Ground | 4.414 Ōhiwa Holiday<br>Park |
| 4112330               | Ōhiwa Harbour Road           | Recreation Reserve                   | 7.477489844                 |
| 4119978               | Ōhiwa Beach Road             | Recreation Reserve                   | 0.0840906                   |
| 4146625               | Ōhiwa Beach Road             | Recreation Reserve                   | 0.08475                     |
| 4130133               | Ōhiwa Harbour Road           | Recreation Reserve                   | 9.5336796                   |

## Issues Relating to the Reserves

The following issues relating to the management of the Ōhiwa Spit Recreation and Esplanade Reserves include:

- A number of small isolated reserves that individually have low recreational value.
- Pest plant and animal eradication and control.
- Erosion of beach and harbour margins.
- Illegal vehicle and uncontrolled pedestrian access.
- Protection and management of archaeological sites.
- Dumping of household refuse and garden refuse.
- Vehicles on beaches causing damage to the environment and compromising the safety of beach users.
- Private property encroachment into reserves.

### **Future Development of Reserves**

Future development of the reserves includes:

- Investigate the potential of single agency management of reserves currently administered by DOC and BOPRC.
- Development of the reserve including the construction of carparking facilities and public conveniences on Ōhiwa Beach Road.
- Control of vehicles on or accessing the beach.
- Continued commitment to Coastcare initiatives to ensure sustainability of the reserves.
- Develop community ownership initiatives through involvement and education of reserve users.
- The provision of formal pedestrian beach accessways.
- The installation of standardised ODC reserve, regulatory and interpretive signage.
- Maintain and erect boundary fencing between adjoining private land owners and reserves.

**Ōhiwa Spit Reserves – Concept Plans**





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**LEGEND:**

- BOUNDARIES
- PRIVATE LAND
- EXISTING TREES / BUSHES & LOWLYING SCRUB
- DUNE FENCING
- LOW WOODEN BARRIER
- PUBLIC ACCESS MOWN TRACK
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- SAND LADDER

**FUTURE DEVELOPMENT:**

- Formalise the public carpark.
- Restrict vehicle access to grass areas.
- Limit vehicle access to beach.
- Formalise access to beach by installing sandladders; Beach access signs and dune protection fencing.
- Improve recreational values by installing picnic facilities.
- Construct a new public convenience.
- Improve pedestrian flows by linking mown pathways to connect parcels of land owned by Opoitiki District Council & Department of Conservation.
- Install reserve signs.
- Improve road access by constructing a turning head at the end of Ohiwa Beach Road.



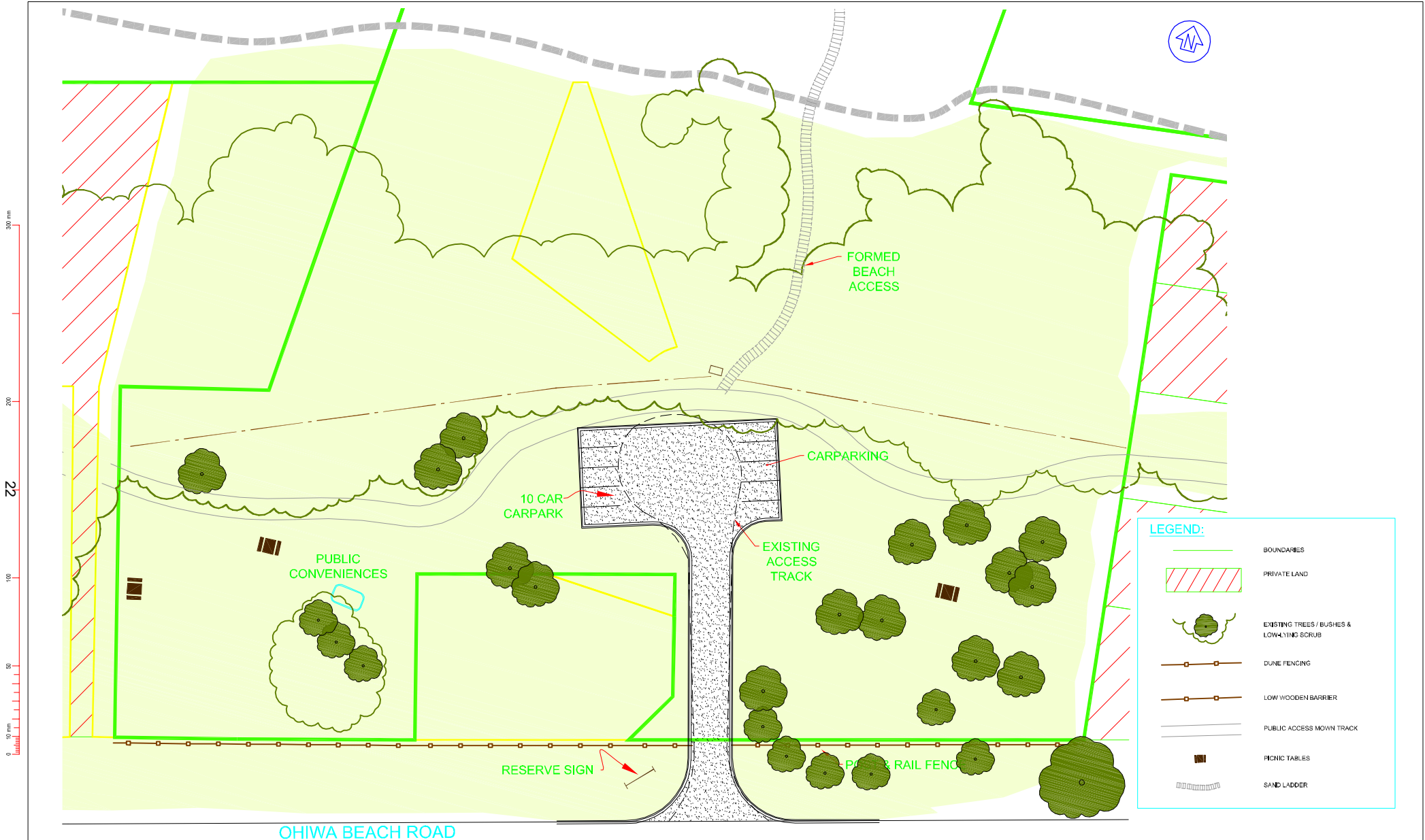
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| Drawn: SS<br>Discussed: I/N<br>Approved: I/N<br>Project No: 234005.19 |  | Discussed: I/N<br>Approved: I/N<br>Scale: 1:500(A1) 1:1000(A3)                 |  | Sheet: 1<br>Revision: R0  |  |

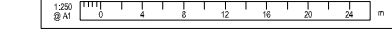


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**Ōhiwa Spit Reserves – Site Plans**







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