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Background

The Ōpōtiki Harbour and Te Ngaio Beach Recreation Reserves comprise twelve reserves located at the Ōpōtiki Harbour and off Snell Road.

The most significant reserves are:

- Ōpōtiki Harbour Reserves (Recreation Reserve) (Parcel ID 4146387 and 4112994) located at Wharf Street Ōpōtiki. The reserve is highly modified with flood protection works, the development of wharf facilities, boat ramp and Coastguard Headquarters. The Harbour Reserves are popular recreational destinations providing for launching of boats and water craft, fishing, swimming and the Ōpōtiki River Playground.
- Te Ngaio Beach Recreation Reserve (Snell Road) (Parcel ID 4134716 (sewage), 4116500 (recreation) and 4148597 (cemetery)) is accessed from Te Ngaio Beach Road. The reserves located on rolling tertiary sand dunes and positioned between the Otara River and the coast. The Te Ngaio beach is within walking distance from the Ōpōtiki Township. It is therefore a popular recreational destination for fishing, swimming, walking and horse riding. The vegetation is largely coastal dune grasses and specimen native trees. The reserve and Otara River banks are recognised as a Pre- European sites for settlement and cropping by the Tangata Whenua.

A large portion of the reserves are used for sewage treatment and disposal.

These reserves are strategically positioned to support future recreational and commercial developments associated with aquaculture, fishing and camping that have the potential to have a major impact on the local population and the promotion of commercial and tourist's opportunities in the district.

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

A recorded archaeological site is W15/912. (Also refer to page 20 and 24 in the Draft Coastal Reserves Management Plan prepared by Wildlands Consultants Ltd – December 2006.

Ecology and Vegetation survey detail is found on pages 18-21 and 24-25 in the Draft Coastal Reserves Management Plan prepared by Wildlands Consultants Ltd – December 2006.

Legal Description

The total area of the reserve is 42.040475 ha, made up as follows:

Legal Description	Address	Classification	Area (ha)
4146387 Port	Wharf Street	L.P. Wharf	0.45835
4112994 Port	Wharf Street	L.P. Recreation	0.1435869995
4124428	Wharf Street	L.P. Esplanade	6.03322
4144927	Wharf Street	L.P. Sewage	9.97716
4131512	Wharf Street	L.P Esplanade	0.352663
4112944	Wharf Street	L.P. Esplanade	0.333505
4143754	Wharf Street	L.P. Esplanade	0.324830
4148908	Wharf Street	L/P/ Esplanade	0.401872
4134716	Te Ngaio Beach	L.P. Sewage	8.97212988
4116500	Te Ngaio Beach	Recreation Reserve	9.137779688
4148597	Te Ngaio Beach	L.P.Cemetery Reserve	2.6452
4138420	Te Ngaio Beach	Recreation Reserve	3.26018

Issues Relating to the Reserves

The following issues relating to the management of the Ōpōtiki Port and Te Ngaio Recreation Reserves include:

Te Ngaio

- Reserve (Parcel ID 4148597) is designated as Cemetery Reserve.
- Reserve (Parcel ID 6103322 and 4144927) are L.P Sewage.
- No parking, public convenience or picnic facilities for day visitors to Te Ngaio Beach.
- Vehicle access onto Te Ngaio Beach dunes.
- Protection and management of archaeological site.

- Dumping of household refuse and garden waste.
- Illegal camping.
- Difficult vehicle and public access to the beach.
- Low capacity of existing facilities to provide for the future development of recreational and commercial activities to meet the future demands of population growth, tourist opportunities or economic activities.

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- Potential spilling of hazardous substances (harbour).
- Insufficient car and boat trailer parking at the Ōpōtiki Wharf.
- Congestion at the Ōpōtiki Wharf.
- Conflict of user groups (boaties and swimmers) at the Ōpōtiki Wharf during peak times during the summer.
- Low capacity of existing facilities to provide for the future development of the port to meet the future demands of aquaculture, fishing and associated activities.

Future Development of Reserves

Future development of the reserves includes:

Te Ngaio

- Future reclassification of Cemetery Reserve to Recreation Reserve.
- Future reclassification of L.P Sewage to Recreation Reserve should the Council change or modify the method of effluent disposal for the town of Ōpōtiki or relocate the activity to an alternate location.
- Development of a master plan that includes the provision of recreational activities and commercial opportunities within the reserves that promotes recreational and economic development of the district.
- Install a pedestrian/cycle bridge over the Otara as part of the coastal cycleway.
- Upgrading of the turning head at the end of Snell Road.
- The formation of a carpark at the end of Te Ngaio Road.
- Development of a public convenience and picnic facilities including picnic facilities barbeques.
- Upgrading of fencing and barriers.

- The continued commitment to Coastcare initiatives.
- The planting of native revegetation trees, shrubs and grasses.
- The provision of formal pedestrian access ways.
- The installation of standardised ODC reserve, regulatory and interpretive signage.
- Work with NZTA to improve the intersection of State Highway 35 and Snell Road and to improve walking and cycling facilities along SH35 between the Otara River Bridge and the intersection of Snell Road.

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- Investigate development of a master plan that includes the provision of recreational activities and commercial opportunities within the reserves that promotes recreational and economic development (including aquaculture and fishing) of the district.
- Upgrade and improve recreational opportunities for swimmers upstream of the wharf to reduce potential conflict between users.
- Install picnic facilities and barbeques.
- Install educational signage relating to the safe use of hazardous substances.
- Installation of standardised ODC reserve, regulatory and interpretive signage

Ōpōtiki Harbour Reserves and Te Ngaio Beach Recreation Reserve – Concept Plans



Ōpōtiki Harbour Reserves and Te Ngaio Beach Recreation Reserve – Site Plans



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YELLOW DOC



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← Motu Trail linking
 Opotiki Town via the
 Pakowai Ki
 Otutaopuka Bridge
 to Te Ngaio Beach

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