

Dog Exercise Park

Site assessment process

The location of the Te Puke dog exercise park site was determined through consultation on the Te Puke-Maketu Ward Reserve Management Plan process.

The following criteria was used to assess sites for Ōmokoroa and Katikati:

- Proximity to walking and cycling networks.
- Proximity to residential areas – is it central to most areas in the community and where most dog owners live.
- Carparking nearby.
- Limited direct neighbours preferable due to potential noise however recognise that parks are in urban areas and there may be some locations where this may occur.
- No identified sites of cultural/historical/ecological significance.
- No parks that will displace existing users significantly.
- Ability to accommodate a dog park of up to 5000m² with flexibility for configuration.
- Reserve Management Plan alignment.

Staff considered the criteria against the reserves network in each location. Site visits were undertaken for the short list of potential sites before determining a recommended site.

Ōmokoroa

Staff recommend the dog exercise park be located on the reserve between Links View Drive and Western Avenue, referred to as Links View Drive Reserve.



This is a 9700m² park and is used for stormwater and recreation purposes. It is currently mown and has walkway connections through parts of the reserve. The reserve is intended to stay in Council ownership and not transfer to Entity B under the Three Waters Reform.

Part of the reserve is designated for stormwater who have plans to develop a stormwater pond as part of the Ōmokoroa Comprehensive stormwater consent. The approximate size and location of this pond is shown in the map below. Work identified includes retrofitting the existing dry detention basin by either:

- creating an online wetland in place of the open channel, or
- lowering the bench adjacent to the stream to increase storage and planting with wetland plants.

The work at the pond has not yet been programmed. Part of the reserve (along the existing concrete pathway) is also designated for a proposed Hamurana Road extension, planned to occur in the next 10+ years.

The criteria assessment and rationale for recommending this park follows:

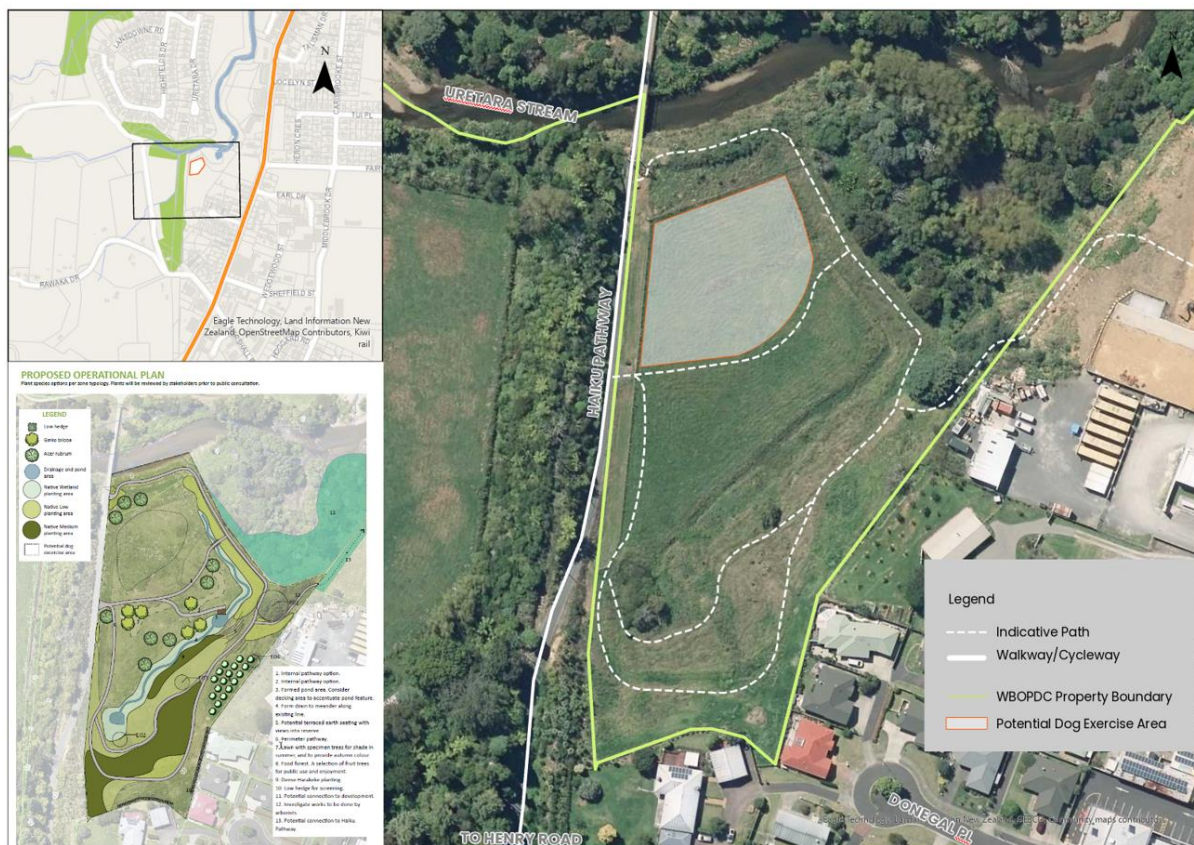
Criteria	Assessment
Proximity to walking and cycling networks.	Connections with nearby streets – Links View Drive + Western Ave + Kayelene Place + Tranquil Grove, and wider walking and cycling network.
Proximity to residential areas – is it central to most areas in the community.	Close to Western Ave sports park, a destination park for this community. Central to existing and future community.
Carparking nearby.	Small amount of carparking at reserve entrances and adjoining roads.
Limited direct neighbours preferable due to noise however recognise that parks are in urban areas and there may be some locations where this may occur.	There is a new subdivision located next to the reserve where six new houses have been developed. The park would be designed to minimise noise impact on these properties as there are different areas of space to work with. The rest of the residential properties are fairly well set back from the park.
No identified sites of cultural/historical/ecological significance.	None specifically identified in Council's plans.
No parks that will displace existing users significantly.	Informally used by the community.
Ability to accommodate a dog park of up to 5000m ² with flexibility re configuration.	Reasonable size to accommodate some features of a dog exercise park. Will work with stormwater and transportation to ensure alignment with their plans and the dog exercise park plans. Likely to be different zones created due to layout of the park which may increase fencing costs.
Reserve Management Plan alignment	Not included.
Additional consideration – Community support	Identified as the preferred site by a majority through the 2021-2031 LTP pre-engagement.

See attached for the sites considered and discounted.

Katikati

Staff recommend the dog exercise park be located on Donegal Reserve (part of the Mills Block), located at the end of Donegal Place.

This is a 1.2 hectare park and was previously used for grazing. Council is working on a draft concept development plan for a wetland/restoration area along the internal puna (spring) and stream. The concept plan allows for a dog exercise park at this site. The park is connected by the Uretara Stream walkway and Haiku Pathway with a bridge providing access to nearby residential areas. Future plans are to connect further up stream to Hunter Estate Reserve.



The criteria assessment and rationale for recommending this park follows:

Criteria	Assessment
Proximity to walking and cycling networks.	Linked to walking and cycling network.
Proximity to residential areas – is it central to most areas in the community.	Close to town centre. Close to residential areas on the western side of Katikati.
Carparking nearby.	Small amount of carparking at various reserve entrances along the walkway, and on adjoining roads.
Limited direct neighbours preferable due to noise however recognise that parks are in urban areas and there may be some locations where this may occur.	Limited close boundaries with residential properties. Topography impacts on this as some houses are located on a hill overlooking the reserve.
No identified sites of cultural/historical/ecological significance.	None specifically identified in Council's plans.
No parks that will displace existing users significantly.	No existing user groups. Will need to engage with Uretara Stream care groups.
Ability to accommodate a dog park of up to 5000m ² with flexibility re configuration.	Large flat space provides flexibility for development of the concept design for the dog exercise park.
Reserve Management Plan alignment	Included as part of the Haiku Park and Uretara Stream Reserves section. Relevant direction is to phase out grazing licence in Mills block section (complete) and prepare a planting plan in conjunction with community(underway). Operational draft concept plan developed by staff identifies planting options and an area suitable for a dog exercise park.
Additional consideration – increased surveillance	The park has had some issues with graffiti on signage. Encouraging a new user group and destination activity will increase the use of the park and hopefully create more ownership of the space which may reduce the extent of vandalism that occurs in the future.

See attached for the sites considered and discounted.

Te Puke Dog Exercise Park Concept Plan and Plimmerton Dog Park Example



Sites discounted

Ōmokoroa

New active reserve Prole Rd	Likely to be needed for organised sport and recreation
Stage 3 Stormwater reserves- natural open space zones	Natural open space – stormwater, ecological functions, some of it is steep, may be potential to add on to a flat space but not currently provided for in Plan Change. Potential for along Waipapa River however may impact on ecological values.
Astelia Dr Reserve	Wetland and low lying
Holyoake Terrace Reserve	Small, close proximity to a number of houses
Behind treatment plant/green waste	Not well connected or easily accessible
Ōmokoroa Office and Library	Occupied
Tinopai Reserve	Not a good size and shape
Gerald Crapp Historic reserve	Historic reserve
Cooney Reserve	Ecological values and prohibited site in some areas
Western Ave	High existing use
Ōmokoroa Settlers Hall	Occupied
Hamurana Reserve	Occupied and too small
Ōmokoroa Domain	Prohibited site in some areas (seasonal)and high use
Prole Rd Harbour access	Not a good size and shape
Walnut grove reserve	Not a good size and shape

Katikati

Diggelmann Park	High profile, too small and near main road
Haiku Park and Uretara Stream Reserves	Not a good size and shape
Hunter Estate Reserve	Excellent site but too far away from residential areas. Also need to consider impact on existing user groups – tennis and croquet.
Lancaster Rd Reserve	Too far away and no practical access
Levley Lane Reserve	Fairly low lying and would impact on harbour amenity
Marshall Rd Drainage Reserves	Industrial area, not a good size and shape
McMillan Rd Reserve	Too far away, ecological values
Moore Park	Limited space available and a multi-use site
Park Rd Reserve	Cultural values
Sharp Rd Landing Reserve	Too far away, ecological values
Vesey Stewart Reserve	Already utilised
Waterford Rd Reserve	Limited space
Earl Drive Reserve	Not a good size and shape
Henry Rd Wildlife Refuge	Conservation values
Katikati community building/playground	Too small and already developed
Katikati Kindergarten	Too small and already developed
Katikati Museum	Too small and already developed
Lindemann Rd Reserve	Too far away, limited clear spaces available
Lund Road Reserve	Too far away, limited clear spaces available
Kauri Point Reserve	Historic reserve and cultural values
Macmillan Reserve	Used for carparking and esplanade
Noble Johnson Drive	Too small
Ongare Point	Too far away, esplanade
Park Rd and Beach Rd	Too small
Park Rd Reserve	Existing user
Sapphire Springs	Lease and native forest, cultural values and too far away
Sheffield St Reserve	Too small
Talisman Drive Reserve	Too small

Tamawhariua Reserve	Ecological and cultural values
Tanner Point	Too far away
Tetley Rd	Too far away
Twickenhem Close	Too small
Woodlands Rd Reserve	Esplanade