

**MINUTES OF WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL  
STRATEGY AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING NO. SPC25-7  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1484 CAMERON ROAD, TAURANGA  
ON THURSDAY, 31 JULY 2025 AT 9.30AM**

## 1 KARAKIA

Whakatau mai te wairua	Settle the spirit
Whakawātea mai te hinengaro	Clear the mind
Whakarite mai te tinana	Prepare the body
Kia ea ai ngā mahi	To achieve what needs to be achieved.
Āe	Yes

## 2 PRESENT

Mayor J Denyer, Cr M Grainger, Cr T Coxhead, Cr G Dally, Cr R Joyce, Cr M Murray-Benge, Cr L Rae, Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour, Cr A Sole, Cr D Thwaites and Cr A Wichers.

## 3 IN ATTENDANCE

E Watton (Acting General Manager Strategy and Community), A Henderson (General Manager Corporate Services), A Curtis (General Manager Regulatory Services), P Watson (Acting General Manager Infrastructure Group), M Leighton (Policy and Planning Manager), C McLean (Director Transportation), R Gallagher (Senior Policy Analyst), Q Cao (Road Safety Engineer), H Wi Repa (Governance Systems Advisor), R Garrett (Governance Manager) and R Leahy (Senior Governance Advisor).

## OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

J Shepherd (Pirirākau Tribal Authority)

## 4 APOLOGIES

### APOLOGY

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### RESOLUTION SPC25-7.1

Moved: Cr R Joyce

Seconded: Cr A Sole

That the apology for absence from Cr A Henry be accepted.

**CARRIED**

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**5 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS**

Nil

**6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Nil

**7 PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS**

Nil

**8 PUBLIC FORUM**

Nil

**9 PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

**10 MINUTES FOR CONFIRMATION****10.1 MINUTES OF THE TE PUKE SPATIAL PLAN SUB COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18 APRIL 2024**

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**RESOLUTION SPC25-7.2**

Moved: Cr A Wichers

Seconded: Cr G Dally

That the Minutes of the Te Puke Spatial Plan Sub Committee Meeting held on 18 April 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record and the recommendations therein be adopted.

**CARRIED**

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**11 REPORTS****11.1 ADOPTION OF THE SPEED MANAGEMENT PLAN - ALTERNATIVE METHOD PROPOSAL**

The Committee considered a report from the Acting Policy and Planning Manager dated 31 July 2025, who provided an overview of the report was provided.

Staff responded to pātai as below:

- It was not clear why NZTA Waka Kotahi had directed the variable speed limit zones to start further away in rural areas compared to urban areas. However, it was noted that in rural areas, drivers would have to reduce their speed from 80-100km/h to

30km/h and in urban areas 40–50km/h to 30km/h. A variable speed limit zone that expanded further away would enable drivers to reduce their speed before they approached the school.

- NZTA Waka Kotahi had confirmed that both Category 1 and 2 schools could have variable speed limit zones of 30km/h.
- It was anticipated that the new signs would be rolled out geographically beginning in one area and moving across the district. Once approval had been obtained from NZTA Waka Kotahi then the signs could be implemented.
- Once the alternative method proposal was submitted to NZTA Waka Kotahi, then council could apply for subsidy for the new signs.

The Committee expressed a desire for the new signs to be rolled out at eastern side of the District first, particularly Pongakawa School, as they had strongly advocated for a reduced speed limit.

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### RESOLUTION SPC25-7.3

Moved: Cr M Murray-Benge

Seconded: Cr L Rae

1. That the Acting Policy and Planning Manager's report dated 31 July 2025 titled "Adoption of the Speed Management Plan – Alternative Method Proposal" be received.
2. That the report relates to an issue that is considered to be of **low** significance in terms of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.
3. That the Strategy and Policy Committee adopts the Alternative Method Proposal contained in **Attachment 1** subject to finalisation of the maps and implementation schedules.
4. That the Strategy and Policy Committee delegates to the Chief Executive the authority to make minor amendments to the Alternative Method Proposal to reflect any operational needs including timing of the variable speed limits and extent.

**CARRIED**

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## 11.2 DELIBERATIONS AND ADOPTION OF THE KAIMAI RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Committee considered a report from the Senior Policy Analyst dated 31 July 2025, who provided an overview of the report.

Staff responded to pātai as below:

- Interpretation signs would be provided at reserves where appropriate, noting that not every reserve would have an interpretation panel as there needed to be a certain level of interest. It was noted that there could also be an option to provide QR codes which would direct people to a digital format where information about the reserve would be available.
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- There were very few parcels of land in the district that had been bequeathed to council as a reserve.
- Maramatanga Park was obtained through a sale and purchase agreement.
- There was no specific funding targeted for signage at Josephine Place Reserve, signage for reserves would be targeted as some smaller reserves may not require extensive signage.
- In relation to the naming of Jack Lloyd Reserve, staff provided a letter to the Committee from the family of Jack Ormsby. The letter provided the historical context about the reserve and stated that the family requested the name of the reserve be called 'Jack Lloyd Reserve'.
- The level of service for weed management in reserves was to control the plants recognised as a weed under the Bay of Plenty Regional Pest Strategy. This meant that weeds like woolly nightshade and wild ginger had to be removed from reserves in the district.
- There were no significant advantages or disadvantages to adopting the proposed changes to the Kaimai Reserve Management Plan in relation to Precious Family Reserve.
- The Gerald Crapp Historic Reserve contained a significant pā site, 'Wai-Huri Pā,' and other parts of the reserve were previously farm land owned by Gerald Crapp.
- The bridge at Kaiate Falls that had previously been washed downstream had been removed and had since been replaced at a higher elevation.
- In relation to governance, planning and cultural recognition, the use of the word 'kaitiaki' for 'kaitiaki training' was the correct terminology.

The Pirirākau representative provided the following clarification:

- The name Wahi ō te Ōturu referred to three sister strands of the Ōturu stream which spread across the catchment. There was a kōrero that allowed for all tributaries of Ōturu to be part of that stream.
- Many of the names offered by Pirirākau expanded across large areas. The original name for Josephine Place Reserve was Mangawhai and this included the nearby pā site. The name Wāhi ō Te Mangawhai referred to the site in a larger context.
- There were three large pā sites in the vicinity of Josephine Place Reserve, Pirirākau collectively considered them as 'Mangawhai'.

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## RESOLUTION SPC25-7.4

Moved: Cr R Joyce

Seconded: Cr A Sole

1. That the Senior Policy Analyst's report dated 31 July 2025, 'Deliberation and Adoption of the final Kaimai Reserve Management Plan' be received.
  2. That the report relates to an issue that is considered to be of medium significance in terms of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.
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3. That the Strategy and Policy Committee receives the summary of all written and verbal feedback from the formal consultation period held between 11 March and 11 May 2025, as set out in the document titled 'Summary of Submissions', shown as **Attachment 4** of the agenda report.

**CARRIED**

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### RESOLUTION SPC25-7.5

Moved: Cr M Grainger

Seconded: Cr T Coxhead

4. That the Strategy and Policy Committee adopts the Kaimai Reserve Management Plan, shown as **Attachments 2 and 3** of the agenda report, and inclusive of the following:

#### **Issue 1.1 – Proposed Reserve Naming**

- (a) That the Strategy and Policy Committee approves the following reserve names:

5. Josephine Place Reserve

**CARRIED**

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Reasons for decision:

- Concerns over the duplication of the name of a reserve.
  - The Committee preferred to name the reserve after the adjourning street.
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### MOTION

Moved: Cr T Coxhead

Seconded: Cr M Murray-Benge

4. That the Strategy and Policy Committee adopts the Kaimai Reserve Management Plan, shown as **Attachments 2 and 3** of the agenda report, and inclusive of the following:

#### **Issue 1.1 – Proposed Reserve Naming**

- (a) That the Strategy and Policy Committee approves the following reserve names:

8. l'Anson Bush Reserve

The motion was voted on and declared lost.

**LOST**

Cr G Dally abstained from voting.

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**RESOLUTION SPC25-7.6**

Moved: Mayor J Denyer

Seconded: Cr D Thwaites

4. That the Strategy and Policy Committee adopts the Kaimai Reserve Management Plan, shown as **Attachments 2 and 3** of the agenda report, and inclusive of the following:

**Issue 1.1 – Proposed Reserve Naming**

- (a) That the Strategy and Policy Committee approves the following reserve names:

8. l'Anson Bush Reserve – Wāhi ō Te Ōturu

**CARRIED**

Cr M Murray-Benge and Cr T Coxhead voted against the motion and asked for their votes to be recorded.

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Reasons for decision:

- A dual name recognises both the l'Anson family who gifted the land and the significance to Mana Whenua.
  - Recognises that the reserve is already known by the name l'Anson Bush Reserve by the community.
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**RESOLUTION SPC25-7.7**

Moved: Cr M Grainger

Seconded: Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour

4. That the Strategy and Policy Committee adopts the Kaimai Reserve Management Plan, shown as **Attachments 2 and 3** of the agenda report, and inclusive of the following:

**Issue 1.1 – Proposed Reserve Naming**

- (a) That the Strategy and Policy Committee approves the following reserve names:

1. Bramley Reserve
2. Kowhai Reserve
3. Kuaka Rise Reserve
4. Wāhi ō Te Kakaramea
7. Wāhi ō Te Hakao
9. Wāhi ō Te Tawa ki Tahataharoa

**CARRIED**

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Reasons for decision:

- Recognises names that are significant to Mana Whenua and the community.
  - Acknowledges the aspirations of Tangata Whenua to have a cultural presence across the reserves network
  - Resolves the confusion of having two reserves known as Lynley Park Drive Reserve.
  - Is consistent with the reserve naming policy
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### RESOLUTION SPC25-7.8

Moved: Cr D Thwaites

Seconded: Cr G Dally

4. That the Strategy and Policy Committee adopts the Kaimai Reserve Management Plan, shown as **Attachments 2 and 3** of the agenda report, and inclusive of the following:

That the Strategy and Policy Committee approves retention of the following reserve names:

1. Te Puna Quarry Park.
2. Minden Lookout

**And** that the reserve management approach information for Te Puna Quarry Park is updated as follows:

- Work with Tangata Whenua and interested parties on developing cultural presence initiatives (for example art works, sculptures, interpretation signage, etc) in the reserve.

**And** that the reserve management approach information for Minden Lookout is updated as follows:

- Delete the reference to renaming the lookout to 'Waihi o Te Rangituanehu'.

**CARRIED**

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Reasons for decision:

- Recognises names that are significant to the community.
  - Is consistent with the reserve naming policy
  - Can reflect the name Te Rangituanehu within the Minden Lookout reserve and provide an opportunity for storytelling.
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10.30am The hui adjourned.

10.45am The hui reconvened.

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**RESOLUTION SPC25-7.9**

Moved: Cr M Murray-Benge

Seconded: Cr D Thwaites

4. That the Strategy and Policy Committee adopts the Kaimai Reserve Management Plan, shown as **Attachments 2 and 3** of the agenda report, and inclusive of the following:

**Issue 1.1 – Proposed Reserve Naming**

- (a) That the Strategy and Policy Committee approves the following reserve names:

6. Jack Lloyd Reserve

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**CARRIED**

Reasons for decision:

- Recognise a name that is significant to the community.
  - Reflects the name gifted by the family who sold the land to council.
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**RESOLUTION SPC25-7.10**

Moved: Cr R Joyce

Seconded: Cr L Rae

4. That the Strategy and Policy Committee adopts the Kaimai Reserve Management Plan, shown as **Attachments 2 and 3** of the agenda report, and inclusive of the following:

**Issue 2.1 – Pest Management Policy (Policy 28)**

- (a) That the Strategy and Policy Committee replaces the Pest Management Policy with the following:

Council aims to work strategically with the community to manage pest animals and plants on its reserves. To help ensure pest control efforts contribute to positive environmental outcomes, reserves may be prioritised based on a range of ecological and community-based considerations.

Reserves will be selected by the Reserves and Facilities Manager using criteria such as the presence of wetlands, active volunteer involvement, designation as high-priority biodiversity sites or significant ecological features, threats to indigenous biodiversity from pests, the presence of "at risk" or "threatened" native species, and the existence of community-led pest control initiatives. Priority will also be given to protecting habitats that support biodiversity and ecological resilience.

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Council's approach is guided by the Bay of Plenty Regional Pest Management Plan and the relative level of threat posed by pest species. This work is expected to be further supported by the developing Pest Free Parks Strategy, which aims to provide a framework for Council, Tangata Whenua, and the wider community to collectively enhance biodiversity outcomes. This includes consideration of available resources, capacity and capability, and alignment with other areas of Council's service delivery.

Council will continue to support and recognise the contribution of volunteers through coordination and sustainable funding, and may also support education, signage, and community outreach to raise awareness and encourage responsible pest management practices.

**CARRIED**

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Reasons for decision:

- To provide flexibility to manage pest control based on ecological priorities, resourcing and community involvement.
  - Aligns better with the Regional Pest Management Plan
  - Reflects how we are already delivering pest management
  - Acknowledges the role of Tangata Whenua, volunteers and community education – addressing the feedback from some submitters.
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## **RESOLUTION SPC25-7.11**

Moved: Cr M Murray-Benge

Seconded: Cr M Grainger

4. That the Strategy and Policy Committee adopts the Kaimai Reserve Management Plan, shown as **Attachments 2 and 3** of the agenda report, and inclusive of the following:

### **Issue 4.2 – Kaimai Views Reserve**

(a) That the Strategy and Policy Committee amends the reserve specific information for Kaimai Views Reserve in the Kaimai Reserve Management Plan as follows:

- Continue working with the Friends of Kaimai Views community group to restore and maintain the reserve;
  - Develop a concept plan to enhance the reserve for recreational use (subject to future community consultation and design). Preliminary ideas include:
    - Additional amenity planting
    - New or upgraded trail connections including potential pond crossing
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- Improved way-finding and interpretive signage
  - New playground on the western side of the reserve
  - Formal car parking at Sentinel Avenue side of Parcel 1207/345

**CARRIED**

Reasons for decision:

- Responds to the needs of the neighbourhood.
  - Allows us to meet our levels of service for this neighbourhood.
  - Formally recognises continuing to work with the Friends of Kaimai Views community group.
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### RESOLUTION SPC25-7.12

Moved: Cr M Grainger

Seconded: Cr D Thwaites

4. That the Strategy and Policy Committee adopts the Kaimai Reserve Management Plan, shown as **Attachments 2 and 3** of the agenda report, and inclusive of the following:

#### **Issue 4.6 – Ōmokoroa Domain and Esplanade**

- (a) That the Strategy and Policy Committee amends the reserve specific information for Ōmokoroa Domain and Esplanade in the Kaimai Reserve Management Plan as follows:
- Review the concept plan to consider whether it is fit for purpose and to consider toilets, parking and any access issues.
  - Place a note on the concept plan to state that items in the concept plan may differ as it is implemented.

**CARRIED**

Reasons for decision:

- A review of the concept plan can canvas the issues with the community further and establish whether changes are required to the concept plan.
  - Allows us to establish the extent of the limitations with the current concept plan.
  - Provides clarity that the concept plan may differ in implementation.
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### RESOLUTION SPC25-7.13

Moved: Cr M Murray-Benge

Seconded: Cr R Joyce

4. That the Strategy and Policy Committee adopts the Kaimai Reserve Management Plan, shown as **Attachments 2 and 3** of the agenda report, and inclusive of the following:
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**Issue 4.7 – Ōmokoroa Sports Ground**

(a) That the Strategy and Policy Committee amends the reserve specific information for Ōmokoroa Sports Ground in the Kaimai Reserve Management Plan as follows:

- Has been identified as a potential new site for the Ōmokoroa Bowling Club and other low-impact sports (subject to feasibility and community feedback) to be considered through the development and acquisition of the Active Reserve.
- Place a note on the concept plan to state that items in the concept plan may differ as it is implemented

**CARRIED**

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Reasons for decision:

- Responds to some of the issues raised by submitters
  - Subject to feasibility and community feedback it is a potential location for the Ōmokoroa Bowling Club and other low impact sports, which would provide some certainty to the club.
  - Provides clarity that the concept plan may differ in implementation.
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**RESOLUTION SPC25-7.14**

Moved: Mayor J Denyer

Seconded: Cr M Murray-Benge

4. That the Strategy and Policy Committee adopts the Kaimai Reserve Management Plan, shown as **Attachments 2 and 3** of the agenda report, and inclusive of the following:

**Issue 4.8 – Precious Family Reserve**

(a) That the Strategy and Policy Committee amends the reserve specific information for Precious Reserve in the Kaimai Reserve Management Plan as follows:

- Maintain the reserve for its ecological character and for passive recreation.
- Work with the community to support expanded wetland planting and low-impact ecological enhancements.
- Implement improvements to the Mabs Kelly walkway/cycleway by addressing safety concerns and resurfacing.
- Place a note on the concept plan to state that items in the concept plan may differ as it is implemented.

**CARRIED**

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Reasons for decision:

- Responds to some of the issues raised by submitters
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- Formally recognises the importance of working with the community to support the expansion of wetland planting.
  - Provides clarity that the concept plan may differ in implementation.
  - Improvements to trail surfaces will address the safety concerns raised by submitters.
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### RESOLUTION SPC25-7.15

Moved: Cr R Joyce

Seconded: Cr L Rae

4. That the Strategy and Policy Committee adopts the Kaimai Reserve Management Plan, shown as **Attachments 2 and 3** of the agenda report, and inclusive of the following:

#### **Issue 4.11 – Memorial Wall and Gerald Crapp Historic Reserve**

(a) That the Strategy and Policy Committee amends the reserve specific information for Gerald Crapp Reserve in the Kaimai Reserve Management Plan as follows:

- Has been identified as a potential site for a Memorial Wall (subject to feasibility and community feedback)

**CARRIED**

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Reasons for decision:

- Provides a potential location for a Memorial Wall and allows the engagement with the community to continue.
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### RESOLUTION SPC25-7.16

Moved: Mayor J Denyer

Seconded: Cr D Thwaites

4. That the Strategy and Policy Committee adopts the Kaimai Reserve Management Plan, shown as **Attachments 2 and 3** of the agenda report, and inclusive of the following:

#### **Issue 5.1 – l'Anson Bush Reserve – Wāhi ō Te Ōturu**

(a) That the Strategy and Policy Committee amends the reserve specific information for l'Anson Bush Reserve - Wāhi ō Te Ōturu in the Kaimai Reserve Management Plan as follows:

- Investigate applying an appropriate reserve classification (i.e. Nature Reserve), which supports ecological protection and low-intervention management of the reserve once the transfer of the reserve is complete;
  - Continue working with the Friends of l'Anson community group to restore and maintain the reserve;
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- Consider new future amenities and facilities. Such as:
  - Additional bench seating
  - Track repairs and surface refurbishments
  - Path extension to the existing Loop Road car park
  - Car park CCTV camera

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**CARRIED**

Reasons for decision:

- Formalises the relationship with the Friends of l'Anson Bush Reserve.
  - Classifying the reserve as a Nature Reserve is appropriate to recognise the importance of protecting the flora and fauna found in this reserve.
  - Responds to the safety concerns of the submitters
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### **RESOLUTION SPC25-7.17**

Moved: Cr M Murray-Benge

Seconded: Cr M Grainger

4. That the Strategy and Policy Committee adopts the Kaimai Reserve Management Plan, shown as **Attachments 2 and 3** of the agenda report, and inclusive of the following:

#### **Issue 5.3 – Maramatanga Park**

(a) That the Strategy and Policy Committee amends the reserve specific information for Maramatanga Park in the Kaimai Reserve Management Plan as follows:

- Consider new amenities and facilities for the playground area, such as:
  - Drinking fountain
  - Rubbish bin
  - BBQ
  - Toilets

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**CARRIED**

Reasons for decision:

- Responds to the needs of the community
  - Recognises the increased activity at the park due to the installation of the playground.
  - The existing toilets are in the club rooms on the opposite side of the park and are usually locked.
  - Picnic tables and BBQs would improve the experience and allow families to spend more time at the park.
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**RESOLUTION SPC25-7.18**

Moved: Cr M Murray-Benge  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour

4. That the Strategy and Policy Committee adopts the Kaimai Reserve Management Plan, shown as **Attachments 2 and 3** of the agenda report, and inclusive of the following:

**Issue 6.1 – Ongaonga Scenic Reserve, Lower Kaimai Reserve, Lower Kaimai Hall site (Former)**

- (a) That the Strategy and Policy Committee amends page 13 of the Kaimai Reserve Management Plan as follows:

“The Poripori Road Picnic Area provides a peaceful spot for relaxation and swimming, while Ongaonga Scenic Reserve offers virgin native bush and the potential to be developed for hiking and bird watching.”

**AND**

Update the reserve specific information in the Kaimai Reserve Management Plan as follows:

Ongaonga Scenic Reserve include:

- Work with the Lower Kaimai community to restore and maintain the reserve
  - Consider development of new tracks and footbridges within the reserve
- Lower Kaimai Reserve include:

- Consider a potential boundary adjustment of land parallel with Ngamuwahine Road to connect trails to Ongaonga Scenic Reserve.

Lower Kaimai Hall Site (Former) include:

- Consider potential divestment of the site with proceeds used to support strategic upgrades to reserves in the Lower Kaimai area.

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**CARRIED**

Reasons for decision:

- Responds to the concerns and aspirations raised by submitters
  - Provides improved access to the Ongaonga Scenic Reserve
  - Assists with pest management
  - Recognises the importance of working with the community.
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**RESOLUTION SPC25-7.19**

Moved: Cr G Dally  
Seconded: Cr M Grainger

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4. That the Strategy and Policy Committee adopts the Kaimai Reserve Management Plan, shown as **Attachments 2 and 3** of the agenda report, and inclusive of the following:

**Issue 7.1 – Kaiate Falls Scenic and Esplanade Reserve**

- (a) That the Strategy and Policy Committee amends the reserve specific information in the Te Puke Maketu Reserve Management Plan for Kaiate Falls Scenic and Esplanade Reserve as follows:
- Consider new future amenities and facilities. Such as:
    - Additional picnic tables
    - Improved toilet facilities

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**CARRIED**

Reasons for decision:

- Provides improved amenity to the reserve.
  - No significant increase in costs for Council to include services that currently are unavailable at the reserve.
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**RESOLUTION SPC25-7.20**

Moved: Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour

Seconded: Cr M Murray-Benge

4. That the Strategy and Policy Committee adopts the Kaimai Reserve Management Plan, shown as **Attachments 2 and 3** of the agenda report, and inclusive of the following:

**Issue 7.2 – Kaiate Hall**

- (a) That the Strategy and Policy Committee amends the reserve specific information in the Kaimai Reserve Management Plan to remove all reference to Kaiate Hall and refer the submissions to the Department of Conservation for their consideration.

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**CARRIED**

Reasons for decision:

- Provides a clear position to the community that Council does not manage this reserve.
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**RESOLUTION SPC25-7.21**

Moved: Mayor J Denyer

Seconded: Cr M Grainger

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4. That the Strategy and Policy Committee adopts the Kaimai Reserve Management Plan, shown as **Attachments 2 and 3** of the agenda report, and inclusive of the following:

**Issue 7.3 – Oropi Memorial Hall**

- (a) That the Strategy and Policy Committee amends the reserve specific information for Oropi Memorial Hall in the Kaimai Reserve Management Plan as follows:
- Continue working with the Oropi Settlers Incorporated on development of indoor sports facilities at this site, subject to feasibility work and funding.

**CARRIED**

Reasons for decision:

- Responds to the needs of the community
  - Recognises the work of the Oropi Settlers Incorporated
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**RESOLUTION SPC25-7.22**

Moved: Cr R Joyce

Seconded: Cr M Grainger

4. That the Strategy and Policy Committee adopts the Kaimai Reserve Management Plan, shown as **Attachments 2 and 3** of the agenda report, and inclusive of the following:

**Issue 8.2 – Governance, Planning and Cultural Recognition**

- (a) That the Strategy and Policy Committee amends the Kaimai Reserve Management Plan as follows:
- To include in the Kaimai Ward community groups, committees and stakeholders the following:

- Pirirākau is a hapū with a large rohe extending from the Wairoa River in the east to the Aongatete River in the west, including Te Puna, Minden, Whakamārama, Ōmokoroa, Hūharua (Plummers Point), Pahoia, Apata, and Aongatete. Pirirākau holds enduring kaitiakitanga responsibilities across these areas, providing cultural leadership in reserve naming, cultural site identification, pest management support, and environmental restoration activities.
  - Pirirākau actively engages with both Council and the wider community through reserve planning processes, cultural narrative development, collaborative planting and restoration projects, and pest control initiatives. They work alongside community organisations such as Ōmokoroa Pest Free, Omokoroa Environmental Managers Inc,
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Friends of the Blade, Whakamārama Community Inc, and Te Puna Heartlands, supporting shared outcomes in environmental protection and cultural education. Their involvement also includes kaitiaki training, environmental education projects, and hapū-led site visits to culturally significant areas.

**AND**

Reserve specific information for the following reserves in the Kaimai Reserve Management Plan:

- Kotuku Reserve - “work with Pirirākau to acknowledge, preserve and maintain cultural heritage values of the area including investigation to apply Historical Classification to the urupā site.”

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**CARRIED**

Reasons for decision:

- Recognises the contribution that Pirirākau make to the Kaimai Ward community.
  - Recognises the significance of the reserve to Tangata Whenua and its history.
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**RESOLUTION SPC25-7.23**

Moved: Mayor J Denyer

Seconded: Cr A Sole

5. That the indicative costs to implement future capital projects contained within the Kaimai Reserve Management Plan to be referred to the Annual Plan 2026/27 and Long Term Plan 2027-37 for consideration.
6. That the Strategy and Policy Committee requests the Chief Executive to direct staff to prepare a decision story in general accordance with resolutions of this meeting for approval by the Mayor, as the formal response to submitters and for dissemination to those that provided feedback as the response to their feedback, and to be published on the Council’s website.
7. That the Chief Executive is authorised to make any required minor editorial changes to the final Kaimai Reserve Management Plan.

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**CARRIED**

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**11.3 SUBMISSION ON THE BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION (SMALL STAND-ALONE DWELLINGS) AMENDMENT BILL**

The Committee considered a report from the Environmental Planning Manager dated 31 July 2025. The report was taken as read.

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**RESOLUTION SPC25-7.24**

Moved: Cr R Joyce  
Seconded: Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour

1. That the Environmental Planning Manager's report dated 31 July 2025, titled 'Submission on the Building & Construction (Small Stand-alone Dwellings) Amendment Bill', be received.
2. That the following submission, shown as **Attachment 1** to this report, be received by the Strategy and Policy Committee and the information noted.
  - a. Submission on the Building and Construction (Small Stand-along Dwellings) Amendment Bill dated 23 June 2025.

**CARRIED**

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**11.4 SUBMISSIONS ON AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY AND PREDATOR FREE 2050**

The Committee considered a report from the Senior Policy Analyst dated 31 July 2025. The report was taken as read.

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**RESOLUTION SPC25-7.25**

Moved: Mayor J Denyer  
Seconded: Cr A Wichers

1. That the Senior Policy Analyst's report dated 31 July 2025 titled 'Submissions on Aotearoa New Zealand's Biodiversity Strategy and Predator Free 2050' be received.
2. That the following submissions, shown as **Attachment 1** and **Attachment 2** (respectively) to this report, be received by the Strategy and Policy Committee and the information noted.
  - a. Submission on Implementing Aotearoa New Zealand's Biodiversity Strategy 2025-2030; and
  - b. Submission on Predator Free 2050 Strategy Review (2025-2030).

**CARRIED**

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**12 INFORMATION FOR RECEIPT**

Nil

**The Meeting closed at 11.44am.**

**Confirmed as a true and correct record by Council on 4 September 2025.**