

Notice is given that Council Workshop will be held on:

**Date:** Monday 11 May 2026  
**Time:** 10:00am  
**Meeting Room:** Tākaka Service Centre  
**Venue:** 78 Commercial Street, Tākaka

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## **Golden Bay Community Board – Ward Reserve Management Plan review**

### **WORKSHOP PROGRAMME**

**The public is welcome to attend and observe open workshops**

Workshops are not meetings and **cannot be used to either make decisions or come to agreements** that are then confirmed without the opportunity for meaningful debate at a formal meeting. An outcome of a workshop is likely to be a report to Council or a committee.

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#### **ATTENDEES**

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<b>Members</b>	C Bruning
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## **PROGRAMME**

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### 3 WORKSHOP MATERIAL

#### 3.1 SEEKING IDEAS FOR A DRAFT GOLDEN BAY WARD RESERVE MANAGEMENT PLAN

<b>Report To:</b>	Workshop
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	11 May 2026
<b>Report Author:</b>	Anna Gerraty, Senior Community Policy Advisor
<b>Report Authorisers:</b>	John Ridd, Group Manager - Customer & Community; Grant Reburn, Reserves and Facilities Manager
<b>Report Number:</b>	RCW26-05-2

#### 1. Workshop

<b>Workshop Organiser:</b>	Anna Gerraty
<b>Workshop Topic:</b>	Seeking ideas for a draft Golden Bay Ward RMP
<b>Workshop Objective:</b>	To consider feedback received during the initial public consultation round and discuss further ideas for draft Plan content

#### 2. Workshop Discussion Topics

An initial 'Seeking ideas for the Golden Bay Ward Reserve Management Plan (RMP)' consultation round was publicly notified on 16 January 2026, with feedback open until 30 March 2026. Over 100 people filled in a [survey published on Shape Tasman](#) and available for collection from the Tākaka Library and Service Centre. A few others sent their ideas via attachments, rather than completing the survey.

The ideas received will inform development of a draft Golden Bay Ward RMP, which will be publicly notified for submissions in September 2026. The structure of the draft RMP will be similar to the [Richmond Ward RMP 2025](#).

Potential discussion topics for the workshop include:

1. What balance should the RMP strike between biodiversity protection and recreational access?
2. Should the draft RMP provide stronger direction around coastal restoration, dune management and climate resilience?
3. Council's Dog Bylaw is the primary tool for managing dog access. However, the RMP could include policies about management of dog access across different reserve types, particularly sensitive coastal and estuary areas, to provide guidance for upcoming Dog Bylaw reviews. Is that something that the Board would like to see included in the RMP?
4. What level of infrastructure development is appropriate in reserves that are valued for their natural or informal character, including coastal reserves?
5. Are there particular reserves requiring more site-specific direction?
6. How should the plan address reserve encroachment and public access issues?











7. What role should community groups play in restoration and stewardship?
8. How can accessibility and inclusive design be embedded more strongly across the reserve network?
9. Are there opportunities to better connect reserves through walking and cycling networks?
10. How should the RMP acknowledge differing community expectations about regulation, signage and enforcement?

### 3. Workshop Material

Workshop material is attached, including:

- a) All open-ended feedback received on ‘Seeking ideas for Golden Bay Ward RMP’. The table in this document lists all open-ended responses to survey questions, presented in full, unedited, with one row per submitter.
- b) All long-form submission attachments (presented in full, unedited).
- c) Images relating to submitter feedback.
- d) Summary of responses to all quantitative survey questions
- e) Thematic summary of qualitative responses to survey questions

### 4. Attachments / Tuhinga tāpiri

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29753 Mohua Penguin Trust	Mar 30, 2026								<p>The Mohua Penguin Trust thanks you for this opportunity and would like to suggest the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. As the penguin colony based at Tarakohe becomes even more successful, along with the important research happening there we are seeing more scientific researchers wanting to participate in this research. To that end we would dearly love to see some form of accommodation for these researchers and students to stay in the Bay, as accommodation along with transport to the colony is very expensive. We envisage a tiny home type studio without ablution facilities (using the motor camp or Boat club ones) sited possibly the reserve opp the Pohara camp site currently unused, or the NZMCA site at Tarakohe.</li> <li>2. We are bringing the penguin finding dog and handler to Golden Bay for the second survey of penguin habitat along our coastline later this year. We would like to see at least temporary dog leashing signs during coastal occupation by penguins of important sites along our coast. These will need to be identified later after the dog visit in August this year.</li> <li>3. The reserve at Pohara – Richmond road stormwater reserve would be a good place for a dog recreation park keeping dogs off the coastline while allowing free play for them.</li> <li>4. Signage on the coastline could be a lot clearer and tidier to prevent resentment from people accusing TDC of proliferating signs. We are willing to offer our help with this.</li> <li>5. Compliance at reserve sites important for penguins and other wildlife needs to be enforced.</li> <li>6. Planting of suitable native species along coastal reserves would enhance the reserves while providing good penguin habitat and helping reduce erosion.</li> <li>7. Managing reserves for wildlife as well as human access is important especially in view of sea level rise.</li> </ol> <p>We would like to be heard in support of this submission.          Heather Wallace          Sec.          Mohua Penguin Trust.</p>	

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29752 Keith Morrison (via email)	Mar 24, 2026	<p>I volunteer for Predator Free Rangiaheata looking after 6 DOC200 traps between Charlett Point and Rangiaheata Headland.</p> <p>This year tōrea pango, variable oysercatcher, have successfully raised two chicks who have now fledged. This is despite there being limited nesting sites available. Kororā have been heard but I do not know whether there have been any successful nestings.</p> <p>I would like to comment on two reserves.</p>	<p><b>Rangiaheata Esplanade Reserve</b> Between Charlett Point and 172 Rangiaheata Road</p> <p>Here, the area for shore birds and little blue penguins is severely restricted by a band of invasive pest plants along the edge of the Rangiaheata Esplanade Reserve. These plants include the following:</p> <p>Eradication Pest *Wild Kiwifruit. "Occupiers are required to destroy all wild plants".</p> <p>Sustained Control Pest * Banana Passion Vine "Occupiers are required to control and prevent the spread of this vine to other areas." * Gorse "Occupiers are required to destroy all plants within 10 metres of a boundary." In this case the boundary is the shoreline.</p> <p>Other invasive plants that are affecting the ability of shore birds and humans to access the reserve include five leaf akebia, silver wattle, arrow bamboo, pink jasmine, tree lucerne, and purple pampas grass.</p> <p>Tasman District Council is the occupier in this case. I would hope that TDC would adhere to their own requirements on a TDC managed reserve.</p> <p>If many of these invasive pests were destroyed, and removed, it would allow the numerous native species in this reserve to thrive. This would hopefully encourage more birds to nest there. Improved access would enable Predator Free Rangiaheata to consider putting in further traps in this area. Tōrea pango are struggling to raise chicks in Golden Bay, and enhancing this area will improve their chances.</p> <p>In front of the houses from 204 to 214 Rangiaheata Road: Ice plant and nasturtium are growing over the rock wall and surrounding areas. This breaks off in storms and spreads to other areas. If these were removed, and replaced with appropriate native plants, it would enhance this area and reduce the spread of these weeds.</p> <p><b>Onahau Estuary Esplanade Reserve</b></p> <p>The Onahau estuary is an important sanctuary for shore birds. There are extensive mud flats for feeding and a sandspit for nesting. Due to its tidal nature there is less human disturbance here than other areas of Golden Bay. With other areas facing increased threats this estuary could increase in importance as a sanctuary for shore birds.</p> <p>This reserve needs to be kept free of invasive weeds that spread onto the estuary. The spread of these weeds restricts the birds feeding and nesting areas.</p>					Rangiaheata		See attached '29752 feedback from Keith Morrison (Rangiaheata)' (contains photos).

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29751 NPHS (via email)	Mar 30, 2026	<p>Tēnā koutou</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Tasman District Council Golden Bay/Mohua Ward Reserve Management Plan Review. The National Public Health Service (NPHS) Te Tau Ihu, Health New Zealand - Te Whatu Ora supports the health and wellbeing of the people in this region.</p> <p>Parks and reserves are important for communities because they support physical activity, mental wellbeing, social connection, and access to nature. Research shows that access to natural environments such as parks, reserves, coastal areas, and green spaces improves physical and mental health. Places like Golden Bay, including areas near Abel Tasman National Park, are valuable for recreation, tourism, and the local economy. A strong and well-designed plan will help protect these areas while keeping them accessible and sustainable.</p> <p>We recommend Tasman District Council to work closely with local iwi throughout the review process in line with Te Tiriti o Waitangi. The plan should show how iwi views have shaped decisions. We also recommend engaging with disability communities to ensure parks and reserves are accessible for everyone.</p>		<p>Our recommendations to improve parks and reserves in Golden Bay Ward</p> <p><b>1. Accessible parks for everyone</b> We recommend making sure all entrances, gates, and tracks are easy to use for people of all ages and abilities. Entrances should be barrier-free and suitable for wheelchair users, people with mobility scooters, and families with prams. Accessible tracks help ensure equitable access to nature and outdoor recreation, supporting better wellbeing for older adults and people with disabilities.</p> <p><b>2. Safe and accessible connections</b> People living in walkable communities with access to green spaces are more likely to be physically active and experience better health outcomes. We recommend connecting parks and reserves through safe walking and cycling routes, including links to existing routes such as the Great Taste Trail, and providing secure and adequate bicycle parking.</p> <p><b>3. Seating and picnic areas</b> We recommend providing seating and picnic areas when parks are upgraded or newly developed. Seating should have armrests and back support, allow easy supervision of children, and provide space beside seats for wheelchairs, mobility scooters, or prams. Seating should be placed on level, firm surfaces so it is easy and safe to use.</p> <p><b>4. Inclusive play areas</b> We recommend providing play equipment that helps people stay active and supports community wellbeing. New playgrounds should be accessible for everyone, and older playgrounds should be upgraded over time so people of all ages and abilities can use them. Parks and reserves should also be well maintained so they feel welcoming for residents and appealing to visitors.</p> <p><b>5. Accessible toilet facilities</b> We recommend providing or upgrading public toilets where needed. Toilets should be easy to use, with wheelchair friendly layouts, support rails, and baby changing facilities. Toilet buildings can also provide opportunities to include local artwork and cultural features to strengthen community identity.</p> <p><b>6. Safe and accessible transport</b> We recommend providing safe and accessible transport options to parks and reserves. This includes providing parking spaces and</p>	<p>17. Tasman District is growing and becoming more diverse. An ageing population and changing community needs will affect how parks and reserves are used. In 2023, 23% of the Tasman District population was aged 65 years and over and this proportion is expected to rise. This will increase demand for parks and facilities that meet the needs of older people. Activities such as gardening, walking, cycling, and indoor activities are likely to become more popular. At the same time, Council should continue to attract and support younger people by providing a wide range of activities and facilities, such as sports facilities and mountain biking tracks to support youth wellbeing.</p> <p>18. We recommend that Council responds to these changes by continuing to work with communities when planning and managing parks and reserves. Population growth also means new reserves will be needed in well-chosen locations across the district to meet the needs of people of all ages and backgrounds. Well-designed green spaces support physical, mental, spiritual and social wellbeing and help reduce health inequities. They also improve the environment by reducing heat, improving air quality, supporting biodiversity, and increasing climate resilience. Updating and strengthening the reserve management plan will help ensure these spaces remain relevant, future focused, and responsive to community needs.</p> <p>19. Parks and reserves should be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• healthy and inclusive spaces where everyone feels welcome</li> <li>• part of a connected network that</li> </ul>					See attached '29751 feedback from NPHS'

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				<p>maintaining car parks to remove hazards such as potholes, mud, and standing water. Parking areas should be wide enough, on even surfaces, and have gentle slopes with clear, safe paths connecting parking areas to footpaths and park entrances. Accessibility tools such as the PARCs tool5 can support good design, planning and assessment. We also recommend providing secure and convenient bicycle parking at parks and reserve entrances to support cycling as a healthy, low-emissions way to travel. Where possible, Council should consider how parks and reserves can be better connected to new or existing public transport routes. Improving access by walking, cycling, and public transport helps ensure parks and reserves can be used by people of all ages and abilities, and supports equitable access to green spaces.</p> <p><b>7. Drinking water access</b>                      We recommend installing accessible drinking water fountains and bottle refill stations, particularly in busy places and near playgrounds and sports fields. These help people stay hydrated, especially during hot weather and physical activity. Providing free, clean drinking water helps reduce the use of single-use plastic bottles that can end up in landfill.</p> <p><b>8. Lighting and safety</b>                      We recommend providing good lighting to improve safety and allow parks, reserves, and sports grounds to be used in the early morning or evening. We also suggest using a Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) approach to help support safe design.</p> <p><b>9. Clear signage and wayfinding</b> We recommend providing clear, easy to read signage using good contrast, universal symbols, and large text at heights that is easy to see from a wheelchair. Signage should follow accessibility guidance from Blind Low Vision NZ. Signs can also share local history, nature and cultural stories including iwi perspectives and Te Reo Māori.</p> <p><b>10. Shades and sun protection</b> Shades are becoming more important as summers are becoming hotter. We recommend increasing shade through trees, shade sails, and placing seating near established trees. This helps</p>	<p>supports walking, cycling and recreation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• natural spaces that protect and support biodiversity</li> <li>• managed with a long-term focus on environmental protection and community wellbeing.</li> </ul> <p>20. We also recommend focusing on areas where people have less access to green spaces, particularly communities experiencing higher levels of deprivation, to help improve health and wellbeing.</p>					

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				<p>reduce heat and sun exposure, lowers the risk of skin cancer, and supports safer outdoor activity. 11. <b>Rubbish and recycling</b>                      We recommend placing rubbish and recycling bins at main access points to help keep areas clean and tidy. Clear signs showing what goes in each bin helps people put waste correctly, encourages recycling and reduces contamination.</p> <p>12. <b>Smokefree and vape-free spaces</b>                      We recommend installing smoke-free and vape-free signage especially near playgrounds, entrances, and shared spaces such as toilets and picnic areas. This helps reduce second-hand smoke exposure, cigarette litter, and fire risk. While enforcement may be challenging, signage is an important way to inform the public and discourage smoking and vaping. This also aligns with Tasman District Council's smokefree reserves policies.</p> <p>13. <b>Alcohol-free environments</b>                      We recommend maintaining alcohol-free parks to support safe and family-friendly public places.</p> <p>Protecting the environment</p> <p>14. <b>Support biodiversity and resilience</b>                      We recommend strengthening biodiversity and climate resilience by planting native vegetation, restoring natural areas, and using planting to reduce flood risk. Edible plants, such as fruit trees, can also support local food resilience. We also recommend monitoring water quality at swimming areas and informing the public when water quality is unsafe.</p> <p>Future challenges</p> <p>15. <b>Climate change and coastal hazards</b>                      Climate change is likely to increase risks of damage from sea-level rise, coastal erosion, storm surge, and flooding. Coastal areas in Golden Bay may be at higher risk. We recommend actions to reduce these risks such as protecting natural coastal buffers, avoiding development in high-risk areas, and using nature-based coastal protection that fit with wider hazard adaptation strategies.</p> <p>16. <b>Recreation and tourism pressures</b>                      Golden Bay is a popular destination for both residents and visitors. Tourism provides social and economic benefits, but large numbers of visitors can put pressure on infrastructure and sensitive natural areas. We recommend restricting vehicle access</p>						

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				in fragile coastal areas, improving signage and environmental education, providing enough waste and toilet facilities, and protecting important natural areas. Climate resilient improvements may also include more shade, additional drinking fountains, better plant irrigation, and improved drainage on sports fields.						
29750 (Hardcopy)	Mar 3, 2026	I like Patons Rock, but need a proper covered bench area and a BBQ. Ligar Bay needs a BBQ area x3 and covered sitting areas. Tata Beach needs the same, though space is very limited there! Pohara has no covered picnic area and no BBQ and not enough toilet area. The cemetery area near golf club needs covered picnic area and BBQ and toilets. It is nicely kept but hardly used.	Council mainly do a good job of maintaining the parks and reserves.	More shade? Australia provides BBQ areas that are covered and table areas that are covered.	While I want the facilities extended (i.e. BBQs / toilets) I'm concerned about the erosion of the beachfront so any facilities should be made easy to move/relocate.		We like using community owned assets.	Pohara	There is a need to protect the areas from noxious weeds.	
29749 (Hardcopy)	Mar 30, 2026	Motupipi Stream Esplanade / Sunbelt Crescent Esplanade Reserve - quiet, away from roads, local to town, stream, trees and native plants. Lake Kilarney - access to both ends, local to town. Te Kakau Stream Reserve - big pukatea trees. Rototai Reserve - room to throw ball for dog. All beach esplanade reserves.	Poor signage - may not be obvious it is Council-managed, not obvious it is public access. Allowing dumping and taking over reserve and esplanade in a way that claims it and subsumes it into private property in the way it is used e.g. Pohara Esplanade, Pakawau Esplanade, and others.	Education on plants and creatures and different ecosystems e.g. dunes, streams, forest. Improve signage - make it obvious what is Council reserve and that it is public access. Have education available (would be online) about the area/ecosystem/habitat. Get some 'adult' playground/fitness equipment that can be used by all - saw this in public spaces in Chile over a decade ago and is a great way to encourage people to move and keep fit and socialise.	Strong habitats and ecosystems that are fit for purpose e.g. sports, access, amenity etc. Natural features and other creatures and ecosystems considered alongside human needs. Users and neighbours respectful of areas for all.	Dog park in town.	Main available option to go to with dog as surrounded by National Parks. Easy to get to. Often go to beach, so use access and esplanade reserves.	Tākaka		
29748 (Hardcopy)	Mar 30, 2026	Track by Motupipi River/Abel Tasman Drive + Sunbelt Crescent Reserve. Lake Kilarney Reserve - quiet, handy to town. Patons Rock beach. Ligar Bay - great for gatherings (or is this road reserve??) Collingwood, Parapara and other beach reserves.	Sunbelt Crescent Reserve - can be wet underfoot. Perhaps continue the path for when its been/is raining. Lake Kilarney - same as above. Lack of signage for reserves e.g. the track by Abel Tasman Drive/Sunbelt Crescent Reserve. Lack of signage means many people don't know of Council reserve land - also private properties bordering these make use of it so people assume its not public land - grrrr!	More plantings e.g. at Rototai along the access road and tracks. Some "equipment" for kids (and dogs?) for obstacle course type fun e.g. big wooden rounds / rocks / planks make it more family friendly - a picnic table or two! An all-weather track around Lake Kilarney joining the access ways - its a lovely wetland but can be very wet underfoot. Add a seat or two on the Motupipi River reserve track. Make a track along Te Kakau Stream reserve for cyclists/walkers (with a seat somewhere to pause and appreciate). Get cyclists and opportunity to be off the main road! Ecology education signs for plantings and wildlife.	User friendly for all ages - keep the plantings going, keep encouraging use of cycle/walking tracks and increasing the length of them. Keep reserves for ecology of local area. Make property owners whose properties border reserves where the boundary is - some properties "take over" public reserves.	Te Kakau Stream, Tākaka track linking town to Waitapu Raod. Dog exercise park handy to town - somewhere like down Riley Street?	Because they are handy, close to home, easy accessible.	Tākaka	Most are managed well - the contractor for the beach reserves does a great job. Lots of small reserves we don't know about due to no map in town to inform the public - maybe outside Council office is a good spot.	

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				A specific dog exercise park area in town with some dog agility things - maybe the Bay dog owner group can provide these. The area by Scotts Corner would be good for this - the landowners would possibly agree being dog owners, although the Council were offered this as a trade earlier but the Council [didn't act on this? unfinished] (I am not a dog owner but very aware of high dog ownership numbers!)						
29747	Mar 30, 2026, 10:55 PM	Child friendly Beautiful natural scenery Engage with nature Beach access Toilet Playground  I visit the following regularly due to proximity and love visiting others eg Puponga less often  Takaka memorial reserve/ Playground Patons Rock reserve Ligar Bay Rototai Recreation Reserve Pōhara Beach reserve		Make playgrounds safer for children by using alternatives to copper chrome arsenic treated wood for playground equipment and picnic tables  Upgrade and extend Takaka - Pōhara cycleway.  Please put out warning signs when cycleway is being sprayed by glyphosate especially when it's behind the big hedge in Motupipi and still wet.  The cycleway on Meihana Street in front of co-housing community is really lovely but access on and off it by bike isn't great or even safe. Approaching it travelling from East to West to cross the road to get onto it is unsafe with my kid in a bike trailer.			They're public spaces available for people to enjoy  Proximity to home or town  Cycleway - for transport	Motupipi		
29746	Mar 30, 2026, 08:54 PM	Submission from Dog Owners Golden Bay <b>Access for Dogs in Golden Bay Ward Reserves</b> Dog Owners Golden Bay appreciates the opportunity to provide a submission regarding the draft plan for the management of reserves within the Mohua, Golden Bay Ward. <b>Community Representation</b> Dog Owners Golden Bay (DOGB) is an incorporated society which represents a large number of local residents who regularly use reserves throughout the Mohua, Golden Bay Ward for walking and exercising their dogs. Dog walking is one of the most common forms of recreation in our community, and many households rely on access to local reserves to	<b>Loss of Access Elsewhere</b> Access for dogs to public land is already significantly restricted across much of the wider region. Many areas administered by the Department of Conservation prohibit dogs entirely in order to protect wildlife and conservation values. While these restrictions are understood in conservation areas, they mean that local council reserves often represent the primary places where residents can responsibly exercise their dogs. Further restrictions within council reserves would therefore significantly reduce the remaining opportunities for dog owners to enjoy outdoor recreation with their animals. Maintaining reasonable access in council reserves helps ensure that the recreational needs of dog owners—a substantial portion of the community—continue to be met.	<b>Proportionality of Restrictions</b> Mohua / Golden Bay contains a diverse network of reserves, each with its own purpose, characteristics, and level of ecological sensitivity. We submit that, overall, there should be no additional restrictions placed on dog access across the reserves network. Existing access arrangements already enable responsible use while allowing the community to enjoy these spaces with their dogs. While we acknowledge that certain sites may have specific environmental values, any management responses should be minimal, clearly justified, and based on demonstrable need. A precautionary or blanket approach to further restrictions is not considered necessary given the variation in reserve types and current patterns of use. Maintaining current levels of access supports community wellbeing, encourages responsible dog ownership, and recognises the importance of these reserves as shared public spaces.	<b>Supporting Community Wellbeing</b> Walking dogs contributes significantly to the health and wellbeing of residents. It encourages regular outdoor activity, social interaction, and connection with local places. Maintaining access to reserves supports the role these spaces play as inclusive community environments used by a wide range of residents. This aligns closely with the purpose identified in the management plan: providing for the recreational needs of both present and future residents. <b>Community Partnership</b> Dog Owners Golden Bay believes that dog owners are not simply users of these reserves, but also active members of the community who care deeply about these places. Many dog walkers are among the most regular users of local reserves and			Mohua, Golden Bay	See attached '29746 feedback from Dog Owners Golden Bay'	

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		<p>provide safe and healthy exercise for their animals. Our submission reflects the views of a broad group of reserve users who value these spaces as welcoming and shared environments for recreation, social interaction, and wellbeing.</p> <p>The Golden Bay Ward Reserves Management Plan 2003 clearly establishes the purpose of these reserves. The plan states that reserves and open space are acquired by Council to provide for the recreational needs of people and to protect amenity and natural resource values. The reserves covered by the plan are classified primarily as Recreation or Local Purpose Reserves under the Reserves Act 1977.</p> <p>Under that Act, reserve management plans must provide for and ensure the use, enjoyment, maintenance, protection and preservation of reserves for the community. Dog Owners Golden Bay submits that responsible dog walking is entirely consistent with these objectives.</p> <p>Walking dogs is one of the most common and accessible forms of recreation available to residents. It supports physical health, mental wellbeing, and social interaction. For many people, particularly families, older residents, and those living on smaller residential sections, reserves provide the only practical spaces where dogs can be exercised safely and responsibly.</p> <p><b>Maintaining Existing Community Use</b></p>			<p>are often the first to notice issues such as litter, hazards, or maintenance needs. We believe there is an opportunity for Council to continue working with responsible dog owners as partners in stewardship, helping maintain the safety, amenity, and enjoyment of reserves for everyone.</p> <p>By maintaining reasonable access for dog walking while continuing to manage sensitive areas appropriately, Council can uphold the intent of the Golden Bay Ward Reserves Management Plan 2003 and the principles of the Reserves Act 1977, ensuring that these reserves remain welcoming, shared spaces for the whole community now and into the future.</p> <p><b>Summary</b>        Dog Owners Golden Bay supports the continued protection of natural values, wildlife, and amenity within local reserves. However, we believe these goals can be achieved while still maintaining responsible access for dog walking.</p> <p>We respectfully request that the Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Maintain or improve existing dog access across Golden Bay Ward reserves</li> <li>● Avoid reductions in access without clear evidence of need</li> <li>● Continue to manage reserves in a balanced way that recognises the diverse recreational needs of the community.</li> </ul> <p>On behalf of the committee of DOGB,        Ngā mihi nui,        Katie Lavers        DOGB Advocate        Mohua, Golden Bay Ward</p>					

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		For many years Golden Bay residents have used local reserves for walking and exercising dogs without significant conflict. This established pattern of use reflects how the community values and enjoys these spaces. We believe the current approach reflects the intent of the management plan, which emphasises providing recreational opportunities for residents while managing potential conflicts between users. Dog Owners Golden Bay therefore submits that existing access for dogs should be maintained wherever possible, recognising the long-standing and widely supported use of reserves for this purpose.								
29745	Mar 30, 2026, 08:48 PM	All our parks & reserves are invaluable for recreation, exercise & sporting activities, enjoying our environment & wildlife, socialising, peace & quiet time, clearing the head & mental health and many other things for sure. On top of that, some are special because we can do those things with our beloved pooches. Thinking particularly of Rangihaeata Esplanade Reserve.	2 problems come to mind, First, signage. Signage can be informative & helpful & is necessary to some degree. Too much of it is ineffective & visual pollution. There are those who would have a veritable forest of signs littering reserves given their way. To be avoided. Second, community bullies. Those who will stoop to any means at all, no matter how dodgy or pestiferous, to force their will. To be avoided.	No opinion at this stage	I'd like them to still be there in that future and to still be usable by everyone. We do need rules but it would be nice to be able to use them without a plethora of rules & restrictions making that use actually untenable.	No opinion at this stage	Convenience. Dog friendly	Rangihaeata	Golden Bay reserves should continue to be managed for the enjoyment of the whole community. Responsible dog walking is a common & important part of the way many residents use these spaces and observe & care for them. Access for dogs is already limited in many places, so Council reserves play an important role. I support protecting wildlife and natural habitat, especially in sensitive areas, but I believe this can be achieved while still maintaining access, including for responsible dog walking.	
29744	Mar 30, 2026, 04:55 PM	We enjoy visiting lots of reserves in Golden Bay, mainly for walking/dog walking. Often they provide access to the beach, or a nice place to be beside the beach and in some cases provide convenient toilet facilities. Reserves we visit most frequently are Patons Rock Recreation Reserve (with toilet block), Milnthorpe Quay Esplanade Reserve and		Patons Rock Reserve - provide more tables, with some located in the shade for the middle part of the day. - provide soap/sanitizer in both men's and women's toilets - provide some hooks &/or a bench in the changing areas of the toilets. Milnthorpe Quay Esplanade Reserve - like it how it is. Excellent St Walkway - upgrade the track formation and provide better drainage, as it is very steep and scouring out badly at present.	Still readily available for people to enjoy	Anywhere you can provide access for horse float parking & more horse riding off the roads would be greatly welcomed	Because they are freely accessible, in lovely locations and often provide access to the beach, or other waterway	Collingwood		

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		the Excellent St Walkway at Collingwood, which enables a good loop walk.								
29743	Mar 30, 2026, 03:52 PM	We enjoy Tata Beach just the way it is. You can park beside the boat ramp, don't need to get out of your car. I know it is used by people who are in wheelchairs, they can see the beach, sea and people enjoying the beach without getting out of the car. The area for boaties to park trailers is a necessity.			The Council does not have the funds to spend money on grandiose projects. Just let's enjoy what we have. I certainly oppose Mr Jerriam wanting to rearrange the car park, boat ramp area at Tata Beach. And then get the Council to maintain it. If he wants a large monument put it at his place. He has a house on a hill, we can all see it from his property. I think his plans for Tata are a lot more extensive than what he has let on.		I have grandkids and they enjoy the playgrounds which are. Great asset to the Bay.	Uruwhenua,		
29742	Mar 30, 2026, 03:27 PM	Tarakohe Local Purpose Reserve (Harbour Works) does not appear to be included in the current list of reserves under review. However, previous Tasman District Council planning processes have included this reserve within broader strategic documents.  If Council intends to consider Tarakohe as part of this or any future reserve management planning, it is important that its treatment aligns with the Port Tarakohe Spatial Plan (2025). That plan clearly retains the underlying Local Purpose Reserve status for Tarakohe, following a well-documented process that included public consultation and formal Council approval. Given this, it would not be appropriate for Tarakohe to be reconsidered within a generic reserves management framework without acknowledging and aligning with the outcomes of the Spatial Plan. Any future planning should be consistent with that adopted direction and the specific context of the harbour works area.	Tarakohe Local Purpose Reserve (Port Tarakohe / Harbour Works) There is also a lack of transparency around asset management and funding for this reserve. Given its unique function as a working harbour, Port Tarakohe should have its own clearly defined Asset Management Plan (AMP) and associated financial information available to the public. Currently, it is unclear how investment, maintenance, and future development are being planned and funded. This level of infrastructure is not comparable to general reserves, and managing it within the Enterprise portfolio risks overlooking its operational and financial complexity. Providing a dedicated AMP and making financial information publicly accessible would improve transparency, accountability, and community understanding of how the port is being managed now and into the future.		Better cycle connections			Clifton	A lot of green space with few facilities.	

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29741 Outdoor Access Commission	Mar 30, 2026, 03:18 PM	Tēnā koe Please find below some necessarily high level feedback to assist with shaping the draft Golden Bay/Mohua Reserve Management Plan (RMP).	Reserves General Policies 2015 states: 4.1.2.5 Reserve management plans shall prioritise access development opportunities on existing esplanade areas and to lakes, rivers and the coast Comment: * Ensure there is access to all council managed reserves such as the Golden Bay Reserve Parcel ID 3644692 which does not appear to have access TO it. * Work with planners to maximise development opportunities to improve access, particularly to the coast, lakes and river margins. * Prioritise opportunities to create esplanade strip or esplanade strip along the Takaka River which currently has poor public access and recreation opportunities. * There is potential to create reserve by applying to legalise accreted land – an example of this is the coastal (NE) side of Collingwood beach and the west side of the Takaka River (opposite Takaka River Reserve) where significant accreted land has accumulated.  Current Golden Bay RMP 2003 states:  5.7 Public Access and Use 5.7.1 Ensure that reserves are freely available for use by individuals and groups on a casual basis, unless constrained by Council-approved events or activities; Comment: * Council should seek to minimise constraints on public access over reserves, particularly where this impedes access to the coast, lakes and river margins. An example of this is the Collingwood Campground, which I understand is not accessible by the public.  5.8 Vehicle Access and Parking 5.8.3 Restrict the use of bicycles and horses on reserves if such uses are in conflict with other activities Comment: * Council should seek to PROVIDE FOR bicycle and horse riders UNLESS there is a conflict with other activities with a focus on providing for active transport modes. This could reduce both traffic and parking demand at, for example, football fields.	* Aim to improve access along coast, lake and river margins.  * Analyse distribution of reserve assets to ensure all communities have access to recreational opportunities.  * Build on existing reserve parcels to/along the coast, rivers and lakes to increase recreation (and likely biodiversity) activity.  * Ensure that public access and enjoyment of reserves is not impeded by occupation arrangements (such as the campground lease at Collingwood).  * Work with other recreational stakeholders such as the Golden Bay Cycle & Walkway Society and Golden Bay Mountain Bike Club to maximise connectivity and recreation benefits of proposed cycling and walking network.	* Accessible by active transport.  * Facilitating continuous access to and along coast, lakes and river margins.  * A management collaboration between council and community to maximise engagement in biodiversity enhancement, access creation and general recreation activity.				Please advise me when the draft is notified.  Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to this early development work on the Golden Bay Reserves Management Plan. I look forward to viewing the draft later this year.  All the best with this project.  Ngā mihi  Ange van der Laan Kaitohutohu ā-Rohe   Regional Field Advisor Herenga ā Nuku Aotearoa Outdoor Access Commission	See attached '29741 feedback from Outdoor Access Commission'
29740	Mar 30, 2026, 02:23 PM	Our family are long-term permanent residents at Tata Beach (since the early 70's), so my input is regarding Tata. Like most of us here (including bach home-owners who come here repeatedly) we like its 'kiwiana' classic charm and feel. Of course as well as the beautiful beach. We regularly walk the beachfront reserve, meet other locals and stop and chat, walk up to the lookout etc. We value Cornwall Reserve and the various uses people put it to, from launching and	We have several reserves areas that need whatever funds/care that the TDC can spare:  - The 'millenium project' at the north end of the beach reserve has had its benches and tables removed. And is in a pretty sorry state. Could there be a replacement for that seating and some improvement of that reserve please. There isn't anywhere for people to sit, so it's just reduced to a walk through to the beach. - The 'toilet block' reserve needs some TLC after much public usage/trucks and boaties usage/the 60 bollards installed/taken out again in what was locally dubbed 'bollard-gate'. After bad weather, the trucks and clean-up companies use it often as they go back and forth to fix slips on Wainui Road, Totoranui too. Over time there's now no grass on about a third of the reserve. And some landscaping and more shrubs would be a boost. - More coastcare planting please. We met with	As above. We have several reserves areas that need whatever funds/care that the TDC can spare:  - The 'millenium project' at the north end of the beach reserve has had its benches and tables removed. And is in a pretty sorry state. Could there be a replacement for that seating and some improvement of that reserve please. There isn't anywhere for people to sit, so it's just reduced to a walk through to the beach. - The 'toilet block' reserve needs some TLC after much public usage/trucks and boaties usage/the 60 bollards installed/taken out again in what was locally dubbed 'bollard-gate'. After bad	I'd like to see Tata reserves kept in good condition for the next generations of locals and visitors.	Improved walking path from Tata around to Ligar.	Because I live here, just back from the beach.	Tata Beach	no.	

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		<p>blessing a new waka for our local club, to a Nelson band giving an impromptu concert on a summer night. lots of folks picnic there or play volleyball or other games.</p>	<p>coastcare approx. two years ago and they've grown and planted 500 seedlings along the worst eroded area along the dunes. They'd originally said they'd give us more plants, but then advised that we had to share available seedlings with three beaches out west. It would be great to be able to do more robust planting that would be a stronger barrier to coastal erosion, as Tata regularly takes a battering from storms / westerlies / high tides.</p> <p>- it would be good to see a couple more benches / picnic tables along both sides (of the ramp) of the beachfront reserve.</p> <p>- Ongoing tidy-up of the wetlands/reserve area</p>	<p>weather, the trucks and clean-up companies use it often as they go back and forth to fix slips on Wainui Road, Totoranui too. Over time there's now no grass on about a third of the reserve. And some landscaping and more shrubs would be a boost.</p> <p>- More coastcare planting please. We met with coastcare approx. two years ago and they've grown and planted 500 seedlings along the worst eroded area along the dunes. They'd originally said they'd give us more plants, but then advised that we had to share available seedlings with three beaches out west. It would be great to be able to do more robust planting that would be a stronger barrier to coastal erosion, as Tata regularly takes a battering from storms / westerlies / high tides.</p> <p>- it would be good to see a couple more benches / picnic tables along both sides (of the ramp) of the beachfront reserve.</p> <p>- Ongoing tidy-up of the wetlands/reserve area</p>						
29739	Mar 30, 2026, 12:32 PM	<p>Tasman District Council's consultation on the management of the reserves in Golden Bay/Mohua – March 2026</p> <p>My name is Mike Shannon and my partner is Sally Ransley. We have lived in Golden Bay for just over 8 years.</p> <p>We live in Ligar Bay. We are currently building a new home at Tata Beach. I therefore declare our interest in the management of the reserves around where we live.</p> <p>Sally and I would also note that we are aware of the "Tata Sculpture Project" that some property owners at Tata Beach and relevant Iwi are promoting. We have not been part of the consultation they have completed (it was before our time at Tata) but we broadly support their proposal but not their</p>	<p>I will start my contribution by noting the relevant published clause from the 1991 RMA that was included in both the 2003 and 2007 Reserve Management Plans</p> <p>The management of Esplanade Reserves is guided by the Resource Management Act 1991:  <i>Esplanade Reserves are administered for the following purposes:</i>  <i>To contribute to the protection of conservation values by, in particular:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintaining or enhancing the natural functioning of the adjacent sea, river, or lake; or,</li> <li>• Maintaining or enhancing water quality; or</li> <li>• Maintaining or enhancing aquatic habitats; or</li> <li>• Protecting the natural values associated with the reserve; or</li> <li>• Mitigating natural hazards; and</li> <li>• To enable public access to or along the sea, a river, or a lake; and</li> <li>• To enable public recreational use of the esplanade reserve and adjacent sea, river, or lake, where that use is compatible with conservation values.</li> </ul> <p>Below are our observations on the reserves and adjacent spaces of Ligar Bay and Tata Beach.</p> <p><b>Signage</b>          To be blunt, it is extremely poor. It is not maintained, it is not well located, some of it is visual pollution, some of it is unsafe and some of it makes no sense.          Examples</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not maintained – Ligar Bay, the no freedom camping sign is so faded it is useless</li> </ul>	<p><b>What would I do?</b></p> <p>Clean-up the stormwater creek at Nyhane Drive that is in the road reserve.</p> <p>Engage local community to assist with reserve maintenance.</p> <p>Continue and increase support for the Coast Care programme to rejuvenate the dune spaces at both Ligar and Tata.</p> <p>Develop structured parking around the toilet block and pump shed at Tata. Remove the sand stored by Council.</p> <p>Deploy clear and accurate signage at entrance to both beaches and repeat where necessary. Remove all old and signage.</p> <p>Maintain the parks to the left of the Tata boat ramp.</p> <p>Reclaim the dune space of the esplanade reserve east of the boat ramp. Remove all seal and create a pedestrian path all the way to the end of the Cornwall Haven Reserve.</p> <p>Facilitate appropriate planting of native dune flora. Use this pathway to</p>				<p>Photos in the attached submission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Freedom campers at Ligar Bay</li> <li>• Inconsiderate parking at Tata along sealed lane</li> <li>• More freedom campers at Ligar. Badly faded sign at Ligar.</li> <li>• Signs at Tata – boat ramp signage, the dog sign that is really hard to fathom; and the freedom camping sign "hidden in the car and trailer car park and an old and now meaningless sign west of the boat ramp</li> <li>• Signs at entrance to Tata Beach – 50kph..... go figure!</li> <li>• More freedom campers</li> <li>• Freedom camper at Tata and inconsiderate parking</li> <li>• Penguins attempt at burrow on our building site just off the esplanade reserve</li> <li>• Ivy growing back in the Cornwall Haven Reserve</li> <li>• More idiotic parking at Tata and Ligar</li> </ul>	<p>See 29739 feedback from Mike Shannon and Sally Ransley attached.</p>	

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		<p>commentary on carparking on the esplanade reserve east of the boat ramp.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not well located – Tata Beach, the no freedom camping sign is located in the car park for boat trailer parking</li> <li>• Visual pollution – all the signs at the Tata Beach boat ramp</li> <li>• Unsafe – the speed limit on entering Tata Beach is 50kph including the Esplanade Reserve... really??</li> <li>• The Dog Control sign at Tata Beach is confusing to say the least</li> </ul> <p>I have photos to support these statements (see attachment).</p> <p><b>Reserve maintenance</b>          The Council's maintenance of the reserves in both Ligar Bay and Tata Beach has been materially reduced in the 8 years we have lived in Golden Bay. The reduced maintenance has lowered cost but the downside is the place can look really scruffy and probably creating risk in some places. For example, the Nyhane Drive reserve spaces, including the critically over-grown stormwater creek down the lower part of Nyhane Drive. That needs to be fixed and soon!          The reserves have lots of weeds and non-native plants growing. e.g. Cornwall Haven has agapanthus growing in it. I removed the ivy that was growing at the front of the Haven reserve. It is now growing back along with lots of other weeds. I have photos.          Plantings in the reserves (esplanade and other) should be exclusively native and maintained to preserve the views and limit any adverse impacts on adjoining properties.          If Council won't maintain these reserves can the residents assist?          The Coast Care work that Rob Lewis completes at both Tata and Ligar should receive ongoing support. He and his staff have done an outstanding job in rejuvenating the dune and foreshore areas of both beaches.</p> <p><b>The "chip sealed lane and car park" east of the Tata boat ramp</b>          When I read the RMA clause on esplanade reserves I struggle to see how a "chip sealed lane and car park" built into the dune-scape meets any of the objectives in the RMA. Does it meet the "protection of conservation values"? When this space was chip sealed a number of years back the sealed area was pushed further into the dune-scape – hardly "protecting natural values".</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is this a legal road?</li> <li>• What is the speed limit? Probably 50kph, which is ridiculous!</li> <li>• Is it a two lane road? If so, it is nowhere near wide enough?</li> <li>• Large vehicles, like motor homes, cannot turn around having driven into the lane so have to reverse out – unsafe.</li> <li>• Is the parking to be parallel or angled?</li> <li>• What are the parking restrictions – if any?</li> <li>• The 2007 plan stated there would be speed humps – there are two slight lumps in the seal that are no impediment to speed. Why have proper speed humps not been installed? Some vehicles drive way to fast down the sealed esplanade reserve.</li> </ul>	<p>locate the sculpture project (possibly in front of the Cornwall Haven Reserve) and include storyboards that tell the history of the Maori at Tata and surrounds, the European settlers and the story of Peter Peterson, the Tata Island Hermit.</p> <p>Include picnic tables along the pathway.</p> <p>This would go a long way to meeting the expectations of the Resource Management Act, something I consider a chip sealed laneway built into the dunes certainly does not.</p> <p>I would be more than happy to address my submission at any public hearing process.</p>						

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			<p>• There are no less than five pedestrian crossing points, one from each residence and one from the Cornwall Haven Reserve along this poorly conceived lane. Is safety not a consideration?</p> <p>The parking can be absolutely shambolic. Vehicles parked over the beach access paths through the dunes. Angle parked vehicles blocking the roadway. Parallel parked so close to the dune that vehicle occupants exit into the taped off area of the dunes. Large motor homes parallel park and set up "camp" in the taped off dune area.</p> <p>I also have evidence that penguins are crossing this sealed reserve space. Far from ideal with cars moving through! I have a photo to support this.</p> <p><b>Enforcement</b>          I have seen no enforcement at either Ligar Bay or Tata Beach of the freedom camping restrictions. I have many photo's to show freedom campers not complying with the ban.          I suspect there is no enforcement of any parking rules at both Ligar Bay and Tata Beach. Are there any parking rules?          On the odd occasion I have approached "offenders" I get told all sorts including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "F### off!" – freedom campers at both Ligar and Tata, obstructive parking at Tata</li> <li>• "Yes, I can – no signs say I can't"! (parked over beach access at Tata..... more than once) and lots at Ligar Bay.</li> <li>• "I have been drinking so I can't drive on NZ roads so I am camping here" –freedom campers at Ligar Bay I stand to be corrected but there is no enforcement of fire bans at either beach. A fire in the dunes or a fire spreading to private property in these coastal areas would be devastating.</li> </ul>							
29738	Mar 30, 2026, 11:10 AM	<p>Awaroa Inlet and Beach Reserves - provide access to walking tracks, and this special area.</p> <p>Tata Beachfront and Lookout Reserves - provide access to views and a special beach. The esplanade is a fabulous walkway and provides access to people with mobility issues.</p> <p>Pohara Recreation Reserve - what an asset! - the tennis courts, hall, bowling green, parking across the road from beach.</p> <p>Pohara Beach Reserve - a campground for Golden Bay to be proud of.</p> <p>Paradise Way Reserve - a lovely spot for quiet contemplation.</p> <p>Bay Vista Millennium Reserve - a great side trip</p>		East Takaka Recreational Reserve - perhaps just the one toilet could be upgraded (clean, paint)for public use.	Maintenance of current reserves to at least the current standards i.e. mowing, provision of picnic tables/toilets/parking.	More access to rivers for swimming/picnicking. Inland access from Pohara to Ligar Bay - to provide walking/cycling opportunities without being on coastal road.	Location, access and facilities.	Pohara		

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		<p>to a walk up Bay Vista Rd. Clifton Cemetery Reserve - a pretty spot for picnicking, historical value.</p> <p>Clifton Recreational, Rototai and Rototai Beach Esplanade Reserves.</p> <p>GB Senior Citizens Hall, Community Centre and Hall, and GB Recreational Park - provision of conveniently sized and placed community spaces.</p> <p>Takaka Village Green - a green, public space in the centre of town - every town should have one!</p> <p>Pioneer Park and Museum and Takaka Memorial Park - spaces providing an essential acknowledgement to our past.</p> <p>Long Plain Esplanade Reserve - provides riverside access to a favorite river swimming hole.</p> <p>East Takaka Recreational Reserve - remembering family tennis/picnicking from childhood days, and still visited on a regular basis for picnics(as recently as this week with out-of-town visitors).</p> <p>Upper Takaka Park - swimming pool a real asset, appreciate access to my primary school location.</p> <p>Patons Rock Recreation, Esplanade and Bydder Reserves - excellent parking provided, picnic spots and esplanade walk.</p> <p>Onekaka Recreation Reserve - hall and grounds a great community asset.</p> <p>Milnthorpe Quay Esplanade Reserve - one again, just love those esplanade walks.</p> <p>Excellent Street Walkway - makes for a great circular walk from Collingwood.</p>								

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		Tomatea Point Reserve - great beachside parking, and toilet facility. Finally, a general comment - I appreciate the picnic tables and toilets provided at many of the reserves mentioned.								
29737	Mar 30, 2026, 10:32 AM	I value the unrestricted public access and the existing character of all Golden Bay/Mohua reserves, including the Takaka Showgrounds, Pohara and Collingwood coastal reserves. I (and im sure the majority of the public) want these areas maintained as they are, without the interference of new Council or Government bureaucracy. I specifically oppose any managed retreat or Hazard zoning strategies from the Coastal Management project or plan change 85/81 being used to justify the removal of local infrastructure or the restriction of our established property and community rights	The management of Golden Bay reserves is currently unprofessional. Any property owner or resident directly adjacent to or affected by changes to a reserve or park should be personally communicated with directly or via letter or email, to ensure transparency and community awareness. No one in my area, "no one" besides myself, knows what's happening to our park and how this will impact us in the future. I had to dig deep. because no one knew and we weren't informed. I went to the Council to find the out. It isn't available at the Council information desk, just fluff pieces and brochures, the council staff were hostile. I went to the council library, the staff had no clue what the Parks and Reserves management plan is or any policy relating to it and told me to go to the Council and offered no assistance to find the information i needed. I finally found it through the labyrinth of jargon and fluff summery pieces and now today is the last day to have a say on the matter? I find that abhorrent and undemocratic, considering the changes happening behind closed doors in Council. If my neighbourhood were also informed, they would of been able to have a say on this as well.. how many others are ill-informed, the majority id say. Relying on digital only tools, hidden notices in fine print in the back of newspaper that the majority of residents dont read, and fluff pieces and misleading brochures is unprofessional and fails the Councils responsibility for accurate and inclusive community engagement. It seems "silent consent" is the Councils objective. The Park Managers, working in and on the ground in the parks should be up to date with the parks and reserves policies and all amendments (Managements plans.NZCPS, NPSIB, Nap etc) in these rural areas so they are able to inform locals and residents. Where, im speaking on behalf of all parks and reserves because im sure this is a regional problem, im sure im one of many experiencing this exclusion.	The best improvement is for the Council and Government to stay out of it and if you do have to be involved make it an ACTUAL democratic process. Not by small meetings "engagements" that the majority dont know about and hand pick the residents opinions that suit your narrative for the summery reports, leaving out those that object. A small group of people turning up to these discussions doesn't reflect the level of public interest it actually reflects your lack of transparency and communication to the region. And, don't declare it as a "discussion in progress" so people feel they have time and will be kept up to date but then put it into law without consent of the region, like you're doing now. A dozen people in a room is not a mandate to change the laws for the entire region. Revert to basic maintenance of our reserves and parks as they currently exist, and respect the established historic rights and autonomy of the Golden Bay community.	Free from bureaucratic overreach and restrictive hazard zoning. I envision these spaces as areas of unfettered public access, where the community's natural liberty and freedom of movement are respected. These parks should exist as they are; natural spaces for the people, protected by their historic rights, rather than being treated as "assets" to be managed, retreated or regulated.	I only support the acquisition of new reserves or parks if they are established through fair, transparent, and voluntary negotiations that fully respect private property rights. I oppose the use of Development Contributions or Hazard Mapping as a backdoor way for the Council to seize or control private land for public use without the explicit, informed consent of the land owners involved.	I live in one	Parapara Milnethorpe	I want to mention again, im a deeply disappointed in the Council. Their communication with the Public is below unacceptable. It is their moral duty to inform us and they have failed. I have little and no trust or respect for them based on my experiences, but this experience in regards to the Parks and reserves, the interactions with them, this takes the cake.  Its clear to me that the people of this region, are not respected and, are not a priority. I have no faith.	
29736 Garry Neill	Mar 30, 2026, 09:23 AM	Tata Beach (Lots 2,3, 14,15,33 DP 5768) is a truly treasured place of interest by the public.  I endorse all the General Objectives of the existing RMP (Section 6). There is no use having a plan if it not carried out.	My focus will be on Lot 2 DP 5531 being an Esplanade Foreshore Reserve.  This is a sand dune zone which now has been tar sealed.  This existing use does not comply with the Reserves Act 1977 or the guidelines of the Resource Management Act (RMA) in that these Acts are to provide for the preservation and survival of indigenous species , scenic, historical, cultural, archaeological, biological, geological features for the benefit of the public.	<u>Suggestions for re-development of Lot 2.</u>  <b>In the short term</b> * Install speed limits and speed bumps.(refer Sect. 7.7.2 and not done) * Prevent Campervans parking on this site. These are the main culprits damaging the foreshore planting and impairing sea views both from onshore and offshore.	Like a walk way / cycleway Tata Beach to Pohara.		Because we are here.		See attached '29736 feedback from Garry Neill on Tata Beach'.	

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			<p>All these values on this section have been obliterated with a placing of the tar seal on this site.</p> <p>It is difficult to comprehend how that road was ever permitted to be placed there in the first place. No consultation has ever been made with adjoining neighbours (Sect. 6.10) and might I say we have had a vested interest in adjoining land for over 50 years.</p> <p>This site is now treated as a poorly regulated road where cars speed and campervans park up (with difficulty). The poorly fenced foreshore planting put there to stabilise the sand is then trampled on and degraded by these vehicle visitors.</p> <p>To add, applying for Resource Consents to build next to the Reserve, houses have conditions imposed that require them (to quote) to mitigate the visual effects as viewed from the coast or from a distance. This requires recessive, non-reflective colours that merge into the surrounding background and yet it appears a line of white, colour contrasting campers and vehicles are permitted to park up right to the beach edge.</p> <p>These are totally counter intuitive activities.</p> <p>And who polices those that park up for the night?</p> <p>This Reserve needs a complete make over in conjunction with further parking re-development on Lot 15 and Lot 33 all to take into account the expected long term visitor growth numbers to this magnificent and treasured beach.</p> <p>The existing signage is in adequate and an eyesore.</p> <p>The Reserve is treated as an open road where penguins scurry and vehicular traffic goes even faster particularly at night.</p> <p>Keep Off signs needs to be placed where the stressed foreshore planting exists and speed humps placed asap. Mooring rope would do in interim. Globally there is a shift away from foreshore roads to recreational zones.</p> <p>In several ways the management of the Reserve has not been compliant with the existing management plan in particular sections 5.24.3 and 5.24.4. of existing Plan.</p>	<p>* Signage in the interim on tape to stop people walking on the foreshore planting.</p> <p>* Ensure there is policing to stop campers staying overnight.</p> <p>* Enact a Penguin protection program.</p> <p>* Endorse (Section 7.9.1) the good work on the Coast Care foreshore planting which has been encroached on by the new seal.</p> <p><b>In the long term</b></p> <p>* This area needs to be all replanted in indigenous species of foreshore marine plant species as done with Lot 30 (refer Sect. 7.2.3). This could also be a penguin refuge.</p> <p>* It should be closed off to all vehicles.</p> <p>* It would be a brilliant site for displays of the pre and post European history and culture of the bay rather than being a highway. It would also be a good site for the proposed Māori sculpture. This area could also be incorporated with pedestrian access via the Recreation Reserve (Lot 14.)</p> <p>* As an esplanade reserve there should be no impediment for pedestrians and the public should be free to roam, cycle and safely enjoy.</p> <p>* Install picnic tables and BBQs for public and touring visitors to use.</p> <p>This re-development needs to be done in conjunction with the re-development of Petersen Road and Lots 14, 15 and 33 with better organised vehicle parking.</p> <p>* <b>I oppose</b> Sect. 7.5.2.</p> <p>* <b>Support</b> 7.5.3. and all Section 6 except BBQ exclusion and fully endorse Sect.7.9. I have no objection to commercial activities on Road Reserve.</p> <p>I do query if the ongoing nearby slip material could be dumped on the estuary side of Lot 33 to reclaim some land for further parking space parking.</p> <p><b>Water Ski Lane Site</b></p> <p>This may not be under the jurisdiction of the RMP but the RPM needs to have influence on the Harbour Board Plan review.</p> <p>To be brief kayakers, swimmers, penguins, sailors and paddle boarders are all at risk of injury or death with high speed activities in the ski lane as they embark from the</p>						

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				boat ramp area towards the Tata Islands. * I propose no boats to exceed 5 knots within 200m from the shoreline for the entire beach and all high speed activities to be done beyond the 200m limit as is done in other parts of New Zealand.						
29735	Mar 29, 2026, 08:24 PM	<p>Bydder Reserve Milnthorpe Park Rangihaeata Esplanade Reserve Onahau Estuary Esplanade Reserve</p> <p>Bydder Reserve is a great spot to drive up to and sit on a seat overlooking the beach, especially if you have a disability and live on the Western side of Mohua. It is also a great entrance for walking dogs on the beach - especially in summer when walking in front of the beaches isn't allowed.</p> <p>Milnthorpe is another great place for walking kūrī and being in the ngahere. It is our wet weather go to. Having the beach for walking to Aorere and fishing alongside makes it a haven.</p> <p>Rangihaeata Esplanade Reserve feels like a wilderness spot for bird watching and protection. It's so close to town and has excellent fishing at times in the Channel. But mostly, it's a place to be with the ever changing elements of nature. Watching the tōrea chicks successfully fledge this summer was a highlight. We love it when the Kōtuku and Kōtuku Ngutupapa return from Okarito. There is an abundance of wildlife here from sea snails to kekeno near Rangihaeata headland.</p> <p>Onahau Estuary gives us hope for the future</p>	<p>Rangihaeata Esplanade Reserve is very overgrown with invasive plants from gorse and banana passion vine (sustained control pests) to wild kiwifruit (eradication pest), pink jasmine, tree lucerne, purple pampas grass, silver wattle, arrow bamboo and five leaf akebia.</p> <p>We see the marks of the kororā on the beach but the dense coverage of weeds must present challenges for nesting sites and easy access to the sea and back. Tōrea would also hopefully benefit from the removal of invasive weeds. People think tōrea are common but their success rate for fledging in Mohua is far below replacement levels.</p> <p>Maintaining Onahau Estuary Esplanade Reserve from the spread of invasive weeds is also a priority for me in order to maintain bird feeding and nesting areas, especially as Paton's Rock is such a disturbed area. This summer, in particular, I regularly saw cars driving at or above the high tide mark. I don't know if they were getting out of baches by 10am or had urgent appointments but stopping your car every 3 metres to move driftwood and make a path for your car isn't an environmentally aware practice.</p>	Eradication of invasive pest plants. I have mainly focussed on keeping on top of invasive plants because this is something I see daily that is getting worse and affecting te taiao.	That local communities feel connected to the reserves where they live and are able to contribute to the conservation of te taiao as well as enjoying being in nature. That we find a way for dog, horse and bach owners and visitors to enjoy our wonderful beaches and reserves whilst understanding and respecting the needs of the environment and the creatures who were here before us. That we find common ground in what we all love.	If there is enough support, possibly an off leash dog park with agility activities close to larger permanent residential areas so people can walk rather than drive there.	I feel nourished mentally, physically, spiritually and emotionally by being in te taiao, whether in the ngahere at Milnthorpe or on the shoreline. We also like to walk our dog - under control - close to the water. Being able to visit the moana close to our home daily helps us to stay connected with te taiao and to be part of a long legacy of protecting the natural environment.	Rangihaeata	Thank you for all your hard work, including listening to all our differing viewpoints.	

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		health of nesting shore birds.								
29734	Mar 29, 2026, 08:15 PM	All reserves are important. For recreation, access, wildlife, coastal rehabilitation, climate change resilience.	Yes. Coastal reserves need management for wildlife enhanced. More appropriate plantings, weed eradication, rules around use in sensitive wildlife areas, better signage.	Provide safer wildlife support. Clearer signs, compliance enforced, better dog control in sensitive areas, native plantings for wildlife and coastal protection.	Well planted in native species, clear signage, better dog control, control of weeds and animal pests.	Shared cycleways. Dog parks away from the coast.	It's not instead of. I go if I want to be there.	Tukurua	Public space is important. As sealevel rise increases coastal reserves are even more important. Pressure will rise for private landowners to protect their homes by encroaching on reserves, this needs better ideas, rather than annexing public land.	
29733	Mar 29, 2026, 08:05 PM	I love Onekaka reserve because it allows access to the beach. I love Tata beach reserve because it is so beautiful for walking, kayaking, swimming & sitting in a bench & watching the waves. I like Pohara reserve because it gives me a Place to walk, swim, and appreciate the beauty of the bay. I love Collingwood beach because it gives great access for walking I love Paines Ford for the walking & swimming opportunities. I love Lake Kilarney as it provides access for walking & sitting. My favourite is Milnthorpe; best walks & beach. Onekaka hall is a wonderful place for community events & helps build connections between neighbours.	Poor rubbish receptacles: not enough. Not enough places for dog walks.	More cycleways so I can bike from Knekaka to Collingwood & town safely.	Plant more native trees, provide cycleways from Takaka to Collingwood		Only ones available	Onekaka		
29732	Mar 29, 2026, 05:51 PM	they give us space to breathe, wander and slow down. A place to meet, gather. Many of them are a perfect mix of Bush and beach and bird song. They offer space for our dogs to run free, for kids to explore, friends to gather, they connect us to nature and to each other. There are too many in Golden Bay to mention, but all are valuable.	Ignoring the freedom camping and problems that come with freedom campers - many of the less populated / popular beach reserves particularly west of Takaka often have campers throughout the summer.  Seems a lot of the reserves are getting less attention and beginning to look scruffy ie Bydder Reserve at Patons Rock.	Don't change them, just do the required maintenance to keep them nice looking and user friendly.	In general, don't remove any, keep maintaining what's there, maybe add some more toilets and tourism, population grows, keep restrictions to a minimum, keep dog access.	Cycle way from Takaka to Collingwood	Accessibility, proximity to beach / bush, toilet access, safety for children, dog friendly	Patons Rock		
29731	Mar 29, 2026, 05:02 PM	Being in a wheelchair means I have limited access to places I can go for my own and my dogs' exercise. I enjoy the reasonable accessibility of	Bydders Reserve at Patons Rock has been cordoned off with "Danger" tape and warratahs due to the possibility of branches breaking and falling on vehicles or people I assume. Two months later the reserve is looking shabby and abandoned with weeds throughout the plantings and a lack of mowing. The field next to	I have already noted the need for a toilet at Bydder Reserve, Patons Rock in my answer to Q.2 where I also mentioned signage would be great to indicate the area which is currently under-utilised next to Bydder Reserve.	All parks and reserves are precious and will become even more so in the decades to come. We are kaitiaki and must play our part to preserve, protect and	Anywhere, just make the cycle-ways all-wheels friendly, unlike the gravel and fvg horrors of the Pohara cycle and walkways.	Off-road safety, close to nature	Onekaka	Make it a priority, we do live in a tourist attraction area so it's our topmost asset.	

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		<p>the following and use all of them regularly:            Bydder Recreation Reserve Adjoins 272 Patons Rock Road, Patons Rock 0.2615 Lot 14 DP 7582 and Lot 1 DP 510196 Patons Rock Esplanade Reserves Adjoins 216-272 Patons Rock Road, Patons Rock 1.5796 Lot 2 DP 510196, Lot 15 DP 7582, Lots 4 &amp; 5 DP 5800, and Lot 5 DP 6483 Patons Rock Recreation Reserve 210A Patons Rock Road, Patons Rock 0.3895 Pt Sec 71 District of Takaka and defined on DP 3892 Battery Road Esplanade Reserve Adjoins 18 Battery Road, Patons Rock 0.2085 Lot 5 DP 301843 Battery Road Local Purpose Reserve Adjoins 34 Battery Road, Patons Rock. Onekaka Beach Esplanade Reserve Adjoins 1234 &amp; 1236 Takaka-Collingwood Highway, Takaka-Collingwood 0.4620 Lot 3 DP 11849 Onekaka Recreation Reserve 1202 Takaka-Collingwood Highway, Onekaka 0.7399 Pt Sec 92 &amp; 95 Takaka and Pt Sec 22 Blk II Waitapu SD Onekaka River Esplanade Reserves Between 1187 &amp; 1193 Takaka-Collingwood Highway and the Onekaka River, Onekaka 0.3508 Lot 3 DP 4085 and Lot 4 DP 17702 Washbourn Esplanade Reserve Between 75 &amp; 83 Onekaka Iron Works Road, Onekaka. Parapara Beach Esplanade Reserves Parapara Beach Road Recreation Reserve Adjoins 77 Parapara Beach Road, Parapara 0.0089 Lot 6 DP 6410 Accessway to Parapara Peninsula Esplanade Reserve Between 66 &amp; 68 Bishop Road, Parapara 0.0106 Lot 13 DP 6577</p>	<p>the parking area has a couple of picnic tables and a wide open grassed area which could be more fully utilised if it were signposted so that people know it's there! There could be a toilet such as the ones at Onekaka or Tomatea Point, Pakawau. And along the esplanade, which is currently being maintained more consistently so that I'm able to access the entire strip. However upon meeting with council members over a year ago, there is still no roll-out beach mat for people using strollers, walkers, mobility scooters, wheelchairs and the like. As a fit and active veteran wheelchair user, I can see where suitable beach access could take place, with parking nearby - that would be next to the Phoenix palm at the east end of the esplanade. There are residents would have agreed they would help with whatever is required to roll-in or roll-out any beach matting. There are also many who have said they would appreciate such accessibility to one of Golden Bay's most popular beaches.</p>	<p>All walkways/cycleways need to be upgraded and maintained to enable inclusive access.</p>	<p>enhance the natural environment whilst creating access for all. My vision is that access for mobility including wheelchair users/handcycle users will become as important as any tracks/walkways for able bodied people.</p>					

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29730	Mar 29, 2026, 03:01 PM	I value the Rangihaeata Inlet Esplanade Reserve for its unique combination of natural	Management of the esplanade at Rangihaeata Road has been poorly done. At the request of one person, the Council killed off established, deep-rooted vegetation that was successfully holding the bank,					Rangihaeata	Broad Consultation over Single Voices: Council must consult the collective of bordering residents who possess decades of site-	

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		character and functional community access. Its strength lies in its distributed, low-impact maritime access points which allow residents to engage with the coast without the congestion seen at more formal boat ramps.	replacing it with new plants that are failing due to a total lack of maintenance. While the species may have been suitable, they were left to die, stripping the bank of its natural 'armour.' This has resulted in a site that is now aesthetically degraded and physically unstable, exposing the bank to high-tide erosion that did not exist before this intervention.						specific experience regarding high-tide impacts and existing vegetation and are acting as Kaitiaki of these areas. Previous concerns raised by residents before the recent changes were ignored, leading to the current instability. This 'single-voice' approach must end.  Protection of Private Property: Future management changes must be strictly vetted to ensure they do not negatively impact the long-established homes in the area or remove access to those residents.  Maintain Functionality and Access: All existing access ways and historical structures that make this area functional and accessible to all users should be protected and formalized, not blocked or removed.	
29729	Mar 29, 2026, 02:25 PM		Lot 2 DP 5531, Esplanade foreshore reserve, should not be a sealed road and should match the other reserves along the beach front. There should be no sealed road here. There are overnight campervans that stay here too and is not policed.	Remove the sealed roads from esplanade reserve at tata beach and return back to native grasses. More could be done to improve beach visitor parking at tata beach away from the shorefront. Parking could be added around the public toilets at tata beach.	Lot 2 DP 5531 Remove the road/seal and grass this area, create a social area with seating, possibly communal bbq and native planting.	More dog friendly walkways, golden bay is not a very dog friendly place. Native bush walks where you can take dogs (on a lead) would be awesome.	Generally they are well managed.	Tata beach	The Tata beach foreshore esplanade reserve (sealed area) is the one place in golden bay I believe needs addressing. Should be no vehicle access along here	
29728	Mar 29, 2026, 09:50 AM	In general, I like the native plantings and there are grassy areas for walking or sitting out. I also like that many of them allow dogs. Many of the places we visit are suitable for our elderly dog. I also like the provision of picnic tables and toilets at some of the reserves. I often use a reserve in town to eat my lunch and go to the toilet.  Places we visit frequently are: East Takaka Domain (great facilities, quiet location), Uruwhenua Reserve (great native plantings, good grassy tracks; However we only visit in winter when the freedom campers are absent), Sunbelt Crescent River Reserve (lovely riverside walk, also has good native plantings), Milnthorpe Quay Reserve. Other places we visit are the coastal reserves such as at Ligar	On the whole I think the parks and reserves are managed well. The facilities are fine. It would be great if more reserves could be opened up to dogs. I'm not sure if the Onekaka Inlet Reserve at the Washbourn Rd is managed by the Council, but if it is, then this would be a great example of a reserve that could be opened up to dogs as it complements the dog access to the nearby section of Onekaka Beach. It is a natural place to have a snack and rest and would be excellent for elderly (and other) dogs.	Maintaining and expanding appropriate access for dog-walking. As an owner of an elderly dog we appreciate being able to take our dog to a variety of reserves so that we can give her different stimuli and experiences other than walking up and down the road. It would be great to also have expanded areas for dog-walking suitable for younger dogs so that they can have decent length walks. This is an important way for responsible dog owners to look after their animals as well as for their own mental well-being.  Access for dogs is already limited in many areas managed by the Department of Conservation, so local council reserves play an important role in providing places where responsible dog owners can enjoy outdoor recreation.  I support protecting wildlife and natural values in sensitive areas. However, I believe this can be achieved while still maintaining reasonable access for responsible dog walking in all of these reserves.	More access for dog-walking; good native plantings; longer stream-side walks; diversity of places to visit.	I would like to see more of the paper roads opened up for walking, cycling and dog-walking. More streamside walks would be great eg Sunbelt Crescent reserve.	Good facilities and access for our dog.	Hamama		

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		Bay and Nyhane Drive Reserve.								
29727	Mar 27, 2026, 04:27 PM	As a long time resident (40 years) of Milnthorpe I am a daily user of Milnthorpe Park and Milnthorpe Quay Esplanade Reserve. Our property borders the Esplanade Reserve and it has always been a regular walking and swimming/boating spot for our family which includes dogs. I also regularly use the township reserves - Village Green, Memorial Reserve, Senior Citizens Hall etc	I have an aversion to over-signage believing that one sign is sufficient - a lot of our reserves have several signs (both TDC and DOC with the same purpose e.g. at Milnthorpe stone bridge there are several signs warning of the dangers of swimming near the culverts.	Reduce the number of signs - particularly those that are repetitive. I would like to see them open to a wider range of people, both resident and visitors. At present there are limited options for dog owners, freedom campers and those with mobility issues.		I would like to see a bike park particularly for younger bike riders to learn their skills safely away from traffic.		Milnthorpe	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the upcoming review of the Golden Bay/Mohua Ward Reserve Management Plan.</p> <p>We have lived at Milnthorpe for the past 40 years and in that time we, and other residents, have always had dogs. Our children grew up fossicking, swimming, fishing and boating with our dogs, in front of our property, which borders Milnthorpe Quay Esplanade Reserve – our grandchildren are now doing the same.</p> <p>Milnthorpe Quay Esplanade Reserve is a major part of the dog walking circuit that is Milnthorpe Park and by closing this area off to dogs and therefore forcing dog owning families, especially those with young children, to use the road is irresponsible.</p> <p>The environmental impact of allowing dogs along the Milnthorpe Quay Esplanade Reserve is negligible as there are little to no roosting/nesting birds along that walkway. My husband is involved in a community trapping program around the village loop which includes the Esplanade Reserve and we are very aware of the birdlife in the area.</p> <p>The other consideration I would like to see in the Management Plan is the potential to allow freedom camping on selected reserves in Golden Bay/Mohua. As members of the NZMCA we are aware that Golden Bay/Mohua is sometimes perceived as anti-freedom campers and would like to see more flexibility around allowing reserves to be used by a limited number of vans for maybe 2-3 nights. In our travels around the Motu we have found other councils much more accommodating and they often have reserve areas set aside to allow campers (usually certified self contained) to stay. I know from our own travels just how much money is spent in smaller areas by us and other campers who are made to feel welcome.</p> <p>In conclusion I would like the Reserve Management Plan to flag these issues when both the Dog</p>	

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									Control Bylaw and the Freedom Camping Bylaw come up for review. Thank you Sandy Isbister	
29726	Mar 27, 2026, 03:26 PM	Milnthorpe is one of our favourite places to take our dog, such a beautiful shaded area.	Would like to see more waste bins and places for responsible campers. We want current access for dogs to be maintained not reduced any further.	Maintain access for responsible dog owners wherever possible	That they are maintained for public use	It would be great to see more walkways/cycleways that link the different areas such as Takaka, Collingwood etc	Because of the proximity	Pohara		
29725	Mar 27, 2026, 10:59 AM	We live in such a beautiful part of New Zealand and are very blessed to be able to use our wonderful reserves to breathe, walk and reconnect with our land. All are special in their own ways and are world class in respect to accessibility, ease of walking for all ages and with a wonderful history unique to Golden Bay.	The ongoing threat of being denied access due to special interest groups is worrying. This is particularly relevant to dog owners who chose to walk these reserves. The majority of dog owners are responsible individuals who work in harmony with the rules of our reserves. This includes picking up after their dogs, ensuring that there is no harm done to wildlife and leaving our reserve areas as they are found. Ongoing education by groups within the Bay is assisting with those who do not live here permanently.		Still accessible to all, no cost to use them and certainly no ban on animals such as horses or dogs using them.		I don't - we use them equally. In fact we mainly utilize our wonderful beaches to access the reserves within walking distance of the shore.	Collingwood	It would be really useful if the council and the community board would LISTEN to the Golden Bay residents and not be swayed by the 'squeaky wheel' in the room. We chose to live in this wonderful place in Aotearoa, we chose to retire here, we chose to honour the very special environment in which we are trusted.	
29724	Mar 27, 2026, 10:44 AM	Rangihaeata Esplanade Road Reserve	This reserve has 8 dwellings that utilise the road for access. Over the last 21 years the owners of these dwellings have maintained the esplanade to a very high standard mowing lawns, engaging in weed control and removing rubbish and debris from the reserve and beaches in the vicinity.	Maintaining the reserve in its current state, allowing use by locals and homeowners for recreational use as has been the case for the last 50 years or more. The parks and reserves are used frequently by ourselves and like minded dog owners. It's important to maintain these Reserve areas for use for dog walking as the area is surrounded by National Parks that prohibit dog entry, so very restricted in areas available.	Rangihaeata Esplanade Road Reserve should remain in its current state with no future restrictions on its use.	Cycle use is increasing in Golden Bay, especially with the current fuel crisis. The cycleway between Takaka and Pohara is a great example of what can be achieved. A cycleway between Takaka and Collingwood should be established as soon as possible, allowing safe passage for cyclists through dangerous areas such as Birds Hill.	These areas are essential for the recreation and wellbeing for locals and visitors alike, and not currently subject to over regulation. They should remain in their current state.	Rangihaeata		
29723	Mar 27, 2026, 09:38 AM	That most of them are clean and pristine, there are picnic areas, seating, tables and other facilities available.	Some of the more remote reserves are not being maintained. The don't have the appropriate facilities for use (toilets and rubbish bins) and people using them leave their rubbish and excrement in the nearby areas. This need to be better managed by DOC and TDC, issuing fines for those who don't abide by the rules. More signage needs to be put in place in these areas i.e. Anatori River.	As listed above and issuing fines to those who litter etc. Cleaning these areas after peak camping seasons.	Having more iwi narrative on the landscape					
29722	Mar 27, 2026, 09:34 AM	These are small parcels of land with multiple uses. They are dotted all over the places where I walk daily with my dog. At Milnthorpe Park, Collingwood and on the beaches at Parapara and further afield.	I am happy that the reserves are managed in a low cost, straight forward way with the aim to provide access and enjoyment for the public. I would like to see this continue. I think it's important that TDC be aware of the fact that the reserves are important here as we are surrounded by DoC land or private farmland, moreso than other areas of Tasman. The beaches and parks are our third spaces, or areas where we commune and meet. So that aspect is more important to us in that regard as well. My views are to keep the reserves as open and unfettered as possible to ensure enjoyment by the widest number of public to access them. Don't overdevelop sites that will cost money or limit access to people. Please read my submission attached regarding access for dogs.	What you have effectively done with the dog signs is put up signs at the only places where dogs are allowed to be walked that say in large letters "Dogs Prohibited". It's nuts. The areas where dogs are prohibited like the estuaries are not near the signs themselves, but at the entrance to where people walk their dogs. The one at Parapara beach entrance is terrible. If I were a tourist with a dog I wouldn't think I could walk my dog there.	I would like them to remain as open access to all as possible, and not require undue maintenance and upkeep from TDC.		The beaches and Milnthorpe are the only places you can really walk your dog off-leash so they have a good run. Not all of it is TDC administered, but includes areas that are. It would be great for TDC to acknowledge this.	Rockville	Please read my submission below. I appreciate the opportunity to make a submission on the draft Parks and Reserves Plan for Mohua, Golden Bay. I live locally and use the reserves around Collingwood and Milnthorpe on a daily basis, particularly for walking my dog. These spaces are an important part of everyday life for me and many others in the community. Dog walking is one of the simplest and most accessible ways people stay active, connect with others, and enjoy the outdoors.	

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									<p>I would like to specifically support reinstating the Quay to Stonebridge path as an area where dogs are permitted. This path runs directly behind homes along Nelson Street and is very much part of a residential neighbourhood. Many of these properties have dogs, and a number are also used as holiday accommodation such as Airbnb's. Visitors regularly bring their dogs with them, and this area is well used by families staying in the area. Milnthorpe Park itself is a key dog walking destination of significant local importance. The Quay to Stonebridge link forms a natural and practical extension of that walking network. Restricting access here removes a well-used and logical route in an area where dogs are already very much part of everyday life. In terms of environmental impact, the beach alongside the quayside walkway experiences a steady flow of people and activity. Because of this, it is not an area that attracts large numbers of birds for roosting, resting, or breeding. In contrast, the wider estuary contains extensive areas that are largely undisturbed by people, providing ample space for birdlife to exist without disruption. More broadly, access for dogs is already limited across much of the wider region, particularly on Department of Conservation land. Council reserves therefore play a vital role in providing places where dogs can be exercised responsibly. Maintaining reasonable access helps ensure that a significant portion of the community can continue to use and enjoy these spaces. In Mohua, Golden Bay, there has long been a practical and balanced approach where dog walking coexists with other recreational uses. This has generally worked well, supported by responsible ownership, local knowledge, and informal community expectations. I would encourage Council to return to taking a balanced and proportionate approach, and maintaining existing access. Finally, I ask that the status of the Quay to Stonebridge path be tagged to review again as part of the next dog bylaw review in 2029, to ensure</p>	

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									that management reflects how the area is actually used by both residents, fauna and visitors. Thank you for considering my submission. Kind regards, Katie Lavers	
29721	Mar 26, 2026, 08:07 PM	Being able to ride on the beach eg horse rider access Puhonga Farm Park and Patons Rock area and Pohara beach With dog walking being able to access a variety of walks from river to sea ( Lake Killarney, Pohara beach, Clifton Cemetery, Rameka Creek ? Milnthorpe	current approach reflects the intent of the management plan, which emphasises providing recreational opportunities for residents while managing potential conflicts between users. Horse riders/ cyclists access for dogs should be maintained wherever possible, recognising the long-standing and widely supported use of reserves for this purpose.	Increase areas where can ride horses and walk dogs Existing access for dogs and horses should be maintained and wherever possible extended.	Access for dogs to public land is already significantly restricted across much of the wider region. Many areas administered by the Department of Conservation prohibit dogs entirely in order to protect wildlife and conservation values. While these restrictions are understood in conservation areas, they mean that local council reserves often represent the primary places where residents can responsibly exercise their dogs. Further restrictions within council reserves would therefore significantly reduce the remaining opportunities for dog owners to enjoy outdoor recreation with their animals. This is also true for the horse riding community.	Support establishment of skills park for young people but also encourage consideration of areas for horses ( like Rough Island equestrian park and Mclean Island in other areas)	As the areas where i can walk my dog or ride my horse are limited so go to these reserves as of access.	Clifton		
29720	Mar 26, 2026, 03:56 PM	Ligar Bay is a wonderful reserve. I love the BBQ facilities and toilets there.	All are over-managed. Dogs are treated so badly in Golden Bay - other towns, cities and countries allow you to take your dog into town, sit at a cafe with you, consider the dog more than just a pet. The worst offender is a certain bird-watching lady which makes Patons Rock unfriendly when there is so much space for dogs to exercise.	Have more dog-friendly areas all year round. The toilets at Ligar Bay are very basic.	More dog friendly areas all year round		There are very few other places	Motupipi		
29719	Mar 26, 2026, 02:19 PM			Specific Golden Bay Reserve Requests  <b>Pariwhakaoho Rivermouth Esplanade Reserve (Lot 3 DP16804)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We request that Council reclassify this esplanade reserve as a Wildlife Reserve.</li> <li>The coastal foreshore currently provides critical nesting habitat for twelve pairs of Variable oystercatchers. • The river flowing onto the tidal area offers a rich food source for these waders, and the site acts as an important staging area for Banded dotterel feeding during their northern migration and again on their return south.</li> <li>This reserve land will provide these wader species with a future retreat from rising sea levels.</li> </ul> <b>Miles Reserve, Parapara (84 Bishop Road, Lot 15 DP6577)</b>	<b>General Reserve Management Issues</b> Forest & Bird wishes to focus our submission on the management of Golden Bay's coastal reserves. These areas must be managed in a way that recognises and protects Golden Bay's beautiful natural environment. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coastal Restoration: We request that coastal reserves be planted with the long-term goal of becoming Significant Natural Areas.</li> <li>Vehicle Access: Vehicles can cause significant damage to sensitive coastal environments. We would like to see all reserves protected from vehicle damage by designating</li> </ul>				<b>Introduction to Forest &amp; Bird</b> The Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society (Forest & Bird) is New Zealand's largest and longest-serving independent conservation organisation with over 100,000 members, supporters and volunteers. Our mission is to be a voice for nature—on land, in the sea, and in our fresh waters. We advocate for policy development and law reform, representing nature in council planning processes to ensure the preservation and protection of indigenous flora and fauna.  <b>General Policy Direction and alignment with strategy documents</b> We welcome the opportunity to submit on the review of the Golden Bay Ward Reserves Management Plan. The	See attached '29719 feedback from Forest & Bird'

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Miles Reserve adjoins the Parapara Inlet, which is a highly important area for roosting Bar-Tailed Godwits, Banded Dotterels, and South Island Pied Oystercatchers. It is also a nesting site for Variable oystercatchers, Red-billed Gulls, and Black-billed Gulls.</li> <li>Currently, these birds frequently suffer disturbance from 4WD vehicles and quad bikes.</li> <li>We strongly request that the vehicle entry point onto the beach from Miles Reserve be blocked off using a barrier and/or suitable plantings.</li> <li>Residents and visitors already have access to a boat launching ramp at the end of Parapara Beach Road, and there is separate pedestrian access to the beach from the reserve.</li> </ul> <p><b>Rototai Recreation Reserve (32 Nees Road, Rototai)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As one of the highest use reserves due to its proximity to Takaka, Rototai is under significant pressure.</li> <li>The reserve adjoins the Motupipi Estuary, the Motupipi River, and Rototai's intertidal flats. Next to Farewell Spit, this is the most important site in Golden Bay for shorebirds and seabirds. The large radiata pines in the reserve are also used by the NZ Falcon (kārearea), who bring their young to hunt here.</li> <li>The grassed areas have been repeatedly damaged by vehicles and quad bikes turning the ground to mud, and quad bikes are also used for joyriding in the adjacent estuary.</li> <li>We request that landscape planning for the reserve includes the installation of bollards to strictly prevent vehicle access onto the grassed areas and into the estuary.</li> <li>Where rocks have already been placed at the bottom of Nees Road to block vehicle access to the beach, invasive weeds such as pampas, gorse, and South African ice plant need to be removed up to the first property boundary. These should be replaced with appropriate coastal vegetation, such as spinifex and knobby club rush.</li> <li>We also request some enhancement of the walking track onto the beach.</li> </ul>	<p>dedicated parking areas that are bollarded/fenced off from the rest of the reserve.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dogs in Coastal Zones: Forest &amp; Bird advocates for moving dog exercise areas away from the coastal zone to avoid dogs killing or disturbing vulnerable shorebirds.</li> <li>Weed Control: A key issue across TDC reserves is invasive weeds. We recommend TDC consider picking up Nelson City Council's Adopt a Spot programme, where community members are encouraged to care for reserve areas in their neighbourhood as a low cost way to stay on top of weeds in reserve areas.</li> </ul>			<p>updated management plan needs to be brought into alignment with the Tasman District Council Reserves General Policies 2015. Furthermore, to ensure integrated ecosystem management, we request that the plan incorporates relevant and national and regional direction, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement 2010</li> <li>National Environmental Standard for Freshwater 2020</li> <li>Tasman Biodiversity Strategy 2022</li> <li>National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity 2023</li> <li>Current Regional Pest Management Strategy</li> </ul> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to submit on this management plan.</p>		
29718	Mar 26, 2026, 01:38 PM								<p>I support maintaining reasonable access for dogs in Golden Bay Ward reserves.</p> <p>The Golden Bay Ward Reserves Management Plan 2003 states that reserves are intended to provide for the recreational needs of the</p>	

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29717	Mar 26, 2026, 01:33 PM	Paton's Rock because of the wonderful dog playing possibilities. Dogs make the place so lovely!	There seems a drive by just a few individuals to continue restricting dogs on beaches/reserves. The reason cited is bird and penguin. That is ridiculous with so many stray cats! The dogs are not responsible as there are no "stray" dogs...only those under watch by their owners. Perhaps trap wild cats?	More benches and picnic areas		Close to Takaka is best in my opinion for beach access.	Also use Milinhorpe	puramahoi		
29716 Cynthia McConville	Mar 26, 2026, 12:18 PM	I spend my time on the coast and I have no favourite coastal reserves in Golden Bay. They are not in the least endearing.	Our coastal reserves are simply sites where people park their vehicles to access the beach. The signage is aged, outdated and badly placed. Often there are multiple signs creating visual pollution e.g. Rototai, Patons Rock, Parapara, Tomatea Point. At Rangihaeata where I live, weeds cover the sandspit at Charlett Point. Holiday home owners use the Rangihaeata esplanade reserve as private property encouraging South African ice plant, nasturtium and other introduced vegetation that spreads along the coastline affecting the Rangihaeata cliffs. Outdoor furniture, a clothesline, gardens etc. have made this public space unfriendly to other locals, and visitors, particularly people who wish to enjoy the walk around the Rangihaeata Headland.	See above (2 for improving signage). The addition of paths, the planting of suitable coastal native vegetation and the exclusion of vehicles is badly needed in our coastal reserves. Tomatea Point and Puonga are the exceptions in terms of planting. They are examples of what we could have.	Significant natural areas embracing our biodiversity by providing habitat for native species.	I would like to see Council providing dog friendly walkways and promoting existing walkways as dog exercise areas. I support creation of a dedicated dog park to ease the pressure on coastal wildlife. A dog park can be either a community led project or a Council project if the space is provided. I have sent video and photos separately to Anna Gerraty as the template does not allow for files this large.	I work with shorebirds and seabirds. Monitoring species, numbers and breeding success or failure.	Rangihaeata	There is room for huge improvement in both the current and future management of our coastal reserves if they are made nature friendly. They can provide both economic and environmental benefits for our community.	See attached 'Images uploaded via Shape Tasman 'seeking ideas' feedback round 2026'
29715	Mar 25, 2026, 02:17 PM	1. I love the sea and so my favourite reserves are Patons Rock Collingwood and Rototai. It is special to have a grassy space to picnic plus amenities i.e. a bin, parking and loos. which gives easier access for pushchairs. I prefer the well mowed reserves	Access for the disabled is poor on all reserves. Where possible, It is essential that views of actual beach frontage /and or shoreline are visible from a designated parking area...whether persons,be in a car, in a wheelchair, behind a walker, or using a cane. I myself now use a walker but most reserves are too rough for me. I visited Rototai recently but the turnaround was too deep in sand to push the walker on. I felt devastated. I also feel very strong about the placement of noticeboards at the shoreline. Tata	The turnaround space where people are getting out, especially disabled people need to be sealed or other firm surface applied. Re playgrounds. Beaches like the main Pohara one and Tata are suitable for some playground equipment ...maybe swings, but I believe that beaches are natural playgrounds and should stay that way	I would like to see my above ideas in place and for there to be funding for good upkeep. Also, I am aware that in recent times lots of rather ugly rocks which are inappropriate to the environment and also blocking previously enjoyed views appeared suddenly	I think it would be great if some paddocks could be made into dog walking areas.	If they weren't council cared for I might not visit them but some are very well cared for.		See attached 'Images uploaded via Shape Tasman 'seeking ideas' feedback round 2026'	

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		as they make access easier and the beaches can all be quite wild so it balances out.	beach used to have them in the carpark away from the shoreline. There is space in all reserves for this to be done so that people can stop and take time to read them. I feel the actual beach frontage is getting a bit late to read notices and they will be ignored.		ignoring and upsetting many locals in Mohua and spoiling their pleasure in the views for example out to the tide in Rototai.					
29714	Mar 25, 2026, 08:48 AM	I live in the Patons Rock area and utilise Bydder reserve and Patons Rock Reserve regularly. I swim regularly at Patons Rock Beach and appreciate the reserves being kept clean and in good order. Patons Rock reserve is well looked after and is a wonderful swimming beach and picnic area. Lots of van travellers spend the day there during summer.	Patons Rock reserve needs clearer signage about dog management. As a local, and a dog owner, I know that the beachfront is off limits to dogs during summer months and we always walk our dog from Bydder Reserve toward Parapara as a rule. But the Patons Rock Reserve end has conflicting signage. It says 'keep your dog under control' I think, but really it should be 'dogs must be kept on a leash'. I've seen people there with their dogs off leash while people are swimming and they aren't controlling their dogs. It can be confronting to ask them to, when the signage is so ambivalent.	Improve dog-control signage at Patons Rock Reserve. It needs to be really clear whether or not dogs have to be on a leash. 'Under control' is too loose. A map showing areas at Patons Rock beach (at both reserves) that shows where dogs can and cannot be would be great.	As long as they continue to be maintained, trees replaced, equipment repaired or replaced, we should be able to still be enjoying them into the future.	I definitely support a cycle lane between Takaka and Collingwood.	Proximity	Patons Rock	<p>I support maintaining reasonable access for dogs in Golden Bay Ward reserves.</p> <p>The Golden Bay Ward Reserves Management Plan 2003 states that reserves are intended to provide for the recreational needs of the community. Walking dogs is one of the most common ways many residents enjoy these public spaces.</p> <p>Like many people in Mohua, Golden Bay, I regularly use local reserves to walk and exercise my dog. These areas are important for physical activity, wellbeing, and community connection. For many households, reserves provide the only practical spaces where dogs can be exercised safely.</p> <p>Access for dogs is already limited in many areas managed by the Department of Conservation, so local council reserves play an important role in providing places where responsible dog owners can enjoy outdoor recreation.</p> <p>I support protecting wildlife and natural values in sensitive areas. However, I believe this can be achieved while still maintaining reasonable access for responsible dog walking in all of these reserves.</p> <p>I respectfully ask the Council to maintain existing dog access wherever possible. As I have mentioned, I would love to see signage regarding dog management improved/clarified/simplified at Patons Rock.</p>	
29713	Mar 23, 2026, 07:47 PM	I love the access we have to so many places to walk our dog. Beaches in Pohara, Ligar Bay & Tata Beach, Milnthorpe, Paynes Ford to name just a few. It is important to have places where well behaved dogs can exercise off a lead.					They are local, convenient and on the whole, well maintained and have access for dog walking			
29712	Mar 23, 2026,	East Takaka Domain. Situated in East Takaka Road about No 450This is	The East Takaka Domain is well maintained - we the community have been very pleased with the addition of more playground equipment and up grade of same.	East Takaka - upgrade tennis courts and fence surround	The East Takaka domain should be evolving in response to local requests		Because they are well maintained and located close to me	Central Takaka	No	

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	02:17 PM	a unique domain in a rural setting. It is often visited by families and groups from other parts of Golden Bay because it has toilets, a fantastic playground, tennis courts, large areas of grass for games. It is also sheltered from the weather with large trees and windbreaks. I would not like to see this Domain changed or removed in any way.	The lawns are always mown and the public has ready access. When contacting the TDC re any concerns they are dealt with in a professional manner.		and needs. The locals know the area and should though the East Hall Management committee be consulted on future developments.					
29710	Mar 23, 2026, 11:07 AM	<p>I love that all of these places give access to the water. We are so lucky to have easy access to these clean beaches at the following places: Rototai, Clifton Recreation Reserve, Tata Beachfront Reserve, Wainui Bay Reserve, Rangihaeata Esplanade Reserve, Patons Rock Esplanade Reserve, Onekaka Beach Esplanade Reserve, Onekaka Beach Esplanade Reserve, Collingwood Esplanade Reserve, Pakawau Esplanade Reserve (Tomatea Front), Puponga Inlet Esplanade Reserve, Lake Otuhie Reserve.</p> <p>I love that we also have access to rivers and lakes, inc. Kaihoka Lakes Road Esplanade Reserve, Anatoki River Esplanade Reserve, Waingaro River Esplanade Reserve (South), Long Plain Esplanade Reserve, Tākaka River Esplanade Reserve. I like that many of these have very little infrastructure, but provide access to beautiful places.</p> <p>Paines Ford, Grove and other Reserves are fantastic places to visit.</p> <p>I love the wild untamed nature of Bay Vista Millennium Reserve &amp; Hanson Winter Reserve,</p>	<p>I think there is conflict between dog owners and bird advocates; due to difficulty in interpreting the old TDC signs about where you are allowed dogs and not on the beachfronts. There is no fenced dog parks in Golden Bay which means that beaches, where ground nesting migrant birds are prevalent, are one of the more used areas. It feels like there is a real need for a large fenced dog park; it's strange that at Rototai there is a designated dog exercise area very close to some very restricted areas.</p> <p>If it is possible it would be great to contract more predator control to Project Devine or Friends of East Mohua to improve our native bird populations.</p>	<p>A cycleway all the way to Tata would be amazing (although challenging) as there are often people walking or cycling along this stretch of windy road (and in the dark).</p> <p>There is an old paper road from Motupipi to town (to behind the Rec Centre) which would be an amazing bike route for tourists that takes them through farmland rather than the 80km road. The section of bike lane along Abel Tasman Drive From the corner of Glenview Road to the Motupipi River Reserve is often extremely wet and muddy (as are other parts near the Refuse station) that puts off locals using this pathway. The cycleways use particularly coarse gravel which means road cyclists will continue to use the road, as it's uncomfortable on skinny wheels.</p> <p>The information regarding dog exercise hasn't been very clear. Each sign could be improved with a map with a 'you are here' sticker to allow orientation; and perhaps other dog exercise areas nearby. The 'out-of-bounds' hatching often means that you can't work out where you are as it was too thick on the overlay of the basemap.</p> <p>Picnic benches could be useful in some places, but they may encourage more dumping of waste.</p>	<p>Parks and reserves to be returned to their native state if possible (applies to all) to increase public access to more 'wild spaces'</p> <p>Spaces with information to engage the public with what they may be seeing (school projects to design these signs).</p>	<p>It would be great to have a centralised plan of how we may be able to access these reserves via human power (walking or cycling). Cycleways that try to use old paper roads rather than alongside trunk commuter routes.</p>	<p>We don't have many other places where we can walk our dog freely.</p> <p>We love the reserves that the Council allows us to access.</p>	Motupipi, Tākaka.	<p>Thank you for all that you do. It is a lot of work, but without the unseen presence of what you do we would be in a very different place.</p> <p>I still wonder if in the space of government reducing funding that we can encourage locals to adopt their own reserves and have a working bee to look after them with some guidance from TDC.</p>	

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		<p>as this is a place you can access easily but is really unmanaged lovely old nikau and other plants.</p> <p>I'm aware of the importance of other reserves that aren't intended for human access, but to preserve certain biodiversity hotspots - these feel invaluable to me also.</p>								
29709	Mar 23, 2026, 11:02 AM	Rototai reserve, Waitapu Esplanade, Rangihaeta, Clifton, Wainui reserves	The area around the Pariwhakaoho Rivermouth reserve is signed to cover much more than is designated on the map. It states dogs are not allowed on the beach or in the river from approx. 100m North east tip to approx 100m south west of the river.	Don't listen to the minorities of the community		Anywhere that doesn't intrude on dog walking facilities		Takaka	<p>I support maintaining reasonable access for dogs in Golden Bay Ward reserves.</p> <p>The Golden Bay Ward Reserves Management Plan 2003 states that reserves are intended to provide for the recreational needs of the community. Walking dogs is one of the most common ways many residents enjoy these public spaces.</p> <p>Like many people in Mohua, Golden Bay, I regularly use local reserves to walk and exercise my dog. These areas are important for physical activity, wellbeing, and community connection. For many households, reserves provide the only practical spaces where dogs can be exercised safely.</p> <p>Access for dogs is already limited in many areas managed by the Department of Conservation, so local council reserves play an important role in providing places where responsible dog owners can enjoy outdoor recreation.</p> <p>I support protecting wildlife and natural values in sensitive areas. However, I believe this can be achieved while still maintaining reasonable access for responsible dog walking in all of these reserves.</p> <p>I respectfully ask the Council to maintain existing dog access wherever possible.</p> <p>Your sincerely Allen Reid</p>	
29708	Mar 22, 2026, 02:52 PM	I love that Golden Bay has a range of different areas to exercise and relax in that suit a wide range of human activities. Most parks are well maintained	Some parks like Rototai Reserve have been becoming more and more run down - lots of weeds, ineffective planting that is not cared for, damage done by people driving on areas, rubbish left. It has a ok toilet facility and two rubbish bins and the grass is non existent in areas due to people driving on there. The land has	Maybe the land at Rototai in particular needs to have an allocated parking space and fenced off to other areas. Better planting would help the land recover from the negative impact from human use	It would be great to see the parks and reserves planted in ways that are more sustainable, better access as well as protection for the land as above	A walkway from the edge of Tākaka township on Waitapu road down to the Tākaka bridge would be incredible - such a lovely area to bike and walk but is	Easy location - normally beautiful areas and for exercising my dog	Tākaka township	<p>I support maintaining reasonable access for dogs in Golden Bay Ward reserves.</p> <p>The Golden Bay Ward Reserves Management Plan 2003 states that</p>	

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		and have rubbish bins nearby.	been badly damaged by the spit that goes towards the estuary and the planting has been left to fend for itself - a lot of the plants have died or their protective plastic cases have blown off. The signs stating where you can or cannot walk with your dog is very confusing even if you know the area well			currently dangerous as there is no cycleway or footpath			reserves are intended to provide for the recreational needs of the community. Walking dogs is one of the most common ways many residents enjoy these public spaces.  Like many people in Mohua, Golden Bay, I regularly use local reserves to walk and exercise my dog. These areas are important for physical activity, wellbeing, and community connection. For many households, reserves provide the only practical spaces where dogs can be exercised safely.  Access for dogs is already limited in many areas managed by the Department of Conservation, so local council reserves play an important role in providing places where responsible dog owners can enjoy outdoor recreation.  I support protecting wildlife and natural values in sensitive areas. However, I believe this can be achieved while still maintaining reasonable access for responsible dog walking in all of these reserves.  I respectfully ask the Council to maintain existing dog access wherever possible.	
29707	Mar 22, 2026, 09:42 AM	I love being able to take a walk into these places, go Geocaching, dog walking with my dog on a lead. I like being able to park, get a doggy-doo bag, and I like it when there is toilets and rubbish bins in situ.	I'm not aware of problems, but I do not like it when existing rubbish bins are removed, when there are too many signs or the signs are unclear.	Please maintain our access to outdoor areas! I would like to have more outdoor physical fitness equipment such as disc golf courses, fitness equipment, dog agility structures and things that encourage outdoor activities.	I would like them to remain accessible by everyone and to have one area in the district that has facilities for disabled residents to be able to access the sea. I want to be able to take my dog with me when I go to these places.	I would really love to have an indoor heated swimming pool for the Golden Bay Community. Our ageing population, the little children and all the residents in between would love to be able to exercise in a pool throughout the year.	Because my property tax entitles me to use these areas! I don't have to ask private land owners for permission and I know the rules around where I can take my dog to exercise outside of my property.	East Takaka	Please continue to allow access for dogs	
29705	Mar 21, 2026, 01:23 PM	The clean fresh air, being able to walk with my dog and for reasonable distances (e.g several kms)	So many are restricted to dogs on leashes	.			Little option	Kotinga	To Whom it may concern I regularly walk my dog at Paines Ford and Clifton reserve and I support widening reasonable access for dogs in Golden Bay Ward reserves. The Golden Bay Ward Reserves Management Plan 2003 recognises that these reserves exist to meet the recreational needs of the community, and dog walking is one of the most common ways residents use and enjoy these spaces. Like many people in Mohua, Golden Bay, I regularly rely on local	

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29704	Mar 21, 2026, 10:42 AM	I am a frequent visitor to Golden Bay area and I always take my dog with me. We don't have any specific Reserve but we love long walks along the many beaches that Golden bay provides. It is the remoteness and quiet places that keep us coming back time and again.	Golden Bay is a huge area to cover and police for errant dog owners. These owners have no respect for any laws/bylaws so it appears that responsible dog owners are the ones getting penalised. More frequent patrols and more staff is required in this area.	Responsible dog owners need free access to all areas. The current laws to protect dogs, dog owners and areas are already there but they don't seem to be enforced. Harsher penalties are required for irresponsible owners.	All areas need to be flourishing in regenerated bush with abundant wildlife. Areas don't need to be closed but enforce dogs are required to be on a lead.	Haven't thought about that yet.	They are usually well maintained with toilet facilities.	Richmond Nelson	Dog Owners Submission to Mohua, Golden Bay Area I support maintaining reasonable access for dogs in Golden Bay Ward reserves. The Golden Bay Ward Reserves Management Plan 2003 states that reserves are intended to provide for the recreational needs of the community. Walking dogs is one of the most common ways many residents enjoy these public spaces. I regularly use local reserves to walk and exercise my dog when I am visiting the bay area. These areas are important for physical activity, wellbeing, and community connection. Access for dogs is already limited in many areas managed by the Department of Conservation, so local council reserves play an important role in providing places where responsible dog owners can enjoy outdoor recreation. I am a bird and wildlife lover as well and I support protecting wildlife and natural values in sensitive areas. However, I believe this can be achieved while still maintaining reasonable access for responsible dog walking in all these reserves. No amount of regulation will prevent irresponsible dog owners from still accessing closed areas, so	

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									it seems the closing of more areas will only penalise good dog owners. Dog walking leads to a healthy lifestyle, and it is my main form of exercise. I respectfully ask the Council to maintain existing dog access wherever possible. Name: John Griffiths Location (Mohua, Golden Bay area)	
29703	Mar 21, 2026, 06:41 AM							Pohara		
29702	Mar 20, 2026, 06:47 PM	Love that I can exercise my dog at East Takaka Reserve, Patons Rock Reserve, Paines Ford Reserve, Parapara Esplanade Reserve.		Keep access for responsible dog owners and create more access for responsible dog owners.	Access for responsible dog owners		Able to take my dogs with me.	Motupipi		
29701	Mar 20, 2026, 06:32 PM	Patons rock, para para, milnthorpe, onekaka.  Love being able to access the beach and take my dog, with grassy and shady places to sit and picnic and for the kids to play.	Good to make sure there is rubbish bins and dog do bags at all reserves.	Patons rock could def have a little playground.  The playground in takaka town needs an upgrade - the sand feature is unusable, the water whale doesn't work and needs an area for the under twos	Keep them low key but available to everyone. Provide good services for rubbish and clean toilet facilities but let them stay authentic and not too over developed	More riverside reserves would be cool (picnic tables, toilets alongside swimming holes)	Being able to be in nature in shared public space - being able to access this is my entire reason for raising my family here	Rangihaeata	That we need to protect people's enjoyment of these collective spaces. People here love their natural environment and will respect other species if well informed. Signage re local bird life is enough, restrictions on people's use of shared land to protect birds goes too far.	
29700	Mar 20, 2026, 05:48 PM	Pohara beach great long beach to walk with our dogs. Milnthorpe. Again great dog friendly walking.	Great you left poo bins in place but now you removed other bins they fill up with general rubbish almost daily No public loo or changing room at poharas main beach is a huge flaw.	No loos at pohara main beach seems a huge let down Extend the cycleway walkway to totoranui people bike and often walk these road verges. Its dangerous Dog signage very old and incorrect at pohara beach			No where else has parks	Pohara		
29699	Mar 20, 2026, 04:12 PM				I support maintaining reasonable access for dogs in Golden Bay Ward reserves.  The Golden Bay Ward Reserves Management Plan 2003 states that reserves are intended to provide for the recreational needs of the community. Walking dogs is one of the most common ways many residents enjoy these public spaces.  Like many people in Mohua, Golden Bay, I regularly use local reserves to walk and exercise my dog. These areas are important for physical activity, wellbeing, and community connection. For many households, reserves provide the only practical spaces where dogs can be exercised safely.			Collingwood		

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					<p>Access for dogs is already limited in many areas managed by the Department of Conservation, so local council reserves play an important role in providing places where responsible dog owners can enjoy outdoor recreation.</p> <p>I support protecting wildlife and natural values in sensitive areas. However, I believe this can be achieved while still maintaining reasonable access for responsible dog walking in all of these reserves.</p> <p>I respectfully ask the Council to maintain existing dog access wherever possible.</p> <p>As a local resident for 7 years, I value being able to enjoy our reserves with my dog and Dog walking is my main form of daily exercise.</p>					
29698	Mar 20, 2026, 03:51 PM	Ease of access to many beaches.	All parks and reserves should be managed to increase and improve native biodiversity as well as providing for people. Doing both is best. as an example the beach reserve at Charlett Point (part of Rangihaeata) is a very popular site for swimming and fishing however most of the sand is covered in invasive weeds ( ice plant, gorse, lupin, lucerne etc). If it could be cleared and planted with natives (spinifex etc) it would be good for biodiversity and increase the space for people to enjoy.				I choose both			
29697	Mar 20, 2026, 03:10 PM	I love being able to walk with my dog on many of the Reserves in Golden Bay, especially the Esplanade Reserves at Rangihaeata and Patons Rock. Walking our dog is beneficial for my families health and well being, and our mental health as well. I believe that dog walkers are some of the biggest users of our Reserves in Golden Bay as there are so few places elsewhere to walk, being surrounded by National Park as we are.	Properties which have Esplanade Reserves in front of them should be seen as important stakeholders and should be consulted with to ensure both the Reserves and private properties are protected. Property owners should be allowed to protect their homes from inundation and TDC should make it easier for owners to build appropriate Rock walls. The present situation of owners having to put money upfront to remove a rockwall is ludicrous, if they have a consent to construct one.	Improve the toilets and changing sheds at Tata and Ligar Bays. Most of our Reserves are so special because they are not too developed. Please keep them this way.	If you can keep them as they are, then you will have achieved something fantastic. Golden Bay is unique, please keep it that way.	Need to facilitate a walkway and cycle way from Takaka to Patons Rock.	Live adjacent to Rangihaeata Esplanade Reserve, and this is the only access to ours and our 7 neighbour's homes or beaches. Very important to keep access as is and possibly formalize it to prevent minority user groups making life very unpleasant for people.	Rangihaeata		
29696	Mar 20, 2026, 02:37 PM	They're open green spaces with trees and birds and insects singing	Lake Killarney needs to be mowed more often. A dead tree stood for 12 months before the wind blew it over. DANGEROUS	Mow them frequently, maintain the trees and add more rubbish bins so we can tidy up after untidy users.	Lot of public Green spaces throughout the bay and particularly in urban areas	Open up paper roads to access rivers and provide walking tracks along river banks	Dog Walking is my main form of exercise. I have health issues so	Tākaka	Our dogs needs should be considered in decision making. There is nowhere in Tākaka where	

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							visiting Lake Killarney daily is so good for me and allows my dogs a chance socialize and to smell fresh scents		little dogs (toy breeds) can run without a lease.	
29695	Mar 19, 2026, 04:41 PM	I enjoy all the reserves in my area of Golden Bay - Clifton Pohara all the way to Wainui Bay and often visit reserves in other parts of the Bay. I love the open spaces , interesting scenery , bush walks, coastal walks , access to beaches . One of my favourite is the Pohara cycleway/Walkway along the beach from the Golf club to the Top 10 campground. The others are Tata beach reserve & Milnthorpe reserve.	I wish that the use of chemical sprays be discontinued in all of Golden Bay reserves. There are already too many signs on these reserves , they take away the beauty of the places - people do have common sense .	The Pohara to Takaka cycleway needs to have a tarsealed surface that does not pool water and is easy to ride .Road bikes cannot use it as it has loose metal which creates a very thin tyre line to cycle on which is only ok for mountain bikes , also makes it difficult to pass.	FREE access to all reserve areas	no	I dont, I use council parks as well as DOC reserves and walks equally - depends what I want to do.	Clifton	Do not take any reserves away. Do not restrict their use or access .	
29694	Mar 18, 2026, 08:39 PM	Milnthorpe reserve. We can walk there, stunning views, connection to other locals and we help maintain the track.			Keep accessible to us, keep tidy and well maintained. Milnthorpe and all other reserves, as we know the locals who live close treasure them as we do our local one.	Not sure	We can walk there	Milnthorpe	Please keep them available to us locals	
29693	Mar 18, 2026, 04:58 PM	I would like to visit reserves and parks more but I want to walk my dog. I can't see any reason not to allow dog walkers into more of the reserves and parks as long as dogs are kept on leads	More access for dog walkers	The toilet at the reserve where the East Takaka road joins the main highway in Upper Takaka needs expanding in size. I can't get in AND close the door and I'm not big. Must have been okd by a man who can stand up and pee.	Clearly signposted. Adequate parking access and allowing dogs on leads	An area at Farewell Spit that is accessible for dog walkers	I don't. They are not dog friendly. Thank goodness for Milnthorpe	Collingwood		
29692	Mar 18, 2026, 12:21 PM	Rototai Beach & esplanade Reserve. Early settlement for original native tribe, then re-discovered by emigrant settlers. Has sentimental value to our whanau as frequently used reserve gifted by neighbours - Nees family to the community. Much used for family activities, older folks driving to waters edge for picnics and surprisingly well occupied at various times of day and evening. Great for launching kayaks, SUP,s and fishing craft and for recreational fishing at estuary. Remains of original wharf	n/a	n/a	as above	cannot think of at present	fit for purpose	ROTOTAI	NO	

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		no longer visible, but of great historical importance and as Nees familywished, a community asset. Natural state is good and fitting for its environ. very supportive of its continuation as is for future generations. Learners - driving, riding bikes is ideal & with adjacent WC facilities it fills a much needed recreational area nearest to Takaka township.								
29691	Mar 18, 2026, 11:27 AM	Tomatea Point Recreation Reserve 1166 Collingwood-Puponga Main Road							Please delete my earlier submissoin on Tomatea Point Recreation Reserve	
29690	Mar 18, 2026, 09:58 AM	Too many to mention	You have identified a new reserve in Wainui Bay at Takapou Point. in this new list of reserves which no longer exists Please check the maps you have and remove this reserve or alter the description. This land eroded into the tide more that 20 years ago. This was established when rock work to protect the beach front was carried out by us in the early 2000s. The area you now indicate is on the beach. Including this may be confusing for members of the public who think it is public land when they walk across our paddock.	Concentrate on looking after what you have. There are plenty of opportunities for recreation in the existing reserves.				Wainui		
29689	Mar 18, 2026, 09:48 AM	The Rangihaeata reserves are pleasant, quiet places to spend time and get inspired. Charlott's Point is especially handy to us, so my family has many great memories of fishing, swimming, boating and just hanging out. I have even undertaken wilding pine control to protect the native flora in the past.	Te Kakau Stream Reserve in town also holds great potential, although it is somewhat underappreciated by locals due to lack of signage, connectivity and dry places to sit among others.	Quality seating is a game-changer. A new park bench/picnic table or two would be ideal to help encourage people to cherish Te Kakau and Feary Crescent Reserve. Simple, standard signage at the entrances would be a good start to help locals and visitors actually find them (I know people who have lived in the bay for decades who have never been in because they didn't know they're there!). Previous documents reviewing the state of the stream have indicated the potential to merge the reserves and create a path between them, which I wholeheartedly support. To this end, I have restored the sign at the gate to Te Kakau Reserve.	Well-connected reserves along the coast, joined by routes between neighbourhoods such as Rangihaeata, Onahau, Paton's Rock, Parapara etc. would be my dream.	A walking route from Rangihaeata directly into the mountains would be great, maybe with an underpass at the turnout so that the new subdivision across from the airstrip would also be connected.	To assess the performance of publicly owned assets.	Rangihaeata	Waitapu Inlet/Rototai Esplanade Reserve is a really strange one. It's on the map, but it's not really advertised other than that. Fascinating place, I must say.	See attached 'Images uploaded via Shape Tasman 'seeking ideas' feedback round 2026'
29688	Mar 18, 2026, 07:22 AM	MILES RESERVE, BISHOP RD, PARAPARA  I like this reserve, it is my local open space. The grass is always mowed and maintained so it is a pleasant place to walk my dog, and to go to with family for picnics, and for the children to play. There is a toilet, and there are large trees for		Miles Reserve, Parapara  The playground equipment here could be added to. There are 2 (sling style) swings here but nothing for the under 5's to use (no toddler swing). The existing swings are difficult even for older children to get onto, as they are so high off the ground. The only equipment here suitable for a toddler is a very small slide. The only other equipment at the playground is a very large rope climbing frame. There is	I would like to see more reserves with a toilet and handwashing facility, a play area for young children with interesting and safe play equipment, and a rubbish bin.  For Miles Reserve in Parapara: Better playground with a lot more play equipment suitable for young children,		Because they are maintained, and usually have facilities, such as rubbish bins and toilets	Parapara		

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		sitting in the shade, and a couple of picnic tables to use. There is a rubbish bin, and dog-doo bag dispenser, which are regularly maintained, and serviced well.		<p>plenty of space available to extend the playground area, and add a couple of toddler swings (the rubber ones with a leg partition to prevent the baby/toddler from slipping out). Also, a larger slide could be added, and an 'adventure playground' for children aged 3-8 to play on.</p> <p>I use this playground weekly, and need to sit the toddler I care for on my lap for a swing, which is not ideal, but it is the only option for her, and swinging is a vital activity for helping to develop vestibular and kinesthetic perception in young children. I barely ever see other children on the playground, even during the school holidays when there are a huge number of holiday makers and families in the area. If I do see children there, they only stay a few minutes and then leave, as there are so few pieces of equipment for them to use.</p> <p>The other thing I would love to see at this reserve is a wash basin for washing hands after using the toilet.</p>	and perhaps even a bike track for them to ride around the parameter of the reserve.					
29687	Mar 17, 2026, 10:46 AM	Milnthorpe is excellent, being in nature is so important. It is great that dogs are allowed in Milnthorpe.						Tukurua		
29686	Mar 16, 2026, 10:23 PM	<p>Watino Place walkway - were use this at least twice everyday to go to the playground in the Top 10 ... so great to have this safe access</p> <p>Tākaka Village Green - this is a real asset - love that people gather there to protest, to share ideas, to sit in the sun</p> <p>Pokhara Holiday Park - love the playground here .. talked to a family from Canada today who commented how lucky we were to have it. there is nearly always a family and children there. lots of great birthday parties as well. The bouncy cushion is great; could look to put shade over the swings; be great if what is there could also be added to; people who look after the toilets for the playground should be congratulated - they are always clean and</p>		Please see comment above about shade for swing area in Pohara holiday park. - there is a shaded area with a table which is great. To us it is very important that the campground is kept open for public use	I really like that we are keeping areas that are available to the public; as someone caring for a small child I appreciate the playground by the library	Access and quality	Pohara	Please keep up the good work that you are already doing		

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		well stocked Playground by the library is ex. - good to see it upgraded								
29684	Mar 16, 2026, 09:13 AM	I have read the list of all parks and reserves, and there are too many to comment on. I love them all! Also, I have made frequent use of the dozen or so community Halls, for dances, meetings, funerals, etc.  If I was forced to single out particular parks or reserves I would choose Milnthorpe, Paines Ford walkway, Excellent St walkway, Lake Otuhie, and Kaihoka Lakes.	There is a potential problem with my favourite park - Milnthorpe. This has been ceded to Iwi under the Tenth's Agreement. Any private owner - no matter how benign - is not likely to engender the same level of community support (donations, volunteer time) as a publicly owned facility.	TDC is doing a good job at the moment. I hope it can continue in view of financial pressures.  Toilets are often taken over by freedom campers washing dishes, etc. (Particularly Takaka central toilet and I-Site). Don't know the best solution to deal with this.  Dog-walking areas should be strictly identified and clearly indicated with good signage.	Open to public. Tracks to be well maintained and exotic pests controlled to allow proliferation of native species such as tui and bellbird.	Yes. Golden Bay is becoming very crowded with tourists every summer. It is becoming difficult and dangerous to use the roads. I have a wish to see communities connected by walking/cycling tracks rather than competing with traffic (eg ultra-wide campervans). I support the private initiative to build a cycleway connecting Takaka to Collingwood.	Proximity. Pleasant walks. Free and easy to access.	Takaka	Note the earlier comment on Milnthorpe. In the future, TDC could have a worthwhile say in the administration of this area.	
29683	Mar 15, 2026, 11:54 PM	Ligar Bay Esplanade - as a family we use this regularly. We enjoy the green mown grass along the beachfront with benches and trees for shade. We bring our own portable BBQ down as the old charcoal BBQs that are there aren't fit for purpose anymore.		Would be great to upgrade the old charcoal bbqs at ligar bay. The gas BBQs available for public use around Australia are amazing and it would be so great to have similar ones available in NZ.				Takaka		
29682	Mar 15, 2026, 10:48 PM	Urewhenua reserve	Freedom campers bathing in the river viewed from the road Toilet overflowing so they just shit in the reserve	Close the [Urewhenua] reserve its disgusting.	Let the bay decide how they are managed Tdc are a bunch of wankerS	Stay the hell out of the bay	Cause ya cant help but stick ya noses in to the bay	Takaka	Nope	
29681	Mar 15, 2026, 09:54 PM	Milnthorpe reserve-Our local spot. Beautiful, very well used local park. Tōtara Ave reserves Parapara Beach These places make Golden Bay a magic place to live and visit.	-					Milnthorpe		
29679	Mar 14, 2026, 04:26 PM	My submission is about the 'Golden Bay Recreation Park'.  My first comment is that its correct name is the 'Golden Bay Showgrounds Recreation Reserve'. You can find this name registered in the N.Z. Gazette 11 December 1986, No. 199, page 5313.  I love the history behind this Reserve. I love its location and the fact that	The Golden Bay Showgrounds Recreation Reserve became a Reserve in 1959 when the owners of Lot 1 and Lot 1A (the Golden Bay Agricultural and Pastoral Association and the Takaka Athletic and Cycling Club) transferred the land and buildings to Golden Bay County Council. Because of how the A&P association had acquired Lot 1A, this transfer required the enactment of special legislation, namely section 18 of the Reserves and Other Lands Disposal Act 1959. This Act is still in force. Therefore, it should be the starting point for any discussion regarding the management of the Golden Bay Showgrounds Recreation Reserve. I mention this because three times since 1959, the requirements of the legislation regarding the management of this reserve have been forgotten or overlooked, resulting in a lot of time, energy and money being wasted on clarifying the rights and responsibilities of users and council. Plus, ignorance of	Planting more trees for shade or building shade structures. Planting for wildlife, for example, not mowing some areas and promoting wildflower meadows and planting for flowers for insects and fruit/seeds for birds.  More information signs about history and heritage, as well as types of plants/trees and why they have been planted. They don't have to be comprehensive, sometimes it's just enough to know the name of a plant or tree.  Paths and walkways that cater for wheelchair/mobility scooter users are important.	This relates to the Golden Bay Showgrounds Recreation Reserve.  More trees for shade would be nice.  More wheelchair-friendly access (see response 4. above).  I really don't want to see any camping there, it's not a camp ground. The Takaka Athletic and Cycling Club, the original owner of Lot 1, was adamant in their resolution to transfer the land to the	An, indoor, heated pool both for recreation and therapy somewhere in/near Takaka township would be nice. It doesn't have to be Olympic-sized or a giant water park. Perhaps a long lap pool for fitness, a large main pool for fun and some sporting/therapy activities, and then a small warm pool for young children and elderly to sit in and chat and play.	This is a bit of an odd question. I think my best answer is habit. But also location: I visit the Golden Bay Showgrounds Recreation Reserve often because it is on the way to or from over the Hill. Sometimes I go there to use the toilets. I go there for the annual Show. I also go there a lot because it reminds me of my sister who	Rangihaeata	It is important to know the history of a reserve before any changes to anything are made. Local knowledge is kept alive this way, and can influence the future use and appearance of a reserve.  It is also important not to do lip-service to a community survey like this one, but actually take on board what people are saying. There's no point in a survey if it's just done to tick a required box.	See attached '29679 feedback NZ Gazette notice'

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		it caters for so many different types of events.	this Act and its requirements means that over the years, there has been a lot of unnecessary bad feeling and division created between the council and the community, and within the community itself. It would be nice to avoid that happening again in the future.	<p>Plenty of reasonably high-seated benches with backs for elderly pedestrians along a pathway is also really nice, as people who find walking a bit of a challenge are encouraged to try if they know there are resting places along the way.</p> <p>I think more wheelchair-friendly paths around the Golden Bay Showgrounds Recreation Reserve would be good, paths that provide a good surface, nice and even. The best thing would be to consult the current Showgrounds Committee as to what style of path would suit the reserve.</p> <p>Being able to drive a multi-passenger golf cart like vehicle along these paths would be handy too, especially on the A&amp;P Show day. Just to improve access to events for those with mobility restrictions.</p>	council that it not be used for camping. Both the A&P and the Athletic club wanted the reserve to be used by the community for their events, special and sporting. I think allowing camping would impact negatively on community use.		died a few years ago. I sit in the grandstand and talk to her. The grandstand is full of good memories of her and it's such a lovely place to sit.			
29678	Mar 14, 2026, 01:05 PM	<p>1. Puponga Inlet Esplanade Reserve: I appreciate this place for its sense of history, and peace and quiet.</p> <p>2. Tomatea Point Recreation Reserve: This is a special nesting ground for birds.</p> <p>3. Milnthorpe Quay Esplanade Reserve: A relatively tranquil walk through the bush at the edge of the estuary; which is quite unique.</p> <p>4. Rototai Esplanade Reserve: This has an interesting and varied landscape.</p>		<p>1. Puponga Inlet Esplanade Reserve. It would be great to have some seating/picnic tables there.</p> <p>2. Tomatea Point Recreation Reserve: I'd like to see the term 'Recreation' removed. It's ridiculous to see 4WD vehicles on the beach; totally incompatible with the natural environment.</p> <p>3. Milnthorpe Quay Esplanade Reserve needs a 'Walkway' sign at each end. People could be reminded the Esplanade Reserve is not a dumping ground for green waste. An Environment Court stipulation states that boat sheds are not to be situated on Milnthorpe Quay.</p> <p>4. Rototai Esplanade Reserve: This has a multi-purpose reputation, which makes compromise difficult. However, I would like to see the huge F&amp;B sign at the 'entrance' to the beach moved further back where the cars park. This sign detracts from the site of Helen McKinlay's 'Poem on the Boulder', for which the TDC granted installation consent.</p>	My long term vision is that ALL Parks and Reserves be retained for future generations.		Reserves which are easily accessible are appreciated.	Milnthorpe	I'd like to see more on site information which educates Reserves users as to the history or particular special characteristics of an area. New people to the district often have no idea or appreciation of how places came to be what they are today.	
29677	Mar 14, 2026, 12:29 PM	Ligar Bay is our fav reserve. We love the plantings, seats and shade areas for picnics. We appreciate the regular mowing and the clean toilets. And we appreciate the recently changed dog exercise rules as we have a well manners Labrador.	Occasionally the mowing is left too long on the Nyhane drive reserve but mostly ok	A small playground area would be a great addition to the Ligar Bay foreshore near the toilets. Freedom camping parking has improved a lot.	Maintain Ligar Bay as it is.	Maybe improve the river walk at Paynes ford	We live in Ligar Bay. It is our back yard	Ligar bay	Thanks	

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29676	Mar 13, 2026, 10:48 PM	Tata Beach Esplanade Reserve	Tata Beach Esplanade Reserve has unrestricted vehicle access with no speed control and no limits to time of access or over night stays. This racetrack is dangerous and disruptive and needs sorting out. A pathetic set of low and ineffective humps were placed some years ago after resident requests for speed restriction. These flat ineffectual humps were subsequently filled in between by resealing episodes, raising the road and avoiding sealing the humps. They must be reinstated with proper vehicle pacifiers or a child will be hit by the idiots that drink in the esplanade and race off afterwards. A 9pm vehicle curfew would be welcome also.	Fix the speed humps, restrict the late night vehicle access at Tata Beach Esplanade Reserve. Restrict access to residents vehicles only at night.			handy location	Tata Beach		
29675	Mar 13, 2026, 08:41 AM	I love them all		I would like to see a fenced dog exercise area added to a park like down close to town or pohara.  Also the town playground needs some smaller play stuff for the smaller kids/toddlers	To keep them as parks		They are the ones I know and are close to me	Takaka	The team that do the up keep of the parks do an amazing job	
29674	Mar 10, 2026, 03:27 PM	I enjoy bush walks or open coastal walks so having places available like these are what I love about the area. I would frequent walks or reserves more if I could take my dog though as we can exercise together with our family. The track upgrade a few years ago at the Pupu hydro water conservation reserve was a fantastic effort. It definitely made the track more user friendly. I enjoy the Milnthorpe Park walks for the variety of tracks, being able to take my dog there and for the beach access too.	I think more reserves and walks could be made available to responsible dog owners. I would frequent reserves and walks more if I could take my dog. On leash of course. The Pupu Hydro Water Conservation Reserve is one in particular that I would frequent more if I could take my dog. The Wainui falls walk would be another one. I don't see the issue with taking dogs to these places if they are kept on a leash. The cycleway from Pohara to Takaka township needs more work. It is so dangerous along Abel Tasman drive with vehicles driving fast at 80km and no barrier between the cycleway/walkway and the road makes walking along there very unpleasant.	Upgrade the cycleway/walkway from Pohara to Takaka township. Develop a cycleway/walkway from Pohara to Ligar Bay. Allowing onleash dog access to more areas. Provide a forested park with ziplines or tree walks for older youth.	Allowing for multiple users e.g., dog walkers, children, elderly etc.	Indoor public swimming pool at the Recreation Centre so swimming can be undertaken in all seasons/weather. Better playgrounds with equipment for mixed ages. The best playground in Golden Bay is at the Top 10 Holiday Park but access to the bouncy pillow is restricted and the owners of the campground are not very friendly or inviting. All the new signs they have put up create a feeling of unwelcomeness plus their abrupt and rude attitudes.		Pohara		
29673	Mar 09, 2026, 10:01 AM		I welcome this opportunity to comment on this valuable set of parks and reserves in our community. I will restrict my opinions to the reserves in Patons Rock as others will be better placed to comment on other reserves in the region. In Patons Rock the reserves are especially valuable and make it a better place for visitors and residents. We hear frequent comments from other long term residents and while they are generally positive there is a uniform opinion that there is a sense of neglect and a lack of a "Plan". There is little cohesion between the Reserves and the built community.	The picnic tables are all placed where there is little or no view of the sea or beach. Both residents and visitors expect to enjoy the view, afterall, they are beachside reserves. The northerly reserve has several tables, all placed in the games and activity area, making organised activities awkward and to some degree risky. An accident has occurred at an event. These tables have trees planted as shade but the trees have been placed on the side where the shade falls away! These tables should be placed close to the beach with a unobstructed beach view.  The esplanade reserve is valued for health and recreation but is ugly with inappropriate plantings. Fires is a concern with weedy plants and debris.	Our reserves should appear to reflect the communities in which they are sited. Colours, plant varieties, equipment, buildings and signage should welcome locals and viistors alike. Some places and countries do it well...do we care?			patons rock	There should be much more genuine communiication with the community.	

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				<p>A few years ago there was a fire which resulted in some erosion which has slowly built back.</p> <p>Access to the beach is essential and the two sets of stairs are in very poor, unsafe condition. They should be replaced by ramps or stairs which are placed parallel to the beach over a longer run. Essentially TDC should honour its commitment to access for the disabled. Some discussion has been held, sites identified but any plans to proceed have not been confirmed. Communication has been, to say the least, poor.</p> <p>In the Bydder Reserve there has been a problem with human waste dumping. Signs will not cure this unacceptable activity. In the middle of the reserve there is a row of magnificent mature gum trees. On both sides of the trees, flax has been planted and campers frequently back up against the flax and empty their effluent tanks. Residents will occasionally cover up the mess.</p> <p>Another issue is the Pohutukawa trees on the edge of the road reserve and the Bydder Reserve. These trees were all planted under the power lines leading to about 10 buildings to the north. Every several years, a contractor will remove some of the crown of the trees. The trees should not be there nor should the ratepayers be required to pay for an error in planning for the siting of these trees.</p> <p>At the end of Patons Rock Road the roadway turns private onto a bridge. There is no turnaround and vehicles of all sizes have to do a backing turn, often over the kerb and into the grass parking. This lack of a turning facility must be rectified, especially with growing traffic numbers.</p> <p>At the entrance of the Bydder Reserve there is a row of letter boxes parallel to the entrance. These boxes have no legal status and should be given permanent status.</p> <p>The above mentioned row of gum trees are a genuine asset for the reserve and the community. They need to be made safe, especially with the safety tape in place. Children play under the trees which are unsafe.</p>						
29660	Feb 27, 2026, 01:15 PM	Rototai Recreation Reserve: Open grassed area adjacent to bathing spot (although High Tide only) Good for picnics	N/A	N/A	Keep general maintenance standards as currently	Status of new sub-division stormwater retention basin(s) & associated land at Richmond Road to be clarified	Easy access. Well maintained grounds & facilities	Pohara	None	

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		<p>East Takaka Recreation Reserve: Quiet well maintained, historic, in a beautiful location.</p> <p>Lake Killarney Recreation Reserve: Easily accessed, green space in Takaka township. Peaceful lake setting</p> <p>Milnthorpe Esplanade Reserve: Easy water-side, shaded stroll providing good link to/from wharf</p>								
29651	Feb 23, 2026, 07:23 AM	Milnthorpe Park. I love the freedom to run on different tracks in a vast area of wilderness. I love that dogs are allowed as this increases people's connection to the environment and the world of animals. I would like to be able to access the beach with my horse through the park just on one track that goes from the main road to the beach.	The wharf at Milnthorpe needs to be fixed/replaced. It is an incredibly popular spot and it would be a well used. Blackwoods are getting into the native bush along Trev's track and the rest of shoreline around the estuary. They need to be poisoned quickly before the take over the bush. The Collingwood playground could do with a revamp.	The cycle way between Takaka and Collingwood should be a priority. Upgrade the Collingwood playground. Add a horse trail to the beach through milnthorpe park. Maintain milnthorpe park as a nature reserve.	I would like Milnthorpe Park to be retained as conservation land with the system of walking trails retained in addition to a path along the edge for bikes to access Collingwood and one track for horses to access the beach from the highway.	Walkways (with access for bikes and horses) joining Collingwood to milnthorpe and Tukuruu. Public access to the beach at Tukuruu. Walkways (with access for bikes and horses) between Milbthorpe, Parapara, Tukuruu and Onekaka.	Because they are so close to where I live and it's why I live here - the freedom to exercise in (and simply enjoy) the wilderness on public tracks right near the beach. It's magic.	Milnthorpe		
29649	Feb 20, 2026, 12:26 PM		Lack of care at Pioneer Park shelter, nails exposed and haphazard framing remaining.  Soffit under mens side of toilets damaged at Memorial Park.	The reserves infrastructure around Mohua are aging and lacking of recycling options, repairs, freshwater drinking taps and cold showers at popular swimming locations, e.g. Tata Beach. Some cooking shelters and coin operated BBQ's would also be nice at popular spots, e.g. Rototai, Pohara, Tata, Patons Rock, Onekaka, Parapara, Puponga		Council is struggling to manage many things already. Rates increases are placing stress on low income earners. More growth will not improve things, it will however, cause more problems. The fixation on growth is madness and there is no scientific evidence that supports governments pursuit of growth. In fact, there is more evidence to support degrowth which means shifting towards a focus on wellbeing, restoring planetary boundaries and reducing debt.			Atmospheric warming drives more frequent marine heatwaves, ex-tropical cyclones reaching further south, and stalled rain systems that unload a season's rainfall in days, as seen with events such as Cyclone Gabrielle. Eastern regions cycle through prolonged drought, then sudden deluge. Hillslopes fail. Rivers overtop stopbanks. Sea-level rise compounds storm surge in places like South Dunedin and Westport, salinising aquifers and undermining roads, pipes and homes.  Pollution intensifies across land, air and water. Reactive nitrogen and phosphorus from intensive land use continue to leach into aquifers and rivers, driving algal blooms, hypoxia and periodic toxic outbreaks in lakes and estuaries. Urban stormwater carries heavy metals, tyre particles and hydrocarbons into harbours. Fine particulate matter from wood burners, traffic and wildfire smoke degrades winter air quality, lifting respiratory and cardiac disease risk. Microplastics, PFAS and persistent agrichemicals	

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									<p>accumulate in soils and biota, with biological effects that outpace regulation.</p> <p>Soils lose structure and carbon under heavier rainfall and repeated drying. Erosion rates exceed soil formation on steep pastoral land, exporting sediment into rivers and estuaries while diminishing on-farm fertility. Warmer, lower flows fragment freshwater habitats; native fish decline as thermal thresholds are crossed. Marine systems absorb heat and carbon, lowering pH and weakening shellfish and plankton that underpin coastal food webs.</p> <p>These biophysical pressures collide with weak local governance capacity. Councils face compounding infrastructure failures: ageing water networks, undersized stormwater systems, coastal protection works built for a past climate. Deferred maintenance meets escalating repair bills. Insurance costs climb or retreat altogether. Debt rises as councils borrow to rebuild after each event, then raise rates to service that debt. Ratepayers carry higher charges while service levels struggle to keep pace with mounting damage. Short electoral cycles favour patching over redesign; regulatory capture and fragmented planning blunt preventive action. The result is a feedback loop: degraded ecosystems increase infrastructure stress, infrastructure failure increases fiscal stress, fiscal stress narrows the ability to invest in long-term ecological repair. The operating space tightens from both ends, Earth systems destabilising from below, public finance straining from above.</p>	
29647	Feb 20, 2026, 08:41 AM	Selwyn Street Reserve - beach front - alternative path when its high tide and also a loop walk if you walk along the beach and back along the path	Dont get me started - the Selwyn Street Reserve is poorly maintained (except it is mowen well) - the signs are shabby (need painting, straightening and repositioning) and some beach access signs are in the wrong place. The old Tasman Walk bollards are very shabby and no one even knows why they are there anymore and no-one has the decision making power to have them removed - the symbols on the bollards are faded at best, absent or damaged. Plus there is the associated unnecessary work needed to maintain these rotten assets such as weed-eating around the bollards and spraying grass around them. Just remove them. Part of the track needs drainage as when it rains	Just upkeep the assets you do have - on Asset upkeep I have a few more suggestions. At Memorial Park in Tākaka can the contractors please fix the broken soffit at the toilet block? The way it is it is not water tight or bird proof. At Pioneer Park in Tākaka the shelter needs work - parts of the timbers have been removed but the nails have not - these are sticking out and causing a safety hazard.	All coastal parks and reserves - Golden Bay doesn't need manicured gardens like Richmond or prize winning gardens like Richmond but I think the basics are important - keeping gorse off our beaches, providing drinking fountains at beaches and showers at beaches, nicely painted signs and maintained paths. Just	A dog walking park could be good - Im not a dog owner but I love the birds on the beaches.	Lunch in the park - nicer than the office or a cafe, walk on the beach (and back along a Council maintained footpath) for exercise and mental balance. Its free (albeit I pay for it through my rates). Its in my backyard - I love the idea of the	Pōhara	Generally TDC does a good job - however the contractors need to be directed to maintain assets and not just mow the grass.	See attached 'Images uploaded via Shape Tasman 'seeking ideas' feedback round 2026'

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			puddles form (how hard is it?). The Pōhara beach is a huge tourist attraction. Why aren't there showers for people? or at least cold water taps for drinking from? And the gorse really needs to be kept under control - it ends up in people's feet when they walk the beach.		mowing the grass is not enough.		commons. Its close, I don't need to drive (I can walk or ride my bike) so its carbon-emissions free.			
29640	Feb 18, 2026, 02:54 PM	Alpine Forest Scenic Reserve* Awaroa Inlet Esplanade Reserves* Awaroa Inlet Road Reserve* Battery Road Local Purpose Reserve Brookvale Drive Esplanade Reserve Clifton Recreation Reserve* Collingwood Cemetery* Collingwood Recreation Reserve Hotham Street Esplanade Reserve Kaihoka Lakes Esplanade Reserve* Lake Killarney Reserve Lake Otuhie Reserve* Little Kaituna Stream Esplanade Reserve Matakitaki Recreation Reserve* Milnthorpe Quay Esplanade Reserve Onahau Estuary Esplanade Reserve Onekaka Beach Esplanade Reserve Onekaka Esplanade Reserve Onekaka Recreation Reserve Owen River Recreation Reserve* Pakawau Esplanade Reserve Pakawau Inlet Esplanade Reserve Parapara Inlet Esplanade Reserve Pariwhakaoho Rivermouth Esplanade Reserve Patons Rock Recreation Reserve Pohara Water Reserve Porika Track Reserve* Puponga Inlet Esplanade Reserve* Ranghaeata Estuary Esplanade Reserve Riverview Scenic Reserve*	Numerous environmental weeds are present in many reserves. This has a significant impact on biodiversity values in the reserves, including damaging the habitats of native plants and animals and potential for ecological restoration, as well as facilitates weed spread to adjacent and nearby areas (often with even higher biodiversity values), and sets a bad example for local landowners and residents, and reserve users.	Make environmental weed control a high priority. Control weeds as far as possible. Install signage to educate reserve users about weeds and what TDC is doing to address them. Plant eco-sourced natives to suppress weeds. Avoid planting until weeds are adequately controlled to avoid creating habitat for them to establish in and spread through.	Weed free, vegetation dominated by thriving and diverse native plants (local natives).	Establish a network of circular walking and cycling tracks throughout Golden Bay, especially between Collingwood and Pohara.	Convenience, often en route to other places.	Collingwood	When planning and conducting weed control, co-ordinate with neighbours to maximise effectiveness and efficiency. Acknowledge that Golden Bay is relatively weed free compared with many other lowland parts of NZ and that this presents a valuable opportunity to address those weeds that are present, especially those in low numbers. Engage local expertise, e.g. environmental weed management specialists and botanists, to develop a strategically wise approach to environmental weed control considering all relevant variables. Support broader efforts to bring weeds under control. Help raise general awareness of the major threat posed to biodiversity by weeds and how locals can help e.g. regular newspaper articles, support Weedbusters volunteer groups, encourage locals to "adopt" nearby areas and look after them, boost the diversity of native plants in reserves to enhance their resistance to weed invasion, encourage people (including plant shops) to avoid spreading garden plants that are weedy and to avoid accidentally spreading weeds e.g. contaminated roadside vegetation cutting machinery, gravel. Use the attached cartoons to help raise awareness (I own the copyright, high resolution available).	See attached 'Images uploaded via Shape Tasman 'seeking ideas' feedback round 2026'

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29637	Feb 17, 2026, 08:16 PM			Mow more often. Roadside grass is always high. What cycle lanes we have are not maintained				Takaka		
29635	Feb 17, 2026, 05:36 PM			I would like the Matenga Reserve to be planted out in native plantings that are in keeping with the adjacent reserve. As a Tuhaha place property owner I think this would be a good use of this reserve and in keeping with the adjacent area. I would definitely not like to see this reserve used for any public recreation purposes or amenities including playgrounds, toilets or barbecue facilities. Particularly as the latter two are available on the reserve on Ligar bay beachfront.		It would be good to have a range of areas where dogs on leads are permitted in the eastern Bay areas.		Ligar Bay		
29634	Feb 17, 2026, 08:52 AM			Hard to enjoy if disabled. Too many exotics appearing.	Full of natives and the bird life	Waitapu bridge needs to be made family friendly for swimming etc	Live next to one	Town	Make sure adverse insect life is monitored	
29630	Feb 16, 2026, 05:10 PM	The Pohara Beach Reserve Holiday Park (along Abel Tasman Drive) is a wonderful asset to Golden Bay and it attracts hundreds of visitors to Pohara and the wider Golden Bay region. The upgrades (painting the buildings and adding the playground) keep the holiday park looking new and fresh.	The Pohara Beach Holiday Park is managed very well with one very big exception. I am referring to the portion of the reserve that sits opposite the park on the other side of Abel Tasman Drive. This lot, at 768-772 Abel Tasman Drive, can be put to much better use if it were re-zoned for housing.  TDC could very quickly convert this disused property to up to eight, low-cost homes by working with the Golden Bay/Mohua Affordable Housing Project. This group has already built much needed affordable homes in Golden Bay with two such houses built on Commercial Street in Takaka. (Go to <a href="https://www.mygbhousing.info/index.php/news">https://www.mygbhousing.info/index.php/news</a> and	Re-zoning the lot between 768 and 772 Abel Tasman Drive to affordable housing would provide much needed housing to Golden Bay.	Maintain the parks and reserves.	No new reserves are needed. Just maintain the current ones.	They are convenient	Pohara		See attached 'Images uploaded via Shape Tasman 'seeking ideas' feedback round 2026'

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			<p>scroll down to April 2022 to see photos of these houses)</p> <p>Currently, this property is only used for overflow camping for one month a year. For the rest of the year, it is only used to store unused caravans. Imagine how much more Pohara would benefit from having eight families in these affordable houses year round. Imagine the rates the Council could collect and imagine the year-round economic activity that would be generated. I am certain this would far exceed any rent the Council collects for leasing this small lot to the campground owners.</p> <p>The Pohara Holiday Park (the main part of the campground) is an important asset for Pohara and TDC as it brings in hundreds of holiday makers year round. However re-purposing this small lot across the road to affordable housing would be an overall much better use of that property than a parking lot for unused caravans.</p> <p>Note: Please see the attached image which illustrate how wasteful it is for the Council to use this land as a caravan storage park. Imagine how much better this property would look with families living in housing on this land.</p>							
29534	Feb 08, 2026, 06:07 PM	I live in Collingwood so my favorites are those that are most accessible by walking. Currently favourites are Elizabeth st beach access which enables a walking loop. Collingwood hall for our library. Patons rock for get together BBQs as there's no equivalent in Collingwood. The water front on the reserve containing the campground would be a favorite / BBQ spot but public access is denied.	Again focused on Collingwood. Biggest problem is that the Collingwood campground comprises of significant area of land for reserve purposes. A commercial business has claimed it and denies public access. They need to learn to share. We want access to the coast and water front strip as a minimum. The Collingwood Quay walk way stream side is just as hedge of cotoneaster (see councils invasive spp list)	Again focusing on Collingwood, the main problem I think is that the reserves don't meet or match our needs or wants. For a town with a wonderful river, estuary and sea there is very little general access to any of it. The campground reserves are denied to us. The river side edge of the town spit with crown land of some category is blocked and or claimed by adjoining landowners and the coast side with the carpark and mown is to wet to use 8 months of the yr. And to get to the beach is via a narrow track / semi trench with puddles. The beach road roadside has some very good coastal plantings but the rest comprises of abandoned gardens of adjacent land owners and comes with garden waste escaping agapanthus, canna lilies etc , and a road side with 2m high fennel . Some kill any plant over a metre that might block a view. This land is accereted no mans land which the Council needs extend the area which they currently manage to the benefit of the all community.	Reserves help create the vision we hear of alot which is livable towns and cities, quality places to work and live. Great community vibe. Places to play . All those things . This applies to all parks and reserves across golden bay in different ways. I am very happy that TDC is conducting this project. I have though heard many of these questions before and submitted answers. The results for our town to date have been extremely limited.	See above. Also I would like the focus to be on access to waters edge, practical walking and cycling networks for commuting and recreation. Small local parks for the local community use . Interestingly , maybe , our Gibbs road community tried to find a convenient place to meet as part of a civil defense get together bbq. We couldn't find one	I visit elsewhere also, usually DoC land , but some of the reserves are in places that I want to be	Collingwood	I think it is an common to many councils is that the different parts of council have there own view of what they will or won't do which make for difficulties coordinating an over view to manage a community for the benefit of all the community. Parks & Reserves depts are better at it than most within most councils I think.	
29519	Jan 29, 2026, 09:22 PM	Milnthorpe park - great walks and exploring, well used by locals, can take dogs, leads to beach can be a circuit walk, seasonal variety, fungi and flowers. Tomatea point - access to safe beach, sheltered	Rubbish bins availability. the reserves along the side of the road could be sprayed for gorse and other weeds and have the long grass trimmed more. Sometimes abuse by overuse of freedom camping.			Rockville Puponga Collingwood	they are in good places with access to beaches and rivers, they are maintained and have parking and toilets, they are usually simple	Collingwood	Keep them owned by all the community equally - not one group has more control or management than anyone else. Keep respecting the history of the early settlers and previous activities that have gone on in the bay, like all the industries and all the historic	

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		spot for picnics, toilet. Totara ave - safe area for walking and exploring with small children Miles reserve, Parapara - sheltered play area with room to run around, playground, access to beach, good for picnics Takaka Memorial reserve & Village green in Takaka - nice place to rest and let children play while in Takaka  So many others are very historical and I visit them to read about and remember the history of Golden Bay and the lives of the former inhabitants.					peaceful places that are gathering places for the community		memories. Like what Golden Bay Heritage is doing in erecting history boards at various places.	
29515	Jan 28, 2026, 03:52 PM	I don't use any of them as people don't like my large, on leash, dog!	Maybe fence 1 or 2 of them so we can take our dog there off leash.	More dog poo bag dispensers & rubbish bins. Fence a couple of off leash dog use, like a dog park.	They should ne open to everyone	There is a piece of land just before the takaka golf course which i am led to believe has someones sheep on it for free. As that is a fenced area it would be a good "sniffspot". TDC could make money from it. \$10 per hour on a booking system where 1 person can take their dog & have it to themselves. There are a couple of private ones in nelson - maybe someone can look at sniffspot.com	ldont	Clifton		
29507	Jan 28, 2026, 08:26 AM	I love when they aren't overcrowded, they are clean and the tracks are well maintained.	I believe we are letting too many people on at a time, number should be limited. I was also surprised by the loss of bird live in the area, in past years, the morning song was a huge part of our walk and experience, this past year, it was extremely quiet. Of course we still crossed section of the ward where bird noise was active, but I was surprised at how quiet some places become.	Make more areas predator free. Reduce number of people on the main tracks each day during peak season. Cap the numbers in high traffic areas.	predator free / cap numbers of people / locals first / visitors rates to use the track increased			Ruby Bay	predator free / cap numbers of people on the main tracks each year (limit traffic)	
29498	Jan 27, 2026, 02:51 PM	Pohara recreation reserve. This spot is a hub for locals of all ages and abilities. It should ve considered a destination play space as it has ample parking and public toilets. It has amazing views and beach access which would showcase the region during events. It has bowls, tennis, bball, and a hall... all it needs is a small playground and skate/scoot zone. The gravel area between bball and the hall would be perfect for flat asphalt so	The playgrounds are never raked flat as intended by design. It takes 5 minutes a month per playground to keep the bark where its meant to be for safety.	Upgrade pohara rec reserve to include skate and play features. No need to spend much, \$15k of asphalt and some swings would do it. Ncc rutherford park is simply a flat asphalt surface and local skate club raised money for mobile skate features. Kids just need flat smooth ground to practice tricks. Car parks and schools are not always appropriate or available	Keen to see pohara rec reserve managed as a destination for visitors and locals. It is a gem.	A walkway, shared cycle path from milnethoroe to collingwood would change the lives of so many kids who normally bus or get a ride to school. Imagine the health benefits for the community if kids were safely walking, scooting, biking every morning and afternoon. Parents east of milnethorp could drop off at milnethorp or parapara, there are heaps of kids n families that would benefit from that	Location	Takaka	Golden bay is world renowned, dont forget us when planning. Our tourist all take stories to thier home towns and countries so lets aim to impress	

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		kids can skate. It would also be beneficial for events that have food stalls etc.								
29497	Jan 26, 2026, 12:57 PM	Bydder Reserve patons Rock This has primarily become a parking area, it has limited beach access especially for mobility challenged users. The pic nic tables are oddly located and rarely used, there is minimal seating in view locations and this is poorly maintained. Huge money is put into coastal planting and maintenance, which is now blocking residents sea views and making disabled access difficult.	Bydder reserve has a great deal of traffic though it, it Was never formed for large truck movements, the dust covers the adjacent houses blocking the water systems. The management of the vegetation is poor, trees that are planted under power lines have to be annually trimmed and local residents have lost their views. There is little consultation with the residents, and council staff have little incentive to make these reserves pleasant recreation spaces.	Adding more signs on dog laws, beach access or fishing regulations should be consolidated to avoid a mass of ugly signage. Pic Nic tables and seats should be provided in view locations so people with mobility issues can enjoy these sea views. Disabled beach access. Disabled access should be provided to enable wheelchair users or families with pushchairs to get to the beach, car access points are unsafe and unsuitable.	Bydder reserve I'd like it to be planned properly so that the parking area is surfaced to prevent dust. The pic Nic tables and chairs placed appropriately and maintained, currently chairs are provided by benefactors in memory of family members but the seats deteriorate with no maintenance, it would be good to have areas for people to meet up, a lot of elderly residents can't stand or walk far and seating needs to be well placed. Vegetation chosen not just for coastal coverage and sand traps but also to preserve views.	Disabled access, please!!!	It's our local reserve, exercise is important. Social interaction is important. It could be so much better for pic nics or meeting friends instead of just parking or through fare for traffic.	Patons Rock	There is no disabled access.. I believe that needs to be addressed urgently....	
29496	Jan 26, 2026, 12:43 PM	Pohara reserve.	They do not keep grass or maintained this regularly. Rubbish bins not empty regularly. Start mowing and leave bins alone you have no right to remove these we all pay rates and get little for it. If people find rubbish lying in surrounding areas due to no bins we will be throwing right into the reserve. Not up to others to fund you rubbish disposal.	Very regular mowing. Mow and leave bins around the area and make sure they are emptied.	Leave as is and maintain.	Don't need more hv big beach just maintain the ones you have.	We live there	Pohara	Short your shit out and deal with what matters -	
29486	Jan 23, 2026, 10:00 PM	Tata Beach is our favourite - we enjoy many family holidays at our bach there	Speed limit. Could we have a 30km sign or lower around Cornwall place and Tata heights road and peninsular road. Too many children playing and on bikes over the holiday season. Also a reduced speed along Ligar. Slow children at play sign for Cornwall place and Tata heights road	Speed limit signs at Tata 30km or less, and slow children sign. Esp Cornwall place and taa heights road. Cars go too fast here as does the recycling truck! Speed limit sign at Ligar too	Tata is great - be great to have a better walking track between Ligar and Tata as may walk along this road but I doubt there is money to do this	Would love a board walk or walking path from pohara to Tata	We ow a holiday house at Tata that we also rent out to other families who visit the area	Richmond		
29485	Jan 23, 2026, 09:31 PM	Takaka Memorial Reserve (War Memorial & Playground) - a valuable asset honouring our fallen. A significant and regularly used park in the centre of town. Large crowds gather here for ANZAC and Remembrance services. Frequented often by locals & visitors alike. Pioneer Park and Museum - Very important heritage site (especially the Museum but Pioneer park not so) Golden Bay Recreation Park (Takaka Valley Highway) - A valuable asset for sports & recreation. Used daily by sports groups and the venue of Golden Bay's	The Takaka Memorial Reserve is most significant for it's historic and commemorative aspects. This park should be on a high maintenance program due to it's significance.		Maintain same as today	Under or near the Waitapu Bridge (SH60) as this is a highly used area - particularly during summer and the whitebait season. Re-establish the toilet there also	Location, convenience and ambience	Pohara	No	

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		A&P show [the biggest one day event in the Bay]. Grove Reserve - one of the most iconic and popular short walks & location of native forest in the Bay.								
29484	Jan 23, 2026, 02:46 PM	Because I live in Pohara I visit the local reserves often, particularly the Pohara recreation reserve and Clifton cemetery reserve. Having access to and views of the beach within minutes of home is invaluable for recreation and fresh air. The reserves are well looked after with beautiful trees and plantings. I also visit Rototai reserve to photograph the birdlife.	At times Rototai can feel a bit unwelcoming with the dogs and deep holes in the road, but most times it's okay. The tall trees in strong winds have made me wonder about their stability for falling branches.	I had no idea there were so many parks and reserves! It would be great to feature them somewhere, so newbies to the area know where they are, what they're nice for, why they are reserves, and if they're worth exploring - or can be explored, what's the biodiversity there, etc. Where are the swimming holes for instance. Why are some beaches and estuary reserves and others aren't?	Encourage more public use and awareness of them. What's the point of having them if no one knows about them? You probably explain it somewhere, but beyond a sign saying 'reserve' it would be good to understand the significance of the area, the value they provide and importance of maintaining them. Maybe place a QR code on the map and signs for people to download further information about area. Start a 'visit a park' initiative for locals to explore their wider area. Best times, what's to see or do, what's allowed what's not, historical account, etc.	We need more cycleways not just for locals to enjoy and get from a to b, but to attract tourists to the region too. We have kilometres upon kilometres of scenic routes that can be made safe for cyclists. The gravel trail from Pohara to Takaka and the Rec Centre is great and well used by cyclists, runners, walkers, but we need more, and we need them to be of good quality (like Richmond - Nelson) and well maintained. Our better-than-nothing but unsafe gravel trail is not designed for safe cycling with weeds, uneven surface, potholes, driveways and parked cars. The stunning drive from Pohara to Wainui could be a MAJOR drawcard for NELSON-TASMAN region, not just Golden Bay. If I worked at TDC, I'd reassess spend and invest in large drawcard projects like this (akin to the wine trail) that will bring in immediate, tangible and long-term ROI for the region. And attract more tourism spend and residents to the region.	Free and pleasant access to local places I enjoy. To be honest, the question feels a bit unusual — there are many other stunning places I'd visit if they were publicly accessible, but they aren't (e.g., Wanganui Inlet farms, DOC land at Cobb, Abel Tasman). Local parks are easy to access, require no permission or gear, and are maintained by the rates we all contribute. That's why they become the practical, everyday choice.	Pohara	I think I've covered the main points I wanted to share. Hopefully some of this is useful for your planning process.	See attached 'Images uploaded via Shape Tasman 'seeking ideas' feedback round 2026'
29469	Jan 19, 2026, 12:21 PM	My favourite park is Milnthorpe though I am not sure if that is a council administered park or not as I thought it was administered through the Milnthorpe Park trust and DOC. I take my dog there every afternoon and it is perfect whatever the weather. In the heat we are protected by the trees. There are no annoying Forest and Bird people patrolling and telling dog owners off and walking amongst the trees is my happy space. There are very few places you can walk a dog in all				Wherever they are established please make sure there are plenty of trees, they are well away from roads and dogs will be welcome.	As I said, I don't know if Milnthorpe is a council-administered park, but just in case it is I want to say something about it.			

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		seasons and though we are surrounded by National Parks you can't walk the dog there. Please don't do anything to change Milnthorpe Park!								
29458	Jan 16, 2026, 06:26 PM	Rototai reserve - a great place to walk the dog.	So many hoons at Rototai! Restrict car access?!	Sensible dog walking signs. The new ones provided are too hard to figure out.  Playground for dogs and kids. Use tree trunks and natural obstacles.  Make sure there are enough rubbish bins.	Able to be enjoyed by everyone. Provide shade. Maybe fruit trees?	Along the takaka river?  Horse riders have been totally disregarded in Golden Bay, in particular after the fiasco barring adult riders from the pony club/RDA grounds. I'd love to see some provisions for riders.	Easy access	Kotinga		
29454	Jan 16, 2026, 03:01 PM		Not enough dog friendly places	Allowing more dogs! More dog friendly areas.				Tākaka		



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*Naming of a Reserve*

PURSUANT to the Reserves Act 1977, and to a delegation from the Minister of Lands, the Acting Commissioner of Crown Lands, hereby names the reserve described in the Schedule hereto, as the Golden Bay Showgrounds Recreation Reserve.

SCHEDULE

NELSON LAND DISTRICT—GOLDEN BAY COUNTY

5.7700 hectares, more or less, being Part Lot 1A, D.P. 2371, situated in Block X, Waitapu Survey District, and Part 1 of Section 22, District of Takaka Native, situated in Block X, Waitapu Survey District. Balance certificates of title, Volume 62, folio 224 (limited as to parcels) and Volume 75, folio 221. All *New Zealand Gazette*, 1986, page 4034.

Dated at Nelson this 28th day of November 1986.

R. G. C. WRATT,  
Acting Commissioner of Crown Lands.

(L. and S. H.O. Res. 9/2/1; D.O.8/5/8/9)

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## Submission on Golden Bay Ward Reserves Management Plan

**To** Tasman District Council

**Attn** Reserves Team

**From** Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Inc. (Forest & Bird)  
PO Box 631, Wellington 6011

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**Date** 25 March 2026

### Introduction to Forest & Bird

The Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society (Forest & Bird) is New Zealand's largest and longest-serving independent conservation organisation with over 100,000 members, supporters and volunteers. Our mission is to be a voice for nature—on land, in the sea, and in our fresh waters. We advocate for policy development and law reform, representing nature in council planning processes to ensure the preservation and protection of indigenous flora and fauna.

### General Policy Direction and alignment with strategy documents

We welcome the opportunity to submit on the review of the Golden Bay Ward Reserves Management Plan. The updated management plan needs to be brought into alignment with the Tasman District Council Reserves General Policies 2015.

Furthermore, to ensure integrated ecosystem management, we request that the plan incorporates relevant and national and regional direction, including:

- New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement 2010
- National Environmental Standard for Freshwater 2020
- Tasman Biodiversity Strategy 2022
- National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity 2023
- Current Regional Pest Management Strategy

### General Reserve Management Issues

Forest & Bird wishes to focus our submission on the management of Golden Bay's coastal reserves. These areas must be managed in a way that recognises and protects Golden Bay's beautiful natural environment.

- **Coastal Restoration:** We request that coastal reserves be planted with the long-term goal of becoming Significant Natural Areas.
- **Vehicle Access:** Vehicles can cause significant damage to sensitive coastal environments. We would like to see all reserves protected from vehicle damage by designating dedicated parking areas that are bollarded/fenced off from the rest of the reserve.
- **Dogs in Coastal Zones:** Forest & Bird advocates for moving dog exercise areas away from the coastal zone to avoid dogs killing or disturbing vulnerable shorebirds.
- **Weed Control:** A key issue across TDC reserves is invasive weeds. We recommend TDC consider picking up Nelson City Council's Adopt a Spot programme, where community members are encouraged to care for reserve areas in their neighbourhood as a low cost way to stay on top of weeds in reserve areas.

### Specific Golden Bay Reserve Requests

#### Pariwhakaoho Rivermouth Esplanade Reserve (Lot 3 DP16804)

- We request that Council reclassify this esplanade reserve as a Wildlife Reserve.
- The coastal foreshore currently provides critical nesting habitat for twelve pairs of Variable oystercatchers.
- The river flowing onto the tidal area offers a rich food source for these waders, and the site acts as an important staging area for Banded dotterel feeding during their northern migration and again on their return south.

- This reserve land will provide these wader species with a future retreat from rising sea levels.

**Miles Reserve, Parapara (84 Bishop Road, Lot 15 DP6577)**

- Miles Reserve adjoins the Parapara Inlet, which is a highly important area for roosting Bar-Tailed Godwits, Banded Dotterels, and South Island Pied Oystercatchers. It is also a nesting site for Variable oystercatchers, Red-billed Gulls, and Black-billed Gulls.
- Currently, these birds frequently suffer disturbance from 4WD vehicles and quad bikes.
- We strongly request that the vehicle entry point onto the beach from Miles Reserve be blocked off using a barrier and/or suitable plantings.
- Residents and visitors already have access to a boat launching ramp at the end of Parapara Beach Road, and there is separate pedestrian access to the beach from the reserve.

**Rototai Recreation Reserve (32 Nees Road, Rototai)**

- As one of the highest use reserves due to its proximity to Takaka, Rototai is under significant pressure.
- The reserve adjoins the Motupipi Estuary, the Motupipi River, and Rototai's intertidal flats. Next to Farewell Spit, this is the most important site in Golden Bay for shorebirds and seabirds. The large radiata pines in the reserve are also used by the NZ Falcon (kārearea), who bring their young to hunt here.
- The grassed areas have been repeatedly damaged by vehicles and quad bikes turning the ground to mud, and quad bikes are also used for joyriding in the adjacent estuary.
- We request that landscape planning for the reserve includes the installation of bollards to strictly prevent vehicle access onto the grassed areas and into the estuary.
- Where rocks have already been placed at the bottom of Nees Road to block vehicle access to the beach, invasive weeds such as pampas, gorse, and South African ice plant need to be removed up to the first property boundary. These should be replaced with appropriate coastal vegetation, such as spinifex and knobby club rush.
- We also request some enhancement of the walking track onto the beach.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on this management plan.

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**Tata Beach Reserve Management (RMP) plan review Submission**

Note: Sections references relate to existing RMP 2007.

Date: 20 March 2026

Submitter: Garry Neill

Tata Beach is a truly treasured place of interest by the public.

I endorse all the General Objectives of the existing RMP ( Section 6). There is no use having a plan if it not carried out.

My focus will be on Lot 2 DP 5531 being an Esplanade Foreshore Reserve.

This is a **sand dune zone** which now **has been tar sealed**.

This existing use does not comply with the Reserves Act 1977 or the guidelines of the Resource Management Act (RMA) in that these Acts are to provide for the preservation and survival of indigenous species , scenic, historical, cultural, archaeological, biological, geological features for the benefit of the public.

**All these values** on this section have been **obliterated** with a placing of the tar seal on this site.

It is difficult to comprehend how that road was ever permitted to be placed there in the first place. No consultation has ever been made with adjoining neighbours (Sect. 6.10) and might I say we have had a vested interest in adjoining land for over 50 years.

This site is now treated as a poorly regulated road where cars speed and campervans park up (with difficulty). The poorly fenced foreshore planting put there to stabilise the sand is then trampled on and degraded by these vehicle visitors.

To add, applying for Resource Consents to build next to the Reserve, houses have conditions imposed that require them (to quote ) to mitigate the visual effects as viewed from the coast or from a distance. This requires recessive, non-reflective colours that merge into the surrounding background and yet it appears a line of white, colour contrasting campers and vehicles are permitted to park up right to the beach edge.

These are totally counter intuitive activities.

And who polices those that park up for the night?.

This Reserve needs a complete make over in conjunction with further parking re-development on Lot 15 and Lot 33 all to take into account the expected long term visitor growth numbers to this magnificent and treasured beach.

The existing signage is in adequate and an eyesore.

The Reserve is treated as an open road where penguins scurry and vehicular traffic goes even faster particularly at night.

Keep Off signs needs to be placed where the stressed foreshore planting exists and speed humps placed asap. Mooring rope would do in interim. Globally there is a shift away from foreshore roads to recreational zones.

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In several ways the management of the Reserve has not been compliant with the existing management plan in particular sections 5.24.3 and 5.24.4. of existing Plan.

### **Suggestions for re-development of Lot 2.**

#### **In the short term**

- Install speed limits and speed bumps.(refer Sect. 7.7.2 and not done)
- Prevent Campervans parking on this site. These are the main culprits damaging the foreshore planting and impairing sea views both from onshore and offshore.
- Signage in the interim on tape to stop people walking on the foreshore planting.
- Ensure there is policing to stop campers staying overnight.
- Enact a Penguin protection program.
- Endorse (Section 7.9.1 ) the good work on the Coast Care foreshore planting which has been encroached on by the new seal.

#### **In the long term**

- This area needs to be all replanted in indigenous species of foreshore marine plant species as done with Lot 30 (refer Sect. 7.2.3). This could also be a penguin refuge.
- It should be closed off to all vehicles.
- It would be a brilliant site for displays of the pre and post European history and culture of the bay rather than being a highway. It would also be a good site for the proposed Māori sculpture. This area could also be incorporated with pedestrian access via the Recreation Reserve (Lot 14.)
- As an esplanade reserve there should be no impediment for pedestrians and the public should be free to roam, cycle and safely enjoy.
- Install picnic tables and BBQs for public and touring visitors to use.

This re-development needs to be done in conjunction with the re-development of Petersen Road and Lots 14, 15 and 33 with better organised vehicle parking.

- **I oppose** Sect. 7.5.2.
- **Support** 7.5.3. and all Section 6 except BBQ exclusion and fully endorse Sect.7.9. I have no objection to commercial activities on Road Reserve.

I do query if the on going nearby slip material could be dumped on the estuary side of Lot 33 to reclaim some land for further parking space parking.

### **Water Ski Lane Site**

This may not be under the jurisdiction of the RMP but the RPM needs to have influence on the Harbour Board Plan review.

To be brief kayakers, swimmers, penguins, sailors and paddle boarders are all at risk of injury or death with high speed activities in the ski lane as they embark from the boat ramp area towards the Tata Islands.

- I propose no boats to exceed 5 knots within 200m from the shoreline for the entire beach and all high speed activities to be done beyond the 200m limit as is done in other parts of New Zealand.

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### **Tasman District Council's consultation on the management of the reserves in Golden Bay/Mohua – March 2026**

My name is Mike Shannon and my partner is Sally Ransley. We have lived in Golden Bay for just over 8 years.

We live in Ligar Bay. We are currently building a new home at Tata Beach. I therefore declare our interest in the management of the reserves around where we live.

Sally and I would also note that we are aware of the "Tata Sculpture Project" that some property owners at Tata Beach and relevant Iwi are promoting. We have not been part of the consultation they have completed (it was before our time at Tata) but we broadly support their proposal but not their commentary on carparking on the esplanade reserve east of the boat ramp.

I will start my contribution by noting the relevant published clause from the 1991 RMA that was included in both the 2003 and 2007 Reserve Management Plans

*The management of Esplanade Reserves is guided by the Resource Management Act 1991.*

*Esplanade Reserves are administered for the following purposes:*

*To contribute to the protection of conservation values by, in particular:*

- *Maintaining or enhancing the natural functioning of the adjacent sea, river, or lake; or,*
- *Maintaining or enhancing water quality; or*
- *Maintaining or enhancing aquatic habitats; or*
- *Protecting the natural values associated with the reserve; or*
- *Mitigating natural hazards; and*
- *To enable public access to or along the sea, a river, or a lake; and*
- *To enable public recreational use of the esplanade reserve and adjacent sea, river, or lake, where that use is compatible with conservation values.*

Below are our observations on the reserves and adjacent spaces of Ligar Bay and Tata Beach.

#### **Signage**

To be blunt, it is extremely poor. It is not maintained, it is not well located, some of it is visual pollution, some of it is unsafe and some of it makes no sense.

#### *Examples*

- Not maintained – Ligar Bay, the no freedom camping sign is so faded it is useless
- Not well located – Tata Beach, the no freedom camping sign is located in the car park for boat trailer parking
- Visual pollution – all the signs at the Tata Beach boat ramp

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- Unsafe – the speed limit on entering Tata Beach is 50kph including the Esplanade Reserve... really??
- The Dog Control sign at Tata Beach is confusing to say the least

I have photos to support these statements.

### **Reserve maintenance**

The Council's maintenance of the reserves in both Ligar Bay and Tata Beach has been materially reduced in the 8 years we have lived in Golden Bay.

The reduced maintenance has lowered cost but the downside is the place can look really scruffy and probably creating risk in some places. For example, the Nyhane Drive reserve spaces, including the critically over-grown stormwater creek down the lower part of Nyhane Drive. That needs to be fixed and soon!

The reserves have lots of weeds and non-native plants growing. e.g. Cornwall Haven has agapanthus growing in it. I removed the ivy that was growing at the front of the Haven reserve. It is now growing back along with lots of other weeds. I have photos.

Plantings in the reserves (esplanade and other) should be exclusively native and maintained to preserve the views and limit any adverse impacts on adjoining properties.

If Council won't maintain these reserves can the residents assist?

The Coast Care work that Rob Lewis completes at both Tata and Ligar should receive ongoing support. He and his staff have done an outstanding job in rejuvenating the dune and foreshore areas of both beaches.

### **The “chip sealed lane and car park” east of the Tata boat ramp**

When I read the RMA clause on esplanade reserves I struggle to see how a “chip sealed lane and car park” built into the dune-scape meets any of the objectives in the RMA. Does it meet the “*protection of conservation values*”? When this space was chip sealed a number of years back the sealed area was pushed further into the dune-scape – hardly “*protecting natural values*”.

- Is this a legal road?
- What is the speed limit? Probably 50kph, which is ridiculous!
- Is it a two lane road? If so, it is nowhere near wide enough?
- Large vehicles, like motor homes, cannot turn around having driven into the lane so have to reverse out – unsafe.
- Is the parking to be parallel or angled?
- What are the parking restrictions – if any?
- The 2007 plan stated there would be speed humps – there are two slight lumps in the seal that are no impediment to speed. Why have proper speed humps not been installed? Some vehicles drive way to fast down the sealed esplanade reserve.

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- There are no less than five pedestrian crossing points, one from each residence and one from the Cornwall Haven Reserve along this poorly conceived lane. Is safety not a consideration?

The parking can be absolutely shambolic. Vehicles parked over the beach access paths through the dunes. Angle parked vehicles blocking the roadway. Parallel parked so close to the dune that vehicle occupants exit into the taped off area of the dunes. Large motor homes parallel park and set up “camp” in the taped off dune area.

I also have evidence that penguins are crossing this sealed reserve space. Far from ideal with cars moving through! I have a photo to support this.

### **Enforcement**

I have seen no enforcement at either Ligar Bay or Tata Beach of the freedom camping restrictions. I have many photo's to show freedom campers not complying with the ban.

I suspect there is no enforcement of any parking rules at both Ligar Bay and Tata Beach. Are there any parking rules?

On the odd occasion I have approached “offenders” I get told all sorts including;

- *“F### off!”* – freedom campers at both Ligar and Tata, obstructive parking at Tata
- *“Yes, I can – no signs say I can't”!* (parked over beach access at Tata..... more than once) and lots at Ligar Bay.
- *“I have been drinking so I can't drive on NZ roads so I am camping here”* – freedom campers at Ligar Bay

I stand to be corrected but there is no enforcement of fire bans at either beach. A fire in the dunes or a fire spreading to private property in these coastal areas would be devastating.

### **What would I do?**

Clean-up the stormwater creek at Nyhane Drive that is in the road reserve.

Engage local community to assist with reserve maintenance.

Continue and increase support for the Coast Care programme to rejuvenate the dune spaces at both Ligar and Tata.

Develop structured parking around the toilet block and pump shed at Tata. Remove the sand stored by Council.

Deploy clear and accurate signage at entrance to both beaches and repeat where necessary. Remove all old and signage.

Maintain the parks to the left of the Tata boat ramp.

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Reclaim the dune space of the esplanade reserve east of the boat ramp. Remove all seal and create a pedestrian path all the way to the end of the Cornwall Haven Reserve. Facilitate appropriate planting of native dune flora. Use this pathway to locate the sculpture project (possibly in front of the Cornwall Haven Reserve) and include storyboards that tell the history of the Maori at Tata and surrounds, the European settlers and the story of Peter Peterson, the Tata Island Hermit. Include picnic tables along the pathway.

This would go a long way to meeting the expectations of the Resource Management Act, something I consider a chip sealed laneway built into the dunes certainly does not.

I would be more than happy to address my submission at any public hearing process.

Mike Shannon



Freedom campers at Ligar Bay

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Inconsiderate parking at Tata along sealed lane



More freedom campers at Ligar. Badly faded sign at Ligar.

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Signs at Tata – boat ramp signage, the dog sign that is really hard to fathom  
The freedom camping sign “hidden in the car and trailer car park and an old and now meaningless sign west of the boat ramp



Signs at entrance to Tata Beach – 50kph..... go figure!

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More freedom campers

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Freedom camper at Tata and inconsiderate parking



Penguins attempt at burrow on our building site just off the esplanade reserve

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Ivy growing back in the Cornwall Haven Reserve



More idiotic parking at Tata and Ligar





## Golden Bay/Mohua – feedback for draft Reserve Management Plan 2026

Tēnā koe

Please find below some necessarily high level feedback to assist with shaping the draft Golden Bay/Mohua Reserve Management Plan (RMP).

**2. Can you identify any problems with the way any parks or reserves in Golden Bay Ward are currently managed? Please tell us which reserve/s have management issues and explain what these are.**

Reserves General Policies 2015 states:

4.1.2.5 Reserve management plans shall prioritise access development opportunities on existing esplanade areas and to lakes, rivers and the coast

Comment:

- Ensure there is access to all council managed reserves such as the Golden Bay Reserve Parcel ID 3644692 which does not appear to have access TO it.
- Work with planners to maximise development opportunities to improve access, particularly to the coast, lakes and river margins.
- Prioritise opportunities to create esplanade strip or esplanade strip along the Takaka River which currently has poor public access and recreation opportunities.
- There is potential to create reserve by applying to legalise accreted land – an example of this is the coastal (NE) side of Collingwood beach and the west side of the Takaka River (opposite Takaka River Reserve) where significant accreted land has accumulated.

Current Golden Bay RMP 2003 states:

5.7 Public Access and Use

5.7.1 Ensure that reserves are freely available for use by individuals and groups on a casual basis, unless constrained by Council-approved events or activities;

Comment:

- Council should seek to minimise constraints on public access over reserves, particularly where this impedes access to the coast, lakes and river margins. An example of this is the Collingwood Campground, which I understand is not accessible by the public.

5.8 Vehicle Access and Parking

5.8.3 Restrict the use of bicycles and horses on reserves if such uses are in conflict with other activities

Comment:

- Council should seek to PROVIDE FOR bicycle and horse riders UNLESS there is a conflict with other activities with a focus on providing for active transport modes. This could reduce both traffic and parking demand at, for example, football fields.

**3. What (if anything) could Council do to improve parks and reserves in Golden Bay Ward?**

- Aim to improve access along coast, lake and river margins.
- Analyse distribution of reserve assets to ensure all communities have access to recreational opportunities.

**4. My suggestions for improving parks and reserves are:**

- Build on existing reserve parcels to/along the coast, rivers and lakes to increase recreation (and likely biodiversity) activity.
- Ensure that public access and enjoyment of reserves is not impeded by occupation arrangements (such as the campground lease at Collingwood).
- Work with other recreational stakeholders such as the Golden Bay Cycle & Walkway Society and Golden Bay Mountain Bike Club to maximise connectivity and recreation benefits of proposed cycling and walking network.

**6. What is your long-term vision for parks and reserves? How would you like them to be 10 to 20 years from now, or beyond?**

- Accessible by active transport.
- Facilitating continuous access to and along coast, lakes and river margins.
- A management collaboration between council and community to maximise engagement in biodiversity enhancement, access creation and general recreation activity.

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to this early development work on the Golden Bay Reserves Management Plan. I look forward to viewing the draft later this year.

All the best with this project.

Ngā mihi

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## Submission from Dog Owners Golden Bay

### Access for Dogs in Golden Bay Ward Reserves

Dog Owners Golden Bay appreciates the opportunity to provide a submission regarding the draft plan for the management of reserves within the Mohua, Golden Bay Ward.

### Community Representation

Dog Owners Golden Bay (DOGB) is an incorporated society which represents a large number of local residents who regularly use reserves throughout the Mohua, Golden Bay Ward for walking and exercising their dogs. Dog walking is one of the most common forms of recreation in our community, and many households rely on access to local reserves to provide safe and healthy exercise for their animals.

Our submission reflects the views of a broad group of reserve users who value these spaces as welcoming and shared environments for recreation, social interaction, and wellbeing.

The **Golden Bay Ward Reserves Management Plan 2003** clearly establishes the purpose of these reserves. The plan states that reserves and open space are acquired by Council **to provide for the recreational needs of people and to protect amenity and natural resource values**. The reserves covered by the plan are classified primarily as **Recreation or Local Purpose Reserves** under the **Reserves Act 1977**.

Under that Act, reserve management plans must provide for and ensure the **use, enjoyment, maintenance, protection and preservation** of reserves for the community.

Dog Owners Golden Bay submits that responsible dog walking is entirely consistent with these objectives.

Walking dogs is one of the most common and accessible forms of recreation available to residents. It supports physical health, mental wellbeing, and social interaction. For many people, particularly families, older residents, and those living on smaller residential sections, reserves provide the only practical spaces where dogs can be exercised safely and responsibly.

### Maintaining Existing Community Use

For many years Golden Bay residents have used local reserves for walking and exercising dogs without significant conflict. This established pattern of use reflects how the community values and enjoys these spaces.

We believe the current approach reflects the intent of the management plan, which emphasises providing recreational opportunities for residents while managing potential conflicts between users.



Dog Owners Golden Bay therefore submits that **existing access for dogs should be maintained wherever possible**, recognising the long-standing and widely supported use of reserves for this purpose.

### **Loss of Access Elsewhere**

Access for dogs to public land is already significantly restricted across much of the wider region.

Many areas administered by the **Department of Conservation** prohibit dogs entirely in order to protect wildlife and conservation values. While these restrictions are understood in conservation areas, they mean that local council reserves often represent the **primary places where residents can responsibly exercise their dogs**.

Further restrictions within council reserves would therefore significantly reduce the remaining opportunities for dog owners to enjoy outdoor recreation with their animals.

Maintaining reasonable access in council reserves helps ensure that the recreational needs of dog owners—a substantial portion of the community—continue to be met.

### **Proportionality of Restrictions**

Mohua / Golden Bay contains a diverse network of reserves, each with its own purpose, characteristics, and level of ecological sensitivity.

We submit that, overall, there should be no additional restrictions placed on dog access across the reserves network. Existing access arrangements already enable responsible use while allowing the community to enjoy these spaces with their dogs.

While we acknowledge that certain sites may have specific environmental values, any management responses should be minimal, clearly justified, and based on demonstrable need. A precautionary or blanket approach to further restrictions is not considered necessary given the variation in reserve types and current patterns of use.

Maintaining current levels of access supports community wellbeing, encourages responsible dog ownership, and recognises the importance of these reserves as shared public spaces.

### **Supporting Community Wellbeing**

Walking dogs contributes significantly to the health and wellbeing of residents. It encourages regular outdoor activity, social interaction, and connection with local places.

Maintaining access to reserves supports the role these spaces play as **inclusive community environments used by a wide range of residents**.



This aligns closely with the purpose identified in the management plan: providing for the recreational needs of both present and future residents.

### Community Partnership

Dog Owners Golden Bay believes that dog owners are not simply users of these reserves, but also **active members of the community who care deeply about these places**. Many dog walkers are among the most regular users of local reserves and are often the first to notice issues such as litter, hazards, or maintenance needs.

We believe there is an opportunity for Council to continue working **with responsible dog owners as partners in stewardship**, helping maintain the safety, amenity, and enjoyment of reserves for everyone.

By maintaining reasonable access for dog walking while continuing to manage sensitive areas appropriately, Council can uphold the intent of the **Golden Bay Ward Reserves Management Plan 2003** and the principles of the **Reserves Act 1977**, ensuring that these reserves remain welcoming, shared spaces for the whole community now and into the future.

### Summary

Dog Owners Golden Bay supports the continued protection of natural values, wildlife, and amenity within local reserves. However, we believe these goals can be achieved while still maintaining responsible access for dog walking.

We respectfully request that the Council:

- Maintain or improve existing dog access across Golden Bay Ward reserves
- Avoid reductions in access *without clear evidence* of need
- Continue to manage reserves in a balanced way that recognises the diverse recreational needs of the community.

On behalf of the committee of DOGB,

Ngā mihi nui,

Katie Lavers

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Tēnā koutou

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Tasman District Council Golden Bay/Mohua Ward Reserve Management Plan Review. The National Public Health Service (NPHS) Te Tau Ihu, Health New Zealand - Te Whatu Ora supports the health and wellbeing of the people in this region.

Parks and reserves are important for communities because they support physical activity, mental wellbeing, social connection, and access to nature. Research shows that access to natural environments such as parks, reserves, coastal areas, and green spaces improves physical and mental health.<sup>1</sup> Places like Golden Bay, including areas near Abel Tasman National Park, are valuable for recreation, tourism, and the local economy. A strong and well-designed plan will help protect these areas while keeping them accessible and sustainable.

We recommend Tasman District Council to work closely with local iwi throughout the review process in line with Te Tiriti o Waitangi. The plan should show how iwi views have shaped decisions. We also recommend engaging with disability communities to ensure parks and reserves are accessible for everyone.

### **Our recommendations to improve parks and reserves in Golden Bay Ward**

#### 1. Accessible parks for everyone

We recommend making sure all entrances, gates, and tracks are easy to use for people of all ages and abilities. Entrances should be barrier-free and suitable for wheelchair users, people with mobility scooters, and families with prams. Accessible tracks help ensure equitable access to nature and outdoor recreation, supporting better wellbeing for older adults and people with disabilities.<sup>2</sup>

#### 2. Safe and accessible connections

People living in walkable communities with access to green spaces are more likely to be physically active and experience better health outcomes.<sup>3,4</sup> We recommend connecting parks and reserves through safe walking and cycling routes, including links to existing routes such as the Great Taste Trail, and providing secure and adequate bicycle parking.

#### 3. Seating and picnic areas

We recommend providing seating and picnic areas when parks are upgraded or newly developed. Seating should have armrests and back support, allow easy supervision of children, and provide

<sup>1</sup> Department of Conservation. The contribution of natural environments to our health and wellbeing. Available <https://www.doc.govt.nz/globalassets/documents/conservation/human-values/health-and-wellbeing-benefits-of-conservation.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> Jackman PC, Cooke S, George T, Blackwell J, Middleton G. Physical activity experiences of community-dwelling older adults with physical disabilities: a scoping review of qualitative research. *Disabil Rehabil.* 2024 Aug;46(16):3564-3576.

<sup>3</sup> Public Health Agency. Principles for Healthy Urban Development. Wellington: Ministry of Health. 2022.

<sup>4</sup> Giles-Corti, Billore et al. City planning and population health: a global challenge. *The Lancet*, Volume 388, Issue 10062, 2912 – 2924. 2016.

space beside seats for wheelchairs, mobility scooters, or prams. Seating should be placed on level, firm surfaces so it is easy and safe to use.

#### 4. Inclusive play areas

We recommend providing play equipment that helps people stay active and supports community wellbeing. New playgrounds should be accessible for everyone, and older playgrounds should be upgraded over time so people of all ages and abilities can use them. Parks and reserves should also be well maintained so they feel welcoming for residents and appealing to visitors.

#### 5. Accessible toilet facilities

We recommend providing or upgrading public toilets where needed. Toilets should be easy to use, with wheelchair friendly layouts, support rails, and baby changing facilities. Toilet buildings can also provide opportunities to include local artwork and cultural features to strengthen community identity.

#### 6. Safe and accessible transport

We recommend providing safe and accessible transport options to parks and reserves. This includes providing parking spaces and maintaining car parks to remove hazards such as potholes, mud, and standing water. Parking areas should be wide enough, on even surfaces, and have gentle slopes with clear, safe paths connecting parking areas to footpaths and park entrances. Accessibility tools such as the PARCs tool<sup>5</sup> can support good design, planning and assessment.

We also recommend providing secure and convenient bicycle parking at parks and reserve entrances to support cycling as a healthy, low-emissions way to travel.

Where possible, Council should consider how parks and reserves can be better connected to new or existing public transport routes. Improving access by walking, cycling, and public transport helps ensure parks and reserves can be used by people of all ages and abilities, and supports equitable access to green spaces.

#### 7. Drinking water access

We recommend installing accessible drinking water fountains and bottle refill stations, particularly in busy places and near playgrounds and sports fields. These help people stay hydrated, especially during hot weather and physical activity. Providing free, clean drinking water helps reduce the use of single-use plastic bottles that can end up in landfill.

#### 8. Lighting and safety

We recommend providing good lighting to improve safety and allow parks, reserves, and sports grounds to be used in the early morning or evening. We also suggest using a Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)<sup>6</sup> approach to help support safe design.

#### 9. Clear signage and wayfinding

We recommend providing clear, easy to read signage using good contrast, universal symbols, and large text at heights that is easy to see from a wheelchair. Signage should follow accessibility guidance from Blind Low Vision NZ. Signs can also share local history, nature and cultural stories including iwi perspectives and Te Reo Māori.

<sup>5</sup> Perry MA, Devan H, Fitzgerald H, Han K, Liu LT, Rouse J. Accessibility and usability of parks and playgrounds. *Disabil Health J.* 2018;11(2):221-229. doi:10.1016/j.dhjo.2017.08.011

<sup>6</sup> Ministry of Justice. National Guidelines for Crime Prevention through Environmental Design in New Zealand. 2005. Available from <https://www.justice.govt.nz/assets/cpted-part-1.pdf>

#### 10. Shades and sun protection

Shades are becoming more important as summers are becoming hotter. We recommend increasing shade through trees, shade sails, and placing seating near established trees. This helps reduce heat and sun exposure, lowers the risk of skin cancer, and supports safer outdoor activity.

#### 11. Rubbish and recycling

We recommend placing rubbish and recycling bins at main access points to help keep areas clean and tidy. Clear signs showing what goes in each bin helps people put waste correctly, encourages recycling and reduces contamination.

#### 12. Smokefree and vape-free spaces

We recommend installing smoke-free and vape-free signage especially near playgrounds, entrances, and shared spaces such as toilets and picnic areas. This helps reduce second-hand smoke exposure, cigarette litter, and fire risk. While enforcement may be challenging, signage is an important way to inform the public and discourage smoking and vaping<sup>7</sup>. This also aligns with Tasman District Council's smokefree reserves policies.

#### 13. Alcohol-free environments

We recommend maintaining alcohol-free parks to support safe and family-friendly public places.

### Protecting the environment

#### 14. Support biodiversity and resilience

We recommend strengthening biodiversity and climate resilience by planting native vegetation, restoring natural areas, and using planting to reduce flood risk. Edible plants, such as fruit trees, can also support local food resilience. We also recommend monitoring water quality at swimming areas and informing the public when water quality is unsafe.

### Future challenges

#### 15. Climate change and coastal hazards

Climate change is likely to increase risks of damage from sea-level rise, coastal erosion, storm surge, and flooding. Coastal areas in Golden Bay may be at higher risk. We recommend actions to reduce these risks such as protecting natural coastal buffers, avoiding development in high-risk areas, and using nature-based coastal protection that fit with wider hazard adaptation strategies.

#### 16. Recreation and tourism pressures

Golden Bay is a popular destination for both residents and visitors. Tourism provides social and economic benefits, but large numbers of visitors can put pressure on infrastructure and sensitive natural areas. We recommend restricting vehicle access in fragile coastal areas, improving signage and environmental education, providing enough waste and toilet facilities, and protecting important natural areas. Climate resilient improvements may also include more shade, additional drinking fountains, better plant irrigation, and improved drainage on sports fields.

### Long-term vision for parks and reserves

17. Tasman District is growing and becoming more diverse. An ageing population and changing community needs will affect how parks and reserves are used. In 2023, 23% of the Tasman

<sup>7</sup> Platter, H. N., & Pokorny, S. B. (2018). Smoke-free signage in public parks: impacts on smoking behaviour. *Tobacco Control: An International Journal*, 27(4), 470–473. <https://doi.org/10.1136/tobaccocontrol-2016-053624>

District population was aged 65 years and over<sup>8</sup> and this proportion is expected to rise.<sup>9</sup> This will increase demand for parks and facilities that meet the needs of older people. Activities such as gardening, walking, cycling, and indoor activities are likely to become more popular. At the same time, Council should continue to attract and support younger people by providing a wide range of activities and facilities, such as sports facilities and mountain biking tracks to support youth wellbeing.

18. We recommend that Council responds to these changes by continuing to work with communities when planning and managing parks and reserves. Population growth also means new reserves will be needed in well-chosen locations across the district to meet the needs of people of all ages and backgrounds. Well-designed green spaces support physical, mental, spiritual and social wellbeing and help reduce health inequities. They also improve the environment by reducing heat, improving air quality, supporting biodiversity, and increasing climate resilience.<sup>10, 11</sup> Updating and strengthening the reserve management plan will help ensure these spaces remain relevant, future focused, and responsive to community needs.

19. Parks and reserves should be:

- healthy and inclusive spaces where everyone feels welcome
- part of a connected network that supports walking, cycling and recreation
- natural spaces that protect and support biodiversity
- managed with a long-term focus on environmental protection and community wellbeing.

20. We also recommend focusing on areas where people have less access to green spaces, particularly communities experiencing higher levels of deprivation, to help improve health and wellbeing.

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<sup>8</sup> Stats NZ. Place and ethnic group summaries. Tasman Region. Available at [Tasman Region, Place and ethnic group summaries | Stats NZ](https://www.stats.govt.nz/place-and-ethnic-group-summaries)

<sup>9</sup> Tasman District Council. Tasman's 10-Year Plan 2024 – 2034 available at <https://www.tasman.govt.nz/my-council/key-documents/long-term-plan/tasmans-10-year-plan-2024-2034>

<sup>10</sup> WHO Regional Office for Europe. Green and blue spaces and mental health: new evidence and perspectives for action. Copenhagen: 2021. License: CC BY-NC-SA 3.0 IGO.

<sup>11</sup> Roberts, L.; Brower, A.; Kerr, G. et al. The nature of wellbeing: how nature's ecosystem services contribute to the wellbeing of New Zealand and New Zealanders. Department of Conservation, Wellington. 2015. 145 p.

## Submission on TDC draft Reserve Management Plan

I volunteer for Predator Free Rangihaeata looking after 6 DOC200 traps between Charlett Point and Rangihaeata Headland.

This year tōrea pango, variable oysercatcher, have successfully raised two chicks who have now fledged. This is despite there being limited nesting sites available. Kororā have been heard but I do not know whether there have been any successful nestings.

I would like to comment on two reserves.

### **Rangihaeata Esplanade Reserve**

Between Charlett Point and 172 Rangihaeata Road

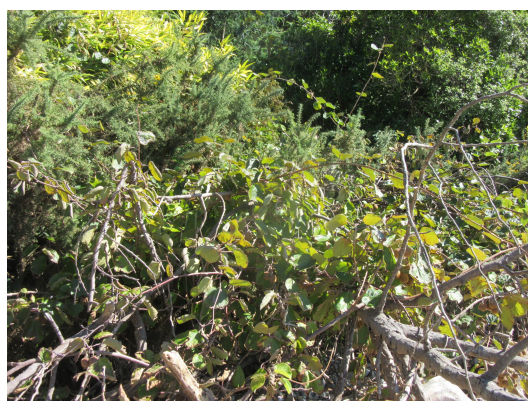
Here, the area for shore birds and little blue penguins is severely restricted by a band of invasive pest plants along the edge of the Rangihaeata Esplanade Reserve.



These plants include the following:

### **Eradication Pest**

Wild Kiwifruit. “Occupiers are required to destroy all wild plants”.



### Sustained Control Pest



Banana Passion Vine

“Occupiers are required to control and prevent the spread of this vine to other areas.”



Gorse

“Occupiers are required to destroy all plants within 10 metres of a boundary.”

In this case the boundary is the shoreline.

Other invasive plants that are affecting the ability of shore birds and humans to access the reserve include five leaf akebia, silver wattle, arrow bamboo, pink jasmine, tree lucerne, and purple pampas grass.

Tasman District Council is the occupier in this case. I would hope that TDC would adhere to their own requirements on a TDC managed reserve.

If many of these invasive pests were destroyed, and removed, it would allow the numerous native species in this reserve to thrive. This would hopefully encourage more birds to nest there. Improved access would enable Predator Free Rangihaeata to consider putting in further traps in this area. Tōrea pango are struggling to raise chicks in Golden Bay, and enhancing this area will improve their chances.

In front of the houses from 204 to 214 Rangihaeata Road

Ice plant and nasturtium are growing over the rock wall and surrounding areas. This breaks off in storms and spreads to other areas. If these were removed, and replaced with appropriate native plants, it would enhance this area and reduce the spread of these weeds.

**Onahau Estuary Esplanade Reserve**

The Onahau estuary is an important sanctuary for shore birds. There are extensive mud flats for feeding and a sandspit for nesting. Due to its tidal nature there is less human disturbance here than other areas of Golden Bay. With other areas facing increased threats this estuary could increase in importance as a sanctuary for shore birds.

This reserve needs to be kept free of invasive weeds that spread onto the estuary. The spread of these weeds restricts the birds feeding and nesting areas.

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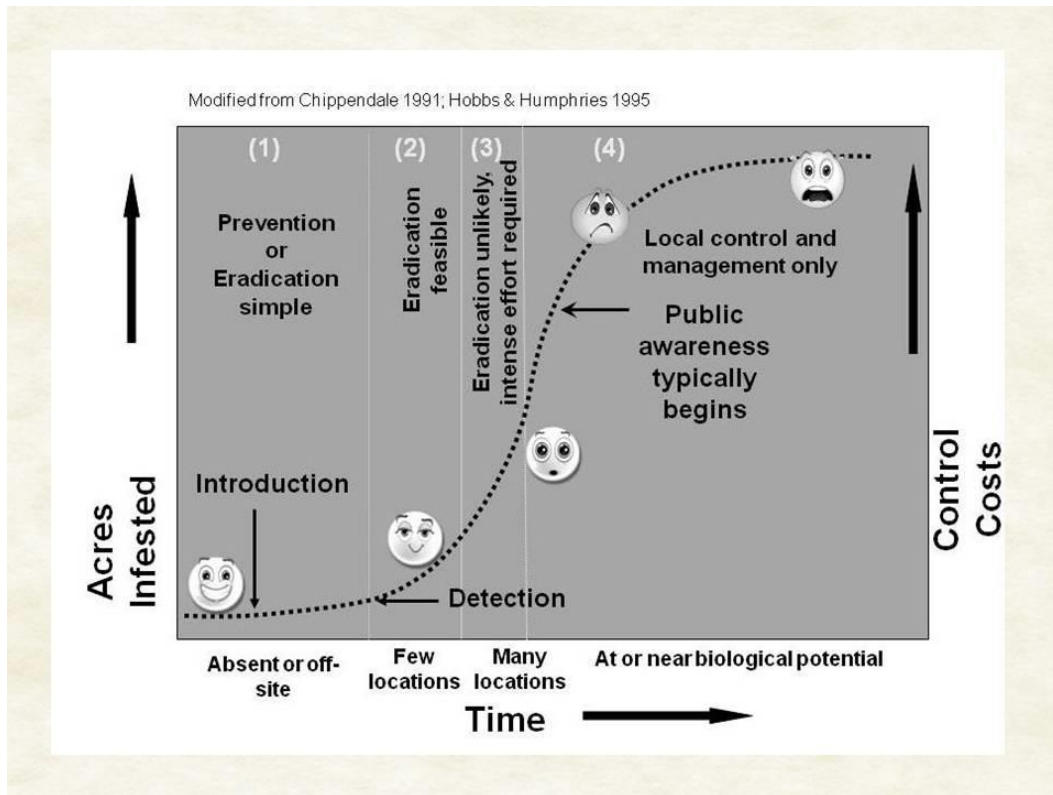
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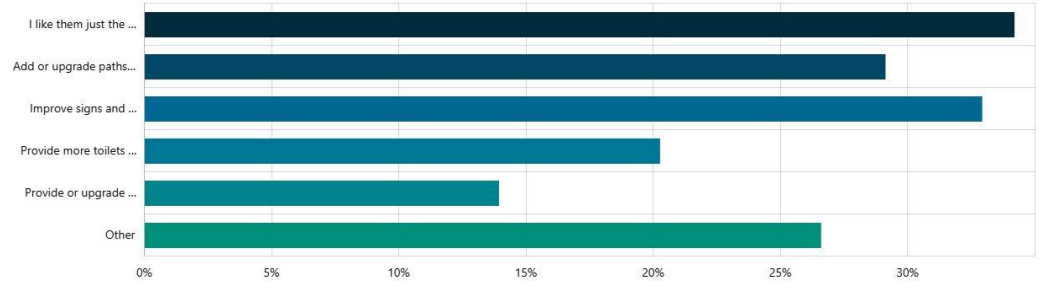


**In total 95 respondents answered quantitative questions posed by the survey. These responses have been summarised below.**

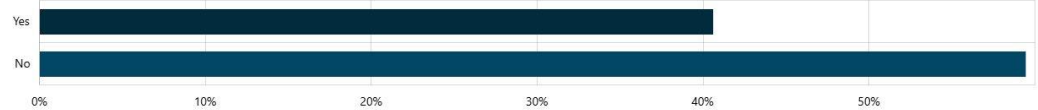
**What (if anything) could Council do to improve parks and reserves in Golden Bay Ward?**

Select all the projects you think should be a priority.

- Provide more toilets and/or upgrade existing toilet facilities (please tell us where and why in your answer to the next question)
- I like them just the way they are - please don't change them!
- Provide or upgrade playground equipment (please tell us where and why in your answer to the next question)
- Add or upgrade paths/walkways/cycleways (please tell us where and why in your answer to the next question)
- Improve signs and information (please tell us where and why in your answer to the next question)
- Other (please specify)



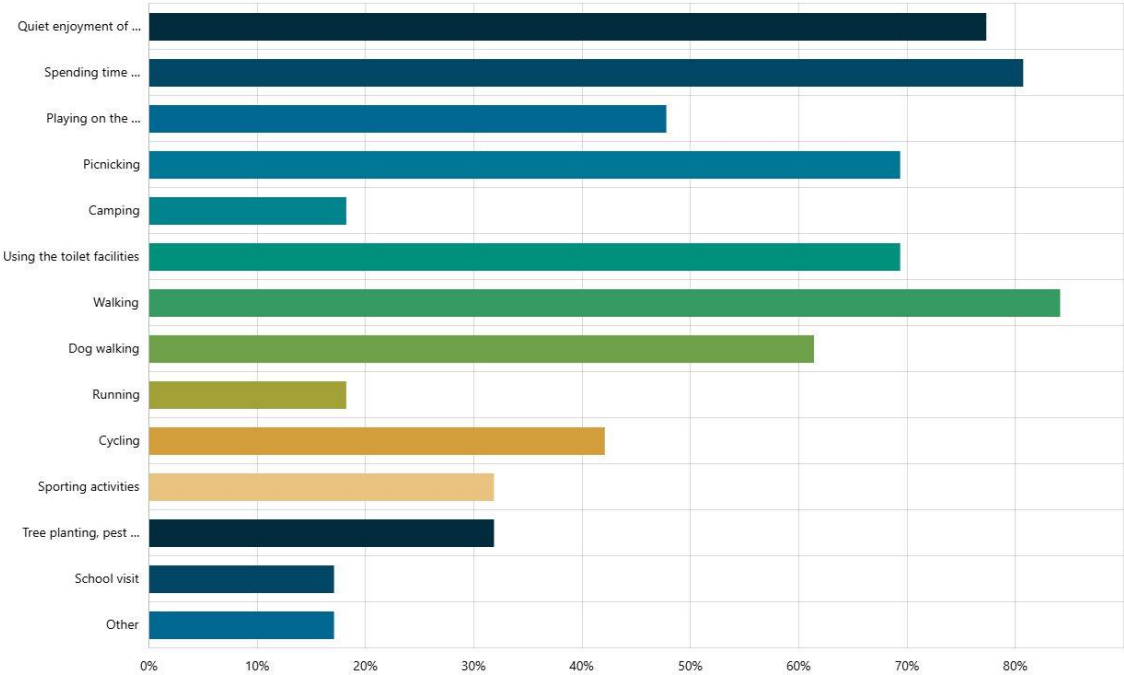
**Are there any other aspects of reserve management you'd like to see changed?**



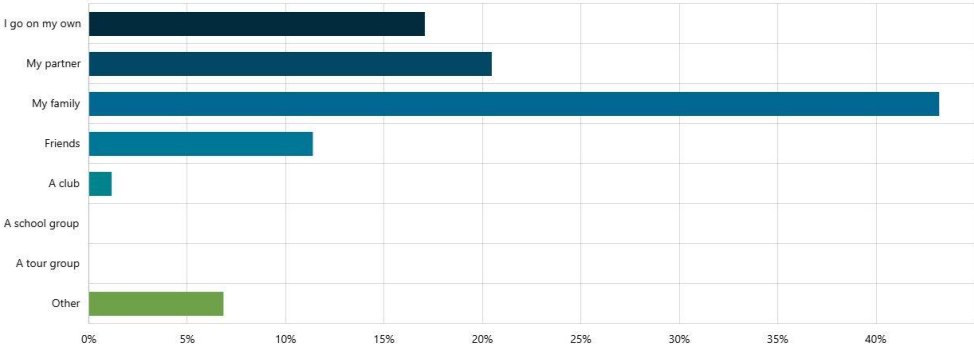
**When visiting parks and reserves within Golden Bay Ward, what activities have you undertaken?**

Please select all that apply.

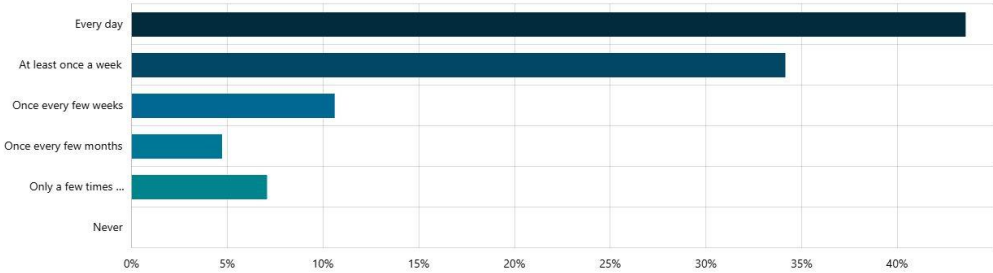
- Camping
- Spending time outdoors with family/friends
- Tree planting, pest control or other ecological restoration work
- Running
- Playing on the playground equipment (or taking children to a playground)
- Quiet enjoyment of open space, on my own
- School visit
- Walking
- Using the toilet facilities
- Cycling
- Sporting activities
- Dog walking
- Picnicking
- Other (please specify)



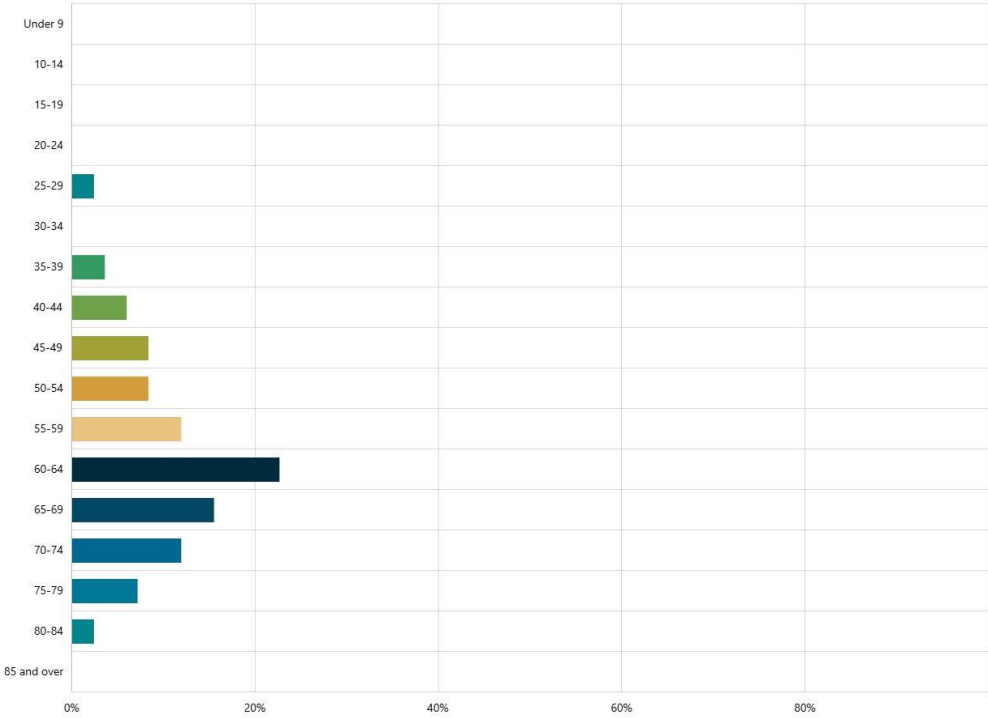
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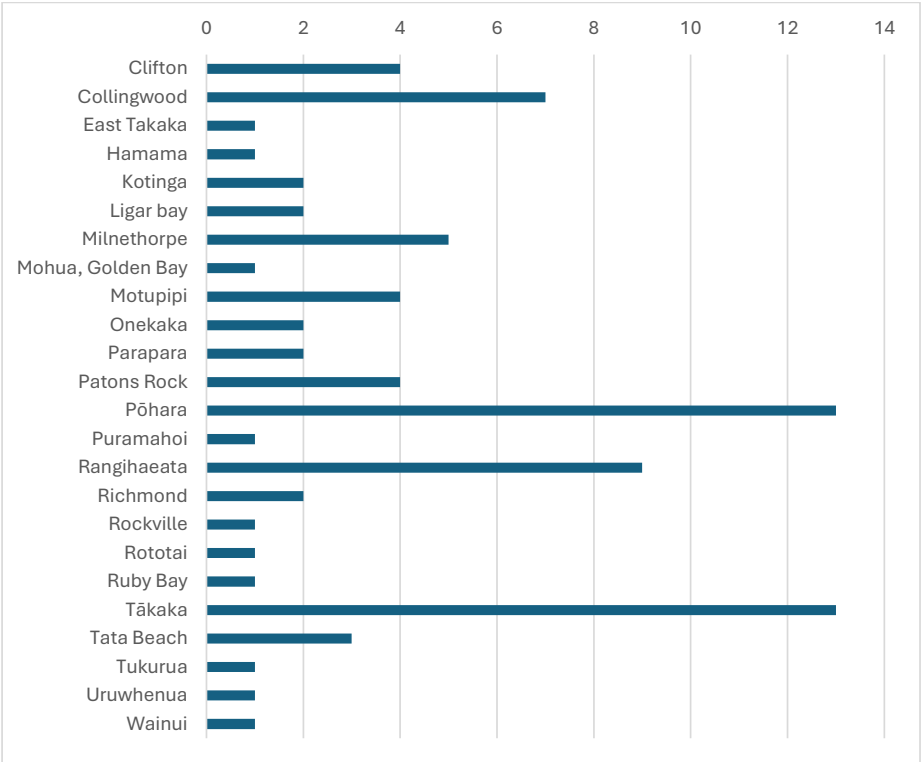
**On average, how often would you visit parks and reserves in Golden Bay Ward?**



**Age Group**



**Suburb**



## Golden Bay/Mohua Ward Reserve Management Plan Review

### Thematic summary of “Seeking Ideas” feedback for Community Board Workshop

This summary provides a high-level overview of the themes, concerns, aspirations and reserve-specific comments received during the early “seeking ideas” phase of consultation for the Golden Bay/Mohua Reserve Management Plan review.

The feedback received to date shows that the community places very high value on Golden Bay’s reserves network. Submissions consistently emphasised:

- strong attachment to local character and natural landscapes
- public access to beaches, rivers and walkways
- recreation opportunities for a wide range of users
- biodiversity protection and coastal restoration
- the importance of reserves for community wellbeing and identity
- a desire to retain the relatively informal and accessible character of many reserves.

Several tensions and competing expectations are also emerging, particularly around:

- dog access versus wildlife protection
- parking and vehicle access versus dune/coastal restoration
- increasing facilities versus retaining natural character
- freedom camping and enforcement issues
- signage – both insufficient signage and concerns about over-signage
- balancing local use with increasing visitor pressure.

The feedback at this stage is generally strategic and aspirational rather than focused on detailed policy wording.

### Key Themes Across Submissions

#### 1. Strong support for public access and informal recreation

Many submitters described reserves as highly valued public spaces that support walking, swimming, picnicking, social connection, dog walking, cycling, quiet contemplation, family gatherings and informal recreation.

Frequently valued qualities included:

- easy public access
- beach access
- natural scenery
- quietness and open space
- low-key “kiwiana” character
- accessibility for families and older people
- opportunities for walking loops and connected tracks
- community gathering spaces.

A recurring theme was that reserves should remain welcoming, freely accessible and usable by the whole community.

## **2. Coastal reserves and esplanade reserves are especially valued**

Coastal esplanade reserves were among the most frequently mentioned reserve types.

Submitters consistently valued:

- public access to beaches
- coastal walkways
- views and open space
- opportunities for swimming and recreation
- protection from private encroachment
- ecological and dune values.

There was also strong support for maintaining and improving public access along coastlines, rivers and estuaries.

## **3. Biodiversity, native planting and wildlife protection**

A significant number of submissions emphasised ecological restoration, pest plant management, dune restoration and wildlife habitat protection.

Common requests included:

- more native planting
- improved dune restoration
- stronger weed and pest plant control
- protection of penguin and shorebird habitat
- managing reserves for biodiversity as well as recreation
- climate resilience and coastal adaptation.

Several submitters highlighted tensions between recreation and ecological protection in sensitive coastal areas.

The Mohua Penguin Trust and other ecological submitters emphasised:

- kororā/penguin habitat protection
- shorebird nesting protection
- dog management in sensitive areas
- improved compliance and enforcement
- clearer and less cluttered signage.

## **4. Dog access is a major and potentially contentious theme**

Dog access generated substantial feedback.

Dog Owners Golden Bay submitted strongly in favour of maintaining existing access arrangements across reserves, arguing that:

- reserves are one of the few accessible places for exercising dogs
- dog walking is an important recreational and wellbeing activity

- existing arrangements generally work well
- further restrictions should only occur where clearly justified.

Other submitters similarly supported continued dog access and described reserves as important shared spaces for responsible dog walking.

Conversely, ecological submitters raised concerns about:

- impacts on penguins and shorebirds
- disturbance to nesting areas
- the need for leash controls in sensitive coastal areas.

Some submitters suggested establishment of a dedicated dog exercise area closer to Tākaka township. This appears likely to become one of the key balancing issues during the draft plan phase.

### **5. Walking and cycling connections**

There was widespread support for:

- improving walking and cycling connections between reserves
- extending and linking tracks
- off-road active transport connections
- coastal and river access routes
- improved accessibility.

Specific ideas included:

- Tākaka–Pōhara cycleway improvements
- inland walking/cycling links between Pōhara and Ligar
- Te Kakau Stream walkway/cycleway connections
- additional coastal and river margin access
- better connections to the Great Taste Trail.

The Outdoor Access Commission strongly advocated for:

- maximising public access to and along coasts, rivers and lakes
- improving access across esplanade reserves
- reducing barriers to public access
- active transport connectivity.

### **6. Signage and public awareness**

Signage generated mixed feedback.

Some submitters felt:

- reserve boundaries are poorly identified
- many reserves are not well known
- public access areas are unclear
- educational and ecological interpretation is lacking.

Others felt:

- there is already too much signage
- signage can create visual clutter and “visual pollution”

- signs are inconsistent, faded or confusing.

Common suggestions included:

- clearer reserve identification
- educational signage about ecology and history
- improved wayfinding
- tidier and more consistent signage design
- maps showing reserve locations.

## **7. Accessibility and inclusive design**

The National Public Health Service submission strongly focused on accessibility and inclusive design.

Suggestions included:

- accessible tracks and entrances
- inclusive playgrounds
- accessible toilets
- seating with armrests and wheelchair space
- better lighting and CPTED principles
- drinking fountains and shade
- safe walking and cycling access
- improved public transport connections.

There was also emphasis on:

- ageing population needs
- equitable access
- inclusive recreation opportunities
- health and wellbeing outcomes.

## **8. Maintenance and enforcement concerns**

A number of submitters raised concerns about:

- declining reserve maintenance
- weed management
- overgrown areas
- dune damage
- litter and freedom camping
- poor parking behaviour
- inadequate enforcement.

Some submitters felt reserve presentation standards had declined over time.

Several submissions also raised concerns about:

- coastal erosion
- vehicle impacts on dunes
- parking within sensitive coastal areas
- freedom camping enforcement.

## **Reserve-Specific Themes**

### **Tata Beach**

Tata Beach attracted extensive and sometimes conflicting feedback.

Frequently praised for:

- beachfront character and natural beauty
- esplanade walking access
- accessibility for older people and mobility-impaired users
- community gathering and recreation opportunities
- Cornwall Haven Reserve
- boat launching access.

Key issues raised:

- parking layout and behaviour around the boat ramp
- dune damage and coastal erosion
- vehicle access through dune areas
- freedom camping
- signage quality and consistency
- reserve maintenance standards
- degraded grassed areas around the toilet block reserve
- need for additional CoastCare planting
- weed management.

Some submitters supported greater dune restoration and reduced vehicle dominance around the esplanade reserve.

Others strongly opposed changes to parking and access arrangements, expressing concern about “over-development” or unnecessary intervention.

This area appears likely to require careful balancing between:

- public access
- boating access
- parking demand
- ecological restoration
- landscape character.

### **Ligar Bay**

Frequently praised for:

- gathering space and beach access
- natural character
- relaxed atmosphere.

Key issues raised:

- freedom camping
- faded and ineffective signage

- parking behaviour
- need for additional amenities such as picnic areas and BBQs
- dune restoration and coastal planting.

#### **Pōhara**

Frequently praised for:

- recreation reserve facilities
- campground
- beach access
- tennis courts and bowling green
- proximity to beach and township.

Key issues raised:

- lack of shaded picnic facilities and BBQs
- concerns about coastal erosion
- need for additional toilets and picnic infrastructure
- reserve encroachment by adjacent private users
- requests for improved walking/cycling links.

#### **Lake Killarney**

Frequently praised for:

- quiet setting
- proximity to town
- wetland values.

Key issues raised:

- wet and muddy tracks
- desire for all-weather paths
- improved connectivity between access points.

#### **Rototai Recreation Reserve**

Frequently praised for:

- open space for dogs and recreation
- family use.

Suggestions included:

- additional planting
- family-friendly play and obstacle features
- picnic facilities.

#### **Patons Rock**

Frequently praised for:

- beach access
- parking

- recreation opportunities.

Suggestions included:

- additional covered seating
- BBQ facilities
- picnic infrastructure
- toilet improvements.

#### **Rangihaeata Esplanade Reserve**

Key themes included:

- shorebird habitat protection
- invasive weed control
- native restoration
- predator control opportunities
- balancing ecological protection with dog walking access.

This reserve illustrates the broader tension emerging between biodiversity protection and recreation use.

#### **Onahau Estuary Esplanade Reserve**

Highlighted primarily for:

- shorebird habitat values
- low levels of disturbance
- importance as a potential future sanctuary area.

#### **Tarakohe / Port Tarakohe**

One submitter questioned whether the Tarakohe Local Purpose Reserve should sit within the wider reserve management framework at all, arguing that:

- the port has a specialised operational role
- the Port Tarakohe Spatial Plan should guide future management
- greater transparency around asset management and funding is needed.

#### **Takaka township reserves**

Commonly valued reserves included:

- Takaka Memorial Reserve
- Village Green
- Te Kakau Stream Reserve
- Motupipi Stream Esplanade
- East Takaka Recreation Reserve.

Themes included:

- importance of local open space close to town
- walking and cycling opportunities
- public awareness of lesser-known reserves

- requests for better signage and maps
- opportunities for fitness equipment and active recreation.

### **Emerging Strategic Directions**

The submissions suggest several broad strategic directions that may warrant exploration in the draft RMP.

#### **Likely areas of broad support**

- protecting and enhancing public access
- native planting and biodiversity restoration
- improving walking and cycling connections
- maintaining informal recreation opportunities
- improved reserve identification and wayfinding
- supporting CoastCare and dune restoration
- accessibility improvements
- maintaining reserves as community spaces.

#### **Likely areas requiring careful balancing**

- dog access versus wildlife protection
- parking and vehicle access in sensitive coastal areas
- recreation versus ecological restoration
- freedom camping management and enforcement
- additional facilities versus retaining informal character
- signage needs versus concerns about visual clutter.

#### **Potential gaps or opportunities identified**

- dedicated dog exercise area near Tākaka
- stronger reserve education and interpretation
- improved public awareness of reserve locations
- additional shade, seating and picnic infrastructure
- improved all-weather walking/cycling surfaces
- greater collaboration with community groups and volunteers
- more proactive coastal adaptation planning.

#### **General Observations**

Several broader observations emerge from the feedback:

1. Community attachment to reserves is very strong.  
The submissions show that reserves are viewed not simply as parcels of land, but as part of Golden Bay's identity, lifestyle and community wellbeing.
2. There is strong support for maintaining the relatively informal and natural character of reserves.  
Many submitters value the lack of urbanisation or over-development.
3. Ecological awareness appears significantly stronger than in previous reserve management planning processes.  
Climate resilience, biodiversity and habitat restoration featured prominently.
4. Public access remains a core expectation.  
Many submitters strongly emphasised that reserves should remain genuinely public and accessible.

5. Some areas are likely to become focal points in later consultation stages.  
In particular:
  - Tata Beach
  - dog access rules
  - coastal reserve management
  - parking and freedom camping issues.
6. Many submissions are less about creating entirely new reserves and more about improving management, maintenance, access and ecological outcomes within the existing reserve network.

### **Suggested Workshop Discussion Topics**

Potential discussion topics for the workshop include:

1. What balance should the RMP strike between biodiversity protection and recreational access?
2. Should the draft RMP provide stronger direction around coastal restoration, dune management and climate resilience?
3. Council's Dog Bylaw is the primary tool for managing dog access. However, the RMP could include policies about management of dog access across different reserve types, particularly sensitive coastal and estuary areas, to provide guidance for upcoming Dog Bylaw reviews. Is that something that the Board would like to see included in the RMP?
4. What level of infrastructure development is appropriate in reserves that are valued for their natural or informal character, including coastal reserves?
5. Are there particular reserves requiring more site-specific direction?
6. How should the plan address reserve encroachment and public access issues?
7. What role should community groups play in restoration and stewardship?
8. How can accessibility and inclusive design be embedded more strongly across the reserve network?
9. Are there opportunities to better connect reserves through walking and cycling networks?
10. How should the RMP acknowledge differing community expectations about regulation, signage and enforcement?

This summary reflects themes emerging from the early ideas phase only. More detailed analysis and policy direction will occur through development of the draft Reserve Management Plan and subsequent formal consultation process.

Key submissions referenced in this summary include feedback from:

- Mohua Penguin Trust
- National Public Health Service
- Dog Owners Golden Bay
- Outdoor Access Commission
- numerous individual submitters from across Golden Bay/Mohua.