

**Tasman District Council
Draft Moutere - Waimea
Ward Reserves Management
Plan**

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1. Nelson Marlborough Health (Nelson Marlborough District Health Board) (NMH) is a key organisation involved in the health and wellbeing of the people within Te Tau Ihu. NMH appreciates the opportunity to comment from a public health perspective on the Tasman District Council's Draft Moutere-Waimea Ward Reserves Management Plan.
2. NMH makes this submission in recognition of its responsibilities to improve, promote and protect the health of people and communities under the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000 and the Health Act 1956.
3. This submission sets out particular matters of interest and concern to NMH.

General Comments

4. NMH supports the revised Reserves Management Plan. In particular, NMH supports the integration of improving environmental wellbeing including upholding Te Oranga o Te Taiao and Te Mana o te Wai along with improving maintenance practices to reduce the potential for environmental harm.
5. NMH is pleased to see that a mixture of species are planted in urban parks and reserves which allow for rongoā/medicinal or raranga/weaving purposes as well as urban food, water quality, greater amenity, shelter and shade. NMH strongly supports the ability of local people to harvest produce from fruit trees, community gardens on a sustainable basis.
6. NMH strongly supports improving pedestrian access including walking and cycling linkages.
7. NMH strongly supports additional or replacement recreational amenities.
8. NMH strongly supports the installation of more bicultural signage and interpretation panels as this helps with cultural identify.
9. NMH strong supports the incorporation of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles as this will ensure places are made safer for people.
10. NMH strongly supports the review of existing toilet provision and recommends that any review include an accessibility audit to ensure these are easy to access for people with limited mobility.
11. NMH is currently working with TDC Officers on extending smokefree outdoor policies. Consideration should be given to the level of smokefree signage in Council

parks and reserves particularly in playgrounds. Smokefree signage helps to protect people from exposure to tobacco smoke, reduces littering, and denormalises smoking. Smokefree signage can also reinforce fire risk messaging during drought periods.

Specific Comments

12. NMH strongly supports the provision of spaces for social gatherings and information recreation along with new play equipment at Catherine Road Recreation Reserve.
13. NMH strongly supports the introduction of community gardens and community food forests at the northern end of Māpua Recreation Reserve.
14. NMH notes that TDC's Street Furniture Inventory Summary in 2019 showed only one drinking fountain in the Tasman Region. Given that the district is one of the sunniest in the country, NMH was encouraged to see that TDC is considering increasing drinking fountains in reserves. Adequate hydration is important especially in the warmer months. Increasing the number of drinking fountains is a way that TDC can contribute to the health and wellbeing of its citizens by giving people the option of free easily accessible water in public places. NMH supported the installation of drinking fountains at Whitby Green, and NMH encourages TDC to look for further opportunities to add drinking fountains in other reserves.
15. This year, the Saxton Field Reserve Plan was updated to include rules around alcohol. In our submission on the 2021-2031 TDC Long Term Plan, NMH recommended that those rules are included into the General Reserves Policy when it is reviewed. In the interim, NMH also recommends that the following rules are included in the Moutere Waimea Ward Reserve Management Plan.
 - a. Consumption of alcohol is not be permitted in playground areas and other play and activity areas including sports grounds frequented by children and youth up to 18 years of age.
 - b. Outside of the play and activity areas frequented by children and youth, the consumption of alcohol is permitted by individuals when consumed as part of family picnics, small social celebrations or as part of a licensed event for which a special licence may be applied for or on any licensed premises situated on a Reserve.
 - c. Alcohol Licenses for the sale or supply for consumption within reserves of liquor shall only be permitted where the sale or consumption of alcohol is associated with a permitted recreation activity or event, and where the

consumption of alcohol is ancillary to those activities (that is, it is not an activity in itself)

- d. The advertising or promotion of alcohol shall not be permitted on Reserves, apart from price and product schedules at point of sale.
- e. Alcohol licenses (On and Club) for the sale of alcohol on Reserves shall be limited to sports clubrooms and multi-purpose community buildings and will generally be defined in use or occupation agreements. These agreements shall confine alcohol consumption to the building and attached verandas

Conclusion

16. NMH thanks the Tasman District Council for the opportunity on the draft Moutere-Waimea Ward Reserves Management Plan.

Yours sincerely



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