

### Section 3 Activities

# Rēhia me Papa Wātea Recreation and Open Space



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Our recreation and open space network plays an important role in contributing to the social, environmental, cultural and economic wellbeing of our community.

### What we provide

This activity includes all recreation and open space assets owned and administered by Council. Among other things, recreation includes leisure, organised sport, informal sports activity and passive recreation such as walking.

Activities such as arts and culture, facilities such as libraries and community halls and the natural environment aspects of open space are included in other Activity Plans within this LTP.

- Walking and cycling networks
- Neighbourhood reserves
- Camp grounds
- Esplanade and coastal reserves
- Swimming pools
- Indoor recreation centre (with Katikati College)
- Water access - boat ramps, wharves and jetties, pontoons
- Coastal erosion protection structures (seawalls)
- Playgrounds
- Heritage, natural and cultural reserves
- Skate parks
- Dog parks
- Public toilets
- Sport and recreation parks
- Sub-regional parks (TECT Park and Huharua Park).

### Why we provide this activity

#### Our community outcome

- We can all enjoy a healthy and safe lifestyle.
- Our environment is clean, green and valued.
- Our communities are vibrant and welcoming to all.

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As the population increases, additional demand is placed on our recreation and open space network. We need to ensure we keep pace with this demand so that it continues to meet the needs of the distinct communities located across the District.

In common with other councils across the country we remain aware of the need to balance effective development and management of our recreation and open space network with the community's ability to pay for it.

All councils in the Bay of Plenty have worked together to develop a regionally focused Spaces and Places Strategy and fund its implementation over the next several years. Across the region we are seeing better coordination of facility development and improved relationship building where partnership/collaborative approaches may form part of the solution. We are also aware of the need to meet community aspirations and to manage competing demands for open space and facilities from different user groups.

Our ongoing programme of reserve management plan reviews provides the opportunity to work with each ward to identify local community aspirations and put in place a plan for how these can be responded to through

development and management of parks and reserves. This ensures that we continue to provide fit-for-purpose places and spaces for our existing and future communities.

We will also continue to focus on understanding barriers to participation in sport and recreation activities, continuing to enhance our open space network through our reserve management planning processes and working with Tauranga City Council and other organisations to ensure our joint sub-regional parks.

## Our focus for this activity

**Pools** - Council will continue to work with the community to identify options for a new swimming pool development in Te Puke. Provision is also made for upgrade work to the Dave Hume Swimming Pool and future replacement (2040+) and the purchase of land in Ōmokoroa for future swimming pool development.

**Reserves** - We have a clear approach to determine our requirements for local neighbourhood reserves in new growth areas, across the District and for dog parks and sport and recreation parks.

**Sports Centres** - We will continue to work in partnership with Katikati College to ensure the community access agreement for the Katikati Action Centre is maximised to best meet the needs of local communities. Any other proposals for similar types of facilities will be assessed on a case-by-case basis and in accordance with the BOP Spaces and Places Strategy.

**Walking and Cycleways** - Our Walking and Cycling Action Plan enables us to continue to build on the significant achievements to date and to continue to work with neighbouring councils, local community support and private funders to further develop cycleway network as well as advocate for further government funding to develop our network.

**Boat Ramps** - A review of all previous information on boat ramp use over the last 10-20 years has identified that all-tide or 'premier' boat ramps within the District and western Bay of Plenty region will continue to come under pressure from growth. Council needs to plan for this through a mix of capacity upgrades and new provision.



## How we will achieve our community outcomes

Goal	Our approach
<p><b>Provide appropriate opportunities to access the recreation and open space network.</b></p> <p><b>Note: Access can mean physical access, affordable access, disabled access, geographic access etc.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to apply adopted levels of service to the provision of the recreation and open space network, including the provision of facilities to a 'basic' standard with a requirement for the community to fund any higher level of service.</li> <li>• Apply adopted levels of service for swimming pools, indoor recreation centres, neighbourhood parks and sport and recreation parks.</li> <li>• Improve monitoring of facility use in community partnership agreements to ensure utilisation is maximised where appropriate and meeting the needs of local communities.</li> <li>• Recognise the need to achieve a balance between enhancing accessibility to the open space network, while protecting areas where there are important natural, cultural and environmental values.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Connect our spaces and places to each other and to destinations such as schools and community gathering places.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to implement the Walking and Cycling Action Plan, working with neighbouring councils, local communities, and private funders as well as advocating for further government funding to develop our network.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Protect and enhance important environmental, cultural and heritage values.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to enhance the open space network to achieve environmental and cultural objectives where possible in existing and new reserves and reflect the heritage values of the area.</li> <li>• Continue to carry out riparian planting programmes with the community, secure esplanade reserves for conservation and recreational values and apply the Coastal Erosion Responses Policy to existing coastal assets and future planning.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Provides spaces and places that our community are proud of, that are safe, accessible and that encourage participation.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Principles (CPTED) to our open space network development and management approach.</li> <li>• Support meaningful partnerships which increase opportunities for affordable access to recreation facilities and open space networks.</li> <li>• Understand barriers to participation in recreation activities. Utilise existing community research and locally based engagement to assist in identifying options to remove these barriers.</li> <li>• Encourage use of the recreation and open space network for activities that appeal to a diverse range of people and that bring communities together.</li> </ul>



## How we will achieve our community outcomes (continued)

Goal	Our approach
<p><b>Collaborate and partner with Tangata Whenua and the community to provide recreation and open space experiences.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use open space network plans and iwi/hapū management plans to identify potential sites that require protection in the future.</li> <li>• Work in partnership to identify the potential to secure land that protects cultural and environmental values where these may be at risk of development. Consider alongside subregional parks approach.</li> <li>• Continue to engage with the community, including on new or upgraded facility development, walking and cycleway development, reserve management planning processes and concept plan/reserve development processes.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Proactively plan for future recreation and open space needs taking into consideration the range of factors that influence this including growth, current provision, changing trends, access and environmental factors.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to review and update Reserve Management Plans so that they remain relevant, reflect local community needs and future challenges and trends.</li> <li>• Develop and implement open space network plans to enable a clear set of priorities to assist with future planning. Align with green blue network plans to ensure an integrated approach.</li> <li>• Ensure recreation and open space networks are an integral part of development of structure plans for future growth areas and implement agreed levels of service through these plans.</li> <li>• Work with Tauranga City Council and other parties to ensure our joint sub-regional parks approach continues to respond to growth, recreation and environmental needs of the western Bay of Plenty sub-region.</li> <li>• Apply the New Zealand Recreation Association (NZRA) reserve categories to our open space network to ensure we have clearly defined role and functions of different types of open space and to assist with benchmarking against other councils.</li> </ul>

### Where the money comes from

Please refer to 'Policies, Summaries and Statements' for the Revenue and Financing Policy for the Recreation and Open Space Activity.



## What are we planning to do

Project ID	Name	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034
166008	Centennial Park sports fields renovation and drainage	-	254,059	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
212912	Moore Park Katikati - Toilet	-	-	276,750	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
218406	Reserves - Ōmokoroa Domain concept plan implementation	-	331,961	56,900	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
219304	Reserves - Katikati Park Road Whakaruruhau and signage	25,704	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
225403	Reserves - District Wide Reserves Minor Works	41,120	44,574	56,900	58,133	59,316	60,498	61,680	62,862	64,044	65,175
244005	Paengaroa - new sports field	-	-	-	-	-	341,208	-	-	-	-
244113	Reserves - Maramatanga Park concept plan implementation	100,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
244912	Reserves - District Wide Acquisition funding	1,967,200	2,507,292	284,499	290,667	2,669,202	2,722,401	2,775,600	611,500	623,000	634,000
245601	Reserves - Maketu Spencer Ave funding for general development	60,000	78,048	137,268	101,790	69,240	-	-	-	-	-
245602	Spencer Ave - Concept Plan	15,420	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
246810	Midway Park & Pukehina Parade - Sportsfield Medium 2nd stage	55,000	30,547	11,070	67,860	-	264,825	-	-	-	-
260105	The Landing - Jetty	120,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
260306	Kauri Point - Car Park	-	-	70,101	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
260315	Kauri Point - Atea development	-	-	-	17,440	-	-	-	-	-	-
260409	Minden Te Puna Neighbourhood Park	-	111,435	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
260415	Pahoia Domain Carpark extension	-	-	-	-	-	-	130,145	-	-	-
260507	Old Coach Rd/Pokopoko Stream	-	39,002	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
260523	Otamarakau / Rogers Rd - boat ramp & formalise boat access	-	-	22,760	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
260524	Otamarakau / Rogers Rd - car parks	-	-	59,176	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
265810	McMillan Rd picnic area development	-	-	-	156,960	-	-	-	-	-	-
312501	Reserves - District Signage Capital	20,560	22,287	22,760	23,253	23,726	24,199	24,672	25,145	25,618	26,070
320801	Reserves - Asset Replacement Projects funding	1,200,481	1,594,077	1,065,544	1,226,944	1,453,773	1,579,947	1,408,549	1,496,770	1,700,231	1,135,559
322102	Reserves - Waihi Beach Pohutukawa Reserve	-	-	55,350	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
322701	Pongakawa Domain upgrade access/carpark	-	-	98,862	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
330701	Reserves - Tauranga Harbour Explanade funding	25,700	27,859	28,450	29,067	29,658	30,249	30,840	31,431	32,022	32,588
330801	Reserves - Matakana Island Panepane Point Development	56,781	89,148	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
331201	Reserves - Tauranga Harbour Margins project funding	25,700	27,859	28,450	29,067	29,658	30,249	30,840	31,431	32,022	32,588
342001	Reserves - Assets Erosion Protection funding	205,600	222,870	227,599	232,534	237,262	241,991	246,720	251,449	256,178	260,701
345301	Reserves - Cycleways & Walkways funding	308,400	334,306	341,399	348,800	355,894	362,987	370,080	377,173	384,266	391,051
345401	Ōmokoroa Active Reserves	2,639,996	2,168,000	1,365,595	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
345601	Reserves - Waihi Beach Skatepark Upgrade	-	110,568	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
353701	Reserves - Dog Parks - Capital Development	30,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Project ID	Name	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034
354201	Reserves - Conway Road Reserve Concept Plan Implementation	214,500	135,500	88,560	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
354301	Reserves - Waitekohekohe Reserve concept plan implementation	340,000	54,200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
354401	Reserves - Wairoa Road Rowing club Reserve	-	-	101,282	74,992	9,253	60,498	-	-	-	-
354501	Reserves - Lynley Park Subdivision	-	106,982	159,319	220,907	-	-	-	-	-	-
354601	Reserves - Precious Family Reserve Concept Plan implementation	64,456	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
357501	Reserves - Bell Road Kaituna River access	64,248	27,859	34,937	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
357601	Reserves - Otaiiparia Kaituna River	-	50,948	589,129	39,585	-	-	-	-	-	-
361201	Arawa Road concept plan	-	-	-	62,205	-	-	-	-	-	-
LTP25/34-24	Reserves - Ōmokoroa - Harbour Ridge Reserve Concept development	-	-	-	214,890	173,100	329,560	-	-	-	-
LTP25/34-27	Reserves - Te Puke - MacLoughlin Drive Subdivision Future Reserve Development	-	-	-	-	-	470,800	240,000	-	-	-
LTP25/34-37	Playground at Kioio Reserve	-	10,840	188,190	10,179	10,386	10,593	10,800	11,007	11,214	11,412
LTP25/34-38	Pongakawa Heritage House	-	-	-	101,790	5,770	5,885	6,000	6,115	6,230	6,340
326106	Pools - Te Puke new indoor swimming pool facility	-	108,400	553,500	3,266,627	9,999,171	3,399,487	-	-	-	-
281507	Reserves - Coastal & Marine Projects funding	51,400	55,718	56,900	58,133	59,316	60,498	61,680	62,862	64,044	65,175
295203	Reserves - Ōmokoroa Domain funding	-	249,990	-	-	1,186,312	1,209,956	3,084,000	-	-	-
321101	Reserves - Coastal Marine Asset Replacement Project funding	1,789,146	2,126,808	1,470,096	2,626,182	1,594,828	863,918	880,800	897,682	914,564	930,712
358901	Coastal & Marine - Panepane Wharf Replacement	1,362,744	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
289808	Reserves - TECT All Terrain Park Public Infrastructure	102,800	111,435	113,800	116,267	118,631	120,996	123,360	125,724	128,089	130,350
289815	Reserves - TECT All Terrain Park Roading	154,200	167,153	56,900	58,133	59,316	60,498	61,680	62,862	64,044	65,175
289823	Reserves - TECT All Terrain Park Subhub & Park Signage	20,560	22,287	22,760	23,253	23,726	24,199	24,672	25,145	25,618	26,070
289824	TECT All Terrain Park - Forest Replantings	232,922	158,247	111,943	-	29,631	170,481	-	-	-	-
289840	Reserves - TECT All Terrain Park Asset Development	46,173	93,606	44,382	12,789	-	-	-	-	-	-
289858	Reserves - TECT All Terrain Park Motorsport Entrance Relocation	211,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
289860	Reserves - TECT All Terrain Park Events Space Fence	60,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
289861	Reserves - TECT All Terrain Park Ngawaro Road Crossing	-	65,040	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
289862	Reserves - TECT All Terrain Park Te Matai Road Network Extension	51,400	55,718	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
289863	Reserves - TECT All Terrain Park Te Matai Sealed Driver Training Area - Forestry	-	-	455,198	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
289864	Reserves - TECT All Terrain Park Inclusive Adventure Playground	102,804	-	-	-	2,253,993	-	-	-	-	-
289865	Reserves - TECT All Terrain Park Motorsport Shared Training/Administration Build	10,000	271,000	276,750	-	-	-	-	-	-	-





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345701	Placeholder: Sub-regional Coastal Park - Council contribution	-	-	-	-	593,156	-	-	-	-	-
213404	Reserves - Asset Management Improvement Programme	75,000	81,300	83,025	58,133	59,316	60,498	61,680	62,862	64,044	65,175
164501	Reserves - Te Puke Sports Field Service Delivery Contract	15,420	16,715	17,070	17,440	17,795	18,149	18,504	18,859	19,213	19,553
249201	Reserves - Facilities in the community fund	56,540	61,289	62,590	63,947	65,247	66,548	67,848	69,148	70,449	71,693
260522	Otamarakau / Rogers Rd - planting & weed spraying	-	-	11,949	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
312502	Reserves - District Signage Operating	10,280	11,144	11,380	11,627	11,863	12,100	12,336	12,572	12,809	13,035
318901	Reserves - Sub Regional Council Contribution to Sports and Exhibition Centre funding	34,243	37,119	37,907	38,729	39,516	40,304	41,092	41,879	42,667	43,420
336701	Reserves - Matakana Island Service Delivery Contract funding	5,140	5,572	5,690	5,813	5,932	6,050	6,168	6,286	6,404	6,518
352301	Reserves - District CCTV Implementation	40,232	21,680	22,140	22,620	23,080	23,540	24,000	24,460	24,920	25,360
353702	Reserves - Dog Parks Maintenance	6,000	6,504	6,642	6,786	6,924	7,062	7,200	7,338	7,476	7,608
163503	Te Puke Aquatic Centre Service Delivery Contract	318,680	345,449	352,779	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
165401	Reserves - Pools Dave Hume Service Delivery Contract	300,000	325,200	332,100	339,300	346,200	353,100	360,000	366,900	373,800	380,400
326104	Reserves - pools Te Puke Painting	-	-	-	-	-	120,996	-	-	-	-
326105	Reserves - Pools Te Puke repairs and maintenance	35,000	37,940	38,745	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
326108	Pools - Te Puke New Indoor Pool Facility	-	-	-	-	593,156	1,209,956	1,233,600	1,257,244	1,280,888	1,303,504
289835	Reserves - TECT All Terrain Park Plans and Assessments	10,280	11,144	11,380	11,627	11,863	12,100	12,336	12,572	12,809	13,035



## How we will track progress

What we do	How we track progress	Result	Target				
		2023	2025	2026	2027	2028-30	2031-34
We provide safe, attractive and well-maintained facilities and amenities to our community.	The percentage of recreational facilities that have an average to excellent grading of equal to or less than 3 (1 excellent, 5 very poor) as defined in the NZ Park and Recreation Asset Grading manual).	94%	>90%	>90%	>90%	>90%	>90%
We continue to provide quality experiences that meet the needs of our community through ongoing engagement, planning, development and management of the recreation and open space network.	The best practice score for strategic planning is comprised of 10 measures including parks strategy development, use of provision and distribution of levels of service, and development of activity strategies (% compared to peer group NZ wide).	New measure	>67%	>67%	>67%	>67%	>67%
We provide a fit-for-purpose, future-proofed swimming pool network that meets the needs of local communities.							
We provide safe, attractive and well-maintained facilities and amenities to our community.	Increasing user numbers at Dave Hume Swimming Pool and Te Puke Memorial Pool.	18,008	>25,000	>25,000	>30,000	>30,000	>30,000
We provide an accessible network of reserves within urban areas for recreation and amenity purpose.	Note: When pools are closed for development target is 0.	2,935	>25,000	>25,000	>25,000	>25,000	>30,000
We provide a safe and connected walking and cycling network that leads to improved transport choices and provides a variety of recreational experiences through and beyond our District.	Neighbourhood reserves (or a suitable equivalent experience e.g. sport and recreation parks) are located within 400 meters (5-10 minute walk) of urban/town residential properties.	99%	>85%	>85%	>85%	>90%	>95%
	Walking and cycling track counters identify increasing use over time.	164,942	>105,000	>110,000	>115,000	>120,000	>125,000

# Significant effects of providing this activity

Wellbeing	Positive	Negative	How are we addressing these effects
 <p><b>Social</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides space for physical activity, recreation and play; helps to provide for a healthy and interactive community.</li> <li>A higher level of facilities and managed open space creates an attractive place to visit/live and a higher level of social/cultural wellbeing.</li> <li>Fosters a sense of civic pride.</li> <li>The open space network provides a smoke-free environment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potential for negative impact on privacy, noise and loss of views.</li> <li>Some uses affect neighbouring properties.</li> <li>May attract anti-social behaviour (graffiti, drinking alcohol, bullying).</li> <li>Managing community expectations for local recreation opportunities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Providing a process of public consultation through reviews of Reserve Management Plans on a regular basis.</li> <li>Design active reserve space to meet anticipated uses and minimise impact on surrounding area.</li> <li>Apply best practice urban design principles to minimise impacts of new development.</li> <li>Apply Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles in planning for reserve space.</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Cultural</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides a location for community events.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Congestion and over-use of destination parks and facilities.</li> <li>Increased traffic congestion around peak activity periods.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Providing a process of public consultation through reviews of Reserve Management Plans on a regular basis.</li> <li>Design active reserve space to meet anticipated uses and minimise impact on surrounding area.</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Environmental</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides places of respite, retreat and connection to the natural environment.</li> <li>Encourages community groups to work collectively on environment restoration projects (eg Coast care).</li> <li>Protects areas of cultural, historic and environmental value.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Littering and discarded rubbish.</li> <li>Chemical use on parks (e.g. spraying weed killers).</li> <li>Increased traffic congestion around peak activity periods.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Signage is used to inform users of the chemical use regime.</li> <li>Manage accessibility to protect areas of significance.</li> <li>Providing a process of public consultation through reviews of Reserve Management Plans on a regular basis.</li> <li>Design active reserve space to meet anticipated uses and minimise impact on surrounding area.</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Economic</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attracts tourism to our District.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Congestion and over-use of destination parks and facilities.</li> <li>Increased traffic congestion around peak activity periods.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Providing a process of public consultation through reviews of Reserve Management Plans on a regular basis.</li> <li>Design active reserve space to meet anticipated uses and minimise impact on surrounding area.</li> </ul>