

3.6 SECTOR 6

Berhampore, Newtown, Mt Victoria, Oriental Bay, Roseneath, Hataitai, Evans Bay, and Mt Cook

Oriental Bay, Berhampore, Newtown, Mount Cook, and Mount Victoria are inner city suburbs with a distinctive residential character and a greater proportion of higher density development. They are bounded by the Wellington Town Belt to the south, west, and east. The suburban reserves are relatively small pockets of open space that provide important respite from the built environment.

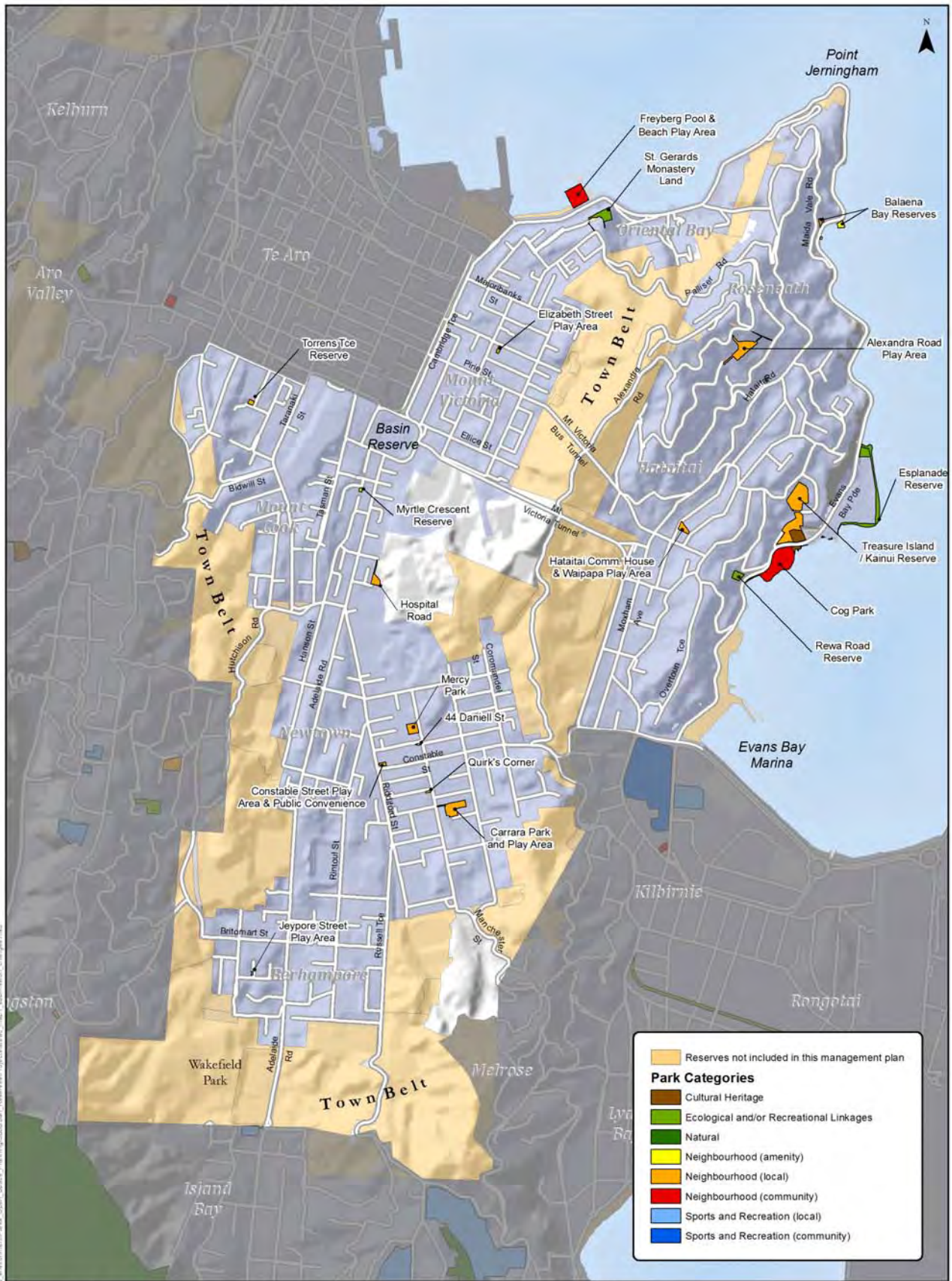
Roseneath, Hataitai, and Evans Bay are steep hillside suburbs sandwiched between the Wellington Town Belt to the west and the coastal edge and Evans Bay Parade to the east. The steep and winding street network and established residential use results in more trees in the general environment despite there being only three neighbourhood parks in the area.

The Wellington Town Belt is not considered as part of the suburban reserves network but provides walking, biking, and access to larger areas of open space and natural landscape for residents in these suburbs.

The open space comprises 24 reserves including the following.

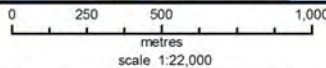
- 17 neighbourhood parks, six of which contain play areas. They include the Freyberg Pool play area and adjacent Oriental Bay Beach and Kainui/Treasure Island community neighbourhood park.
- The Patent Slip at Evans Bay is a Cultural and Heritage park.
- Six ecological linkages, including Saint Gerard's Monastery reserve, which provide an important scenic backdrop to Oriental Bay, Balaena Bay reserves and three esplanade reserves along the coastal edge at Evans Bay.

There are no Sport and Recreation parks in this sector but Hataitai Park on the Wellington Town Belt provides a citywide sport and recreation hub serving the general area.

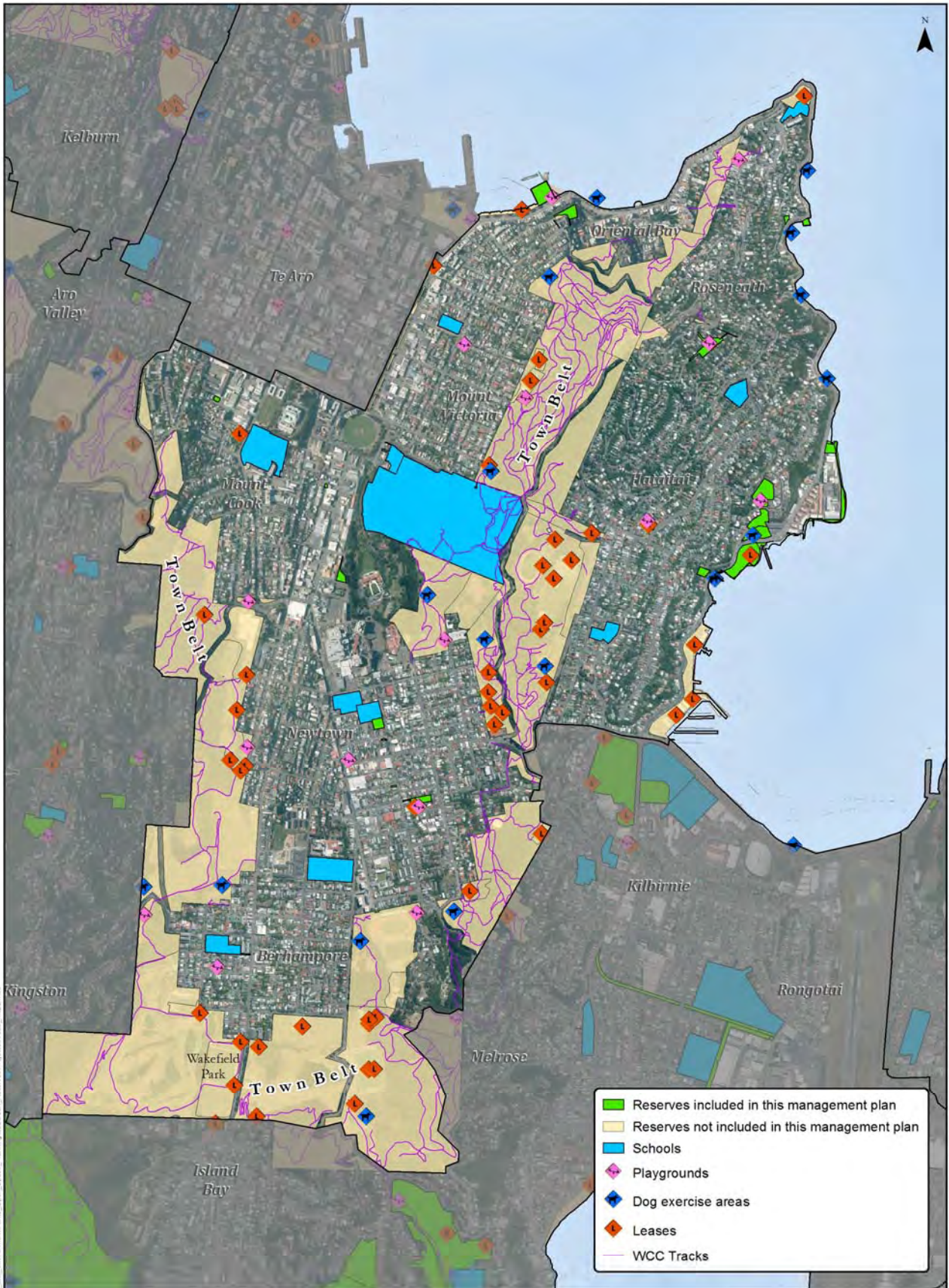


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Map 1 - Reserve Category & Context
 Suburban Reserves in Mt Cook, Newtown, Mt Victoria, Roseneath, Hataitai, Berhampore, Oriental Bay, and Evans Bay.



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Map 2 - Current Values & Use

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3.6.1 ASSESSMENT OF THE NETWORK

Sector 6 Map 1 shows all of the parks (by category) in the context of the built environment and other Council-owned and managed open space such as the Wellington Town Belt.

Sector 6 Map 2 shows specific use including playgrounds, leases on reserves, dog exercise areas, and the track network. Schools are also shown to help complete the picture of play areas and sometimes other outdoor recreation opportunities. Ecological sites of significance and heritage trees are not mapped but have been assessed in determining the range of values each park holds.

Oriental Bay/Roseneath/Hataitai/Evans Bay

The steep nature of these suburbs means that flat usable space is limited to the coastal fringe and the wide coastal footpath linking Oriental Bay with Evans Bay. There is one neighbourhood park in Roseneath, the Alexandra Road Play Area, with another play area (The Crescent Play Area) covered under the Wellington Town Belt Management Plan.

Analysis of a 10-minute or 600-metre walking distance on the street network show good access to green space or the coastal footpath along Evans Bay Parade, apart from a small gap in a similar location to the play area gap.

The street trees around the inner city suburbs make a valuable contribution to the amenity of those areas. Of particular note are the olive trees in Mt Victoria that reference early settlement by people from the Mediterranean and provide olives to the public. There are other significant trees along the street network.

Mt Cook/Berhampore/Newtown

These suburbs are bounded by the Wellington Town Belt and Government House and have good access to a wide range of outdoor recreation opportunities. Although Berhampore has no local neighbourhood parks, it is surrounded on three sides by the Wellington Town Belt. There are four playgrounds (Pirie Street, Mt Cook, Central Park and Newtown Park) covered under the Wellington Town Belt Management Plan that service these suburbs.

Analysis of a 10-minute or 600-metre walking distance on the street network show good access to green space including the Town Belt.

Hospital Road Park in Mt Cook adjacent to Government House is flat and sheltered but little used, likely due to its distance from the hospital and being surrounded by predominantly non-residential development. Signage from Adelaide Road may improve use alongside potential to use for community gardening/urban agriculture. Seating might also encourage use for hospital staff, visitors, and patients.

Mercy Park in Newtown appears to be underutilised, but it is a good size and centrally located in Newtown. It has good linkages through to the school and Riddiford Street. Both Mercy Park and Carrara Park are considered by the community as important outdoor community spaces for people living in higher density type accommodation in these areas. These spaces have the potential to serve as backyard space to some of these residents and there is demand for community garden/urban agriculture type use alongside the more traditional play and amenity value.

Elizabeth Street and Constable Street play areas are inner city type play spaces. Although these reserves are small with limited potential to diversify use, they complement the larger Town Belt reserves and play an important role in the character of these suburbs. Torrens Terrace Reserve, Myrtle Crescent, Hospital Road Park, Quirk's Corner and the land at 44 Daniell Street are all small spaces but like the play areas are important in providing small pockets of green space in areas of higher density development.

Treasure Island/Kainui Reserve, which links Evans Bay with Hataitai, is of good quality and also provides a track link between the suburbs. The play area is due for equipment renewal in 2023/2024.

3.6.1.1 Actions

- a) Assess suitability of Hospital Road Park for a community garden and orchard and as “break out” space for hospital patients/visitors. Consider educational role of community gardening initiatives in partnership with local early childhood education centres.
- b) Encourage the installation of commemorative seating through the Commemorative Policy and investigate directional signage at the hospital and on Adelaide Road to Hospital Road Park.
- c) Support community initiatives for outdoor activities at Mercy Park and Carrara Park to encourage greater and more diverse use that meets the needs of people living in higher density residential areas.
- d) Investigate opportunities to raise awareness around the range of values and uses of the street trees around the inner city suburbs (cultural history, general amenity/character, fruit and age for example).

3.6.2 PLAYGROUNDS

There is good provision of formal play space in this sector. This should be expected and provided for given the higher density of living in some parts of the sector.

There is a gap in play area provision on the eastern side of Grafton Road in Roseneath, which would be difficult to resolve given the steepness of the suburb and linear nature of the road network. Alexandra Road Play Area has poor street frontage, is hard to find and has poor public visibility and accessibility. Despite this, the park is well used by the local community. There is no alternative location for a neighbourhood park space in the area.

While there is a kids’ bike track on Town Belt land near Kilbirnie and the new South Coast Kids’ Track provides an excellent new outdoor recreation opportunity, there is a gap in playground provision in southern Berhampore and the northern part of Island Bay that could be resolved with the construction of a community playground on Wakefield Park.

Jeypore Street Play Area does not meet the guidelines for a “local basic” play area and represents an overlap in play area provision with the planned Wakefield Park play area. It is a small area of road reserve that currently has significant community support as a local neighbourhood common space. It adds to the amenity and character of the immediate neighbourhood and provides space for outdoor play and a focal point for community activities. Play equipment renewal will be scheduled subject to other renewal priorities across the city.

Waipapa Play Area is contained within a very small space that is also occupied by a busy community centre. A recent partnership between the Community House Trust and the adjacent disused bowls property management has been formed.

3.6.2.1 Actions

- a) Develop a community playground at Wakefield Park to service Island Bay and Berhampore that complements existing park use.
- b) The Alexandra Road Park and Play Area is scheduled for play equipment renewal 2016/17. Work with the community at that time around separate community initiatives such as fruit tree planting or community gardening. Consider ways to more widely promote the park.

3.6.3 DOG EXERCISE AREAS

There is one dog exercise area in this sector opposite Cog Park. This area was relocated from the coastal edge when Cog Park was developed and has subsequently been fully fenced and seats installed in partnership with Wellington Charitable Vet Fund and the Hataitai Residents Association. The fenced area is very well used, resulting in increased maintenance requirements at the park.

3.6.4 TRACKS AND WALKWAYS

Most of the track links in this sector are in the Wellington Town Belt, and the coastal esplanade including the link behind NIWA and Greta Point. The Great Harbour Way will pass through this sector.

There are paths through the St Gerard's Monastery Land connecting McFarlane Street to Oriental Terrace and/or Hawker Street. Where the walkway currently passes through Monastery land, the Council will work to ensure long-term access is maintained. The Council will work with the local community to maximise public awareness and use of the reserve.

No new tracks are proposed within the open space network in this sector.

3.6.5 ECOLOGY AND INDIGENOUS BIODIVERSITY

There are a relatively high number of heritage trees in this sector; however, all but three (at Waipapa Play Area) are contained within the road network or on private property rather than on reserve land. Many of these trees are large and therefore play an important role in residential amenity value.

Given the small number and size of the suburban reserves in this sector there are limited opportunities for contribution to the local and citywide indigenous biodiversity values through further planting. The street tree network will play an important role in connectivity between the Town Belt reserves that are the main feature of ecological significance in the sector.

3.6.5.1 Action

- a) Protect and enhance the street tree network, in particular in the areas surrounded by Town Belt land (Mt Victoria, Mt Cook, Newtown, and Berhampore).

3.6.6 COMMUNITY GROUPS AND PARTNERSHIPS

There are a number of community groups that carry out ecological enhancement projects in this sector but all are within sites managed under the Town Belt Management Plan.

At Carrara Park, there is a community garden group who also carry out planting restoration on Town Belt Land.

St Gerard's Monastery land is somewhat difficult to access and is tucked away at the side of the monastery building. There are remnants of previous gardening activity at the site but it is currently not used and there are intermittent issues with antisocial behaviour in the area. General public use is limited but there is the potential for community gardening at the site if there was interest from the local community.

3.6.6.1 Action

- a) Support community gardening at Carrara Park, Mercy Park, and St Gerard's Monastery.

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Reserve	Park Category	Land Area Sqm	Legal Description	CT Reference	Reserve classification	Proposed change	Actions
Jeypore Street Play Area	Neighbourhood (local)	unknown	Road Reserve - Jeypore Street DP 1398	None	road reserve		
Carrara Park and Play Area	Neighbourhood (local)	3941.00	Lot 1 DP 75223	42A/373	Recreation Reserve		Support use of part of the space for a community garden.
		323.00	Lot 1 DP 6458, also known as Bordered Green DP 6458 as shown on the CT	309/21	Recreation Reserve		
Constable Street Play Area and Public Convenience	Neighbourhood (local)	322.00	Pt Lot 2 DP 349	981/57	Recreation Reserve		
		142.00	Pt Lot 1 DP 349	509/31	Recreation Reserve		
Mercy Park	Neighbourhood (local)	2023.00	Pt Sec 780 and Pt Sec 782 City of Wellington	106/141	Fee Simple	Recreation Reserve	Investigate possible community initiatives at this park to form the basis for a future upgrade.
44 Daniell Street	Neighbourhood (amenity)	113.00	Lot 2 DP80610	47B/10			
Quirk's Corner	Neighbourhood (amenity)	126.00	Pt Lot 88 DP24	23A/678	Recreation Reserve		
Hospital Road Park	Neighbourhood (amenity)	1683.00	Pt Town Belt Town of Wellington SO 36424 DP 85556	None	Vested in the Mayor, Councillors and Citizens of the City of Wellington in trust for a Children's Playground		Assess suitability for a community garden and orchard and as "break out" space for hospital patients/visitors. Consider educational role of community gardening initiatives in partnership with local early childhood education centres.

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Reserve	Park Category	Land Area Sqm	Legal Description	CT Reference	Reserve classification	Proposed change	Actions
Myrtle Crescent Reserve	Neighbourhood (amenity)	21.00	Pt Sec 732 City of Wellington	130/281 cancelled	acquired as road		Future road stopping.
Torrens Terrace Reserve	Neighbourhood (local)	38.00	Pt Sec 72 City of Wellington	46/168	Recreation Reserve		Important area of green "respite" in a high-density living area.
		152.00	Pt Section 72 City of Wellington	45/161	Recreation Reserve		
		132.00	Town of Wellington	54/132 cancelled	Electricity Supply		
		132.00	Pt Sec 72 City of Wellington also known as Pt Sec 72 Town of Wellington	24A/33	Recreation Ground		
Elizabeth Street Play Area	Neighbourhood (local)	417.00	Pt Lot 4-6 DP 18	22C/474	Fee Simple for Recreation	Recreation Reserve	
Freyberg Pool and Beach Play Area	Neighbourhood (community)	5798.00	Sec 32 & 34 Blk VII Port Nicholson Survey District	27D/765	Fee Simple		
		661.00	Sec 33 Blk VII Port Nicholson Survey District SO 33512	None	Fee Simple		
St Gerard's Monastery land	Ecological and/or Recreational linkage	3074.00	Lot 1 DP 76510	42D/683	Scenic Reserve		Support community use for community orchard. Limited potential to increase general public use due to lack of road frontage and somewhat difficult access. Look to protect existing access in the long term where it currently crosses monastery land.
		29.00	Lot 7 DP 76510	42D/688 cancelled	Accessway		
		10.00	Lot 6 DP 76510	None	Road		
		29.00	Lot 4 DP 76510	42D/686 cancelled	Accessway		

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Reserve	Park Category	Land Area Sqm	Legal Description	CT Reference	Reserve classification	Proposed change	Actions
Hataitai Tunnel Reserve	Ecological and/or Recreational linkage	unknown	Lot 1 Blk I DP 1965	121/35 cancelled	Road Reserve		
Alexandra Road Play Area	Neighbourhood (local)	4818.00	Lot 20 DP 8453	382/103	Recreation Reserve		The Alexandra Road Park and Play Area is scheduled for play equipment renewal 2016/17. Work with the community at that time around separate community initiatives such as fruit tree planting or community gardening. Consider ways to more widely promote the park.
		593.00	Lot 2-3 DP 19461 & Pt Lot 13 DP 8905	834/47 cancelled	Recreation Reserve		
Hataitai Community House and Waipapa Play Area	Neighbourhood (local)	1249.00	Lot 44 Block VI DP 1621	485/204	Fee Simple for General Municipal Purposes		A small shared-use space also occupied by a building owned and managed by a community trust. Heritage trees need ongoing monitoring to ensure health and survival due to intensive use of the site. Potential to discuss public use of the disused bowls green to diversify outdoor recreation and informal play opportunities at the site.
Rewa Road Reserve	Ecological and/or Recreational linkage	1945.00	Lot 72 & 79-81 DP 2016	374051 374052	Fee Simple	Recreation reserve	
Treasure Island/ Kainui Reserve	Neighbourhood (local)	2585.00	Lot 41 DP 66507	34C/770	Recreation Reserve		Install better signage identifying the park and the track route through the park.
		2018.00	Pt Lot 45 DP 66507	48D/671	Recreation Reserve		
		4214.00	Lot 2 DP 345516	186567	Fee Simple	Recreation reserve	Consider opportunities to diversify community use of the park.
		6026.00	Lot 39 DP 66507	34C/768	Recreation Reserve		

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Reserve	Park Category	Land Area Sqm	Legal Description	CT Reference	Reserve classification	Proposed change	Actions
Cog Park	Neighbourhood (community)	9640.00	Lot 2 DP 88742	56B/536	Fee Simple	Recreation reserve	
Patent Slip – 330 Evans Bay Parade	Cultural Heritage	2810.00	Lot 3 DP 345516	186568 GN 9399009.1 (2013 p 1554)	Recreation reserve		Continue to manage part of the park as a fully-fenced dog exercise area.
		4214.00	Lot 2 DP 345516	186567	Fee Simple	Historic Reserve	
		670.00	Lot 1 DP 319018	74446	Fee Simple	Historic Reserve	
Esplanade Reserve 393 Evan Bay Parade	Ecological and/or Recreational linkage	2382.00	Lot 1 DP 88742	56B/535	Local Purpose Reserve (Esplanade)		
Esplanade Reserve. – 293–329 Evans Bay Parade	Ecological and/or Recreational linkage	66.00	Lot 3 DP 88742	56B/537	Local Purpose Reserve (Esplanade)		
		60.00	Lot 4 DP 88742	56B/538	Local Purpose Reserve (Esplanade)		
		5773.00	Lot 5 DP 88742	56B/539	Local Purpose Reserve (Esplanade)		
Foreshore – 301 Evans Bay Parade	Ecological and/or Recreational linkage	1709.00	Sec 3 SO 34240	56C/573	Local Purpose Reserve (Esplanade)		
Balaena Bay Reserve	Neighbourhood (local)	510.00	Lot 1 & Pt Lot 2 DP 10749	575/146	Recreation Reserve		Manage weeds and revegetate the bank above reserve.
Balaena Bay	Neighbourhood (amenity)	809.00	Pt Res A Evans Bay District	785/64	Local Purpose (Esplanade)		

3.7 SECTOR 7

Melrose, Kilbirnie, Rongotai, Lyall Bay, Houghton Bay, Southgate, Island Bay, and Owhiro Bay

There are 18 suburban reserves in this sector. Parks and walkways along the south coast (covered by the South Coast Management Plan) and the Wellington Town Belt are accessible to residents in this area and provide several additional Neighbourhood and Sport and Recreation parks and opportunities for informal outdoor recreation and play. The sector can be divided into two open space character areas.

Coastal suburbs south of the Wellington Town Belt

Much of the “wild” character of the south coast suburbs comes from the areas of undeveloped open space on the steep hillsides and coastal escarpment with indigenous or regenerating vegetation and the rockiness of the coastline. Public open spaces are mostly located around the edge of Island Bay valley (on the slopes and hilltops) with the Wellington Town Belt to the north, Southgate to the east and the undeveloped hillsides to the west, providing a green backdrop to the built-up valley.

Houghton Bay is set in a narrow, steep-sided valley, with the regenerating indigenous vegetation of Sinclair Park on the western side of the valley. Owhiro Bay also has a small, somewhat isolated community. The undeveloped hills to the west of Happy Valley Road give this part of Wellington a particularly rural character. The eastern flanks of the valley form a continuous open space network between the south coast and the Wellington Town Belt.

The Rongotai Isthmus

The Rongotai isthmus is a low-lying flat area between Cook Strait and Wellington Harbour with very little significant vegetation due in part to the exposed conditions and a history of significant landscape modification to facilitate original development of that area including the airport. The hill slopes are typified by a more “natural”, informal, unmanaged open space (including the Wellington Town Belt). On the flat, open space is provided in the form of coastal reserves, sportsfields, and parks.

The open space network in this sector is made up of the following.

- One community sport and recreation park (Kilbirnie Park), comprising two playing surfaces, clubrooms for Ponake Rugby Football Club and Eastern Suburbs Cricket Club, and the Kilbirnie Bowling Club. The park is part of a much larger community and recreation hub that includes the Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre, Kilbirnie Recreation Centre, Ruth Gotlieb Library, and a community play area.
- Five local Sport and Recreation parks, including Happy Valley Park, Sinclair Park, and Evans Bay Park, with a site each leased to Island Bay Tennis and Squash Club and Kilbirnie Bowling Club.
- Three neighbourhood parks - Buckley Road/Orchy Cres Play Area, Welland Place Reserve and Owhiro Bay Play Area. Shorland Park and Lyall Parade have play areas on the edge of this sector managed under the South Coast Management Plan.
- Five natural reserves including Tawatawa Reserve, which is a large nature reserve with ecological values and valued informal recreation spaces. It also provides strong connections between the inner city suburbs and the south coast. In addition, the slopes of Sinclair Park are a significant area of natural landscape reserve as is Frobisher Reserve in Owhiro Bay.
- Four ecological and recreation linkages including Rongotai (Plantation) Reserve, which is a long, continuous strip of Council land (associated with drainage infrastructure) that extends from Kilbirnie through to Rongotai and down to the coast at Lyall Bay.