

Changes to reserves in your area

Council is making some changes to the reserves in your area. This flyer is a heads up on the changes, the reasons why we're making the changes and a formal classification process that you can have your say on.

Putāruru Community Gardens

Council has been working with the Putāruru Community Gardens to relocate the gardens from its current site in Scotia Glen to a new site, due to the land owner needing the site for its own purpose. In addition, the Scotia Glen site is not an ideal site because of the terraced terrain; and there is limited space for the Gardens to grow (as in increase in size).



The Grey Street Reserve is an ideal reserve for a specific purpose like Community Gardens. It is flat and has ample room to sustain growth for more community gardens.

You will soon be seeing some changes to this reserve. The Community Gardens will be moving steadily over several months, timing the moves to ensure the least impact on supply of vegetables. Council has already removed the old swing set and we will soon be removing the climbing module.

At that point the Community Garden group can get stuck into making the necessary planter beds and other changes to turn the Grey Street Reserve into an awesome community garden.

Proposed classification - Grey Street Reserve

In working through this process, Council needs to classify the Grey Street Reserve as 'local purpose' under the Reserves Act. This involves public notification (South Waikato News 13 March 2019) inviting community feedback.

The proposal is open for feedback until 4pm on Friday 12 April 2019.

You are welcome to submit on this proposal by emailing Council at info@southwaikato.govt.nz – please indicate in the subject line: Proposed classification of Grey Street Reserve.

Please include the following in your submission: name, address, phone number and/or email address and whether or not you wish to be heard.

Please direct all queries to Phil Parker, Parks and Reserves Manager. Phil can be contacted at 07 885 0340.

Barnett Street Reserve

What does all this have to do with the Barnett Street Reserve? Well, two things are relevant.

The playground module from the Grey Street Reserve is being relocated to the Barnett Street Reserve. The swing set has reached the end of its natural life and will be disposed of. This reserve is a more suitable spot for a playground as it is accessible to a larger neighbourhood and is more open and visible. Council encourages neighbourhood children to enjoy this new facility.

The other relevant issue is that the Barnett Street Reserve is currently identified as a Dog Exercise Area, which means dogs can be exercised there off-leash. Because we are moving a children's playground there, we can no longer have this space as an off-leash Dog Exercise area. Barnett Street Reserve will become a Prohibited Dog area.

But dog owners, don't worry... we have a better spot for you and your pooch(es).

Totara Park

Totara Park (off Kennedy Drive, near the Rugby Club) has been used by a number of sporting groups. Over the past years sporting groups have moved from Totara Park to other reserves, including Glenshea Park.

Totara Park is now no longer used by any sporting group, so Council is going to make this a new off-leash Dog Exercise area for Putāruru dog owners.

Once this area is formally included as a new Dog Exercise area, appropriate signage will be installed and we will do some social media.

We hope dog owners enjoy this new much larger off leash area.

As always, dog owners are required to have their dogs under control at all times and to pick up dog waste. There is a bin on the site.

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Changes to Putaruru Reserves... coming soon...



Barnett Street Reserve
New home for playground relocated from Grey Street reserve
Reserve will no longer be an off-leash Dog Exercise area, it will be a prohibited area

Grey Street Reserve
New home for Putaruru Community Gardens
Playground to be relocated to Barnett Street Reserve
Grey Street Reserve to be classified as 'local purpose'

Totara Park
Identified as an ideal spot for an off-lease Dog Exercise area
No longer used by sports clubs
Large, spacious area

About the Putaruru Community Gardens

The Putaruru Community Gardens were established nearly three years ago.

- What do they do?
- They grow vegetables and distribute them to the community through food banks, churches and individuals.
 - They provide knowledge and skills about gardening and growing plants.
 - They encourage children to take an interest in gardening.
 - They promote healthy eating for a family, within budget.
 - They provide a place where members of the community can gather and assist others.

The group has had the use of land in Scotia Glen Street, owned by Rangiura Trust for \$1 a year; for which they are very grateful. The Rangiura Trust now has need for the land, so the group started looking for a new home.

Working closely with Council, the Grey Street Reserve was deemed to be a perfect spot for this worthwhile community initiative.

If you want to know more about the Putaruru Community Gardens, contact Lola on 07 883 8221.

