



Windsor Park and Thomson Arboretum Reserve Management Plan 2021



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Part 1. INTRODUCTION TO THE PLAN

1.1 LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENT

In 2011, in accordance with Section 41 of the Reserves Act 1977 (“the Act”) Stratford District Council prepared and adopted a District-wide Reserve Management Plan for all reserves owned and/or administered by Council. That plan outlined Council’s general intentions in respect of the use, development, maintenance, protection and preservation of reserves. It also established policies in this regard and referred to the Parks Activity Management Plan 2006 for details of planned developments.

Section 41(4) of the Act requires Council to “*keep its management plan under continuous review so that ...the plan is adapted to changing circumstances or in accordance with increased knowledge*”.

The Plan was reviewed in respect of King Edward Park and Victoria Park and individual plans adopted for those reserves in 2017 and 2018 respectively. It is now considered appropriate to carry out a further review as it affects the remainder of the urban reserves in the District and adopt individual or collective management plan(s) for those.

The current management plan includes the Thomson Arboretum as part of Windsor Park. This is nominally correct, however the arboretum is a separate legal entity and the reserve is actually vested in the Percy Thomson Trust whereas the remainder of Windsor Park proper is vested in Stratford District Council. However, the trust deed for the Percy Thomson Trust provides that one of the objects of the trust is:

“to manage the arboretum in accordance with the terms of the vesting, the “Guide of Reserve Administering Bodies (other than local authorities)” the provisions of the Reserves Act 1977, more particularly Section 17, 27(2) and Section 40 of the Act and will prepare in conjunction with the Stratford District, a joint Management Plan in accord with Section 41 of the Act to cover the vested reserve along with the balance of adjoining Windsor Park Recreation Reserve, such plan to be approved by Council.”

On this basis and notwithstanding the Trust is a Council-controlled organisation, it is considered appropriate that Council and the Trust jointly carry out a review of the current plan as it affects Windsor Park and the arboretum and adopt an individual management plan covering these two reserves.

This document is the result of that review and supersedes the Stratford District Council district-wide Reserves Management Plan 2011 and the Parks Activity Management Plan 2006 in respect of the Windsor Park and the Thomson Arboretum

1.2 PURPOSE OF THE PLAN

Reserve Management Plans are not simply created for reserve design purposes. Essentially the function of a reserve management plan is to create a set of objectives and policies through which design proposals can be critically and effectively assessed.

Within regions and communities there exist different needs and social demands in terms of resource availability. One of the primary goals of a reserve management plan is to manage available resources in a way that will meet the District’s current and future needs.

To achieve this, management plans must be objective and critical in their analysis. Opportunities for outdoor recreation experiences must be identified and classified. Present and future uses of reserve land must be critically examined and analysed and the public must be given the opportunity to participate in the planning process through consultation and the public submission process.

Stratford District Council and the Percy Thomson Trust have jointly prepared this Management Plan to:

- Satisfy the statutory provisions of the Reserves Act 1977;
- Provide a comprehensive planning document with clear policies and objectives to enable it to manage the reserve for the purpose it is set aside for;
- Provide the community with an opportunity to have quality input into the future of the reserve.

1.3 FORMAT OF THE PLAN

Part 1 of the Plan outlines the philosophy and methodology behind the development of the document and its objective.

Part 2 of the Plan provides an introduction to reserves covered by this plan, their history and development through the ages, a physical description, and analysis of current usage.

Part 3 sets out the objectives and policies under five principle sections:

- Recreation and use
- Natural values
- Social and cultural values
- Furniture and facilities
- Administration and management

Part 4 comprises a schedule of proposed future actions and by whom it is anticipated these will be carried out.

Part 5 contains concept development plans and perspective drawings relative to significant proposed future developments within the reserves.

1.4 LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

The development of this Plan is guided by legislation that has relevance to the management and use of reserves and other public open spaces within the District. These include:

- Reserves Act 1977
- Conservation Act 1987
- Resource Management Act 1991
- Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014
- Local Government Act 2002

Reserves Act 1977

The Thomson Arboretum and the majority of Windsor Park are classified as recreation reserves subject to the Reserves Act 1977. The purpose of the Act in regard to such reserves, as set out in Section 17(1) thereof is, *“for providing areas for the recreation and sporting activities and the physical welfare and enjoyment of the public, and for the protection of the natural environment and beauty of the countryside, with the emphasis on retention of open spaces and on outdoor recreational activities, including recreational tracks in the countryside.”*

More specifically Section 17(2) of the Act requires that:

- The public shall have freedom of entry and access to the reserve, subject to the specific powers conferred on the administering body by sections 53 and 54, to any bylaws under this Act applying to the reserve, and to such conditions and restrictions as the administering body considers to be necessary for the protection and general well-being of the reserve and for the protection and control of the public using it:*
- Where scenic, historic, archaeological, biological, geological, or other scientific features or indigenous flora or fauna or wildlife are present on the reserve, those features or that flora or fauna or wildlife shall be managed and protected to the extent compatible with the principal or primary purpose of the reserve provided that nothing in this subsection shall authorise the doing of anything with respect to fauna that would contravene any provision of the Wildlife Act 1953 or any regulations or Proclamation or notification under that Act, or the doing of anything with respect to archaeological features in any reserve that would contravene any provision of the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014:*
- Those qualities of the reserve which contribute to the pleasantness, harmony, and cohesion of the natural environment and to the better use and enjoyment of the reserve shall be conserved:*
- To the extent compatible with the principal or primary purpose of the reserve, its value as a soil, water, and forest conservation area shall be maintained.*

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One small area of Windsor Park is classified as Local Purpose (Esplanade) Reserve subject to the Reserves Act 1977. The purpose of the Act in regard to these reserves, as set out in Section 23(1) is *“for the purpose of providing and retaining areas for such local purpose or purposes as are specified in any classification of the reserve.”*

Section 23(2) further provides that:

It is hereby further declared that, having regard to the specific local purpose for which the reserve has been classified, every local purpose reserve shall be so administered and maintained under the appropriate provisions of this Act that:

- (a) *Where scenic, historic, archaeological, biological, or natural features are present on the reserve, those features shall be managed and protected to the extent compatible with the principal or primary purpose of the reserve:*

provided that nothing in this paragraph shall authorise the doing of anything with respect to fauna that would contravene any provision of the Wildlife Act 1953 or any regulations or Proclamation or notification under that Act, or the doing of anything with respect to archaeological features in any reserve that would contravene any provision of the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014:

provided also that nothing in this paragraph shall authorise the doing of anything with respect to any esplanade reserve created under section 167 of the Land Act 1948, or section 190(3) or Part 25 of the Municipal Corporations Act 1954 or Part 2 of the Counties Amendment Act 1961 and existing at the commencement of this Act, or any local purpose reserve for esplanade purposes created under the said Part 25 or Part 2 or under Part 20 of the Local Government Act 1978 or under Part 10 of the Resource Management Act 1991 after the commencement of this Act, that would impede the right of the public freely to pass and repass over the reserve on foot, unless the administering body determines that access should be prohibited or restricted to preserve the stability of the land or the biological values of the reserve:

- (b) *to the extent compatible with the principal or primary purpose of the reserve, its value as a soil, water, and forest conservation area shall be maintained.*

Conservation Act 1987

The Act established the Department of Conservation, the role of which as set out in Section 6 is to, inter alia:

“... preserve so far as is practicable all indigenous freshwater fisheries, and protect recreational freshwater fisheries and freshwater fish habitats” and “to advocate the conservation of natural and historic resources generally”.

Accordingly, while not having direct involvement in the management of reserves, the control and management of which are vested in local authorities, the department has a generic interest through its advocacy role.

Resource Management Act 1991

The Resource Management Act regulates the management and use of land and other natural resources and empowers local authorities to make rules, standards, policy statements and plans in this regard. It therefore has implications for the development of this plan and its implementation. These implications include the need to comply with the provisions of the Stratford District Plan.

Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014

The Act provides protection for places of historical and cultural value and, inter alia, prevents without authority any modification or destruction of archaeological sites.

Accordingly, it is appropriate that Heritage New Zealand be consulted in regard to this plan and recognition be given to the Act's provisions in carrying out any physical development of the reserve.

Local Government Act 2002

Under the Act, Council's role as local government is *“to meet the current and future needs of communities for good quality local infrastructure, local public services, and performance of regulatory functions in a way that is most cost-effective for households and businesses.”* (Section 10) “Good quality” is defined as being efficient, effective and appropriate to present and anticipated future circumstances.

1.5 PLANNING FRAMEWORK

1.5.1 REGIONAL LEVEL

At a regional level the development of this plan is influenced to a degree by a number of plans and strategies developed by Taranaki Regional Council (“TRC”). These include:

- TRC Regional Pest Management Plan for Taranaki 2018
- TRC Regional Biosecurity Strategy 2018 - 2038
- TRC Regional Fresh Water Plan for Taranaki 2001

TRC Regional Pest Management Plan

This document sets out management or eradication programs relative to pest animals and plant organisms warranting TRC intervention within the Taranaki region. It contains rules imposing obligations on land owners to control or destroy identified pest animals and plants.

TRC Regional Biosecurity Strategy

This document sets out the TRC’s strategic direction relative to its biosecurity responsibilities in the region and how it will deal with the risks to the environment posed by pest animals and plants.

TRC Regional Fresh Water Plan

The Patea River either abuts or flows through parts of Windsor Park. The Regional Fresh Water Plan (currently under review) prepared by TRC identifies important issues derived from environmental monitoring of Taranaki’s fresh water resources and contains regional rules putting activities that impact on these resources into permitted, controlled, discretionary and prohibited categories.

1.5.2 DISTRICT LEVEL

At a district level the development of this plan is guided by a variety of policies, bylaws, and strategies developed by Stratford District Council (“SDC”) which are relevant to the development and management of reserves and other public open spaces. These include:

- SDC District Plan 2014
- SDC Long Term Plan 2018-2028
- SDC Community Development Strategy
- SDC Parks, Reserves, and Cemeteries Asset Management Plan 2018-2028
- SDC Control of Dogs bylaw 2020 and Dog Control policy
- SDC Control of Advertising Signs bylaw
- SDC Parks and Reserves bylaw 2020
- SDC Public Places bylaw

The plan is also guided by the Percy Thomson Trust deed.

SDC District Plan

The District Plan 2014 prepared under authority of the Resource Management Act 1991 provides objectives, policies and rules that guide land development within the Stratford District. Under the District Plan, the subject reserves are accorded the status of Protected Area Zone and it acknowledges that the Reserves Act 1977 *“provides the most appropriate management regime for protected areas or reserves owned by the District Council.”*

As such, in determining rules for the Protected Area Zone, the District Plan defers to the Act and, perforce, this Management Plan with the exception of some building and land development controls.

SDC Long Term Plan 2018-2028

The Long Term Plan (“LTP”) is prepared under authority of the Local Government Act 2002. In accordance with the Act:

The purpose of a long-term plan is to:

- describe the activities of the local authority; and*
- describe the community outcomes of the local authority’s district or region; and*
- provide integrated decision-making and co-ordination of the resources of the local authority; and*

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- (d). *provide a long-term focus for the decisions and activities of the local authority; and*
- (e). *provide a basis for accountability of the local authority to the community.*

In terms of Council's current LTP, determined levels of service relative to parks and reserves require Council to provide parks, sportsfields and other open spaces that meet community demand and playgrounds that meet New Zealand safety standards.

The LTP also identifies any future capital projects and this management plan is an integral part of this identification and budgeting process.

SDC Community Development Strategy

Developed in 2013, the Community Development Strategy outlines Council's role in supporting Stratford's community organisations and promoting activities that contribute to the "wellbeing" of the community. This includes community events and activities held periodically in various parks and reserves.

SDC Parks, Reserves and Cemeteries Asset Management Plan 2018 – 2028

The purpose of this plan is to detail *"how the Council will manage the parks, reserves and cemeteries activities, assets and services in an efficient, safe, reliable and sustainable manner to provide value for money for our customers and investors"* in regard to parks reserves and cemeteries. It is a document constantly under review and in this role sits alongside and must mirror this management plan and the objectives and policies that evolve from it.

SDC Control of Dogs, Control of Advertising Signs, Parks and Reserves and Public Places bylaws

Bylaws are rules and regulations developed under authority of the Local Government Act to, inter alia, protect the public from nuisance, promote and maintain public health and safety, minimise negative affects on the environment and protect community assets. These bylaws are acknowledged and guide specific and related objectives and policies within this management plan.

Percy Thomson Trust deed

This document governs the activities of the Percy Thomson Trust, setting out its objects and powers. It empowers the Trust to receive and be responsible for the *"ongoing establishment of an arboretum, herbarium and art gallery in Stratford"*.

1.6 PLANNING CONTEXT

The Reserve Management Plan provides a strategic link **between** the Long Term Plan and The District Plan by feeding into them identified issues and determining what resources are required for proposed solutions into the Parks, Reserves, and Cemeteries Asset Management Plan as illustrated below.

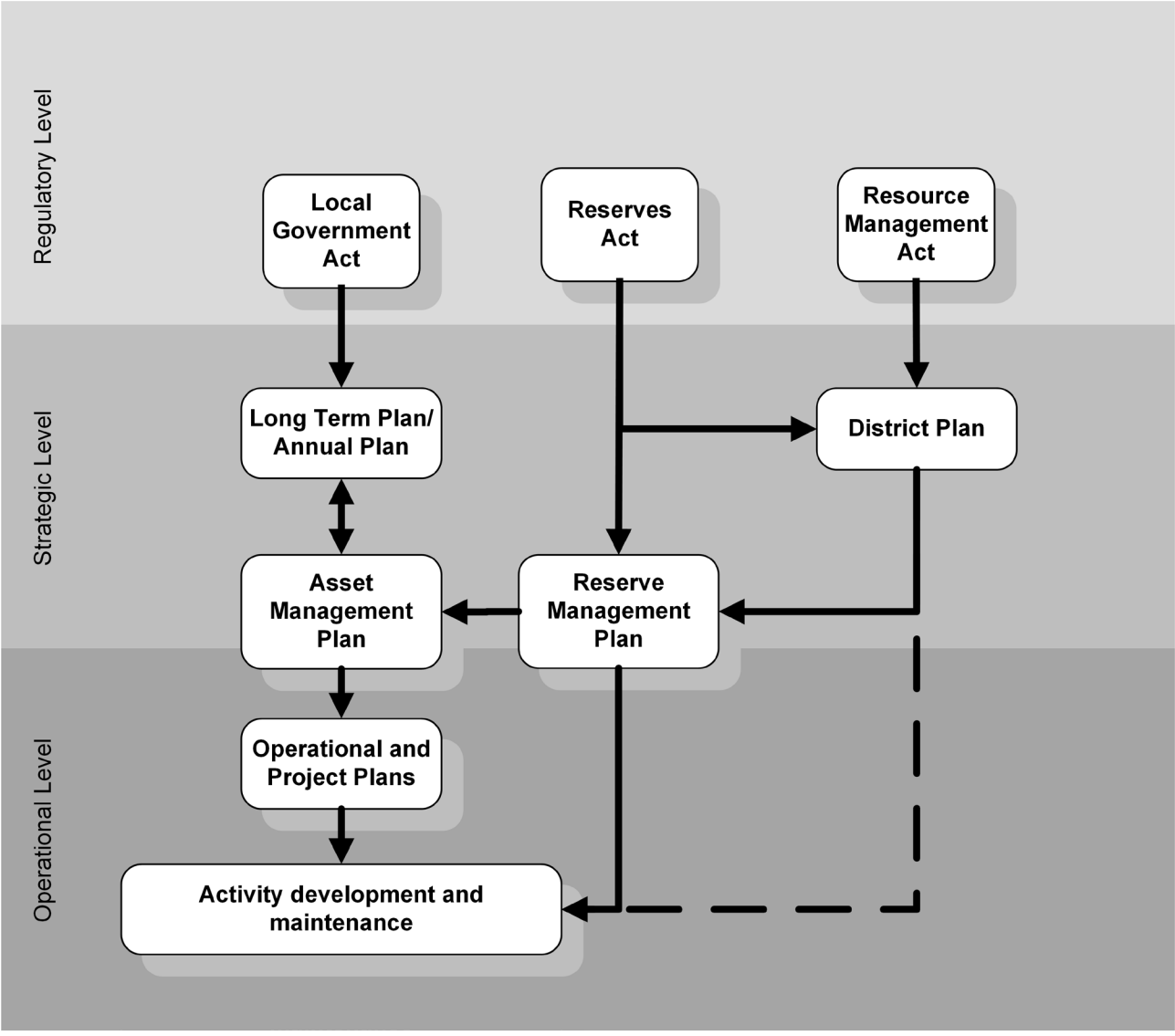


Figure 1 - Reserve Management Plan Document Position

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Figure 2 – Location Plan.

2.1 LOCATION AND ACCESS

Windsor Park is located to the east of Broadway, on the corner of Juliet Street and Cloten Road and adjacent the Patea River. It comprises a total of 1.1461 hectares in five individual parcels, which area includes part of the bed of the Patea River that flows through it.

The park is unfenced apart from on its southern boundary with residential neighbours and thus accessible from many points along Juliet Street and Cloten Road. Formal pedestrian access through the reserve is provided by a walking track that starts at the intersection of Juliet Street and Cloten Road, runs down to the river, winds back up to Cloten Road then follows the river bank eastwards. This track forms part of the Carrington Walkway that continues through the adjacent Thomson Arboretum.

Comprising 3215 square metres in area, the Thomson Arboretum is located adjacent Windsor Park, between Cloten Road and the Patea River.

It is fenced along its eastern boundary with private land but, other than that, is unfenced. Access is off Cloten Road or via the Carrington Walkway that runs through Windsor Park and the arboretum.

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2.2 LAND STATUS AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Windsor Park occupies land that is contained within five records of title as detailed in the table below. Four of the areas are recreation reserve and one in local purpose (esplanade) reserve, all subject to the provisions of the Reserves Act 1977.

Table 1 – Land Status and Legal Description – Windsor Park

Legal Description	Sections 1 and 2 SO 13586, Sections 1034 and 1070 Town of Stratford, Lot 2 DP 17730
Area	1.1461 hectares
Record of Title	640608, 640609, 209042, TN243/2, TNJ3/1062
Status	Recreation Reserve – NZ Gazette 1998 page 1429 (Sections 1 and 2 SO 13586 and Section 1034 Town of Stratford) Recreation Reserve – NZ Gazette 1998 page 1430 (Section 1070 Town of Stratford) Local Purpose (Esplanade) Reserve – vested on deposit of plan (Lot 2 DP 17730)
Vesting	Stratford District Council
Zone	Protected Area (Sections 1 and 2 SO 13586 and Section 1070 Town of Stratford) and Residential (Section 1034 Town of Stratford and Lot 2 DP 17730)
Primary Use	Informal recreation and riverbank protection

The Thomson Arboretum is a recreation reserve subject to the provisions of the Reserves Act 1977 and vested in the Percy Thomson Trust, a Stratford District Council-controlled organisation.

Table 2 - Land Status and Legal Description - Thomson Arboretum

Legal Description	Section 1069 Town of Stratford
Area	3215 square metres
Record of Title	237846
Status	Recreation Reserve – NZ Gazette 1998 page 1430
Vesting	Percy Thomson Trust – NZ Gazette 2005 page 2837
Zone	Protected Area
Primary Use	Informal recreation

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2.3 HISTORY

The land on which Windsor Park and the Thomson Arboretum were subsequently developed was originally granted by the Crown to the, then, Stratford Town Board in 1886 as an “endowment in aid of town board funds”. This included all the land on both sides of the Patea River bounded by Cloten Road and Juliet, Lear and Ariel Streets.

Prior to the establishment of Windsor Park, land on the corner of Cloten Road and Juliet Street had been leased to a number of parties that saw the construction of a couple of factories for timber joinery and aerated cordial production. Following the expiry or termination of these leases in the early 1930’s part of the land (where the adjoining Powerco sub-station now stands) was leased in 1934 to the Associated Motorists Petrol Company and saw a storage depot constructed on the site while the balance was leased that same year to the Windsor Park Society Incorporated for a term of 21 years.

This society had been established by community-minded citizens for the purpose of transforming what had apparently become a wilderness of blackberry and weeds by laying out lawns and gardens and planting trees and shrubs. Some years later when voluntary enthusiasm eventually waned, the Stratford Borough Council terminated the lease and took over management of the by then landscaped area.

Meanwhile, in 1903, the land on which the Thomson Arboretum was developed had been sold by the Town Board to the Education Board for an addition to the Stratford District High School on nearby Fenton Street after the Board decreed that the High School’s curriculum be widened to include technical subjects such as “artwork, woodwork and dairywork”. In 1922 a new Stratford Technical High School was built on Swansea Road but the Cloten Road site continued to be utilised by the Board until 1949. The buildings were removed sometime thereafter and in 1966 the vacant land was transferred back to the Stratford Borough Council for addition to Windsor Park.

In 1950, an unformed portion of Orlando Street between Cloten Road and Lear Street was stopped and part of it added to Windsor Park (Section 2 SO 13586). Similarly, in 1958, a thin strip of Juliet Street was stopped and added to the park (Section 1034 Town of Stratford) and in 1993 Council subdivided and sold land on Lear Street but retained a small area adjoining the Patea River as esplanade reserve (Lot 2 DP 17730).

Up to this point, none of the areas comprising Windsor Park (apart from Lot 2 DP 17730) had been formally constituted as reserve and thus subject to the Reserves Act 1977. However, in 1998, this was rectified with the gazettal of the remaining lands declaring them recreation reserves subject to the Act.

Development of the Thomson Arboretum commenced in 2001 with initial plantings and lawn, paths and fence construction, while plant losses over the next 5 years saw a further extensive planting in 2006. The arboretum was established courtesy of and in accordance with a bequest by Percy Thomson who had passed away in 1962.

Percy’s will required that the funds be “held in trust to be used and applied in and towards the establishment and maintenance in Stratford of an arboretum to be vested in a Board of Trustees or Managers”. In order to comply with the terms of this bequest, the Percy Thomson Trust was established in 2002 and in 2005 the vesting of this portion of Windsor Park (Section 1069 Town of Stratford) in the Stratford District Council as administering authority was cancelled and the Trust appointed to that role.

Table 3 - Chronological History – Windsor Park and Thomson Arboretum

Date	Action
1886	Land bounded by Cloten Road and Juliet, Lear and Ariel Streets granted by the Crown to the Stratford Town Board.
1890 - 1934	Land on the corner of Juliet Street and Cloten Road leased to various commercial entities and industrial premises established.

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Date	Action
1903	Land on the corner of Cloten Road and Ariel Street sold to the Education Board for Stratford Technical High School site.
1934	Leases of land on the corner of Juliet Street and Cloten Road terminated and land leased to Windsor Park Society for landscaping purposes.
1950	Part of Orlando Street (unformed legal road, now Section 2 SO 13586) bisecting Windsor Park and the, now, Thomson Arboretum stopped and added to Windsor Park.
1958	Part of Juliet Street (Now Section 1034 Town of Stratford) stopped and added to Windsor Park.
1966	Land previously sold to Education Board for Technical High School transferred back to Council for addition to Windsor Park.
1993	Area of land on south side of Patea River vested in Council as esplanade reserve (Lot 2 DP 17730).
1998	Windsor Park formally gazetted as recreation reserve subject to Reserves Act 1977.
2001	Planting and other landscaping of arboretum commenced.
2005	Vesting of arboretum site in Council cancelled and land vested in Percy Thomson Trust as recreation reserve subject to Reserves Act 1977.
2006	Further planting of arboretum to replace plants deceased or stolen.
2012	Further major plantings within the arboretum, including 10 different native species.
2015	Further planting within the arboretum of 389 individual plants incorporating 21 different native species.
2020	Further planting within the arboretum of 50 individual plants incorporating 13 different native species following construction of a new fence on the north-eastern boundary.
2020 - 2021	Plant identification signs installed within the arboretum as a trial initiative and plans formulated for further development of the arboretum.



Figure 3 - Thomson Arboretum 2007

2.4 PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION AND USE

Windsor Park and the Thomson Arboretum are passive recreation reserves containing no sporting or other active recreation facilities apart from the Carrington Walkway that runs through the park and provides an easy to moderate walking experience for users.

On the northern side of the Patea River, Windsor Park slopes gently from Cloten Road before dropping quite steeply to the river. It is divided by trees into two distinct grassed areas, one of which currently contains the only item of park furniture, a picnic table. On the south side of the river is a third, small grassed area that slopes gently from Juliet Street before similarly dropping steeply to the river. Both banks of the river are bush-clad.

The Thomson Arboretum is level in contour, sitting high above the river. It is extensively planted in primarily native species but also includes examples of plants linked to the Gondwana land mass. The planting surrounds a central lawn and concrete path leading from Cloten Road. It currently contains no park furniture other than a park bench and a sign at the entrance proclaiming its identity.

Part 3. OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

3.1 RECREATION AND USE

The Thomson Arboretum and the bulk of Windsor Park are classified as recreation reserves under the Reserves Act 1977. This means their purpose is to:

Provide areas for the recreation and sporting activities and the physical welfare and enjoyment of the public, and for the protection of the natural environment and beauty of the countryside, with emphasis on the retention of open spaces and on outdoor recreational activities, including recreational tracks in the countryside.

There are no formal sporting facilities within either the arboretum or the park and the topography does not lend itself to the establishment of such. Accordingly, they currently only provide for informal recreational activities that benefit the physical welfare and enjoyment of the community.

A small area of Windsor Park on the south side of the Patea River is classified local purpose (esplanade) reserve, the purpose of which in terms of the Reserves Act 1977 is to:

Provide and retain areas for such local purpose or purposes as are specified in any classification of the reserve.

In accordance with the Resource Management Act 1991, reserves for esplanade purpose are essentially to:

- *Contribute to the protection of conservation values*
- *Enable public access to or along any sea, river or lake*
- *Enable public recreational use where the use is compatible with conservation values*

In regard to this small area of land, its topography is such that it is inaccessible and thus of no recreational value, its sole purpose in effect a contribution to the protection of conservation values relative to the Patea River.

3.1.1 RESTRICTED ACTIVITIES

The Reserves Act 1977 imposes restrictions on various activities within any reserve without consent of either the Minister of Conservation or the reserve administering body and empowers administering bodies to develop bylaws imposing further restrictions or prohibition on those or any other activities. These include, but are not limited to camping or otherwise staying overnight on a reserve, taking animals of any kind onto a reserve, taking, destroying or injuring any animal, bird or other fauna, planting or removing any trees or plants, carrying out any commercial activity without a permit or licence, lighting any fires other than in an area designated for that purpose.

As listed in Section 1.5.2 above, Stratford District Council has developed three specific bylaws that impose certain further restrictions on activities or authorises certain conditional activities within reserves or other public places vested in Council, namely the Control of Dogs bylaw 2020, the Parks and Reserves bylaw 2020 and the Public Places bylaw.

The Percy Thomson Trust deed does not impose any specific restrictions on activities within the Thomson Arboretum, relying on the Reserves Act 1977 for this purpose although, by the definition of a “public place” in this bylaw, the Control of Dogs bylaw also applies to the Thomson Arboretum.

Control of Dogs bylaw 2020 and Dog Control Policy`

The Control of Dogs bylaw prohibits dogs in designated public places and requires dogs to be constrained by leash in a “leash controlled public place”. Neither Windsor Park nor the Thomson Arboretum are designated Prohibited Public Places or Leash Controlled Public Places.

Under Council’s Dog Control Policy, provides for dogs to be exercised unleashed but under “continuous control” in all areas of the District except designated areas where dogs are prohibited and leash controlled areas in accordance with the bylaw.

Objectives and Policies

Accordingly, dogs are permitted to be exercised off-leash but under continuous control within both Windsor Park and the Thomson Arboretum. Continuous control is defined as meaning “the owner has sufficient control over the dog to prevent it causing a nuisance to other animals or members of the public or damage to property”.

Parks and Reserves bylaw 2020

The Parks and Reserves bylaw only applies to reserves vested in Stratford District Council therefore does not apply to the Thomson Arboretum. It prohibits a range of dangerous and/or anti-social activities, all of which are endorsed by this management plan. Cycling is a conditional activity and is dealt with in 3.1.2 below.

Similarly, the bylaw prohibits the parking, riding or driving of any motorised vehicle within the park except in designated areas and where special approval is granted. It is considered that motorised vehicles have no place in the park other than:

- Mobility scooters
- Emergency vehicles
- Maintenance vehicles and event support vehicles provided specific approval is obtained from an authorised officer of Council

Public Places bylaw

Like the Parks and Reserves bylaw, the Public Places bylaw puts restrictions on a number of activities within public places (which include reserves) and helps reinforce the provisions of the Reserves Act 1977. In term of the definition of “Public Place” in this bylaw, it does not apply to the Thomson Arboretum.

OBJECTIVE

- To prevent activities occurring that have an adverse impact on the natural environment and amenity values of Windsor Park and the Thomson Arboretum or detract from the enjoyment of other park users.

POLICIES

- In addition to those activities that are prohibited or restricted in terms of the Reserves Act 1977 and/or Council bylaws, the following controls shall apply:
 - a) Dogs are permitted within both Windsor Park and the Thomson Arboretum provided they are under the continuous control of a responsible handler.
 - b) Motorised vehicles will not be permitted within either Windsor Park or the Thomson Arboretum other than mobility scooters, emergency vehicles, maintenance vehicles and event support vehicles (provided prior approval is obtained from an authorised Council officer).

3.1.2 INFORMAL USE OF THE RESERVE

Informal use of Windsor Park and the Thomson Arboretum could include such activities as family and friends picnicking, enjoying the tranquillity of strolling through the park and/or the arboretum or beside the river.

In terms of Council’s Parks and Reserves bylaw, cycling is permitted within any of Council’s parks and reserves subject to certain conditions around respect for other users and potential damage to any part of the park or reserve. As mentioned in 3.1.1 above, this bylaw does not apply to the Thomson Arboretum therefore there is no guidance in regard to cycling within this reserve.

Walking through Windsor Park and the Thomson Arboretum could range from simply strolling through the reserves admiring the gardens, exercising a dog, walking or jogging the Carrington Walkway that runs through both reserves for exercise.

Fishing the Patea River is a relatively popular pastime, particularly for trout during the open season including the traditional annual release of trout into the Patea River in order to give children a fishing experience. This is covered in more detail in 3.2.2 below.



Figure 4 - Carrington Walkway within Windsor Park

OBJECTIVES

- To encourage and maximise the public use of Windsor Park and the Thomson Arboretum in accordance with their reserve classifications.
- To maintain the existing network of paths in a safe, clean and readily accessible state.
- To provide further paths or upgrade the existing where Council is satisfied there is a demand for more or better facilities.

POLICIES

- Cycling within the Thomson Arboretum will be permitted subject to the same provisions of the Stratford District Council Parks and Reserves bylaw that apply to Council's reserves.
- When and where a need is identified, facilities such as barbeques, tables and lighting will be provided and maintained in appropriate locations within both reserves in order to enhance casual public use and enjoyment of the reserves.

3.2 NATURAL VALUES

Natural values rate highly in any consideration of Windsor Park, containing as it does approximately 1 hectare of mainly native forest remnant and one of Taranaki's major waterways, the Patea River. Collectively, these represent approximately 80% of the park's land area.

In regard to the Thomson Arboretum, the Encyclopaedia Britannica describes an arboretum as “a place where trees, shrubs and sometimes herbaceous plants are cultivated for scientific and educational purposes” and, in terms of the Percy Thomson Trust's objectives relative to the arboretum, the role of the Thomson Arboretum is to:

- Represent the native flora of New Zealand as outlined in the will of Percy Thomson
- Inform the visitors to the arboretum about the specimen trees and plants
- Attract people to visit and encourage them to stay

Accordingly, while both the park and the arboretum are classified as either recreation or local purpose (esplanade) reserve, their natural, scenic and scientific values cannot be overstressed and are as equally important as their recreational values. Protection of these values is therefore important.

3.2.1 FLORA, FAUNA AND BIODIVERSITY

The areas of native forest bordering the Carrington Walkway and the Patea River have been included in the Taranaki Regional Council's Key Native Ecosystem Inventory. The inventory records that:

“The forest remnant is generally in good condition although weed threats are present. The main forest understorey is intact and contains dense areas of native saplings, seedlings and ferns. Planted exotic and non-resident native vegetation also occur throughout the area. Forest remnants such as these contribute to forest connectivity in an agricultural landscape such as the Egmont ring plain.”

The main forest canopy comprises tawa, totara, miro, kamahi, kahikatea and rimu with an understorey comprising of mainly lacebark, pate, mahoe, climbing rata, kiekie and a variety of ferns. This provides a habitat for resident native forest birds such as the grey warbler and fantail and a foraging area for the likes of native pigeon, tui, bellbird and silvereye. Other birds that have been witnessed in the area include the bush falcon, North Island rifleman and black shag.

In terms of ecological values the Key Native Ecosystem Inventory ranks the area's, flora and fauna “medium” in terms of rarity and distinctiveness and “high” in terms of representativeness, noting that it contains indigenous vegetation classified as “acutely threatened”. The native species within the park could provide an important nucleus for restoring a riparian ecological corridor along the Patea River to reconnect Egmont National Park with eastern Taranaki reserves.

In regard to ecological threats within both Windsor Park and the Thomson Arboretum, pest animals such as possums, cats, hedgehogs and rodents are ranked “medium” while weeds such as old man's beard, cherry, ivy, honeysuckle, wandering jew, convolvulus and sycamore are ranked “high” due to the degree of their current presence along the Carrington Walkway. In terms of the rules contained in TRC's Pest Animal and Pest Plant Strategies, Council is obliged to take all reasonable steps to control the spread and impact of pest animals and plants within the reserve.

In regard to pest animals, Council acknowledges the advocacy and commitment of the Predator Free NZ Trust towards “dramatically reducing New Zealand's predator populations including rats, stoats, possums, weasels and ferrets” and supports the Department of Conservation's ambitious “Predator Free 2050” goal to rid the country of rats, stoats and possums, the major threats to native wildlife.

The preservation of trees and bush within the park and the arboretum is further aided by the provisions of Section 42 of the Reserves Act 1977 which provides that “The trees or bush on any recreation reserve shall not be cut or destroyed, except in accordance with a permit granted under Section 48A or unless the administering body of the reserve is satisfied that the cutting or destruction is necessary for the proper management or maintenance of the reserve or for the management or preservation of other trees or bush or in the interests of the safety of persons on or near the reserve....”. It also provides that “Where in the case of any recreation reserve the administering body is satisfied that the cutting or destruction of trees is necessary for any of the reasons mentioned in subsection (2) the administering body shall not proceed with the cutting or

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destruction except in a manner which will have minimal impact on the reserve and until, as circumstances warrant, provision is made for replacement planting or restoration ". Accordingly, the aim of this legislation is to preserve as much as practicable areas of bush and there has to be good reason to remove same.

In 2016 The Taranaki Regional Council developed and adopted a Biodiversity Plan for King Edward Park and the Carrington Walkway that runs through Windsor Park and the Thomson Arboretum. The objective of that plan is to *"protect, enhance and restore indigenous biodiversity values of the forest remnants and river margins of King Edward Park and Carrington Walkway"* and sets out a number of responsibilities for both Councils in the implementation of the plan.

OBJECTIVES

- To protect, preserve and restore where necessary the indigenous flora and fauna within both Windsor Park and the Thomson Arboretum.
- To remove, as far as practicable, the immature exotic species of tree that have established themselves naturally within the indigenous forest areas of Windsor Park and the Thomson Arboretum and discourage the growth of further exotic seedlings and saplings.
- To take all practicable steps to eradicate all pest plants and animals that threaten the ecological values of both reserves.
- To ensure the objectives of the Thomson Arboretum as incorporated in the Percy Thomson trust deed are adhered to in respect of the ongoing maintenance and development of the Arboretum.

POLICIES

- Council and the Trust will work with the Taranaki Regional Council to implement the provisions of the King Edward Park and Carrington Walkway Biodiversity Plan as it affects Windsor Park and the Thomson Arboretum for the preservation of this key native ecosystem.
- Any replacement or new plantings within the remnant forest area of Windsor Park will be of indigenous species only, sourced and planted where possible in accordance with the Taranaki Regional Council publication *"Restoration Planting in Taranaki : A Guide to the Egmont Ecological District"*.
- Any replacement or new plantings within the Thomson Arboretum will be of indigenous species only.

3.2.2 WATERWAYS

Both Windsor Park and the Thomson Arboretum sit on the northern bank of the Patea River with a small area of the former on the southern bank. The river provides good habitat for the longfin eel and other native fish species including galaxiids and bullies.

As well as its ecological value, the Patea River provides scenic and recreational value containing a number of swimming holes and fishing opportunities. The Taranaki Regional Council's Regional Fresh Water Plan contains a number of rules designed to afford appropriate protection of waterways while allowing for recreational use that does not impact adversely on the natural values.

Fish and Game NZ advise that the Patea River through Stratford supports a self-sustaining wild population of brown trout that was established following releases by the former Stratford Acclimatisation Society from 1875 and a wild population of rainbow trout is also becoming established as a result of nearly 20 years of releases of hatchery reared fish upstream of Windsor Park.

The section of the Patea River adjacent the park and the arboretum is highly valued and well used by trout anglers and Fish and Game NZ is keen to preserve this recreational opportunity during trout fishing seasons of 1 October to 30 April in accordance with the Freshwater Fisheries Regulations 1983 and Angler's Notices promulgated annually under that legislation.

As mentioned in 3.1.3 above, the taking of fish from the Patea River is a prohibited activity in terms of the Reserves Act 1977 although Council, as the administering body of the reserve, can authorise such activity provided the fish are not a protected species in terms of the Wildlife Act 1953. On this basis fishing for brown and rainbow trout which are not protected species in terms of the Wildlife Act 1953 is an approved recreational activity, however the taking of any native fish species such as the threatened long fin eel is prohibited.

OBJECTIVES

- To protect and preserve, as much as possible, the native fish species within the waterways.
- To preserve the recreational value of the Patea River while minimising the impact on the ecological values of the waterway.

POLICIES

- Trout fishing in the Patea River is an approved activity, however the taking of any native fish species will remain a prohibited activity.
- No activity on the reserve will be approved if there is any possibility of any measurable adverse affect on water quality and/or aquatic ecosystems.



Figure 5 - Patea River within Windsor Park

3.2.3 LANDSCAPES

Visual landscape qualities are an important aspect of the public's enjoyment of a reserve. The landscape features of Windsor Park consist primarily of grassed entrance and picnic area and the Patea River that provides spectacular vistas in a number of places. These river views, however, could be further enhanced through the selective removal of immature exotic trees and pest plant species.

The landscape feature of the Thomson Arboretum is primarily the central "circle" that provides a contemplative space for the public to enjoy the surrounding native flora.

OBJECTIVES

- To enhance the scenic value of the Patea River by creating view shafts in appropriate locations through the removal of exotic tree and pest plant species.

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- To ensure any future building development, earthworks or future plantings do not visually compromise any of the natural landscapes and are appropriate to the setting.
- To maintain and, where practical, further develop formal cultivated areas in keeping with established or carefully considered new landscape themes.

POLICIES

- No further development of Windsor Park will be approved that impacts negatively on the view of the Patea River from within the reserve.



Figure 6 - Thomson Arboretum Centre "Circle"

3.3 SOCIAL AND CULTURAL VALUES

The social and cultural values of both Windsor Park and the Thomson Arboretum are primarily relative to their use for passive recreation. The Thomson Arboretum provides further value in terms of education, one of the objectives of the Percy Thomson Trust being to *"inform the visitors to the arboretum about the specimen trees and plants, particularly those that grow well in our local environment."*

3.3.1 HISTORIC AND COMMEMORATIVE FEATURES

There are currently no historic or commemorative features within either Windsor Park or the Thomson Arboretum, although the arboretum in itself is a commemoration of the community services of Percy Thomson.

However, proposals may be put forward in the future for commemorative features and, while these can assist in developing community values and/or mark important historic events, they need to be properly managed. They also add to the ongoing maintenance costs associated with the reserves and Council or the Trust as the case may be need to be in a position to control the nature, number and location of such features.

Objectives and Policies

OBJECTIVES

- To consider any future request for commemorative features within Windsor Park and the Thomson Arboretum to ensure they are of substantial benefit to the reserve and the community and do not detract in any way from the natural values or inhibit any potential future development of the reserves or the objectives of this Management Plan.

POLICIES

- Any request for future commemorative features will take into consideration the appropriateness of the proposed feature and its compatibility with the character and use of the reserve, whether there is any benefit to the community in the use of the reserve and the ease and cost of ongoing maintenance.

3.3.2 SOCIAL EVENTS

With only small areas of open space within either reserve, they do not lend themselves to major public social events such as staged within King Edward Park or Victoria Park, being more suitable for small family-oriented social activities.

OBJECTIVE

- To permit the use of the open space areas within the park for small social or cultural events provided there is no adverse affect on the environment and subject to any policy or bylaw relative to the use of public places current at the time and to conditions of use contained in the Reserves Act 1977.

POLICY

- Social or cultural events in the park or the Thomson Arboretum will be subject to Council's or the Trust's approval as relevant at all times and conditions of use will be imposed on private events so as to minimise disruption to the general public's use of the reserve.

3.3.3 TANGATA WHENUA

Sites of significance to an iwi or hapu, such as waahi tapu and other taonga, are protected under the Stratford District Plan and legislatively through the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014. To date, no sites of cultural, historic or spiritual significance to an iwi or hapu have been identified within either Windsor Park or the Thomson Arboretum. If any are identified in future the requirements of the above-mentioned Act will prevail and all local iwi (Ngati Ruanui, Ngati Maru and/or Nga Ruahine) will be engaged with and invited to be involved in the preservation and ongoing management of the site as appropriate.

OBJECTIVES

- To consult with relevant iwi and/or hapu in a mutually appropriate way with respect to any future development of Windsor Park and/or the Thomson Arboretum not envisaged by this plan.
- To ensure any sites discovered within Windsor Park or the Thomson Arboretum that potentially could be of cultural, historic or spiritual significance to an iwi or hapu are fully investigated to determine such significance and afforded appropriate protection as required by the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014.

POLICY

- Relevant iwi participation in the preparation and review of this and any future management plan will be sought and advice taken into account in regard to all matters of significance to tangata whenua.

3.4 FURNITURE AND FACILITIES

An integral part of any reserve development is the extent to which Council provides park furniture and other facilities. This is determined both by recreational uses of the reserve that create the need for various items of furniture and facilities and also Council's aspirations in regard to its optimum use.

Currently Windsor Park contains very little in the way of park furniture with only a picnic table in the entrance at the intersection of Juliet Street and Cloten Road. Similarly, the Thomson Arboretum only provides a bench seat at the entrance off Cloten Road, however there is scope for further development in both reserves as outlined below.

3.4.1 DEVELOPMENT

Any further development within either Windsor Park or the Thomson Arboretum in order to provide enhanced recreational facilities and increase the enjoyment of reserve users needs to be in keeping with the purpose of the reserves and carried out in a coordinated fashion while ensuring it is safe, sustainable and fit for purpose.

It is also appropriate, in taking any further developments to design stage, to give consideration to CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) principles advocated in the National Guidelines for Crime Prevention through Environmental Design in New Zealand in order to minimise opportunities for crime and the fear of crime potentially experienced by users of the reserve.

In regard to Windsor Park, no further development is proposed at this stage.

In regard to the Thomson Arboretum, the Percy Thomson Trust proposes to further landscape the Arboretum with some feature planting, signage, seating and a sculpture within the "centre circle". This proposed development is outlined in more detail under Parts 4 and 5 of this plan.

OBJECTIVES

- To ensure that any further development of Windsor Park or the Thomson Arboretum does not impact adversely on any landscape features, natural values or built heritage, meets the needs of reserve users while having no adverse effects on neighbouring properties and is environmentally sustainable in terms of its design, construction, long term maintenance and intended function.
- To provide additional facilities where Council or the Percy Thomson Trust is satisfied there is sufficient demand and it is clear they will be of benefit to the public.

POLICIES

- Any other future development not covered by this management plan, apart from the installation of minor items of park furniture, track development that does not require any significant indigenous tree removal or the replacement of existing facilities, will be subject to prior public consultation and Council approval by way of formal resolution.
- In approving any future developments within the reserves, due consideration will be given to the principles outlined in the National Guidelines for Crime Prevention through Environmental Design in New Zealand.

3.4.2 BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

There are currently no buildings or substantial structures within either Windsor Park or the Thomson Arboretum, nor are any proposed.

OBJECTIVES

- To ensure that any new buildings or other substantial structures are justified in terms of demand for them, the design and scale is suited to the environment and appropriate to facilitate public recreational use of the reserves and their location and construction is such that they do not impact adversely on any landscape features and natural, social or cultural values.

Objectives and Policies

POLICIES

- New buildings and substantial structures not envisaged by this management plan will be subject to prior public consultation and Council approval by way of formal resolution as to all aspects of location, design and construction.

3.4.3 LIGHTING

Lighting is often required or desirable in reserves to facilitate evening sports, improve security, deter vandalism or enhance the visual appeal at night of physical features such as trees or monuments. Currently there is no lighting within either reserve and none is considered necessary or is planned at this stage.

OBJECTIVES

- To provide or approve lighting within Windsor Park or the Thomson Arboretum only to improve safety and security and/or deter repeated vandalism where deemed necessary or to highlight important features.

POLICIES

- Lighting within Windsor Park or the Thomson Arboretum will only be provided or approved where there is a clear public benefit and no adverse impact on any particular reserve user or neighbouring property.
- All lighting designs shall be in accordance with Standards AS/NZS1158, AS/NZS4676, AS2560 or AS4282 as appropriate and approved by Council or the Trust (as relevant) prior to installation.

3.4.4 SIGNAGE

Section 94(1) of the Reserves Act 1977 constitutes it an offence to erect any sign on a reserve without the consent of the administering body. Similarly, Council's Control of Advertising Signs Bylaw provides that no person may erect any advertising signage within a public place without the prior consent of Council in writing.

The only signs currently on either reserve are park or arboretum name signs and it is not considered appropriate to allow commercial advertising signage. Further signage to identify trees and plants within the Thomson Arboretum is planned by the Percy Thomson Trust, along with other signs designed to enhance the educational aspects of that reserve. Refer to Parts 4 and 5 of this plan for further details.

OBJECTIVES

- To limit the proliferation of signs within Windsor Park and the Thomson Arboretum to protect the amenity values of the reserves.
- To develop and implement standardised styles and types for public information signage so as to improve the aesthetic qualities of such features and the information provided.
- To maintain all signage within the reserves to ensure it is structurally sound and remains legible at all times.

POLICIES

- Permanent signs depicting purely commercial advertising will not be permitted within either Windsor Park or the Thomson Arboretum.
- All signage shall be maintained in a safe, clean and presentable condition at all times.
- All new or replacement public information signage will be in accordance with a sign template approved by Council or the Percy Thomson Trust as relevant.



Figure 7 - Windsor Park Entrance

3.4.5 RESERVE FURNITURE

Reserve furniture such as seating, barbeques and barbeque tables, rubbish bins and drinking fountains enhance the experience of reserve users by providing facilities for rest, picnicking and services. As with signage, it is appropriate that such facilities should be consistent in design so as to improve amenity.

Reserve furniture within Windsor Park is currently limited to one picnic table and strategically placed litter bins. The Thomson Arboretum currently has just the one bench seat at the Cloten Road entrance, however further seating within the central “circle” as outlined in Part 4 is planned along with further landscaping to enhance the public’s enjoyment of the reserve.

Other than that, additional furniture will be considered as demand determines.

OBJECTIVES

- To provide new and replacement reserve furniture when and where a need is identified and to improve public use and enjoyment of the reserves.
- To ensure all new and replacement furniture within Windsor Park is of an approved standard design.

POLICIES

- Reserve furniture to an approved standard design will be provided within Windsor Park and the Thomson Arboretum when and where a need is identified.

3.4.6 VEHICLE PARKING

Adequate car parking on or in close proximity to a reserve makes it more accessible for those having to travel some distance, however car parks within a reserve can reduce the amenity value.

It is considered that the on-street parking along Cloten Road adjacent both reserves provides sufficient parking for users of the reserves.

OBJECTIVES

- To prohibit onsite vehicle parking so as to not to diminish the amount of reserve land available for recreation purposes.

POLICIES

- No onsite car parking within either Windsor Park or the Thomson Arboretum will be allowed.

3.5 ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT

Stratford District Council and the Percy Thomson Trust have been appointed by the Crown to control and administer Windsor Park and the Thomson Arboretum respectively pursuant to the Reserves Act 1977. The Act empowers both bodies to carry out certain actions, impose rules relative to the use of the reserve and develop objectives and policies in regard to its future development.

This management plan is the principal document that governs the management of both reserves while its provisions in regard to maintenance and future developments will be implemented through Council's Parks, Reserves and Cemeteries Asset Management Plan and the Long Term Plan. The Reserves Act also empowers administrative bodies to grant leases, licenses and permits to other organisations, subject to certain conditions, in order to complement its management of the reserve.

3.5.1 MAINTENANCE

Neither Council nor the Percy Thomson Trust employ any parks and reserve maintenance staff. Routine maintenance of both Windsor Park and the Thomson Arboretum, be it grass mowing, gardening, path or structure maintenance, is carried out by an external contractor under an Open Space Maintenance contract.

This contract requires the contractor to carry out regular inspections of the reserves to ensure they meet acceptable and defined standards and provides safe recreational environments. These inspections are carried weekly in regard to these passive recreation areas. Inspections must also be carried out within 24 hours of any particularly severe weather incident.

OBJECTIVES

- To maintain Windsor Park and the Thomson Arboretum to a standard that meets the recreational needs and aspirations of the community.
- To implement the policies of this Reserve Management Plan in a structured and integrated manner through the Parks Reserves and Cemeteries Asset Management Plan and the Long Term Plan.

POLICIES

- Windsor Park and the Thomson Arboretum will be maintained to the levels of service demanded by the community and embodied in the Open Space Maintenance contract.

3.5.2 LEASES, LICENCES, AND PERMITS

Section 54 of the Reserves Act 1977 empowers administrative bodies to grant leases or licences for uses of or activities on recreation reserves, provided such uses or activities are associated with recreation, the purpose of the reserve. Permits are granted for specific one-off or seasonal uses of the reserve or sportsfields within the reserve.

Currently there are no extant leases or licences relative to either reserve, nor are any envisaged.

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OBJECTIVES

- To allow the occupation of areas within Windsor Park and the Thomson Arboretum for approved uses, buildings and other structures that are compatible with the reserve's primary purpose through the granting of leases, licences or permits as appropriate.
- To control the use through such leases, licences or permits by way of conditions that ensure the most effective use of Windsor Park and/or the Thomson Arboretum for the enjoyment of the whole community.

POLICIES

- A lease, licence or permit will only be granted for a use and term that is compatible with the Reserves Act 1977, the District Plan and Council bylaws and policies.
- The grantee of any lease, licence or permit will be required to pay a rental, charge or fee as prescribed in Council's Fees and Charges or as otherwise approved by Council or the Percy Thomson Trust as applicable.
- Licences will not be granted for stock grazing purposes.

3.5.3 RESERVE BOUNDARIES, ENCROACHMENTS AND EASEMENTS

On occasions, unauthorised encroachments into reserves by adjoining private owners can occur that, in relation to such things as fencing, gardens and landscaping, retaining walls and other minor structures, and driveways, give the impression of private ownership. If this is not prevented or formalised by way of a licence to occupy it can lead to disputes that can be exacerbated when properties are sold without the purchaser realising part of the land they perceive to be buying is public reserve.

There are no known encroachments of this nature on either reserve, however there are some encroachments by the reserve into the legal road (Juliet Street), although these are not considered significant given that both are vested in Council.

In regard to easements, there are currently two electricity supply easements over Windsor Park in favour of Powerco Limited adjacent to the power substation on Cloten Road. These are shown respectively on plans DP 14216 and DP 19036. Neither of these impact adversely on the reserve amenity or utilisation.

OBJECTIVES

- To preserve the amenity value of Windsor Park and the Thomson Arboretum by preventing unnecessary and/or inappropriate encroachments beyond the legal boundaries.

POLICIES

- No future encroachments into either Windsor Park or the Thomson Arboretum beyond the legal title boundaries will be permitted.



Figure 8 - Thomson Arboretum 2021

3.5.4 REVIEW AND MONITORING

Section 41 of the Reserves Act 1977 requires all reserve management plans to be kept under continuous review in order to be able to adapt to changing circumstances or in accordance with increased knowledge. While some particular aspects of this plan may be reviewed individually from time to time as the need arises, it is proposed to carry out a further full and definitive review within 10 years of its approval by Council.

OBJECTIVES

- To keep this plan under continuous review in accordance with the Reserves Act 1977 in order to conserve and enhance the recreational values of Windsor Park and the Thomson Arboretum.

POLICIES

- This plan will be reviewed in its entirety within 10 years of its approval by Council and the Percy Thomson Trust
- Individual parts of the plan may be reviewed in response to the identification of management issues for which there is no current policy herein or elsewhere or as a result of national changes through amended legislation.
- All reviews of this management plan will be publically notified as required by the Reserves Act 1977.

Part 4. ACTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The following table records those actions that have been identified in this Reserve Management Plan relative to the future management and development of Windsor Park and the Thomson Arboretum. It records the proposed action, the policy it relates to, the organisation responsible for carrying out the action and the priority/anticipated timeframe.

It should be noted that these proposed actions are concepts only at this stage. They do not commit either Council, the Trust or any other organisation in any way but simply “flag” them as developments approved in principle in terms of the Reserves Act 1977, enabling public input and discussion through both this planning process and subsequent Council Annual and Long Term Plan processes.

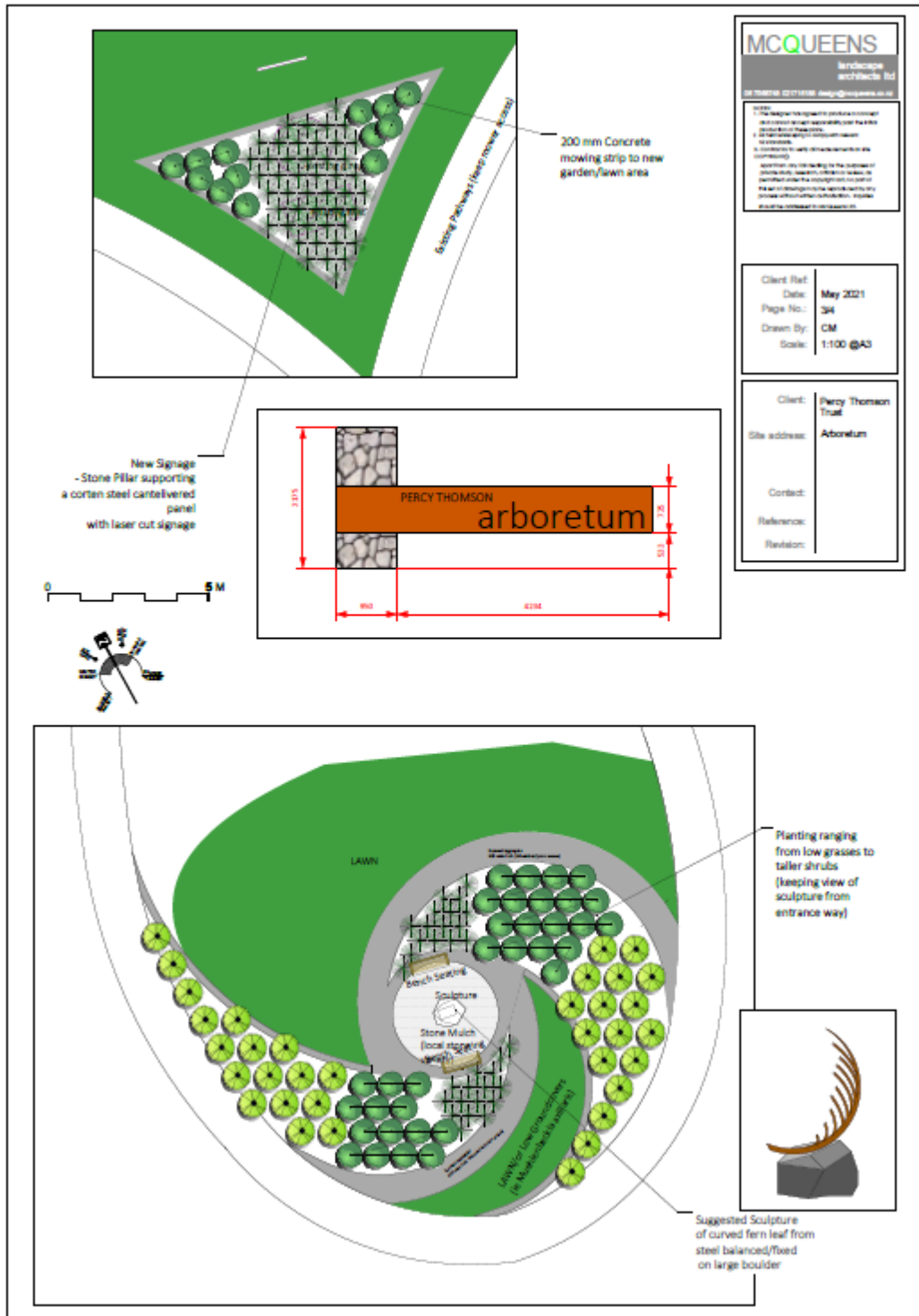
Table 4 - Proposed Actions and Responsibilities

No.	Proposed Action	Policy No.	Who	Priority
1	Landscaping of Thomson Arboretum “centre circle”	3.4.1	PTT	1

Priorities:
1 = 1 – 3 years
2 = 4 – 6 years
3 = 7 – 10 years

Who abbreviations: SDC = Stratford District Council
PTT = Percy Thomson Trust

Part 5. CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND PERSPECTIVE DRAWINGS



Concept Development Plans and Perspective Drawings



Concept of New Signage



Plan View - Scale 1:500



Concept View from Entrance to new Feature area - Not to Scale

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