



**STRATFORD**  
**DISTRICT COUNCIL**

# Parks and Reserves Bylaw 2020

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Date in Force: 1 February 2020

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Purpose: To manage, regulate and protect the parks and reserves activities, assets and services in an efficient, safe, reliable and sustainable manner through:

- the provision of appropriate, safe, accessible and exciting outdoor areas for appropriate passive and active recreational activities; and
- meeting the current and future needs of our community with good quality local parks and reserves.

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Review Date 1 February 2030

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## **1. TITLE**

- 1.1 This Bylaw is made under Section 145 of the Local Government Act 2002 and shall be known as the 'Stratford District Council's Parks and Reserves Bylaw 2020.

## **2. COMMENCEMENT**

- 2.1 This Bylaw shall come into force on 1 February 2020.

## **3. REPEAL**

- 3.1 As from the day this Bylaw comes into force, the previous Parks and Reserves Bylaw 2008 in force in the Stratford District shall be repealed.

## **4. APPLICATION of BYLAW**

- 4.1 This Bylaw shall apply to the Stratford District.

## **5. SCOPE**

- 5.1 This Bylaw is made under the authority of the Local Government Act 2002 for the purposes of managing, regulating against, or protecting from damage, misuse, or loss, or for preventing the use of, the land, structures, or infrastructure associated with the Stratford District Council (the Council)'s parks and reserves.

- 5.2 The Council's parks and reserves activity is subject to the following statutory acts, and regulations:

- a) The Reserves Act 1977
- b) The Local Government Act 2002
- c) The Resource Management Act 1991
- d) The Walking Access Act 2008
- e) Public Works Act 1981
- f) The Building Act 2004
- g) Fencing Act 1978
- h) Conservation Act 1987
- i) Property Law Act 2007

## **6. PURPOSE**

- 6.1 The purpose of this Bylaw is to manage, regulate against and protect from damage, misuse, or loss of, and to prevent the use of, the land, structures, or infrastructure associated with the Stratford District Council parks and reserves in an efficient, safe, reliable and sustainable manner through:
- a) the provision of appropriate, safe, accessible and exciting outdoor areas for appropriate passive and active recreational activities; and
  - b) meeting the current and future needs of our community with good quality local parks and reserves.

## 7. INTERPRETATION

- 7.1 When interpreting this Bylaw use the definitions set out in section 8 unless the context requires otherwise.
- 7.2 For the purpose of this Bylaw, the word 'shall' refers to practices that are mandatory for compliance with this Bylaw.

## 8. DEFINITIONS

- 8.1 For the purpose of this Bylaw, unless inconsistent with the context, the following definitions apply:

**AIRCRAFT** means any man-made device capable of flight and includes (but is not limited to) aeroplanes, helicopters, gliders,, hang-gliders, hot air balloons, remotely piloted aircraft systems (drones and radio controlled model aircraft) but does not include kites and balloons that are controlled from the ground by strings.

**ANIMAL** has the same meaning as in section 2 of the Reserves Act 1977.

**AUTHORISED OFFICER** includes, for the purposes of this bylaw any Council officer whose role includes the management of parks and reserves

**BYLAW** means this Parks and Reserves Bylaw.

**CAMP** means to reside or sleep in a structure, tent or vehicle.

**COUNCIL** means the Stratford District Council.

**DANGEROUS WEAPON** includes any firearm, bow and arrow, catapult or shanghai –

**EMERGENCY** has the same meaning as under Section 4 – Interpretation; of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002

**FIREARM** has the same meaning as in section 2 of the Arms Act 1983.

**HOUSEHOLD WASTE** means any solid waste comprising of garbage and rubbish including (but not limited to) bottles, cans, clothing, disposable items, food packaging, food scraps, newspapers, magazines, compost, yard trimmings or vegetation of any kind that originates from private homes or apartments.

**MOTOR VEHICLE** has the same meaning as contained in the Land Transport Act 1998.

**ORGANISED SPORT** means a planned activity involving physical exertion and/or skill that is governed by a set of rules or customs, often undertaken competitively and under the jurisdiction of a governing body and includes formal practice for such activity but does not include impromptu activities of this nature.

**RESERVE** includes any open space, plantation, park, garden, walkway or ground set apart for public recreation or enjoyment which now or hereafter may be under the management or control of the Council, either pursuant to the Reserves Act 1977 or otherwise, but does not include any land administered by the Taranaki Regional Council.

**STRUCTURE** includes any building, fence, gate, seat, playground equipment, memorial, artwork, fountain, wharf, jetty, platform, goal posts, rubbish bins and rafts.

**VEHICLE** means:

- a) a contrivance equipped with wheels, tracks, or revolving runners on which it moves or is moved; and
- b) includes a hovercraft, land yacht, boat, surf ski, skateboard, in-line skates, roller skates, and the shell or hulk of a vehicle; but
- c) does not include—
  - I. a perambulator or pushchair;
  - II. a shopping or sporting trundler not propelled by mechanical power;
  - III. a wheelbarrow or hand-trolley;
  - IV. a pedestrian-controlled lawnmower;
  - V. a pedestrian-controlled agricultural machine not propelled by mechanical power;
  - VI. an article of furniture; and
  - VII. wheelchair not propelled by mechanical power.

## 9. ACCESS

- 9.1 No person shall, without the prior consent of an Authorised Officer, enter any reserve or part thereof at such time as the reserve has been closed to the public for any reason and signage to that effect has been displayed on the reserve.
- 9.2 No person shall enter any reserve or part thereof that is being used with the authority of the Council for any private function, event or organised sport unless such person is a participant in the function, event or organised sport and has the prior consent of the organiser of the function, event or organised sport.
- 9.3 No person shall wilfully obstruct any of the approaches, entrances, exits, thoroughfares, or walks of any reserve

## 10. DAMAGE AND INTERFERENCE

- 10.1 No person shall interfere with, disturb, remove, displace, deface, disfigure, damage, or destroy any inscription or any labels attached to or connected with any article, tree, shrub, or other plant, or any noticeboard, sign, label, or tablet used to indicate or exhibit any notice, name, regulation, or bylaw, or any part or provision of a bylaw in any reserve.
- 10.2 No person shall remove, disturb, deface, damage, or destroy, or attempt to remove, disturb, damage, or destroy, any post, barrier, railing, seat (fixed or movable), gate, bridge, building, structure, wall, children's play equipment, object of art or natural object, fence, or hedge, or any fitting or implement of any kind within or enclosing the whole or any portion of any reserve.
- 10.3 No person shall, without written authority of an Authorised Officer, take, deposit, remove, or disturb any soil, uproot or injure any shrub, tree, or other growth, or take any cutting or interfere with, pick, or pluck or otherwise remove any flowers, ferns, or greenery.

- 10.4 No person shall, without written authority of an Authorised Officer, do anything that may damage any grassed surface of a reserve, including (but not limited to) spraying herbicides or digging holes.
- 10.5 No person shall, without written authority of an Authorised Officer, erect, construct, attach or place any structure, path, track or sign in or on any reserve.
- 10.6 No person shall, without written authority of an Authorised Officer, plant any tree, shrub or plant of any kind or sow or scatter the seed of any plant.

## 11. LITTER

- 11.1 No person shall leave any bottle, tin, glass, crockery, paper, remnants of food, or other litter within the limits of any reserve otherwise than in receptacles provided therefor.
- 11.2 No person shall deposit any household waste in any waste receptacle provided in any reserve.

## 12. POLLUTION

- 12.1 No person shall deposit, discharge or leave any deleterious, offensive, or dangerous matter or cause pollution within the limits of any reserve or any stream, dam, pond, or fountain therein.

## 13. ANIMALS

- 13.1 No person may bring any animal into a reserve or allow any animal in his or her custody, charge or control to be within a reserve unless:
- a) A Council bylaw has allowed the animal in the reserve, such as through a dog control bylaw or related dog control policy; or
  - b) The presence of animals is authorised through a reserve management plan or licence to occupy or other similar document; or
  - c) Permission has been granted by an Authorised Officer; or
  - d) The reserve has been booked for an event allowing the presence of animals.
- 13.2 Notwithstanding any provision in the Dog Control Bylaw, dogs shall only be permitted, if controlled by a leash or lead, as shown in **Appendix 1**, on:
- a) parts of the Western Loop track of the Carrington Walkway; and
  - b) the area around the netball court.
- 13.3 An Authorised Officer of the Council may at any time seize and confine any loose animal found within any reserve in contravention of this bylaw.

## 14. RIDING AND DRIVING

- 14.1 On any area of any reserve, except on those areas described in **Appendix 2** and where special approval is granted by an Authorised Officer, no persons shall:
- a) Park, ride or drive any motor vehicle or motorcycle; or
  - b) Drive, ride, or lead any horse, or other animal.

- 14.2 Only the riding of bicycles, scooters and mobility are allowed.
- 14.3 No person shall ride or drive any bicycles, scooters or mobility scooters in any reserve at a speed in excess of 10 km/h.
- 14.4 No person shall ride or drive any bicycles, scooters or mobility scooters in any reserve without due care and attention or without reasonable consideration for other persons using, or driving in, the reserve.
- 14.5 No person shall ride or drive any bicycles, scooters or mobility scooters in any reserve in such a manner as to cause damage to the surface or to any part of such reserve or other land.

**Note:**

- All bicycles include e-bikes and scooters include e-scooters; and
- Mobility scooters are allowed on all parks and reserves subject to the Land Transport (Road user) Rule 2004.

## **15. NOTICES AND SIGNS**

- 15.1 No person shall post any placard, sign, plaque or noticeboard in, on, or about any reserve without the prior permission of an Authorised Officer.

## **16. LIGHTING FIRES**

- 16.1 No person shall light any fire (including fireworks) within a reserve except in a place specially provided by the Council for that purpose or with the consent of an Authorised Officer.
- 16.2 No person shall light any fire or continue burning the same in a reserve after sunset without the consent of an Authorised Officer of the Council.

## **17. ERECTION OF TENTS AND BOOTHS**

- 17.1 No person shall put up or erect any stall, tent, camp, booth, swing, amusement device, or structure of any kind within any reserve except by permission of an Authorised Officer of the Council, and then only in compliance with every condition under which such permission may be granted.

## **18. TRADING AND ALCOHOL**

- 18.1 No person shall sell or offer for sale any article of food or merchandise or liquor, intoxicating or otherwise, or any kind of drink, or carry on any trade, pursuit, or calling within any reserve, without permission of an Authorised Officer of the Council, and then only in compliance with every condition under which such permission may be granted.

## **19. MISBEHAVIOUR**

- 19.1 Within the limits of any reserve, no person shall wilfully obstruct, disturb, annoy, or interfere with any other person in their use or enjoyment of any reserve, or use any foul, abusive, indecent, or obscene language, or in any way misbehave.
- 19.2 No person may act in any way in a reserve that the person knows, or reasonably ought to have known, will endanger the safety of him or herself or any other person.

## 20. CHILDREN'S PLAY EQUIPMENT

- 20.1 No person over the age of 14 years shall use or occupy any swing, roundabout, slide, seesaw, or any children's play apparatus installed or provided for the use of children in any reserve.

## 21. DESTRUCTION OF BIRDS, ETC.

- 21.1 No person shall by any means whatsoever destroy, shoot, snare, injure, interfere with or take any animal, bird, bird's nest, or bird's egg, or attempt so to do, in or from any reserve without the prior consent of an Authorised Officer of the Council:
- 21.2 Provided that in the case of any animal or bird protected by the Wildlife Act 1953 no such permission shall be granted unless and until the provisions of that Act have been complied with.

## 22. ASSEMBLIES

- 22.1 No person shall, within the limits of any reserve and except with the prior authority of an authorised officer of the Council, organise, hold or conduct, or attempt to hold or conduct, any public meeting, gathering, fair or fete, or demonstration, or make any public address, or attempt to collect a crowd.

## 23. SPORTS AND GAMES

- 23.1 No organised sports or games may be played on any reserve otherwise than in accordance with a permit issued by the Authorised Officer in charge of reserves and subject to the payment of any prescribed fee.
- 23.2 The Authorised Officer of the Council in charge of reserves may prevent any game being played therein which in his opinion is liable to damage the said reserve or anything therein or which in his opinion is otherwise undesirable or unseemly.
- 23.3 Every person who shall fail forthwith upon the request of the Authorised Officer as aforesaid to desist from playing or taking part in any such game shall be guilty of an offence against this Part of this bylaw.
- 23.4 No person shall play any game in any reserve except upon such portions thereof as shall be set apart for that purpose or as the Authorised Officer shall direct.
- 23.5 No person shall play at or engage in or practice activities or sports on any playing ground or part thereof on any reserve after being requested by the Authorised Officer to leave such playing ground or reserve or any part thereof, or when any notice is erected at the



main entrance to such playing ground or reserve or on the particular part thereof bearing the words **GROUND CLOSED TO PLAY** whether alone or with any other words.

23.6 No person shall play or practise golf except on a reserve which the Council has by resolution set aside for that purpose.

23.7 No person may enter or remain on a marked sports ground area in a reserve while an organised sports game is in progress unless he or she is a player or is administering the game in some capacity (for example, referring or providing first aid assistance).

## 24. FIREARMS, ETC.

24.1 No person shall within the limits of any reserve and without the prior permission of an Authorised Officer of the Council:

- (a) Take, use, or carry any firearm, axe or similar weapon or other instrument of a dangerous character, or any airgun or bow and arrow, or let off any fireworks; or
- (b) Throw stones or other projectiles or missiles either by hand or by means of a catapult or other appliance.

24.2 The Authorised Officer may take into his possession and retain while the person carrying the same is in any reserve, any weapon or instrument aforesaid, without being liable for any claim arising therefrom.

## 25. MODEL AEROPLANES AND DRONES

25.1 No person shall operate any motorised model aeroplane or drone from a reserve except with the prior permission of an Authorised Officer of the Council and then only in compliance with every condition under which such permission is granted.

## 26. LANDING OF AIRCRAFT

26.1 No person shall make use of any part of any reserve for the purpose of the landing thereon or flying therefrom of an aircraft of any kind except in case of emergency or in accordance with the prior permission of an Authorised Officer of the Council.

## 27. COUNCIL OFFICERS

27.1 No act by any officer, employee, or agent of the Council when engaged in the performance of his duties on any reserve shall constitute an offence against this Part of this bylaw.

## 28. TIMES OF OPENING OF RESERVES

28.1 The Council may from time to time, by resolution publicly notified, prescribe the period or periods during which any particular reserve shall be open to the public.

- 28.2 If the Council has prescribed such period or periods in manner aforesaid, no person shall be in or upon or remain in or enter such reserve otherwise than during such period or periods.

## 29. CLOSING OF RESERVES

- 29.1 The Council may from time to time, by resolution publicly notified, close any reserve to the public in the interests of public safety or any other reason for any defined period.
- 29.2 No person shall enter or remain in such reserve during such period of closing without the prior permission of an Authorised Officer of the Council.

## 30. ORGANISED EVENTS IN RESERVES

- 30.1 The Council may hold, or grant permission to any person, body or voluntary organisation to hold an organised event on such conditions as the Council considers appropriate and, in doing so, may approve the charging of an entry fee for the event and grant exclusive use of the reserve or any part of the reserve for the event.
- 30.2 No person may play any organised sport or game in any reserve, or any part of a reserve, that is not set aside for that purpose.
- 30.3 Any person to whom the Council grants permission to hold an organised event, and any person who attends or takes part in an organised event, must comply with any conditions imposed by the Council on its written permission.
- 30.4 An Authorised Officer of the Council may require any person to leave a reserve or part of any reserve if the person is attending or taking part in the organised event without paying the required entry fee and any person who refuses to leave shall be guilty of an offence against this Part of this bylaw.

## 31. OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

- 31.1 Every person commits a breach of this Bylaw who:
- a) Fails to comply with the requirements of this Bylaw or causes anything that is contrary to this Bylaw
  - b) Omits or neglects to do anything which ought to be done by them at the time and in the manner provided in this Bylaw
  - c) Does not refrain from doing anything which under this Bylaw they are required to abstain from doing
  - d) Knowingly permits any condition or thing to exist contrary to any provision contained in this Bylaw
  - e) Refuses or neglects to comply with any notice or direction given to them under this Bylaw
  - f) Obstructs or hinders any Authorised Officer in the exercise of any power conferred upon them by this Bylaw; and
  - g) Fails to divulge their full name, address and date of birth or other relevant information when requested to do so by an Authorised Officer.
- 31.2 Every person committing any breach of the provisions of this bylaw shall, upon request by the Authorised Officer, immediately leave the reserve and may be prohibited from appearing on the reserve for such period as the authorised officer deems fit, but shall

nevertheless be liable also to be prosecuted for such breach. Any person failing with all reasonable speed to comply with such request shall be guilty of a further offence.

### 32. OFFENDERS REQUIRED TO GIVE NAMES

32.1 Any person who in the opinion of the duly authorised officer commits a breach of any of the provisions of this Part of this bylaw shall if so requested by the authorised officer supply his full name and address.

### 33. EXEMPTIONS

33.1 This Bylaw does not apply to any person who commits an act that was done:

- a) in accordance with a valid contract for services with the Council; or
- b) by a member of the emergency services in the course of carrying out his or her duties as a member of the emergency services; or
- c) with the written consent of the Council; or
- d) in accordance with, or pursuant to, any enactment.

**This Bylaw was made by the Stratford District Council on 1 February 2020.**

THE COMMON SEAL of the STRATFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL was hereto affixed by resolution of said Council in the presence of:

..... **Mayor**

..... **Chief Executive**

**APPENDIX ONE**  
**Proposed 'Dog on Leash' Areas**



**Legend**

- Dog on Leash Walkways
- Dog on Leash Area

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## APPENDIX One

# Dog on Leash Areas



# APPENDIX TWO

## Riding and Driving Areas in Stratford District Parks and Reserves

As per Section 14 of this bylaw, the Council allows the following activities in the areas identified in the table below.

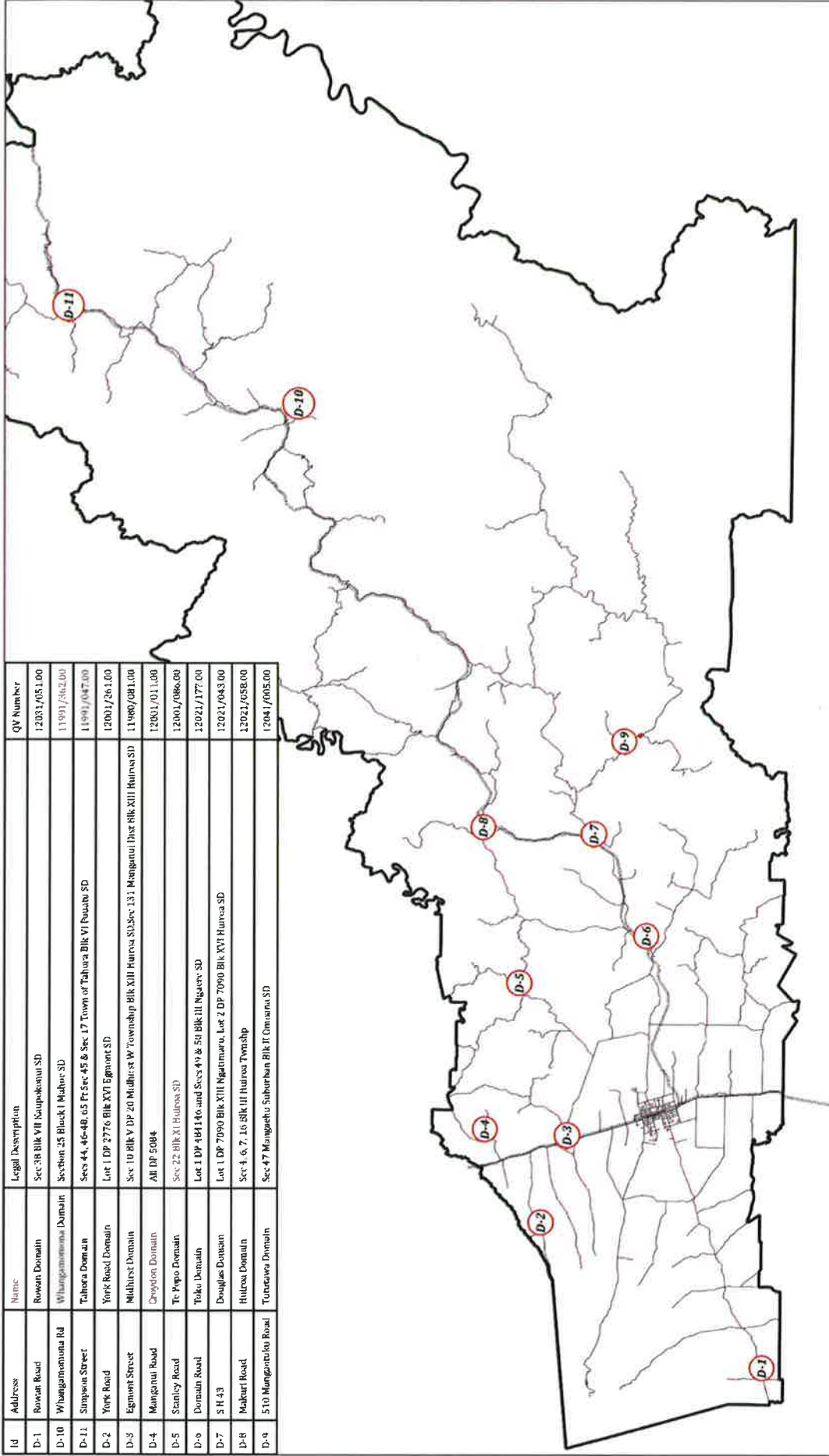
	Park / Reserve	Activity Allowed
1.	The skating area within the Victoria Park Reserve	Riding of Skateboards, Scooters and E-scooters
2.	All Parks and Reserves	Riding of Bicycles, E-bikes, Scooters, E-scooters and Mobility Scooters.

**APPENDIX THREE**  
**Parks and Reserves in the Stratford District**







ID	Address	Name	Legal Description	QV Number
D-1	Rowan Road	Rowan Domain	Sec 38 Blk VII Kaipokanui SD	12031/051.00
D-10	Whangamomona Rd	Whangamomona Domain	Section 25 Block I Midhust SD	11991/062.00
D-11	Simpson Street	Tahora Domain	Secs 44, 45 & 46 of Sec 17 Town of Tahora Blk VI Pouabo SD	11991/047.00
D-2	York Road	York Road Domain	Lot 1 DP 2776 Blk XVI Egmont SD	12001/261.00
D-3	Egmont Street	Midhust Domain	Sec 10 Blk V DP 20 Midhust W Township Blk XIII Hurua SD, Sec 131 Manganui Dist Blk XIII Hurua SD	11980/081.00
D-4	Manganui Road	Cryston Domain	All DP 5084	12001/011.00
D-5	Stanley Road	Te Poho Domain	Sec 22 Blk XI Hurua SD	12001/086.00
D-6	Domain Road	Toko Domain	Lot 2 DP 4841 & Secs 49 & 50 Blk III Ngareu SD	12021/177.00
D-7	S H 43	Douglas Domain	Lot 1 DP 7090 Blk XIII Ngamuru, Lot 2 DP 7090 Blk XVI Hurua SD	12021/043.00
D-8	Makuri Road	Hurua Domain	Secs 4, 6, 7, 10 Blk III Hurua Township	12021/058.00
D-9	510 Manganui Road	Tunacawa Domain	Sec 47 Manganui Suburban Blk II Omamaru SD	12041/005.00




## Map 2: Stratford Rural Domains

**Map Legend**

Rural Domains  
 Domains

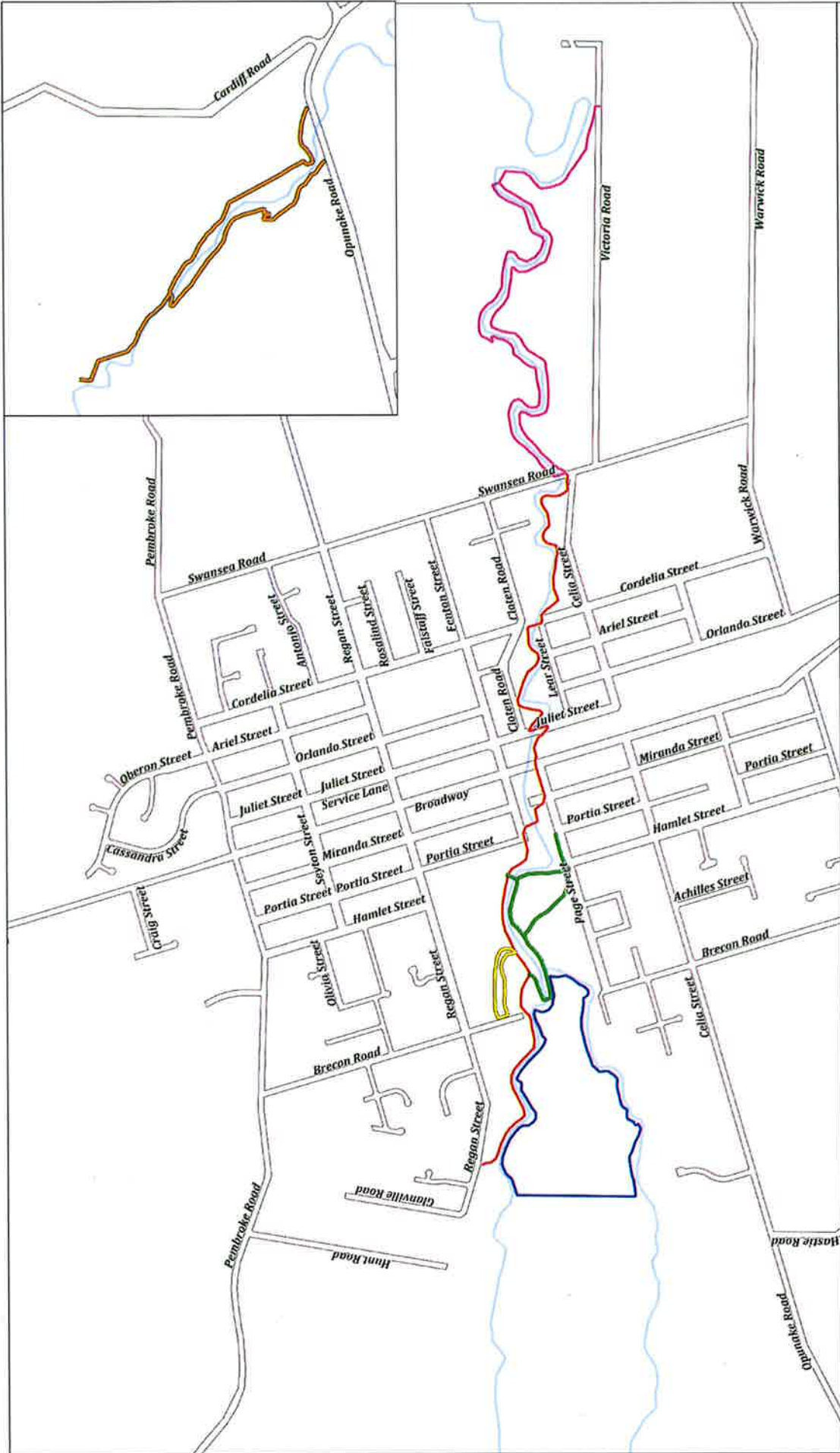
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**Map Legend**

- Stratford Walkways
- Carrington Walkway
- Carrington Walkway Western Loop
- Clemon Loop Track
- Three Bridges Trail
- Carrington Walkway Eastern Loop
- Cardiff Walkway
- Local Rivers

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**Map 3 - Stratford Walkways**

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