

3.3 SECTOR 3

Wadestown, Wilton, Northland, Thorndon, and Kelburn

In addition to the reserves covered by this plan, this sector also contains areas of open space within the Outer Green Belt, Otari-Wilton's Bush, the Wellington Town Belt (Te Ahumairangi Hill) and the Wellington Botanic Garden. Trelissick Park, included in Sector 2, sits on the northern boundary.

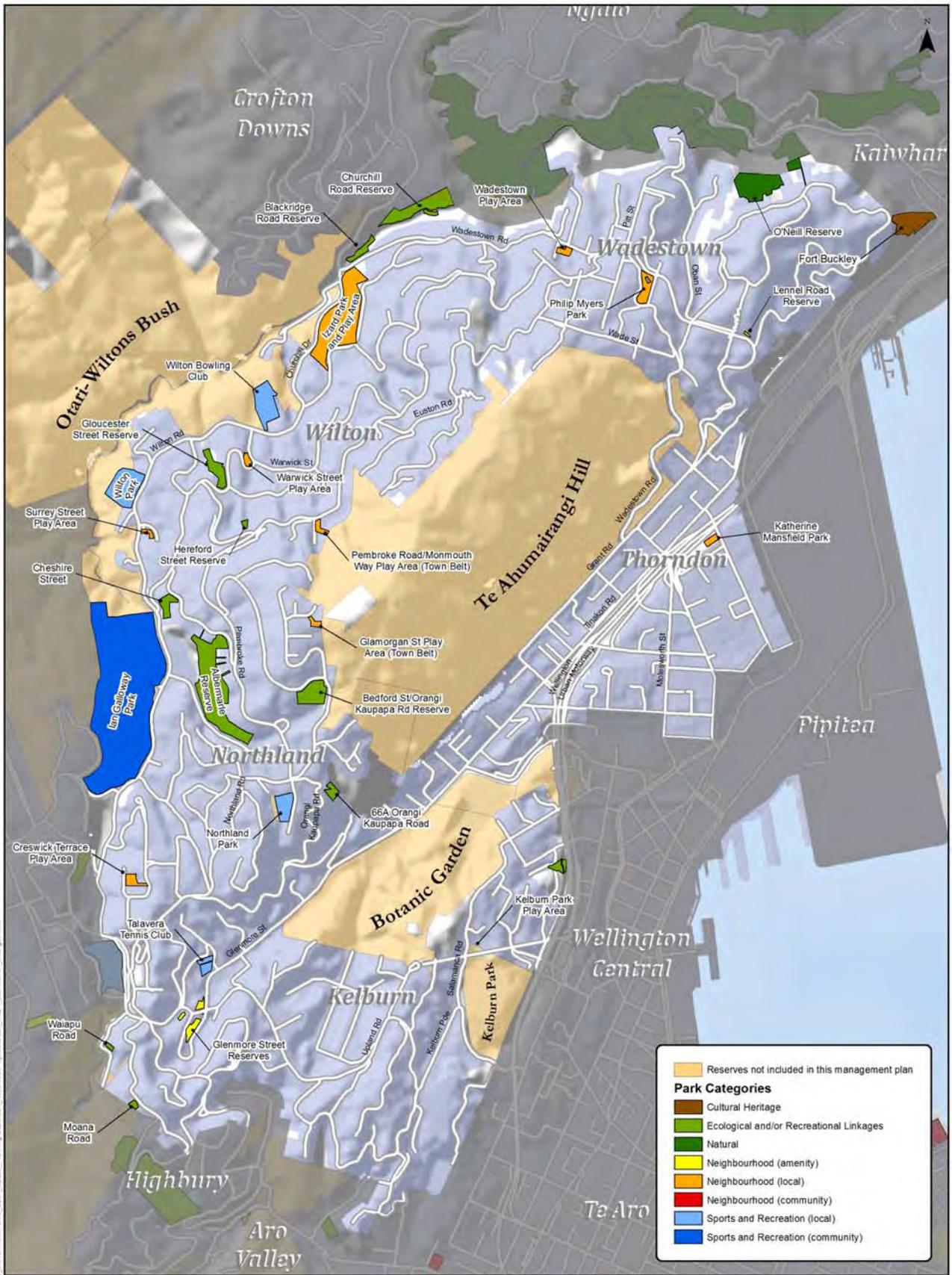
The western and northern parts of this sector have a very natural suburban character with well-established residential areas on the slopes below the undeveloped ridgeline of Te Ahumairangi Hill. Kaiwharawhara Stream passes through Otari-Wilton's Bush (with the Outer Green Belt hills beyond) and then down through Trelissick Park and into Wellington Harbour at Kaiwharawhara. The steep and winding suburban streets support significant vegetation within the road reserve.

To the east and south there is a more mixed pattern of built development including industrial buildings along Old Hutt Road, the heritage areas of Thorndon, the university environment and the old, large houses of Kelburn. The Wellington Botanic Garden, Bolton Street Cemetery and Kelburn Park are large formal open spaces with Katherine Mansfield Park providing a high-quality neighbourhood park to the east of the motorway. There is a very small reserve space at Clifton Terrace.

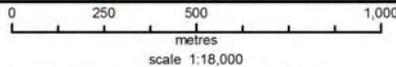
The Iazard Park Management Plan (1992) is superseded by this management plan. There are no outstanding issues from the old management plan that are not already part of general reserves management and/or matters covered under this management plan.

The open space network is made up of the following.

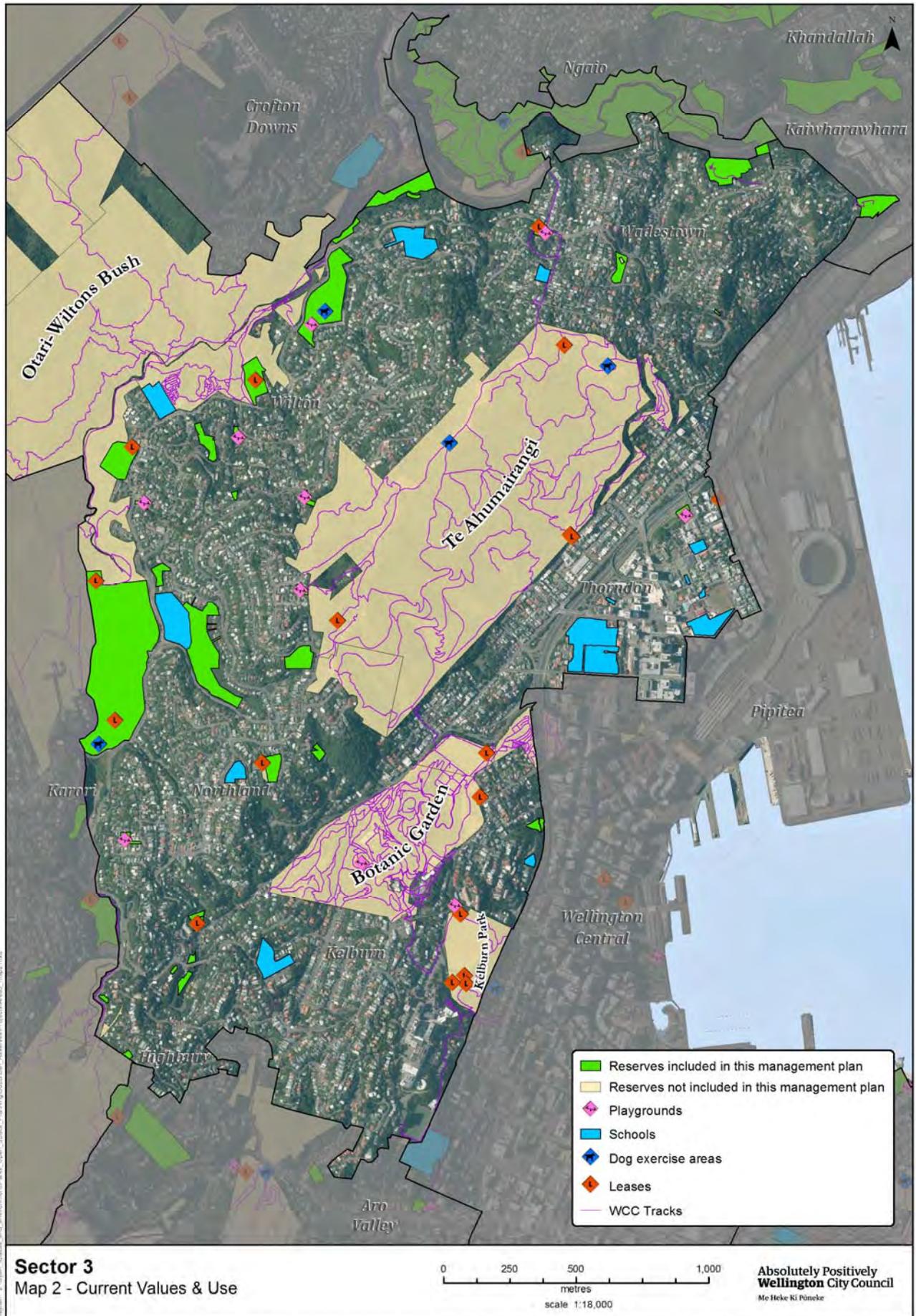
- One large community sports and recreation park (Ian Galloway), which provides six winter fields (four senior rugby fields and two junior rugby fields). In summer the park caters for six concrete-based artificial cricket pitches, two Gaelic football fields and nine five-a-side football fields. The southern end of the park provides a BMX/mountain bike jumps park, a skate ramp, and dog exercise area.
- Four local sport and recreation parks: Wilton Park, Northland Park and two leased by clubs (Wilton Bowling Club and Talavera Tennis Club).
- Nine local neighbourhood parks varying in size, character, and quality.
- Between Te Ahumairangi Hill and Ian Galloway Park/Otari-Wilton's Bush there are eight ecological/recreation links that, along with two sites near Zealandia, have high ecological and amenity value.
- Iazard Park is primarily a neighbourhood park but also has ecological and amenity value.
- Fort Buckley Reserve is a cultural heritage reserve, that while accessed from Wadestown forms part of the Ngaio Gorge landscape.



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Map 1 - Reserve Category & Context
 Suburban Reserves in Wilton, Wadestown, Northland, Thorndon, and Kelburn.



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3.3.1 ASSESSMENT OF THE NETWORK

Sector 3 Map 1 shows all of the parks (by category) in the context of the built development and other open space such as the Outer Green Belt, Otari-Wilton's Bush, Wellington Botanic Garden and Wellington Town Belt.

Sector 3 Map 2 shows specific use including playgrounds, leases on reserves, dog exercise areas and the track network. Schools are also shown to help complete the picture of play areas and sometimes other outdoor recreation opportunities. Ecological sites of significance and heritage trees are not mapped but have been assessed in determining the range of values each park holds.

Quality assessment of the Neighbourhood and Sport and Recreation parks shows that they are generally of good quality. Warwick Street Play Area and Katherine Mansfield Park are considered excellent and Surrey Street Play Area was upgraded in 2014.

There is no Neighbourhood (community) park in this sector. There are, however, several Neighbourhood (local) parks. Wadestown Play Area (a local park) serves as a community park in terms of playground provision and proximity to community facilities. It is very well used but is relatively small with no potential to increase the size to diversify its value and/or use. IZARD Park, Northland Park, and Wilton Park complement the Neighbourhood (local) parks by providing larger, flat, open grass areas for kick-about and informal recreation.

Minor work in many of the Neighbourhood (local) parks would improve the quality, particularly improved access. There seem to be a high number of Neighbourhood (local) parks but this is necessary because of the location of many at the end of cul-de-sacs that limits the user catchment.

Most of the ecological/recreation link parks have high ecological values with track development limited by their steep topography. Ian Galloway Park is a very large space that plays an important role in citywide sportsfields provision. The park is located along the Kaiwharawhara Valley that connects Zealandia and Otari-Wilton's Bush and has the potential to play a greater role in connectivity for indigenous biodiversity.

3.3.2 PLAYGROUNDS

Six playgrounds are distributed between Neighbourhood and Sport and Recreation parks with two additional playgrounds (Glamorgan Street Play Area and Monmouth Way Play Area) servicing the sector but covered under the Wellington Town Belt Management Plan.

There is a small gap in playground provision at the north eastern corner of the sector around the Sefton Street, Barnard Street/Anne Street area. There is no suitable existing open space where play equipment could be located. There is a water reservoir reserve on Anne Street that is not appropriate for play equipment or specific development due to the difficult access but it does provide a small neighbourhood park space.

Before the playground at Kelburn Park is renewed (currently scheduled for 2017/18), relocation of the play equipment should be considered to improve provision in the southern part of the sector around Kelburn Village. This could involve a school partnership, given there is no public reserve space available in the area. Kelburn Park could still provide for informal play and the existing formal recreation use, with play provision in that area well serviced by the playground in the Wellington Botanic Garden.

There is a gap around Northland School, however Northland Park is available for flat kick-about space with a tennis court and a sloped, vegetated area for children to explore. The public use the school playground after hours and at weekends.

The BMX track at Ian Galloway Park is leased to Capital BMX. Their aim is to build a national standard track for the club and local community. The proposed facility is intended to be a destination for kids from all around the Wellington region. It will be suitable for riders of all

ages and abilities and will include a pro-section for more capable riders. This facility, coupled with the existing skate ramp, provides a further recreation activity broadening the variety and age group targets for play and recreation opportunities in the sector.

3.3.2.1 Actions – playgrounds

- a) Before the scheduled renewal of the Kelburn Park playground, investigate opportunities for partnership with Victoria University to redevelop that area of the park and/or relocation of the formal play provision as part of a school, community group or other partnership in the Kelburn Village area.
- b) Review opportunities to increase the use and role of Northland Park in partnership with Northland School.
- c) If the Anne Street trig is no longer needed for water purposes it will be vested as reserve.

3.3.3 DOG EXERCISE AREAS

There are dog exercise areas at Ian Galloway Park and IZARD Park with areas close by on the Town Belt at Te Ahumairangi Hill, and at Trelissick Park.

There has been discussion around moving the dog exercise area in Ian Galloway Park to the larger training area to the north. The site has the potential to be a fully-fenced dog exercise area. There are opportunities to fund this with support from the wider community.

3.3.3.1 Action

- a) Move the dog exercise area to another site within Ian Galloway Park.

3.3.4 TRACK NETWORK

Almost the entire open space track network in this sector is within the Town Belt, Outer Green Belt, and Wellington Botanic Garden/Bolton Street Cemetery. The Northern Walkway connects Kelburn Park, the Wellington Botanic Garden, Te Ahumairangi Hill, and Trelissick Park via short sections along the street network.

A key connection could be made between Kelburn Road and Aro Street on Town Belt land that would provide a recreation opportunity to the southern end of Kelburn where there is an identified gap in the network.

No new tracks are proposed within the suburban open space network in this sector. Linking Orangi Kaupapa Road to Tinakori Road could provide a new walking opportunity, however walking access in that area is not a current priority and access through private property would be needed.

3.3.5 ECOLOGY AND INDIGENOUS BIODIVERSITY

The Kaiwharawhara stream corridor runs along the western edge of this sector and connects Zealandia, Otari-Wilton's Bush, and Trelissick Park. The Kaiwharawhara is the largest remaining natural stream system in Wellington City and one of the only remaining streams with a relatively natural estuary mouth into the harbour.

The indigenous biodiversity within the catchment is of high ecological value, in large part due to the efforts of community groups to restore and enhance the indigenous forest. It contains a high proportion of forest remnants, provides habitat for threatened bird species including kākā, North Island robin and saddleback and 11 indigenous fish species. These groups have worked under the umbrella of Project Kaiwharawhara, a joint initiative of Council and local

community groups. GWRC was involved in the past and local businesses also sometimes get involved. The project vision is to protect and enhance the natural landscape and ecosystems, also within homes and recreation areas, with the stream being the key focus.

Sections of the stream are piped beneath Appleton Park, Ian Galloway Park, road crossings, and the rail corridor. This makes protection of the open sections both on private and reserve land particularly important. The suburban reserves in the gully between Blackbridge Road and Churchill Drive, while inaccessible, protect the stream values.

In addition to biodiversity value the stream and associated parks provide for a largely continuous corridor of vegetation and habitat through Appleton Park and Ian Galloway Park connecting Zealandia and Otari-Wilton's Bush. There is the potential to retain and enhance the large trees and vegetation cover that support indigenous biodiversity within the formal sports parks without compromising their primary purpose as sportsfields.

The unformed road corridor of Old Karori Road off Curtis Street also supports connectivity between the large parks and has significant indigenous biodiversity values as a site on its own. The open sections of stream and associated vegetation on private property also have high value, which is currently well managed through the efforts of the local residents who have not sought to pipe or cover these sections.

A high number of small ecological sites of significance have been identified within private land in Wadestown, Wilton, and Northland. The value is generally associated with small patches of unprotected remnant forest containing significant vegetation. The sites are a mix of the backs of residential properties where it is unlikely that the vegetation will be removed and undeveloped sections where it is more likely that vegetation will be removed to make way for residential development. The only way to manage this removal is through changes to the District Plan provisions

There are small ecological sites of significance across the sector contained within the road reserve and often bordering vegetation on private property. These small patches make a significant contribution to the ecological connectivity within this sector. The Wellington City Council Road Encroachment and Sale Policy (2013) provides for the assessment of vegetation significance as a factor in decision making around encroachments or sale of road that could result in vegetation removal. This provides some protection for these sites.

3.3.5.1 Actions

- a) Protect and enhance the large tree framework and indigenous vegetation at Ian Galloway Park and Appleton Park.
- b) Ensure the gully between Blackbridge Road and Churchill Drive remains protected. Investigate stopping part of the road forming part of the ecological corridor (much of which contains secondary bush remnant) and vest it as reserve.
- c) Protect and enhance the indigenous biodiversity values of the Old Karori Road corridor (including buffering vegetation) and the contribution it makes to connectivity between Zealandia and Otari-Wilton's Bush.
- d) Investigate road stopping and reserve classification around Old Karori Road and Paisley Terrace to facilitate protection of heritage and ecological values associated with Old Karori Road.
- e) Continue to support the local community (including the nearby school and childcare centres) to improve the ecological and amenity values of Albemarle Reserve.
- f) Protect significant trees and enhance the large tree network where possible through the Glenmore Street Reserves.

3.3.6 CULTURAL AND HERITAGE

The Wellington Town Belt and Wellington Botanic Garden have significant natural and cultural heritage, being an integral part of early European settlement of Wellington City, but are not managed under this plan.

Fort Buckley Reserve is a small reserve on a prominent escarpment as viewed from Old Hutt Road and the motorway. It is only accessible from Wadestown and is steep and exposed. There are no plans to further develop the space.

3.3.7 COMMUNITY GROUPS AND PARTNERSHIPS

There are a number of groups in this sector whose members actively support the open space network. These include the Village Green Trust working in Phillip Myers Park, the Albermarle Reserve group, the Highland Park Progressive Association and the Creswick Valley Residents Association.

There are community and sports club leases with the Northland Tennis Club, Royal New Zealand Plunket Society Wellington Branch, Talavera Municipal Tennis Club, Western Suburbs Rugby Club, Wilton Bowling Club, and Wyncourt Tennis Club.

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Reserve	Park Category	Land Area Sqm	Legal Description	CT Reference	Reserve classification	Proposed classification	Actions
Fort Buckley Reserve	Cultural Heritage	10,358.00	Lot 3 DP 90893 and above a reduced level of 43.50 and 3568 square meters and below a reduced level of 43.50 both levels in terms of Wellington City Datum 1953	57D/917	Historic Reserve		
Philip Myers Park	Neighbourhood (local)	662.00	Lot 1 DP 22017	899/91	Fee Simple	Local purpose reserve (Community)	Park concept plan developed in 2009 with Council and Trust. Trust progressing with projects as finance permits.
		3,351.00	Lot 52 DP 200	853/97	Fee Simple	Local purpose reserve (Community)	
Izard Park and Play Area	Neighbourhood (local)	30,872.00	Pt Sec 2 Kaiwharawhara District	46B/352	Recreation Reserve		
60 Churchill Drive Reserve	Ecological and/or Recreational linkage	3,455.00	Pt Lot 1 DP 28862	25D/940	Scenic B Reserve		Investigate road stopping to protect vegetation along road corridor as part of the stream corridor indigenous biodiversity value. Continue buffer edge planting.
		8,547.00	Pt Sec 1 Kaiwharawhara District & Pt Sbdn II Kaiwharawhara District, also known as Pt Lot I & II Kaiwarra District as shown on the CT	25D/936	In Connection with Street Widening	Scenic B Reserve	
Blackbridge Road Reserve	Ecological and/or Recreational linkage	2,387.00	Lot 3 DP 90024	57C/447	Fee Simple	Scenic B Reserve	Continue buffer edge planting.

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Reserve – Blackbridge Road Esplanade	Ecological and/or Recreational linkage	725.00	Lot 4 DP 83226	50B/318	Local Purpose Reserve (Esplanade)		
Steep Road Batter Slope – Lennel Rd	Neighbourhood (amenity)	196.00	Sec 1 SO 37191	45C/171	Fee Simple		No reserve values - continue to manage as road reserve.
Wadestown Play Area	Neighbourhood (local)	460.00	Pt Lot 1 DP 7505	52D/352	Recreation Reserve		
		202.00	Sec 1 SO 18448	56C/581	Fee Simple	Recreation Reserve	
Wilton Bowling Club	Sports and Recreation (local)	262.00	Pt Lot 2 DP 20266	42D/163	Recreation Reserve		The bowls club and Parks, Sport and Recreation staff at Otari-Wilton's Bush continue to work together on options for the area (refer to the Botanic Gardens of Wellington Management Plan). Possible bowls clubs amalgamation site.
		6,953.00	Pt Sec 1 Kaiwharawhara District	567/266	Recreation Reserve		
		2,824.00	Pt Sec 1 Kaiwharawhara District, also known as Pt Sec 1 Kaiwharawhara District as shown on the CT	158/218 pt cancelled	Scenic Reserve		
Gloucester Street Reserve	Ecological and/or Recreational linkage	892.00	Lot 3-4 DP 26597 & Lot 34 DP 15402	D4/169	Scenic B Reserve		
		1,287.00	Lot 2 DP 26158 & Lot 2 DP 26898	27B/84	Scenic B Reserve		
		3,392.00	Pt Lot 1 DP 51765	47A/366	Scenic B Reserve		
Warwick Street Play Area	Neighbourhood (local)		Unformed legal road				Investigate road stopping and vesting as reserve
Surrey Street Play Area	Neighbourhood (local)	811.00	Lot 9 DP 13790	34D/764	Recreation Reserve		

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Cheshire Street Reserve	Ecological and/or Recreational linkage	3,014.00	Lot 1 DP 51832	21A/469 cancelled	Scenic B Reserve		
Hereford Street Reserve	Ecological and/or Recreational linkage	525.00	Lot 2 DP 30718	6B/1496 cancelled	Recreation Reserve		
Wilton Park	Sports and Recreation (local)		LOT 5 DP 64470				Part of larger Lot 5 DP 64470 that has been approved to be classified as Recreation Reserve subject to final survey.
Ian Galloway Park	Sports and Recreation (community)	58,680.00	Sec 1 SO 37014, SO 30740	42C/388	Recreation Reserve		Retain and enhance large tree network and planting to support the Zealandia–Otari–Wilton's Bush corridor.
		98,743.00	Lot 5 DP 64470 and Lot 9 DP 84537	52A/734	Recreation Reserve		
		74,200.00	Lot 1 DP 59984	33C/807	Recreation Reserve		Develop a master plan for the southern end of Ian Galloway Park to include (but not limited to): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> relocating the dog exercise area development of the bike jump area through the Capital BMX Club lease consideration of parking and road crossings.
		52,300.00	Lot 6 DP 64470	33C/886	Recreation Reserve		

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Glenmore Street Reserves	Neighbourhood (amenity)	2,163.00	Lot 1-3 DP 89438	47B/600	Recreation Reserve		Protect significant trees and enhance large tree network where possible.
		491.00	Sec 1 & 6 SO 19111	435/51 pt cancelled	Fee Simple	Recreation Reserve	
		498.00	Pt Lot 11 DP 3692	302/179	Street Widening	Recreation Reserve	
Creswick Terrace Play Area	Neighbourhood (local)	3,157.00	Lot 29 & Lot 42 DP 6659, Pt Lot 1 & Lot 2 DP 13883	481/152 pt cancelled, not to be converted	Recreation Reserve - Pt Lot 1		A second access from higher up on Creswick Terrace could improve access and better connect the park to the local walking route network. Investigate cost/benefit.
Talavera Tennis Club	Sport and Recreation (local)	2,529.00	Lot 2-6 DP 2113	249/201	Recreation Reserve		Protect large trees.
Northland Park	Sport and Recreation (local)	4,644.00	Lot 21-29 DP 1698	264/225	Recreation Reserve		Protect ecological values of the park and unformed Military Road corridor. Meet with Northland School to discuss shared play spaces at the school and in the park. Retain areas in the park for informal play. Support community orchard planting.
		506.00	Lot 30 DP 1698	231/175	Recreation Reserve		
Albemarle Road Reserve	Ecological and/or Recreational linkage	3,873.00	Lot 1 DP 51833	21A/781	Fee Simple	Scenic B Reserve	Ecological site of significance. Continue to support ecological restoration and learning opportunities in partnership with adjacent school and two childcare centres and the community group already working in this reserve.
		115.00	Pt Lot 10 DP 16180	5C/350	Fee Simple	Scenic B Reserve	
		1,287.00	Lot 2 DP 26158 & Lot 2 DP 26898	27B/84	Scenic Reserve		
		10,695.00	Lot 16 DP 2011 & Lot 70-83 & Pt Lot 69 DP 2226	D1/609	Housing Development Purposes	Scenic B Reserve	

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Reserve	Park Category	Land Area Sqm	Legal Description	CT Reference	Reserve classification	Proposed classification	Actions
		17,506.00	Lot 1 DP 10414, Lot 9 DP 10949 & Pt Sec 30 Karori District	451/173 cancelled	Fee Simple	Scenic B Reserve	
Reserve at corner of Bedford Street and Orangi Kaupapa Road	Ecological and/or Recreational linkage	7,275.00	Held in the same title as Albermarle Road Reserve			Scenic B reserve	
66A Orangi Kaupapa Road	Ecological and/or Recreational linkage	1,787.00	Lot 4 DP 71636	41C/616	Recreation Reserve		
Katherine Mansfield Park	Neighbourhood (local)	1,162.00	Sec 1194 Town of Wellington	8C/1301	Recreation Reserve		
Moana Road	Ecological and/or Recreational linkage						
19 Waiapu Road	Ecological and/or Recreational linkage	2,148.00	Lot 1 & 3 DP 91095	59A/189	Fee Simple for Housing		