

Pigeon Bay Reserves Committee

Pigeon Bay Reserve Triennial Goals & Operational Plan 2026-28

The Pigeon Bay Reserve was declared a public domain in 1930 and has a long history of community involvement through administration by domain boards and reserve management committees under the Reserves act 1977.

The current reserve committee is committed to keeping the reserve and camping ground as a friendly, quintessential Kiwi, low cost, family orientated reserve and playground for our local community and visitors to use and enjoy now and in the future.

The Pigeon Bay Reserve Committee is responsible for the co-management and planning of activities within Pigeon Bay Reserve. This committee is elected by the local community on a triennial basis to represent community views, thereby providing guidance for management of the reserve by Council. As stated in the Terms of Reference 2025, the committee shall prepare a Triennial operational plan to identify priorities, goals and a work programme for the following three years.

The plan was formulated with input from committee members, council staff, user groups and the local community. Focus areas for management within the reserve for the 2026-2028 triennium include:

- Native Planting
- Pest Plant Management
- Pest animal control
- Grey water management
- Track maintenance and drainage
- Fire prevention
- Erosion and sediment control
- Signage and visitor information
- Tree audit, management and succession planting

The purpose of this triennial operational plan is to clarify outcomes and guide priorities for work in Pigeon Bay Reserve. The operational plan is non-statutory, however it serves as guidance for setting budget allocation and planning activities. The plan should be updated annually in line with budgeting for the reserve.

Pigeon Bay Reserve Goals 2026-2028

Focus Area	Triennial Goals
Native Planting	Enhance the campground's natural environment through native planting that supports biodiversity, wildlife habitat, landscape values, and visitor comfort through added shelter and shade.
Pest Plant Management	Identify, monitor, and progressively manage pest plant species to protect native ecosystems, prevent spread, and support the long-term health and resilience of the campground environment.
Pest Animal Control	Implement pest animal management to protect native wildlife and support a healthy campground environment.
Grey Water Management	Maintain and improve greywater systems to protect soil and waterways, safeguard public health, and meet environmental standards.
Track Maintenance and Drainage	Provide safe, accessible, and sustainable roading through regular maintenance, drainage improvements, and erosion and stormwater management.
Fire Prevention	Reduce wildfire risk through vegetation management, visitor education, and emergency preparedness to protect people, property, and the environment.
Erosion and Sediment Control	Minimise land disturbance through erosion control, stabilisation planting, and water management to protect waterways and surrounding landscapes.
Signage and Visitor Information	Develop and maintain clear, consistent signage that improves visitor experience, promotes safety, supports navigation, and encourages environmental stewardship.
Community Engagement	Strengthen relationships with the local community, iwi, volunteers, visitors, and partners through collaboration, education, and shared environmental initiatives that build pride in the campground.
Tree Audit, Management, and Succession Planning	Undertake regular tree assessments and implement a long-term tree management plan to maintain safety, preserve landscape character, and ensure a healthy tree canopy for the future.

Pigeon Bay Reserve Operational Plan 2026-2028

Focus Area	Targets FY2026	Targets FY2027	Targets FY2028	Desired Outcomes
Native Planting	Inquire into what native species we are wanting to attract and how best to do so.	Propagate local native plant species that can tolerate the environment. Increased native biodiversity throughout the campground Improved habitat and food sources for native birdlife and insects.	Increased shelter, shade, and wind protection for campers and facilities. Long-term restoration of degraded or underutilised areas	Enhance and restore the natural character of the campground through ongoing native planting programmes that improve biodiversity, provide habitat for wildlife, strengthen landscape values, and create shelter and shade for visitors.
Pest Plant Management	Improved compliance with regional pest management expectations Create map outlining known pests and their control measures.	Reduction in the spread and density of invasive pest plant species. Improved health and regeneration of native vegetation. Better protection of waterways, tracks, and open spaces from weed encroachment.	Increased staff and community awareness of priority pest species Establishment of regular monitoring and maintenance programmes	Identify, monitor, and progressively control pest plant species to protect native ecosystems, prevent spread, and support the long-term health and resilience of the campground environment.
Pest Animal Control	Reduced impact of pest animals on native flora and fauna by creating a plan and collaborating with partners.	Increased presence and breeding success of native birdlife.	Ongoing monitoring and adaptive pest control practices Strengthened partnerships with local conservation initiatives Improved ecological health across the campground environment	Implement effective pest animal management practices to reduce impacts on native flora and fauna, improve ecological outcomes, and support a balanced and healthy natural environment.

Grey Water Management	Safe and compliant disposal and treatment of grey water with the installation of the shelter. Improved reliability and efficiency of grey water infrastructure	Increased visitor awareness of responsible wastewater practices Reduced risk of contamination and system failures	Long-term sustainability of campground utilities and services	Maintain and improve grey water systems to ensure environmentally responsible wastewater management that protects soil quality, waterways, and public health while meeting regulatory requirements.
Track Maintenance and Drainage	Reduced erosion and water damage to track surfaces. Improved stormwater management and drainage performance	Safe and accessible walking tracks for visitors year-round	Enhanced visitor experience and accessibility. Reduced maintenance costs through proactive asset management. Increased longevity of track infrastructure and assets.	Provide safe, accessible, and sustainable roading through regular maintenance, improved drainage, and proactive management of erosion, surface wear, and stormwater impacts.
Fire Prevention	Reduced wildfire risk across the campground and surrounding areas Improved preparedness for fire emergencies and response situations Clear fire safety procedures and visitor awareness	Reduced fuel loads through vegetation management practices	Increased protection of people, infrastructure, and natural assets	Reduce wildfire risk through vegetation management, visitor education, and emergency preparedness planning to help protect people, property, and the surrounding environment.
Erosion and Sediment Control	Investigate possible planting or long-term solution for the bank erosion. Protection of water quality and surrounding ecosystems(shelter run off scheme)	Improved stability of vulnerable slopes, tracks, and coastal areas Increased resilience to heavy rainfall and storm events Effective use of planting and drainage to stabilise landscapes	Reduced long-term environmental and maintenance costs	Minimise land disturbance through effective erosion control measures, stabilisation planting, and water management practices that protect waterways and surrounding landscapes.

Signage and Visitor Information	Review, modify all current signage. Improved visitor navigation and campground accessibility Increased awareness of safety, environmental, and cultural values Consistent and professional presentation across the campground	Enhanced visitor experience through informative interpretation signage Greater compliance with campground rules and expectations	Increased promotion of local history, ecology, and community initiatives	Develop and maintain clear, informative, and visually consistent signage that enhances visitor experience, promotes safety, encourages environmental stewardship, and supports campground navigation.
Community Engagement	Improved communication and collaboration with the community	Stronger relationships with local residents, iwi, volunteers, and stakeholders Increased participation in environmental and community initiatives Greater sense of shared ownership and stewardship of the campground	Increased educational opportunities and awareness programmes. Enhanced reputation and community support for the campground	Strengthen relationships with the local community, volunteers, iwi, visitors, and partner organisations through collaboration, education, events, and environmental initiatives that foster shared ownership and pride in the campground.
Tree Audit, Management, and Succession Planning	Improved public safety through regular tree risk assessments. Undertake a review of the consultation and report back. Undertake our own review for community feedback. Clear understanding of tree health, condition, and maintenance priorities	Long-term protection and enhancement of tree canopy cover. Reduced reactive maintenance and emergency tree works	Planned succession planting to replace aging or hazardous trees	Undertake regular tree assessments and implement a long-term tree management and succession plan to maintain public safety, preserve landscape character, and ensure healthy tree canopy cover for future generations.