

7.2.6.6.3 Geothermal

The only geothermal activity in the Lakefront area was covered over during the reclamation works of the 1930's. A large warm pool known as Te-Wai-o-Tunuhopu immediately to the west of the wharf area was filled and buried. The ground in the vicinity still shows signs of geothermal activity however and is quite hot below the surface.

7.2.6.7 Objectives for Lakefront Reserve/War Memorial Park

7.2.6.7.1 To provide a venue for both residents and visitors to enjoy recreational and cultural activities in pleasant surroundings on the shores of Lake Rotorua.

7.2.6.7.2 To maintain the continued use of the reserve for a mixture of commercial and non-commercial activities providing however that commercial activities comply with the requirements of the Reserves Act.

7.2.6.7.3 To maintain the integrity of the recent redevelopment works.

7.2.6.8 Policies

Roads, paths and promenade

7.2.6.8.1 *That all **paths, roads** and other **hard surfacing** shall be maintained in their current style and configuration in accordance with original construction plans.*

7.2.6.8.2 *That the road from the Memorial Gates to the roundabout shall be known as **Memorial Drive**.*

7.2.6.8.3 *That the road from the roundabout to the Government Gardens shall be known as **Oruawhata Drive**.*

7.2.6.8.4 *That the road and reserve from the roundabout to the Lake Road roundabout shall be generally known as the **Lakefront**.*

7.2.6.8.5 *That the area of reserve south of the avenue of plane trees shall be known as the **Village Green**.*

7.2.6.8.6 *That the area of reserve from the wharf west to the public boatramp shall be known as **Kouramawhitiwhiti**.*

Wharf area

7.2.6.8.7 *That the **existing wharf structures** be repaired and maintained to a safe and useable standard for a further ten years i.e. until 1 July 2015, or until their sooner replacement.*

- 7.2.6.8.8 *That proposals for **replacement** of the wharves be subject to full public scrutiny, including funding, design, location and use.*
- 7.2.6.8.9 *That the Pukeroa Oruawhata Trust shall be involved in the **process for developing options** for the lakefront facilities upgrade.*

Leases

- 7.2.6.8.10 *That existing leases to the **Scouting Association**, and **Rotorua Lakes Watersports Trust** continue. In the event of expiry, new leases may be negotiated. In the event of termination, the Scouts building is to be removed.*
- 7.2.6.8.11 *That the lease of the **Soundshell Café** which expires in 2006 continue until expiry or earlier termination through breach of conditions or surrender. Future leases of this area shall be dependant upon the future of the Soundshell.*
- 7.2.6.8.12 *That no new ticket kiosks will be permitted. Leases of the present **ticket kiosks** will terminate and the kiosks be removed once there is a new facilities building constructed in conjunction with the replacement wharf development, or in the event that the wharf is removed and not replaced.*

Soundshell

- 7.2.6.8.13 *That the **Soundshell** building be maintained for use for community, recreational, cultural and subsidiary functions while demand exists.*
- 7.2.6.8.14 *That when the lease for the Soundshell Café expires or is terminated due to breach of conditions or surrender, the **future** of the building shall be evaluated taking into account usage, maintenance costs, upgrading required and public opinion.*

Village Green and Lake road Frontage

- 7.2.6.8.15 *That **use** of this area (Zones 1 to 7) continue to be for commercial and non-commercial recreational, cultural and community activities such as fun fairs, markets, circuses, side shows, displays, exhibitions, rallies, sports days, amusement devices and arts or cultural events.*
- 7.2.6.8.16 *That the area be **maintained** in open turf, with groups of trees, or trees on the perimeter.*
- 7.2.6.8.17 *That no permanent **structures** be allowed on the area, only mobile structures or vehicles, or structures of a short-term nature for less than three months e.g. stages, bungee jumps, mobile food vendors may, however, locate semi-permanently to allow connection to services, provided that the vehicle used may still be removed if required.*
- 7.2.6.8.18 *That **dogs and other animals** may be permitted on this area as part of specific events such as circuses, Gypsy Fairs, or concessions such as pony rides. Such permission is*

solely at the discretion of Council All faecal material is to be collected and removed by the animal's owner.

- 7.2.6.8.19 *That **concessions** may be granted over portions of this area to give regular commercial operators some security of site for activities such as craft markets, side shows or mobile recreational concessions. The term of such concessions is not to exceed three years and shall not permit permanent structures.*

Playground Area

- 7.2.6.8.20 *That the **playground area** is to be a haven for family based activities and children's play.*

- 7.2.6.8.21 *That **no commercial activity** shall be permitted in this area other than the mobile food vendor.*

Waterfront

- 7.2.6.8.22 *That this area be maintained as a natural interface between the reserve and water. Views are to be kept open, plantings maintained at a low level, and access to and along the **lake edge** promenade unrestricted.*

- 7.2.6.8.23 *That **no new concessions** shall be permitted in the promenade area or on either of the two finger jetties, or on any part of the water area between these jetties and the main pier for a distance of 200 metres from the shore. Commercial activity is to be restricted to displays and community fundraising.*

- 7.2.6.8.24 *That in particular, **views** of the lake from Fenton Street and Memorial Drive shall be maintained.*

Queen Elizabeth Hospital Frontage (Zone 8)

- 7.2.6.8.25 *That the area in front of the QEII Hospital may be made available for commercial **recreation concessions** on an annual or seasonal basis. No permanent structures shall be permitted.*

Soundshell Frontage

- 7.2.6.8.26 *That this paved and grassed area be set aside for **passive activities** such as eating, sitting, meeting and socialising etc.*

- 7.2.6.8.27 *That **commercial use** of this area will be restricted to displays, or activities associated with the adjacent Soundshell Café.*

Commercial activities in general

7.2.6.8.28 Council will allow temporary commercial activities at the lakefront (including retail activities) that are primarily focused on providing recreational opportunities or enjoyment to reserve users. This is to be achieved by ensuring that applications comply with the following set of criteria:

1. Exhibitions (expos) are generally whole-day or weekend duration, and have a retail focus, and should:
 - Be inclusive, i.e. the expo should involve multiple exhibitors to increase customer exposure to different options. One vendor does not constitute an expo. However there may be situations where only one exhibitor is available.
 - Be themed e.g. house and garden, big boys toys, sporting and recreational equipment, forestry equipment and machinery, farm equipment and machinery, water craft, cars etc.
 - Be a collection of products not normally available in one place at one time in Rotorua, and
 - Have entertainment value to the viewing public and be an attraction in its own right.
 - Promote only new products, or products that are otherwise unavailable in Rotorua.
 - Promote products that have a recreational focus.

Activities such as the craft market, gypsy fair, tinkers and traders, and similar themed retail activities may also be considered under this category.

2. Events are generally whole-day duration, activity based, e.g. marathons, cycle races, motor rallies, concerts, festivals etc and do not involve retail activity other than to support the event and participants, e.g. refreshments, souvenirs etc. Events are to:
 - Be consistent with the classification of the reserve, i.e. recreation, and
 - Have entertainment value to the viewing public, and be an attraction in their own right.
3. Displays, e.g. vintage and veteran cars, motorcycles etc, have a primary purpose of displaying a collection of items of general interest to the public, and a specific interest to collectors. Any sales activity must be secondary to the main purpose of the activity.
4. All other amusement activities must be conducted primarily for the entertainment and amusement of the public, e.g. sideshows, circuses, pony rides, inflatable slides, bouncy castles etc, or for the benefit of the public e.g. refreshments. Duration may vary from single day to an annual licence.
5. Where there is room for doubt about whether an expo, event or other commercial activity meets the above criteria and should be allowed, the advice of the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Community Parks and Recreation Committee will be sought.

6. *The decisions of the sub-committee in this regard will be reported back to the Community Parks and Recreation Committee to refine the guidelines and improve the workability of the policy.*

- 7.2.6.8.29 *No further **structures** of a permanent nature will be permitted to cater for commercial activities except those built as part of any replacement of the existing wharves and ticket offices.*
- 7.2.6.8.30 *That charges will be levied to cover the cost of availability and use of **power and water** where these are required.*
- 7.2.6.8.31 *That when overnight camping is permitted, a charge will be levied for use of **shower facilities**.*

Landscaping

- 7.2.6.8.32 *That **gardens** shall be maintained in accordance with original planting plans in order to ensure consistency, view lines, and the integrity of the landscape design as a whole.*
- 7.2.6.8.33 *That future planting of **trees** shall be consistent with existing plantings and shall not compromise open spaces or view lines.*

Furniture

- 7.2.6.8.34 *That future placement or replacement of seating, lighting, tables, bins, bollards and other **furniture** shall be with items consistent in design, style and construction with those already present.*

Monuments and Memorials

- 7.2.6.8.35 *That the **War Memorial Gates** and associated plaques be maintained with due respect and propriety.*
- 7.2.6.8.36 *That the **trig station** placed on the lakefront in 1988 to mark the centenary of the New Zealand Institute of Surveyors be retained.*

Trees

- 7.2.6.8.37 *That special historical significance be given to the **large plane trees** on the reserve that once marked the original lakefront, and that may have comprised some of Rotorua's earliest amenity plantings.*
- 7.2.6.8.38 *That special significance also be given to the following two trees which form living memorials:*
- i) *The **Olea europaea** planted near the Memorial gates.*

- ii) *The Sequoiadendron giganteum planted to replace the tree that was removed from the Government Tourist Bureau.*

7.2.6.8.39 *That future **removal, placement and replacement** of trees take into account the need to retain open spaces, views of the lake, and a natural progression of height away from the lake.*

Noise Control

7.2.6.8.40 *That **generators** will not be permitted as an alternative to the power points provided unless they are required to supplement the power supply at times of high usage.*

7.2.6.8.41 *That any **generators** on-site be located as far as practical from the residential/accommodation area, be buffered against noise production, and be shut down by 10.00pm.*

7.2.6.8.42 *That any **amplification equipment** used at the venue be located and directed away from the residential/accommodation area and be buffered against excessive noise production in this direction.*

7.2.6.8.43 *That **specific hours** be fixed for any event past which no activity which is likely to create a noise nuisance to neighbouring residential/accommodation properties be permitted to continue.*

7.2.6.8.44 *That all hirers of the venue be required to pay a **bond** against justified noise complaints or for continuing to operate past previously agreed hours.*

Wildlife

7.2.6.8.45 *That in general it shall be unlawful to kill or injure any birds on the reserve but that **black swans** and/or geese may be culled if numbers increase to the point where they are creating a serious nuisance. Such action will only be taken following consultation with the Department of Conservation and Eastern Region Fish and Game Council.*