



GROW PAEKAKARIKI

*Recreation, Amenity, Open Space,
Biodiversity*

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“The sale of the Perkins family farm as a result of the Transmission Gully development represents a once in many lifetimes opportunity to grow the community amenities, security and spirit of Paekakariki, the Kapiti Coast, and the Wellington Region.”

Extending QE Regional Park



Queen Elizabeth Regional Park is the most popular of all the regional parks and attracts 240,000 visitors a year and is the only one on the Kapiti Coast.

The Tilley Triangle contains a portion of the only undeveloped natural dunes in the district that are recognised as an outstanding landscape.

The Wainui Stream is polluted and grazed by stock to the water. Riparian Reserves are due to be set aside.

Part of the Park is to be taken by NZTA near Poplar Ave and this needs to be replaced.

The Wainui Stream is constrained between stopbanks and lacks a floodplain to relieve the threat of flooding to many residences in Paekakariki.

Extension of QE Regional Park south would provide:

- Completed outstanding natural dune landform protection.
- Protection and restoration of Wainui Stream tributaries and margins.
- Compensation for Park to be taken near Poplar Ave
- A site for wetland floodplain restoration, that would relieve flooding of residences.

Providing Community Gardening



There is no Community Garden in Paekakariki as provided for in Council's Community Garden/Mara Kai Policy. Residents are planting up berms to increase food production as they have limited land to work with. Many residents can not grow their own food due to saltspray near the beach, or the lack of land to plant. The community want to improve their resilience around food but need a communal space to work with. There is an active section of the Paekakariki community that is progressing community gardening but they lack a suitable site – Paekakariki Orchards and Gardens.

A Community Garden for Paekakariki at this site would provide:

- A place for the community to come together around bountiful food on good soils
- An educational garden facility for the district.
- Improved Paekakariki community resilience.

Extending our neighbourhood parks



There are increasing numbers of children in this area due to new families moving into the village
Council policy supports a Neighbourhood Park near mid Tilley Rd
Council is developing pedestrian access to SH1 residents through this land

A new neighbourhood park would provide:

- Much needed Open Space for the residents of mid Tilley Road and State Highway 1.
- Access between SH1 residents and the village.
- Somewhere to recognise the WWII Camp Paekakariki.
- A playground site for the residents of SH 1.
- A hard surface court for the likes of basketball or netball, where no facility exists at present in the village.

Protecting our scarp



Before

After

Our unique scarp has been deforested and quarried, but it retains its integrity and, if protected, the remaining pockets of native forest will grow back.

The remnant native kohekohe forest is recognised as a Key Native Ecosystem in our Region.

It is too steep for farming or development.

It is recognised as an outstanding natural landscape by Council.

Three award winning local restoration groups have the skills to restore native forests and are eager to restore our scarp.

Public ownership of our scarp would protect:

- A unique and outstanding landscape feature.
- Regionally outstanding views from the Paekakariki Hill Rd lookout.
- A native kohekohe forest home for kakariki to perch.

It would also provide public access to:

- A regionally significant paragliding site.
- The cellphone towers where residents can view the village and the district, via existing tracks.

Restoring our streams



Streams above our village are generally grazed into the water and suffer from stock pollution, stock damage and a lack of indigenous biodiversity along the banks. Any significant streams must have beds and banks reserved from any sale, for conservation and the public. Some stream banks need work to protect residences in the village, the railway line and State Highway 1.

Public ownership of our streams and banks will allow restoration of water quality and biodiversity, while providing for flood protection and public access along these streams.

Fixing our flooding hazards

Gully erosion debris source



2003 debris flood damage.



Our flooding hazards.



Our oversteepened hills have been deforested and now are a hazard locally, regionally and nationally. Our hills are Class VIIe rated and should be revegetated to provide the most sustainable solution to this hazard. With climate change the expected increasing intensity of storms will only amplify this hazard.

Fixing Paekakariki flooding hazards will protect our village, the nationally important State Highway 1 and North Island Main Trunk Railway, and our regionally important rail commuter services.

Access to our History



WWII radar station above the Paekakariki Hill Road lookout.



WWII Camp Paekakariki

Perkins family farm contains a range of historical themes, from Maori times, and the WWII era.

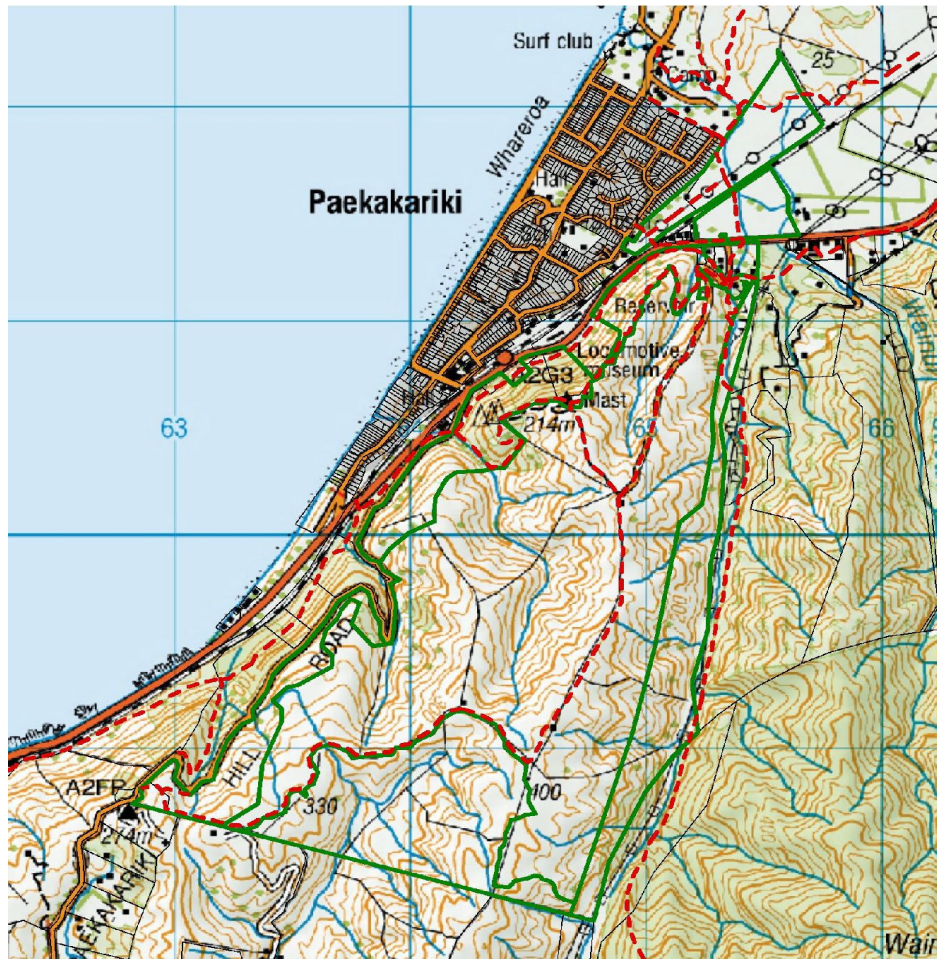
Little remains of Maori occupation except kumera pits on the hills behind the village.

The WWII remains are more extensive and visible, and represent a huge historical impact on our village as part of a peaceful launching pad to protect New Zealand and the world.

Public ownership of the scarp and the Tilley triangle would provide ready access to the only remaining undeveloped portion of the WWII Camp Paekakariki site, Maori kumera pits and the historic WWII Radar station.

The public would also be able to visit the WWII petrol store in Te Puka Stream along the new marginal strip.

Walking/cycling /horseriding



Perkins family farm has been largely out of bounds to the walking/cycling/horseriding public. The Perkins family has allowed locals access over the farm, and to ascend Mt Wainui, but any new private owner could block this traditional access. There are no legally secure public trails on this farm.

Securing public trails over the Perkins family farm would provide over 5km of outstanding coastal scarp and hills trails in an iconic coastal landscape. Paekakariki residents could walk to the towers site that provides a panoramic view over the village. A public walking trail from the village to Mt Wainui would become possible.



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