

# STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Community Services Committee  
**FROM:** Community Services Manager  
**REFERENCE:** 31945  
**DATE:** 11 October 2006  
**SUBJECT:** Kina Beach Recreation Reserve

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## PURPOSE/REASON FOR REPORT

To propose an extension for camping from a maximum of two nights to a maximum of four nights.

## BACKGROUND

The Kina Beach Reserve comprises 2.4281 hectares and the facilities include picnic tables, concrete fireplaces, toilets and water supply. Camping has been permitted on the reserve for many years but has always been limited to a maximum of two nights in order to prevent long-term camping and also ensuring sufficient areas are available for picnicking and day use. The lack of shower facilities is also noted.

## COMMENT/DISCUSSION

In recent years a caretaker has been employed to maintain the reserve and collect the camp fees and this has proved very successful as well as providing a means of policing the use of the reserve.

One of the main concerns that the caretaker receives relates to the length of stay. Therefore we asked her to ask users of the reserve for any suggestions. During the month of September, 17 suggestions were received and these are summarised as follows:

- Extend the length of stay – no specific period – 9
- Extend the length of stay – three to four nights – 1
- Extend the length of stay – maximum five nights – 6
- Extend the length of stay – maximum seven nights – 1
- Extend the camping area – 12
- Leave as is – great place – 9.

The current Management Plan for the reserve states in Policy 1 - "Manage as an area for informal recreation, picnicking and short stay camping."

Having discussed this request with the former chairman of the Tasman Reserve Management Committee, we consider that an extension to a maximum of four nights stay for a trial period would be the best option. This would provide the opportunity to determine whether the extension created any problems.

With regard to the request to extend the camping area we would suggest that no action be taken on this as the Management Plan supports day visitors and the local community feel strongly about this.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the short-stay camping at the Kina Reserve be increased from a maximum stay of two nights to a maximum stay of four nights for a trial period ending 28 February 2007 at which time the trial will be reviewed in consultation with the Tasman Area Community Association and a further recommendation forwarded to the Community Services Committee.

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